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General Conference: building unity and common focus

by UMNS and NEW Spirit Staff

When United Methodists convene this spring in Fort Worth, Texas, for their worldwide assembly, they can expect wider international representation, a denominational budget built around four new areas of focus, and carefully choreographed opening sessions aimed at fostering unity through common ministry instead of gridlock over divisive social issues. The 2008 General Conference will meet for 10 days, April 23 to May 2 – two fewer than the 2004 gathering in Pittsburgh and with no break – but still must sort through more than 1,500 petitions, which is about the same amount of business conducted at the previous assembly.

On Saturday, March 1, preparing for what they will see and do at General Conference, The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference delegation to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences hosted the delegations from three other conferences: Peninsula-Delaware, Greater New Jersey, and Baltimore-Washington, at West



The Commale Family - Lynda and Anthony, and six year old Katherine - here seen at the EPA Annual Conference 2007 with Bishop Marcus Matthews, will speak at General Conference on Thursday, April 24. The Commales have raised more than \$40,000 for Nothing But Nets, a partnership of the United Methodist Church, the United Nations Foundation, and others, working to prevent malaria in Africa.

Chester United Methodist Church.

The delegations were privileged to worship together, to hear presentations on important issues, and to engage in

discussion on issues on which they will vote. Twelve Eastern Pennsylvania Conference delegates will attend General Conference, plus two reserve delegates.

The joint delegation meeting on March 1 featured presentations on the denomination's connectional budget on which local church apportionments will be based. United Methodism's General Council on Finance and Administration's staff presenter emphasized the recommended denominational emphases for the next four years. The four areas of focus are:

- (1) Recruiting and developing effective leadership at every level of the church – local church, Annual Conference, and general agencies. Especially important is the recruitment and training of young people for ministry.
- (2) Starting new churches and renewing present congregations.
- (3) Relieving poverty in local communities and around the globe.
- (4) Programs devoted to global

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Wilt to serve Northwest District

by Suzy Keenan

The Rev. Robert (Bob) Wilt, pastor of Valley Forge: St. Matthews, will move to the Northwest District when he begins his new appointment as superintendent on July 1.

Rev. Wilt, locally "grown and raised," grew up in Phoenixville and was nurtured in the light of his grandfather's ministry. His grandfather was the Rev. William Blatt, who served as pastor of Montclair: Otterbein EUB Church for 28 years. Wilt's family - aunts, uncles, and cousins - continue to be rooted



Rev. Robert Wilt

in the area and to worship in this same church, now United Methodist.

It was while at camp at Gretna Glen that Wilt first heard his call to ministry. At the time he was in 8th grade in Junior High. "It was the last evening before the close of camp at a campfire," he said. "I heard an audible voice call my name. I looked

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Yocum to serve Northeast District

by Suzy Keenan

Bishop Marcus Matthews has appointed the Rev. Bronwyn (Bron) Yocum to be a district superintendent, and she will serve in the Northeast District beginning July 1.

Rev. Yocum grew up "Methathyrrian." Her father and mother "took turns" picking a church as their family moved to new places with her father's railroad job. In her high school years, they attended a congregational church in New England. "I was very involved with youth fellowship and I thought I had a call to ministry," she said. "I went off to college, and I thought I had made a mistake - 'I'm not called to that - not to ministry!'"

After graduating with a philosophy major from Wellesley College, she moved to Philadelphia and attended Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. "Here is the good news," Yocum said. "I tell my children that I met their father at church - in the



