



**2014 Dakotas
School of Ministry
April 29-30
McCabe UMC
Bismarck, North Dakota**

**Continuing
our Journey
Toward
Vitality**



Rev. Dr. Tex Sample

Rev. Dr. Tex Sample is the interim pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church while the current pastor is away on a deployment to Djibouti, Africa.

Sample is a popular speaker and author, and a well-known figure in the United Methodist Church. He is an Elder in the Missouri Conference, a Professor Emeritus on Church and Society at the St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, and an activist for human rights. He is a keen observer and commentator whose life's work has allowed him to "crisscross boundaries between poor and rich, town and gown, wise and ignorant, believer and atheist," and his credentials range from a PhD taken at Boston University, to work as a cab driver and a roust-about in the oil fields. In academics, he has worked and taught in the areas of social theory and

social change, power, and theological ethics.

Books by Rev. Sample

Blue Collar Ministry: Facing Economic and Social Realities of Working People, Judson Press, 1984.

U.S. Lifestyles and Mainline Churches: A Key to Reaching People in the 90's, Westminster John Knox Press, 1990.

Hard Living People & Mainstream Christians, Abingdon Press, 1993.

Ministry in an Oral Culture-Living With Will Rogers, Uncle Remus, and Minnie Pearl, Westminster John Knox Press, 1994.

White Soul: Country Music, the Church, and Working Americans, Abingdon Press, 1996.

The Spectacle of Worship in a Wired World: Electronic Culture and the Gathered People of God, Abingdon Press, 1998.

The Loyal Opposition: Struggling With the Church on Homosexuality, Tex Sample and Amy E. Delong, editors, Abingdon Press, 2000.

Powerful Persuasion: Multimedia Witness in Christian Worship, Abingdon Press, 2005.

Blue Collar Resistance and the Politics of Jesus, Abingdon Press, 2006.

Earthy Mysticism: Spirituality for Unspiritual People, Abingdon Press, 2008

The Future of John Wesley's Theology: Back to the Future with the Apostle Paul, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2012.

DAVID Option

The Dakotas School of Ministry will be available via our DAVID videoconferencing system. While it is our hope that all clergy can attend in Bismarck, we understand the stewardship issues of location, time, and travel. Therefore, we are inviting **laity and clergy** the option of attending the 2014 Dakotas School of Ministry via DAVID @ Aberdeen, Grand Forks, Fargo, Jamestown, Mitchell, Minot, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown. **(IF at least 3 persons register for that site)**

We'll see you there in body or in electronically transmitted form ☺!

*Remember, School of Ministry counts as 2 Conference Standard Units toward fulfilling your annual continuing education requirements!
(Forms will be provided at all sites)*

Bookstore

*Books will be available for purchase at McCabe UMC ONLY.
(Cash, check or Credit card,
NO Cokesbury cards)*

Schedule for School of Ministry

This year's schedule is a bit different than in previous years in order to accommodate Rev Sample's schedule. Therefore there is no built in "free time" as we begin and end at different times than in previous years.

Tuesday, April 29 (All Times CDT)

10:00 a.m. Registration opens
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm Rev Tex Sample
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm Supper break
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Rev Tex Sample

Wednesday, April 30th

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Rev Tex Sample
11:30 a.m. – 12 noon Closing worship and future plans.

All sessions will be at Bismarck McCabe United Methodist Church 1030 6th Street North

There will be opportunity to see the newest Bismarck UMC – Legacy during these two days. Schedule TBA.

We're **GOING GREEN** again this year! Please bring your own travel mug and/or water bottle (with your name on it)! Thanks!

Who is invited to the School of Ministry?

Clergy and **Laity** are welcome at the Dakotas School of Ministry. We especially invite and encourage **Lay Speakers and Worship Leaders** to attend our sessions. ANYONE interested in growing in faith and knowledge of Christ is welcome to join us.

What is this year's hotel?

This year we have reserved a block of rooms for Dakotas School of Ministry at: **Kelly Inn**
1800 N 12th St,
Bismarck, ND 58501
Phone: (701) 223-8001
Ask for " School of Ministry"
Reduced rate deadline: April 21, 2014

Is there a special price for retired clergy?

We are continuing to offer a discounted registration fee for Retired Clergy (not under appointment) to \$10. This is to continue to encourage lifelong learning from all who follow Christ, while being good stewards of all our gifts, including financial ones. We do ask that retired clergy under appointment register as "active" clergy

Why do we move around the School of Ministry?

For a number of years we asked this question on our evaluations, and noted that we have a core group of clergy who always attend the School, regardless of location. In addition, there are always clergy and laity who attend only when it's "close." To continue to make the School available to the largest number of clergy, we follow the site of Annual Conference Session.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline is April 25th

Name: _____

Address info correct in most recent Journal (if checked, no need to fill below)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please register me as:

Clergy \$100 _____

Clergy DAVID Sites \$75 _____

Clergy Spouse (both attending) \$25 _____

Spouse (non-clergy, attending w/clergy) Free

Retired Clergy (not under appointment) \$10 _____

Lay Person (attending with clergy) \$10 _____

Lay Person (no clergy) \$35 _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please mark the site you plan on attending:

___ Main Site – Bismarck McCabe UMC

___ DAVID Sites

(Circle one: Aberdeen, Grand Forks, Fargo, Jamestown, Mitchell, Minot, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, and Watertown)

Childcare

The School of Ministry will be providing childcare to attendees. We ask that you provide names and ages of your children to help us determine staffing levels in the nursery. The School absorbs this cost in order to remove a possible barrier to attending the School.

| Childcare Signup (Bismarck only) | |
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| Name _____ | Age _____ |
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| Name _____ | Age _____ |
| Name _____ | Age _____ |

Please send registrations to:

Dakotas School of Ministry
% Tim Vorlage
P.O. 115
Hitchcock, SD 57348

(Please make checks payable to:
 Dakotas School of Ministry)



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