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We are all small

Or at least, 77 percent of Holston's 906 churches are classified as small, with fewer than 200 members.

So why do small-church members sometimes feel like a minority? On April 17-18, Holston Conference offered a "Great Small Churches" conference with the goal of addressing specific challenges of a small-church ministry.

Held at Gray United Methodist Church in Johnson City District, the conference was attended by 179 Holston members: 74 clergy, 105 lay members. All 12 districts were represented.

Speakers included Bishop James King, resident bishop of the South Georgia Conference, and Julia Kuhn Wallace, former director of small church ministries at the General Board of Discipleship. Seventeen workshops were offered, with titles such as "Building Team Leadership in Rural Churches" (Rev. Angela Hardy Cross) and "Worship in the Small Church Setting" (Rev. Terry Heck).

But was it just another conference? What insight was learned and shared by small-church leaders?

The Call posed 10 questions to participants, and here's what they said.

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