Rev. Bron Yocum

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Calendar

- **MARCH 22, 2008** - Easter Vigil JAZZ Vespers at Grove UMC - The service, at 3 p.m., is comprised of jazz music in the style of a New Orleans Dixieland wake and scripture telling the Easter story... The live music will be performed by an ensemble of Grove UMC members and friends, led by Charity Harter and Lee Southall. It will move from a somber mood exemplifying Jesus' death on the cross to the triumphant moment of Jesus' resurrection-mirroring the emotions of a traditional Easter Vigil service, gathering in the Grove Cemetery to remember Jesus' death and then march, led by the Jazz Band, to the sanctuary for the remainder of the service. The path from the cemetery to the sanctuary is wheel-chair accessible, however if you are unable to participate in the procession, we will join you in the sanctuary for the remainder of the service. Grove UMC, 490 Boot Road, West Chester, PA; www.grovechurch.org.
- **APRIL 1** - Women In Professional Ministry Spring Morning Apart - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Allentown: Asbury; Childcare Provided Free of Charge. We invite all women in professional ministry from the Eastern PA Conference to join us for a morning of spiritual renewal and fellowship. The Rev. Sara Davis-Shappell, Director of Spiritual Renewal Ministries, will lead us in a time of devotions. We will spend time in prayer for each other and our ministries. We will also seek ways to partner together in advocacy for the needs of women, both locally and globally, as General Conference approaches. If you are in need of childcare, please e-mail the co-conveners, Mandy Standley Miller at mandystandley@yahoo.com or Dawn Taylor-Storm at whumc@nni.com. If you have questions or concerns, please also direct them to Mandy or Dawn.
- **APRIL 9, 2008** - Advanced Sexual Ethics Workshop. "Beyond Safe Sanctuaries: How to Respond to Sexual Abuse." With all EPA churches now having written Safe Sanctuaries policies, come listen and dialogue about a range of pastoral issues to be dealt with in the event of a sexual abuse incident. April 9 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Asbury UMC in Allentown. \$25 fee - checks payable to EPAUMC. To register, by March 26, send name, contact info and check to: Covenant UMC, Rev. Amy Emmett-Rardin, 212 W. Springfield Rd., Springfield, PA 19064; or info to amy.emmett.rardin@covumc.com. Please note: This is the last Advanced Sexual Ethics Workshop for this quadrennium.
- **APRIL 11, 2008** - United Methodist Night at the 76ers at 7 pm vs Pacers. For more information contact Jim Wilkin at jim.wilkin@epaumc.org.
- **APRIL 11-13, 2008** - 53rd Annual United Methodist Men Convocation. Theme: "Brothers in Prayer." Location: Pocono Manor Inn. Speakers: Rev. Thomas R. Albin - Dean, Upper Room Ministry and Gary Cobb - Former Philadelphia Eagles Linebacker. Leaders: David Brown - Youth Bible Study, Bill Hubbard - Christian Financial Planning and Dana E. Kuhns - Scouting. Register by March 28, 2008. Fifty percent discount for men 19 - 30 years old. For Eastern PA Conference Men only. For more information contact Ross Brightwell at 215-643-1269 or rossbrightwell@verizon.net. For brochure go to epaumc.org/calendar of events.
- **APRIL 11-13, 2008** - York Pa. Marriage Encounter Weekend. Marriage is a gift from God. Keeping it well polished reflects God's glow. Clergy couples can do this and also get 1.5 CEU's by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Pa. weekend will be held at the Four Points Sheraton in York. The weekend begins Friday evening and concludes about 4 pm on Sunday. You can use the link on the CPUM conference web to register on line or go to encounter.org. Your nonrefundable registration fee of \$50.00 may be mailed to: Dick & Donna Risinger, 224 Mail Ave. Warren, PA 16365. For more information, please call Bernell & Jola Shoff at (717) 244-4848.
- **APRIL 19, 2008** - Hot Metal Bridge - Part of the Making Disciples Series. See page 10.
- **APRIL 23 - MAY 2, 2008** - General Conference 2008 - Ft. Worth Convention Center, Ft. Worth, TX. General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. Six clergy and six lay delegates from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference will attend. More info: www.ume.org.
- **MAY 29-30, 2008** - Engage Arts in Worship - Part of the Making Disciples Series. At Annual

Conference. See page 10.

