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New York Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

The New York Annual Conference through the grace of God embodies a beloved community of hope, building up a healthy Body of Christ, with heart-warmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world

Application Form for Vision Bearers 2011

Are you a vision bearer? The New York Annual Conference is seeking motivated Christian leaders who will bear the vision of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Vision bearers will work with the New York Annual Conference to start a new community of disciples for new people. We are seeking people of mature faith and prayer with strong testimonies of God’s amazing love in their lives. They will also need to possess entrepreneurial leadership to envision and create a new community from scratch. If you sense God’s call, please tell us about yourself.

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Church: _____

Phone Number (H) _____ Work/Cell Number: _____

- Deacon Elder Local Pastor Local Church Lay Speaker
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Ministerial Experiences: Which of the following ministries have you led in the past 5 years? Please include ministries both in and outside of a local congregation. (Please check all that apply.)

- Preaching Leading Worship Teaching Bible Study Small Group Ministry
 Evangelism (one-on-one) Evangelism (Marketing) Children’s Ministry
 Youth Ministry Member Care/Counseling Leadership Training
 Other: _____ Other: _____

Faith Community You Hope to Start: Please describe the new faith community you would like to initiate. In your description, please include 1) who your target group is 2) in what area you would like to start this group, 3) how long it may take for the community to self-sustain without financial support from the Annual Conference.

Would you be flexible and start a different kind of faith community from the one you described above, if asked by the Cabinet? Yes, I am flexible No, I am not interested in starting any other community.

Please return your application to Rev. Kristina Hansen at 270 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768. You may also fax her at (631) 757-8770 or email her at pastorkristina@optimum.net **Application Deadline: August 15, 2011**

Please answer the following questions. (Please feel free to use an extra sheet to give adequate answers.)

1. How has God been active in your life? Please let us know how God's amazing love was revealed to you in the past and how you experience God's love presently. Also, share with us how God reached out to other people through your ministry.

2. Do you have an experience of leading someone to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior or mentoring a new Christian to grow in his or her faith? Please share with us the challenges and rewards of this process.

3. Have you started new projects (a new ministry or secular projects like starting a new business) from scratch? Please share with us how successful they were in your own evaluation and what you have learned about your strengths and growth areas from the experience.

4. What are the most difficult experiences you had in your ministry, and how have you overcome them? Please share with us both practical and spiritual aspects of how you dealt with the struggles.

5. What excites you about being a Vision Bearer of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church? Please share with us your vision of the new faith community. What distinguishes it from traditional congregations? Why is it important for this new faith community to be connected to the New York Annual Conference.

Recommendation: Please have one pastor and one peer who know your ministry fill out the enclosed recommendation form and forward it to Rev. Kristina Hansen by August 15th, 2011.

Name of the Recommending Pastor: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of the church: _____ Email: _____

Name of the Recommending Peer: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of the Church: _____ Email: _____



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Pastor's Recommendation for Vision Bearers
New York Annual Conference

Candidate's Name: _____

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1. Would you consider him/her to be a person of mature faith and sound judgment? Please share with us any specific incidents where he/she demonstrated his/her spiritual maturity and sound judgment even when it was not popular to do so.
2. What responsibilities has he/she taken in the local church? What new initiatives has he/she taken in those responsibilities? Please share the specific fruits of his/her ministry.
3. If he/she were chosen to be a vision bearer to start a new faith community, would you feel comfortable mentoring him/her in the process? Please share with us about how teachable he/she is.
4. Please comment on his/her leadership style. Do other people respond to his/her leadership? Does he/she work well with a team? Does he/she carry the spirit of servanthood exemplified by Jesus?

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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