



# Great Plains UMC Online Learning

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## Evangelism

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### *Course Description*

Designed for United Methodist Certified Lay Ministers, this course serves as an introductory overview of the major themes of evangelism and church growth for small membership congregations.

### *Course Textbooks*

#### **Required Texts**

Kena, Kwasi. "**Evangelism: Sharing the Good News**" (PDF available in the course) in the *Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2013-2016* series. Nashville, TN: Cokesbury, 2012. ISBN 978-1-426-73640-7.

Rusaw, Rick and Eric Swanson. *The Externally Focused Church*. Loveland, CO: Group, 2004. ISBN 978-0-7644-2740-4.

Wallace, Julia Kuhn and Diana L. Hynson. "**Small Membership Church: Serving with Significance in Your Context**" (PDF available in the course) in the *Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2013-2016* series. Nashville, TN: Cokesbury, 2012. ISBN 978-1-426-73621-6.

#### **Recommended Texts**

Collins, Jim. *Good to Great and the Social Sectors*. Boulder, CO: Jim Collins, 2005. ISBN-13: 978-0-9773264-0-2 ISBN-10: 0-9773264-0-3.

Foss, Micheal W. *Power Surge*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2000. ISBN 0-8006-3264-8.

Johnson, Spencer. *Who Moved My Cheese*. London: Random House, 2002. ISBN 978009816971.

Speidel, Royal. *Evangelism in the Small Membership Church*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-687-33579-4.