- **MAY 29 - 30, 2008** - Annual Conference 2008. Reserve these dates now!
- **JUNE 1, 2008** - Service of Ordination. First UMC of Lancaster, 29 E. Walnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17602-4936.
- **JUNE 14, 2008** - Lord, Teach us to Pray - Part of the Making Disciples Series. See page 11.
- **JULY 14 - 18, 2008** - NE Jurisdictional Conference. Harrisburg, PA. Twelve clergy and twelve lay delegates from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, plus three clergy and three lay alternates will attend the NEJ Conference. Thirteen annual conferences make up the Northeast Jurisdiction, and bishops for the jurisdiction will be elected at this meeting. More info: www.nejumc.org.
- **JULY 18-20, 2008** - 2008 Conference School of Mission. The Courses are: "I Believe in Jesus" (Taken by All) "Giving our Hearts Away: Native American Survival" (Elective) "Israel and Palestine" (Elective). The tentative location is The Inn at Reading. For additional information contact: Dick Howarth rwjhjwh@earthlink.net.
- **JULY 25-26, 2008** - Weaving a Web of Connections. Part of the Making Disciples training series. For more information, see page 11.
- **JULY 26, 2008** - United Methodist Night at the Phillies - Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves at 3:55 pm. Pre-

game activities will feature a United Methodist Men's Choir singing the National Anthem plus other events. If we sell over 1,000 tickets, UMM will receive a rebate of \$5 per ticket, which will benefit UMM ministry. If we break 1,500 tickets sold we get \$6 back per ticket. Last year we had one of our biggest church groups ever - over 140 persons came by bus from the Anthracite region, sat in deep center field, and had a ball!!! For more information, contact Ross Brightwell, rossbrightwell@verizon.net.

- **AUGUST 3-6, 2008** - Worship 2008 "Expressions of Grace" - Doubletree Hotel, Downtown Wilmington, DE. Classes include: Dance and Drama, Children in Worship, Preaching, Choir Leadership, Handbells, Organ, Visual Arts and Writing for Liturgy. For more details go to : www.FUM-MWA.org.
- **AUGUST 8-10, 2008** - 25th Annual Academy for Laity. Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel. See page 6 for more information.
- **OCTOBER 19** - Laity Sunday. Laity Sunday focuses on the celebration of the ministry of all lay Christians, and in many local churches, Laity Sunday is observed by having laypersons lead all parts of the worship service. This would be a fitting day to recognize adults and youths who are involved in various ministries in the church and community. For Laity Sunday resources, go to www.gbod.org.

Save these dates!

BISHOP'S ADVENT DAY APART FOR CLERGY

December 2, 2008

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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Bishop's Lenten Day Apart for Clergy



Bishop Jeremiah Park (left) speaks with Bishop Marcus Matthews and Conference Lay Leader, Dr. Mary White at the Lenten Day Apart for Clergy.

by Tamara Ward*

Bishop Marcus Matthews greeted those gathered for the Lenten Day Apart by saying "welcome to our Super Tuesday."

Held on February 5th, it was primary election day for the state of Delaware, and Aldersgate United Methodist Church, where the day apart was held, also served as a polling place.

The guest speaker for the day was Bishop Jeremiah Park, Episcopal leader for the Greater New York Annual Conference. Bishop Park was born and raised in Korea, and studied at Drew University after he and his wife had emigrated to the U.S. They had finished

their schooling in Korea and had already begun to work in their respective venues when he received his call into ministry. Now he serves on the Board of Trustees at Drew along with Bishop Matthews.

As he began, Bishop Park explained, "Even though we take a journey through the Lenten Season, our journey doesn't end in a tomb. Our risen Christ is right here!"

Bishop Park shared his experience of going before the Board of Ordained Ministry and about preparing to preach before a live audience. He quipped, "This probably shouldn't seem 'too'

difficult because, after all, that is what preachers do - but I had to preach my entire sermon in English!" For this initial sermon he preached from Matthew 16 and referred to John the Baptist. After the service, while greeting people, an elderly person came up to him and asked if he was a Baptist. When he said, "No, I am United Methodist," she explained that with his accent, she kept hearing him say "Join the Baptist"

Commission and about our pledge, our commitment to the church. He emphasized that in our churches today, it is difficult to help our people discern what kind of commitment we are supposed to have with each other, with the church, and to our calling. Many persons have remarked to him that we need a UMC101 to explain what we are about and how United Methodism is different from other churches. He expressed a very real need for our members to understand "the accent" of being United Methodist.

