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Dilip Abayasekara, Ph.D., A.S., is a professional speaker, trainer, and speech coach. His focus, through his training company, Speaker Services Unlimited, is to help people discover their own genius and find their path of fulfillment.

Dr. Abayasekara has helped many people discover their "new eyes" through his keynote speeches, private customized speech coaching, seminars and workshops in the areas of communication and presentation skills, creative thinking, relationship building, customer service, sales, leadership, and spirituality.

In 2005-2006, he served as president of Toastmasters International, a volunteer organization that helps people improve their communication and leadership skills.

Dr. Dilip, as he is known, developed a coaching course called "Preaching with Power" for working with clergy of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. This was the fourth district to present the course. The objectives ARE to:

1. Help clergy become a more powerful vessel for preparing and delivering God's message.
2. Help clergy connect with the infinite possibilities within them.
3. Help clergy connect with the listeners that God has placed before them.
4. Help clergy glorify God in their preaching ministry.
5. Help clergy enjoy the art and privilege of preaching.

A sampling of the topics covered in the Preaching With Power course:

1. Preaching versus Public Speaking: systematic theology, public speaking, and the role of the preacher
2. Behavioral styles analysis
3. Neuro-linguistic programming:
  - a. Mental associations
  - b. Moving to a higher level of performance – circle of excellence
  - c. Human motivation: away from pain – toward pleasure
  - d. How to generate new behavior
  - e. Persuasion – "the ability to offer compelling value to others"
4. Understanding and applying the first brain connection to your listeners
5. How to organize your sermon
6. The natural sequence in speech/sermon preparation
7. Seven ways to block the ears of your congregation
8. What a congregation wants
9. Communicating with clarity – the power of simplicity
10. The roles of enthusiasm and congruency
11. How to speak to the whole person
12. Six principles for enjoying preaching
13. How to speak so people listen
14. Mind Mapping – unlock your creative genius

## PREACHING WITH POWER

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*Deborah Heisley-Cato & Dilip Abayasekara, Ph.D., A.S.*

15. Building blocks for sermon construction
16. Elements of persuasive speaking
17. Elements of credibility
18. Some models for persuasion
19. Essential Elements of inspirational speaking
20. How to create an effective sermon opening
21. How to create an effective sermon ending
22. Moving the listeners to action
23. Examples of sermon opening and conclusions
24. Using multi-media in preaching
25. Evaluation of videotaped talks/sermons by preachers
26. Impromptu talks off Scripture
27. Evaluation of one of your sermons for content, delivery, and connection
28. Graduation sermons (3-5 min)

Learn more at [www.drdilip.com](http://www.drdilip.com) or contact your district superintendent.

See unabridged story at [www.cplink.org](http://www.cplink.org) under Transformational Leaders.

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## DISTRICT WORSHIP WORKSHOPS FOR LOCAL CHURCH TEAMS

Marcia McFee

Marcia McFee has preached, led worship, and taught countless workshops for churches and conferences across the U.S., Europe and Asia. Her credits also include extensive professional experience with renowned companies of music, theater, and dance. Ms. McFee received a Master of Theological Studies at Saint Paul School of Theology with a concentration in preaching and worship and a Ph.D. from Graduate Theological Union in Liturgical Studies.

Marcia has provided worship design and leadership at numerous gatherings of the United Methodist Church, including Annual, Jurisdictional, and General Conferences and gatherings of general agencies such as the General Board of Global Ministries, the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the General Board of Discipleship, and others.

She travels extensively in order to teach regional workshops that are accessible to congregational leaders and worship teams. Participants have commented that these workshops are inspirational as well as practical, no matter the "style" of worship practiced. She is the author of "The Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together" (Abingdon, 2002).

## COMING TO DISTRICTS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2008

**Saturday events: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM;  
Sunday events: 2:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

**REGISTER THROUGH YOUR DISTRICT OFFICE  
Cost - \$10.00 per person**

Expect an energetic, informative time that helps clergy and laity deepen and broaden their understanding of worship

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**Saturday, February 9, 2008**  
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District Office: 717-766-8124  
Ann Ahlf - aahlf@cpcumc.org  
Shepherdstown UMC  
1934 S York St, Mechanicsburg, PA

**Sunday, February 10, 2008**  
**Harrisburg District**  
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kanderson@cpcumc.org  
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4700 Locust Ln, Harrisburg, PA

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**Saturday, March 1, 2008**  
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**Saturday, March 15, 2008**  
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