

# Rockingham District Partners In Ministry

**ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT PARTNERS IN MINISTRY (RDPIM)** is committed to alleviating the many issues that affect the poor and oppressed in our community.

RDPIM is an intentional plan for team ministry with local congregations in the Rockingham District. RDPIM has initiated a partnership among local church congregations and communities, which will work cooperatively as one Body of Christ to transform lives and respond to the needs of the lost, powerless, lonely and marginalized families in the Rockingham District.

Key strengths among the church community:

- Church's ability to make disciples of Jesus Christ, to respond generously to emergencies of need, and to reach out in Christian love.
- Community's greatest needs intersect with what the church is best equipped to offer.
- An opportunity for churches to fulfill Jesus' great commission by partnering with other churches to accomplish together what they can not accomplish alone.



This is a powerful tool for developing our youth as well as strengthening clergy and lay leadership, by offering a system of local connectionalism that will equip and empower youth and laity to partner with clergy in the works of mercy, as they practice Holy living.

To begin to respond to the needs of the district, the RDPIM seeks to advocate change in three areas:

- Ministry for youth and children
- Housing and repairs
- Resources and referral

**YOUTH EMPOWERED TO SUCCEED (Y.E.S.)** The purpose of the Y.E.S. Ministry is to:

- Build a stronger relationship with district youth and adults
- Provide tools of empowerment through education, advocacy and leadership training and development
- Provide opportunities for service-learning project
- Provide an opportunity to develop awareness of issues that impact their lives
- Practice leadership skills as they become catalysts for change
- Witness to their faith as they make connections between acts of mercy
- Grow in spiritual maturity



The Y.E.S Program consists of two components.

- Mentoring Component for adolescents between the ages of 12-14, will partner youth with clergy and lay leadership throughout the district, who will serve as role models, confidantes and support instruments throughout the ministry. This ministry will engage at-risk adolescents early on in year-round recreational, educational, and social activities grounded in Christian faith and mission.
- Youth Leadership Development Ministry, consists of 240 hours of internship and work experience for youth between the ages of 15 to 18. Youth leaders will become change agents of service and initiate change in their communities.

**ROCKINGHAM OUTREACH AND RECOVERY (ROAR)** is an advocate for safe and healthy living environment of families living in the Rockingham District. The ministry will identify and assist in upgrading homes of families living in substandard housing.

Rehabilitation of homes, for the safety and health of the residents is accomplished by volunteer work teams. The families or individuals needing the assistance are involved with "sweat equity" whenever possible. Volunteers are also needed for administrative, clerical, food and landscaping support.



**ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT RESOURCE AND REFERRAL** will:

- Be a one-stop center where clergy, laity and members of the community can retrieve information regarding resources of the United Methodist Church - the district, conference and global church, community and educational agencies within Richmond, Scotland and Robeson Counties, and other information upon request.
- Serve as a referral tool that will connect members of the community with those who can meet their needs.
- Create and make available a notebook of resources for all clergy in the three counties.