The morning continued with worship and Communion presided over by Bishops Matthews and Park and served by members of the Cabinets of the two annual conferences that comprise the Philadelphia

Area of The United Methodist Church.

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when he was actually saying "John the Baptist."

Bishop Park then asked the audience, "What is your accent? What is your church known for? Thanks be to God that we are a Church with a strong accent!"

Bishop Park spoke on the Great

son Borough Schools, and Lafayette College, both in Easton, PA and Drew Seminary in Madison, NJ. He served as District Superintendent in the Allentown District of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference for four years, and then served Elm Park United Methodist Church, Scranton, PA. He retired in 1983. He is survived by his wife, Mary Clark Marsland, sons, William Ward and Robert Bruce, and daughter, Carol M. Schoch, five granddaughters, and three great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 8th at Wayne UMC. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in his name to Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity, 1750 Manzana Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950 or Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Mrs. Winifred Kensill on February 27, 2008 at Keystone House Hospice in Wyndmoor, PA. She was

the widow of the Rev. Frank V. Kensill, who died in 1996. Mrs. Kensill served on the Conference Committee on Religion and Race (CORR Team) and was a key trainer for Healing the Wounds of Racism. The Memorial Service was held on Monday, March 3 at Mother African Zoar UMC. The burial followed the service, and at Laurel Hill Cemetery. She is survived by two daughters, Susan E. Kensill of Philadelphia and Judith A. Pellegrino of Wichita, KS, and one grandson, Dakota Pellegrino. Condolences may be sent to Susan E. Kensill, 4516 Mitchell Street, Philadelphia, PA 19128. Memorial contributions may be sent to: Midtown Parish UMC (Building Fund), 718 W. Norris Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122; or Kensill Fund for Hope (College scholarship fund for Midtown Parish UMC Church youth), c/o Leola United Methodist Church, 7 W. Main Street, Leola, PA 17540.

In Memoriam

The Rev. Dr. Irvin Wesley Batdorf, retired elder of EPA, on February 15, 2008. Dr. Batdorf served the following appointments: Metamoras, Hope Evangelical; Reaville, NJ Presby.; Extension Ministry: United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, Prof. New Testament. He retired in 1986. A Memorial Service was held Friday, February 22 at 2:00 PM in the Zerr Chapel at Cornwall Manor. Dr. Batdorf is survived by his wife, Doris, and two daughters, Marcia E. Patterson and Jennifer B. Buckler. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Doris K. Batdorf, 1870 Wexford Road, Palmyra, PA 17078. Memorial contributions may be sent to United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Road, Trotwood, OH 45426.

The Rev. Harvey Ward Marsland on Thursday, February 7, 2008, in Port Charlotte, FL at the age of 89. Rev. Marsland was a graduate of Wil-

Appointments

Bishop Marcus Matthews announces the following appointments, effective July 1, 2008:

Christopher J. Kurien -
From: Northwest District Superintendent;
To: Southeast District Superintendent

Robert Wilt, Jr. -
From: Valley Forge: St. Matthews;
To: Northwest District Superintendent

Bronwyn E. Yocum -
From: Phoenixville: First;
To: Northeast District Superintendent

'The Great Debaters' movie spotlights black colleges

by Fran Coode Walsh*

On the 14th floor of the Beverly Hills Four Seasons Hotel, Denzel Washington sits back in an armchair surrounded by lights and cameras and promotes his latest film project, while also putting in a word for historically black colleges.

"The Great Debaters," opening Dec. 25 in U.S. theaters, is a fictionalized account of the remarkably successful 1935 debate team at Wiley College, a small United Methodist-related, historically black school in Marshall, Texas. The film is nominated for a Golden Globe Award for best motion picture drama.

The story focuses on four young debaters and their mentor, Melvin Tolson, who taught at Wiley and coached the champion debate team. Washington directed the film and also stars as Tolson, a poet and author.

Despite his hectic schedule of interviews for the film, Washington looks relaxed and rested as he talks about the significance of black colleges for African Americans in the early 20th century.

"It was the first time they got an opportunity to get a college education," the actor says in an interview with United Methodist News Service.

