

God is up to something...on *March 2 & 3, 2012*

United Church of Chapel Hill

The Seven Secrets Conference

God is up to something. Can you feel the shift? The time has come to start building – renewing – inventing. The Spirit is moving in the Church, and you need to be a part of it!

Cameron Trimble and Mike Piazza, Center of Progressive Renewal, have been offering their *The Seven Secrets* conference to ministers and church leaders at the New Church Leadership Institutes. This year they have begun offering an expanded version of this conference at Chicago Theological School, Pacific School of Religion, United Theological Seminary and Brite Divinity School (TCU) for seminary credit.

If you are passionate about renewing the progressive tradition of the Christian faith (which aptly describes the history, tradition and theology of the United Church of Christ), come to United Church of Chapel Hill with a team from your congregation on March 2 and 3.

The Seven Secrets conference will train you and other team members from your congregation in the PRACTICAL skills you need to start a church or renew a church. When you leave this conference, you will make a difference the very next Sunday.

We can share the titles of the seven secrets but the key to unlocking each secret is participating in the presentations by Cameron Trimble and Mike Piazza, Co-Executive Directors of the Center of Progressive Renewal. The Center for Progressive is supported in part by Local Church Ministries and is located in Marietta, Georgia.

Our goal is bring this nation-wide institute to the Southern Conference and for it to be as accessible (yes, affordable) as possible. Our goal is to keep the cost under \$25 per participant. (costs are still being discerned!)

A two day event for approximately \$25?!? (It will be basically the cost of food and incidentals.) To make it work, we need you to register early *and often* by having a *team* – your pastor and several church leaders – come from your congregation. Please mark March 2 & 3 on your calendars today and begin talking with other church leaders from your congregation so they too can plan to give those two days to hear what God is up to.

There are hotels available for the Friday overnight in the Triangle but we have spoken with Triangle area UCC churches and they are willing to ask families to host other members of the Southern Conference for this event.

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