

Is your church ready, willing and able to respond to domestic violence in your community? Come to the

Domestic Violence Church Team Training

This training represents a partnership between your church, your conference and the national offices of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men and FaithTrust Institute. A selection committee from leadership within these groups will choose up to two churches per district or region for church team training. Each team should include two women, two men, one young adult (18 years or older) and one youth (representing youth programming at your church). A minimum of four and a maximum of six people are required to make a team.

Church team members will make the following commitments:

- Attend the entire training on **Oct. 11, 2014**, from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at **Sharp Street United Methodist Church** in **Baltimore, Md.**
- Participate in at least one pretraining meeting to discuss preparations for training and together attend a presentation and discussion on basic domestic violence awareness.
- Engage in post-training work and ongoing activities within their church and community to address domestic violence in ways agreed to at the training event.

Church teams are responsible for travel, lodging (if necessary), **\$10 registration fee** (for training materials) and any meals not provided at the venue. *Scholarships are not available through the Baltimore-Washington Conference Collaborative.*

If you are interested in having your church selected for this training, contact Elizabeth M. Stemly at ESTemly1190@comcast.net or Bill Weller at billweller@verizon.net for more information and an application. **Applications are due July 15.**

This church team training is a pilot project for the Inelda Gonzalez Domestic Violence Initiative. In the Baltimore-Washington Conference, it is part of the collaborative work between United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men.