"I think these professors and the founding fathers of these schools understood that importance. They knew that it gave these young people

more options. ... We were in the middle of the Depression, so your options were education, or sharecropping or unemployment."

Visionaries for a freed people

The first historically black college west of the Mississippi River, Wiley was founded in 1873 to prepare newly emancipated people for the future.

Oprah Winfrey, whose Harpo Films produced the movie, calls both the church school and Tolson visionaries.

"Here is this little college ... in the rural South in the 1930s, where you had to be there to even begin to understand what it was like to be a person of color, in a land that thought you were invisible and thought that your work really didn't matter," Winfrey says in a videotaped promotional message to media outlets.

"And here was this little college with a professor who understood beyond the place and beyond the time how powerful a mind and minds combined together could be. And he created this debate team, and ... believed that the color of your skin wasn't what was significant, but what was really the content of your mind and your character and your beliefs."

Young actors Nate Parker, Jurnee Smollett and Denzel Whitaker play Wiley students who, in a fictionalized account, go on to defeat Harvard University's debate team in the film's climax. In reality, the 1935 Wiley team, the first African-American school to

In the Nation



Denzel Washington stars in "The Great Debaters," a movie about the success of the 1935 debate team at United Methodist-related Wiley College.

debate on a "white" college campus, bested the University of Southern California for an unexpected victory. Filmmakers opted to use Harvard because they felt the school was more symbolic of an educational bastion.

Oscar-winning actor Forest Whitaker also stars in the movie and plays Tolson's contemporary, scholar James Farmer, Sr.

In a separate interview with UMNS, Whitaker, who was actually born near Wiley College, says he hopes the movie helps viewers to appreciate the relevance of historically black colleges. "Unfortunately when you go to (public

schools) ... a lot of the accomplishments of people of color ... aren't really shown," he says.

He also urges young people to consider attending historically black schools. "It's not to isolate ourselves. It's just an opportunity for youth to embrace your heritage and your ancestry and feel your power so that you can be a part of this world in a strong way."

*Walsh is supervising producer of UMTV, a unit of United Methodist Communications based in Nashville, Tenn. John Gordon contributed to this report.

The Nation in Brief

Nineteen-year-old Rynne Mace was always interested in helping people. A top student, Mace's interests were diverse. The Northern Illinois University sophomore was living out her sense of call, working at the local Elder-Beerman department store and studying to become a psychologist/case worker at the school's campus in DeKalb, Ill., before a gunman killed her and four other students on Valentine's Day during a geology class. She was the granddaughter of the Rev. Eugene and Sally Ann Mace of Washington, Ill., and the Rev. Miley and Janet Palmer of Decatur, Ill. Both pastors are retired United Methodist clergy members in the church's Illinois Great Rivers Annual (regional) Conference.

The Rev. Chebon Kernell was raised in two spiritual worlds that some people say have little in common. He's a lifelong United Methodist who responded to a call to Christian ministry at age 17. And he's a Seminole

Native American, no stranger to the ceremonial traditions of his ancestors. "As a minister," he said, "I've wondered where to draw the line between the two or whether it should even be drawn." That issue and others faced by Native Americans in The United Methodist Church were analyzed Feb. 16 at a "listening post" hosted by the denomination's Native American Comprehensive Plan. Participants spent two hours in small group sessions, sharing stories of evangelism in Native American communities.

Members of the National Council of Churches need to invest in each other as much as they invest in good works. That's the philosophy of the NCC's new chief executive, the Rev. Michael Kinnamon, 58. He noted that too many people and churches categorize the NCC as a program agency. "If you think of the council that way, it's possible to duck the accountability that goes with membership," he said.

As a way of strengthening relationships, Kinnamon, a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister, plans a series of official visitations to member communions.

Twenty-seven United Methodist-related colleges and universities have been recognized for their community service and service learning programs. They are among 528 colleges on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for 2007. Launched in 2006, the honor roll is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and is sponsored by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the USA Freedom Corps and the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development.

