

Partner Churches

Thriving Rural Communities has formed partnerships with nine rural United Methodist churches across North Carolina. These churches provide inspiring examples of how to live the mission of Christ in a rural context.

Each partner church receives educational opportunities and grant funding from Duke Divinity School and The Duke Endowment as it seeks further ways to serve its surrounding community. The congregations also serve as special learning centers for rural ministry fellows, who serve their ten-week summer field education placement in one of these congregations, as well as for other clergy and laity throughout North Carolina.

North Carolina Conference

Bladen United Methodist Charge

White Oak, N.C.

Rev. Jonathan Mills

Concord United Methodist Church

Graham, N.C.

Rev. David J. Allen

Prospect United Methodist church

Maxton, N.C.

Rev. Kenneth Locklear

Rhems United Methodist Church

New Bern, N.C.

Rev. Connie Stutts

Spring Hill United Methodist Church

Lillington, N.C.

Rev. Terry Williams

Western North Carolina Conference

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Waxhaw, N.C.

Rev. Karen Easter

Cullowhee United Methodist Church

Cullowhee, N.C.

Rev. David Reeves

Mills River United Methodist Church

Mills River, N.C.

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley

Piney Mountain-Davis Chapel

Candler, N.C.

Rev. Jessica Dayson