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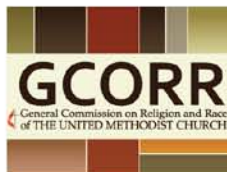
Cross Racial and Cross Cultural Appointments in a
Global Church

Clergy Learning Track

“Courage & Hope”

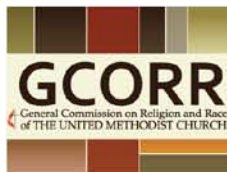
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Group Exercise

- Identify a note taker and reporter
- Introduce yourself
- Why is the topic of CR/CC appointment & ministry important to you?
- Name one thing that you hope to learn/discuss during the clergy track?



Courage & Hope

Matthew 17:14-19

(New International Version)

¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. ¹⁵ “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. ¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.” ¹⁷ “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

- ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

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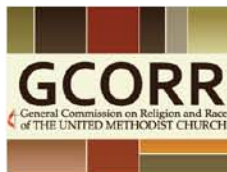
Matthew 17:20-23

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²⁰ He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” ^[21]

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

²² When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. ²³ They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.” And the disciples were filled with grief.



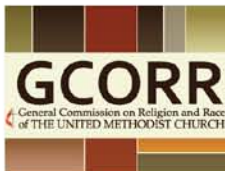
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Revelation 21:1-6

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A New Heaven and a New Earth

- ¹ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
- ⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.



Small Group Conversation

- What do you need to be successful in cross cultural/cross racial ministry and from whom (include yourself)?
- What does The Church/future generations of clergy need to be successful in CRCC ministry?

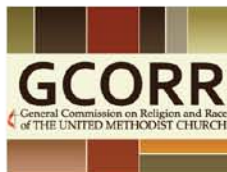


Table Conversations

- What is our goal and purpose?
- Cabinet and BOM need to be more pro active
- Equal justice re compensation
- Secular people understand diversity
- Want to church become inclusive
- It's the reality that we live in
- Need to learn different approaches
- Must develop tough skin
- Learn about to get support from DS and cabinets
- Need to build networking and address feelings of isolation
- Bigger than CRCC it's about God's kingdom
- Need skills
- When we live as global people, we are better people
- Intentional process
- Change in reality
- How do we make the churches we serve like look like the church we would have to be a part of?
- Why in the UMC do CRCC appointments often mean that the dominant culture stays away
- Share goodness of God in the land of the living
- Tell stories in a positive way- not just a movement
- Deal with racism at all levels - who is the minority and majority.
- Need to approach this topic methodically
- Approach as opportunity not as a dangerous topic