After a ferocious tornado pummeled their rural Tennessee county with death and destruction, members of Lafayette United Methodist Church thought their first Sunday

worship service together would be a time to give thanks for survival and to seek divine guidance to minister to their battered community. With no deaths or significant property damage among its membership, the church had been transformed into a family crisis center, and its pastor, the Rev. Michael Welch, quickly became the United Methodist denomination's go-to person to organize relief work in a county that had lost at least 13 lives and more than 400 homes. Instead, worshipers who gathered on Feb. 10 grieved an unimaginable loss—the death of Welch and his family in a traffic accident on Feb. 7, two days after the storm hit. Welch, 51, died, along with his wife, Julie, 45, and their children Jesse, 14, and Hannah, 11, when a tractor-trailer carrying relief supplies slammed into their van on a traffic-choked two-lane highway just west of Lafayette. An adult son, Garrison, was not in the accident and survives the family.

U.N. Foundation invites church to apply for grant

The United Methodist Church has been invited by the United Nations Foundation to apply for up to \$5 million to underwrite a campaign to strengthen its global health ministries.

The fundraising, education and outreach campaign would aim to raise \$100 million over three years and especially would support the church's efforts to eradicate malaria and other diseases of poverty in Africa.

Bishop Janice Riggle Huie, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, received the invitation in mid-January through the United Nations Foundation, which is helping to facilitate the grant process.

The development was announced Jan. 26 by Bishop Felton E. May, interim chief executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, and the Rev. Larry Hollon, chief executive of United Methodist Communications, in Fort Worth, Texas, where the church will hold its top legislative meeting this spring.

Underwriting support was being provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the two church leaders said in making the announcement.

The denomination plans to submit a formal grant proposal in a process that began last May with a letter of inquiry. Both May and Hollon said many details must be worked out regarding the grant, operating the campaign, and ministries that will be supported by the campaign.

"We at the U.N. Foundation feel

this is an extraordinary opportunity for the people of The United Methodist Church," said Elizabeth Gore, executive director of partnership alliances for the U.N. Foundation, in a Jan. 15 letter to Huie.

"The immediate success of Nothing But Nets has built momentum among the people of the church in support of eliminating malaria," Gore said in the letter. "It is our goal to work in partnership with you and executive leadership over the coming years to save lives and inspire the launch of an inspirational movement within the church."

Collaborating for global health

The United Methodist Church has long been a key player in the fight against malaria and other diseases of poverty, having operated hospitals, clinics, schools and mission centers across Africa for more than 160 years.

In recent years, the denomination has increasingly sought ways to partner with other organizations—particularly in its global health initiatives—to leverage funding and gain greater access to networks and knowledge that can contribute to substantive global change. Partnering organizations have welcomed the church's on-ground infrastructure already in place to aid vulnerable people.

In 2006, the people of The United Methodist Church joined with the United Nations Foundation, Sports Illustrated and NBA Cares to become

past year, Markham has collected supplies donated by churches, businesses, schools and families across South Carolina. A 40-foot-long container packed with supplies is expected to arrive at the school in March.

Effective ministry and advocacy related to immigration must begin on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border as a partnership of The United Methodist Church and the Methodist Church of Mexico, according to church leaders along the border. Possibilities for such partnerships were explored during a Feb. 8-10 border consultation called "Abrazando a Mi Próximo," or "Embracing My Neighbor," sponsored by the Methodist Border Mission Network. The event's goal was to help the church reach across the border and work together as neighbors in common ministry, particularly as the church works to respond to the impact of immigration.

In the World



Mothers with sick children wait to see a doctor at the San Pedro Health Center near Huambo, Angola.

one of the founding partners of Nothing But Nets, <http://www.nothingbutnets.net/>, a global grassroots effort to prevent malaria through the purchase and distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets to children in Africa. The campaign has raised more than \$18 million so far. More than a million African children die from malaria every year.

Last October in Seattle, The United Methodist Church was the only faith group represented at the Gates Foundation's Malaria Forum. Both May and Hollon participated in the forum that brought together more than 300 scientists, physicians, public health leaders and top government officials from across the globe.

Global health is one of four areas of focus identified by the denomination

as part of its long-term vision. "Our goal is to ultimately create conditions for better health for people all over the world," said Hollon.

May said health ministries continue to be an integral part of the denomination's worldwide outreach. "Today, the Lord is calling us to tackle the diseases of poverty—those plagues that must and can be controlled. Such work is our God-given responsibility," said May.

The church also has a long history in education, advocacy, medical ministries and creating public awareness of health issues, including HIV/AIDS, another of the diseases of poverty. The 2004 General Conference set up a Global AIDS Fund to address this health issue.

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The Rev. David Kwangki Kim, pastor of the Malvern-Strahan (Iowa) United Methodist Church, has been selected as the new director of Korean resources for United Methodist Communications, effective March 17. A former missionary in the Philippines, Kim served as publisher and managing editor of *Word and Ministry* and served on the editorial staff of the Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in Manila.

For 28 years, Francie Markham taught high school English to teenagers in South Carolina. Now that she's retired from education, she's helping high school kids in Zimbabwe by providing them with textbooks, blackboards and other school supplies. Markham was inspired to start the Zimbabwe ministry after taking four mission trips to Old Mutare Mission Center and noticed that students at the mission's Hartzell High School were without textbooks—or lunch. For the

Continued violence in Kenya has displaced hundreds of thousands of citizens and disrupted the food supply in parts of that African nation. Stockpiled food has quickly disappeared, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief is appealing to United Methodists to donate money to bolster the food supply. UMCOR has spent \$120,000 on relief needs in Kenya since early January, assisting more than 10,000 people in the region. "There's just not enough food to feed people," said the Rev. Sam Dixon, UMCOR chief executive. Donations to assist UMCOR's response in Kenya can be dropped in local church collection plates or mailed to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Write "UMCOR Advance #982450, International Disaster Response-Kenya" on the check memo line. For credit card donations, visit UMCOR's Web site at www.umcor.org for online giving information or call (800) 554-8583.

Would divestment from companies connected to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land help bring about change in the Middle East? Four United Methodist speakers explored that question during a Jan. 25 panel discussion on "Divestment, the Middle East and Sudan" during the Pre-General Conference News Briefing in Fort Worth, Texas. The Rev. Steve Sprecher, a director of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, called divestment "a time-honored policy" within The United Methodist Church. Sprecher was part of the committee of the Board of Church and Society that led the social action agency to send a petition to General Conference recommending divestment from Caterpillar Inc., the heavy equipment manufacturer based in Peoria, Ill. The petition charges that the company profits from illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and contributes to the occupation by supplying Israeli Defense Forces with heavy equipment.

Methodist school offers a refuge for learning

"We are learning, falling down, constructing, but never losing hope."

Patricia Hernandez has a heart for mission, and that's evident as she describes La Paz School, Rosario, Argentina, where 500 of the poorest of the poor children receive an opportunity for a brighter future. Ms. Hernandez serves as assistant to the chancellor and institutional affairs at the school located three hours north of Buenos Aires.

This relatively new school, founded 18 years ago, reaches out to kindergarten through high-school students who, Ms. Hernandez said, "live in lowlands in the surrounding slums and emergency areas where houses have been built for families of low income." Most of these dwellings—in Barrio Villa Urquiza—lack plumbing and roofs.

But at La Paz School, the children have a chance to succeed, and succeed they do. Competing in city, provincial, regional and national contests, freshman Aldana Ramirez passed the national level in mathematics. In the provincial tournament, La Paz won first place.

Achievement is the goal as the top five graduates receive full scholarships to the Methodist-related Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano (University of the Latin American Educational Center—UCEL), which, along with the Argentine government, provides major funding for La Paz School.

Methodist Global Education Fund

United Methodism's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry was integral to the university's founding and continues to support both it and La Paz School. Scholarship recipients get books and bus transportation to the university, along with a tutor for support and continuity. The first two La Paz graduates are expected to graduate from UCEL this year.

"The economy crisis has seriously hurt families," Ms. Hernandez noted, "fostering undernourishment" as well as violence and alcoholism among parents and drug addiction in the case of children. While the government provides a \$60 monthly stipend to parents, some are unemployed, with no pension, no social security, no insurance and no legal labor contract. For many of the children, their school lunch is their only meal of the day.

Despite their grim living conditions, parents are involved actively at La Paz School which, in turn, provides an oasis for socializing and personal nurturing. The connection with the Methodist church is strong, with UCEL and La Paz sharing a chaplain. UCEL students volunteer at La Paz and raised funds to buy milk for the children.

Students must apply to attend La Paz. First preference is given to siblings of current students, second to families who belong to the Methodist church

and third to community residents.

Transcending school life

The biggest need currently is a gymnasium for the usual physical education and, perhaps more importantly, for special events for parents and after-school activities. "Our project transcends school life," Ms. Hernandez explained. "It will improve people's lives. Our aim is to shape citizens: to include where society excludes."

The school owns property on which a gymnasium could be built. UCEL has offered \$10,000 toward the \$18,500 cost. Additional funding is needed, and David Edwards, a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Franklin, Tenn., hopes a United Methodist individual, congregation or annual conference will accept the challenge of contributing \$8,500.

"Just the way they held the children's faces, you could tell the teachers are very involved with each student," recalled Mr. Edwards, who traveled to Argentina as a member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry's Methodist Global Education Fund Team.

The teachers "want the children to know a love and a passion for education is the way out of poverty," he said. "If a child skips school, the teachers search them out and bring them back. They pride themselves on how well the students do."

Following Wesley's philosophy

Dr. Ken Yamada, special assistant to the general secretary for global education initiatives, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, stressed the importance of the Methodist Global Education Fund: "The finest leadership-development program must have quality students, and any effort to recruit the best students must have a mechanism to provide scholarship assistance wherever it is needed.

"John Wesley understood that truth when he founded Kingswood School in 1748. He knew the poor children of coal miners could also become dynamic Christian leaders, dedicated to serving others.

"The truth is just as important 250 years later," Yamada added. "Leaders can come from any background. Our task is to make it possible for [students] to develop in wisdom and direction."

For information about the Methodist Global Education Fund, go online to <http://gbhem.org/mgef>. To give to the fund, send a check along with your name, address, your church's name and address, and the name of your annual conference to your church treasurer.

In the memo line, mark your check: Methodist Global Education Fund for Leadership Development, World Service Special Gift Number 05-06-04.

Bob Wilt appointed

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all around me – I couldn't see anyone who was calling me. It was God calling me." Wilt spoke with a counselor, Bill Newcomer, and two or three other persons afterward to discern what happened. That was in 1963. "They connected me almost immediately with the Board of Ordained Ministry! The next year, at a retreat at Willow Valley Inn, I was exploring a call to ministry. I was 11 or 12 years old. From that point on I felt that God was preparing me and I was being prepared academically for ordained ministry."

Wilt explained that when his grandfather heard about Wilt's call to ministry, it changed their conversation. "He wrote to me almost weekly. He talked to me about faith and Christian discipleship and ministry." He continued, "My grandparents were great role models for Christian life and ministry. They inspired not only me, but all their children and grandchildren on what it means to lead a Christian life."

Lebanon Valley College chose Rev.

Wilt. "I went there knowing I was preparing for seminary. LVC was my grandfather's alma mater. Although ministry - for my grandfather - was a second career. When my grandparents were dating, she took him to a Wednesday evening mid-week service. He converted to Christianity and heard a call to ministry. He married my grandmother and went to Lebanon Valley to finish high school and college. While I was growing up, he talked about it fondly. It was the only college I applied to."

He attended his first annual conference sessions following college graduation. There he met Bill Struther, District Superintendent of the West Chester District. It was only two weeks later that he received a call from the superintendent asking if he would be open to serving Pomeroy UMC (between Coatesville and Parkesburg) – even before he began attending Eastern Baptist (Palmer) Theological Seminary in the fall.

"Wow - I was 22! Twenty-two years old and leading a congregation!" Wilt said, "It was a wonderful congregation to serve. They had consistently had student pastors and were open to the leadership of young persons." He served there while going to seminary and for three more years.

"It's God's plan - I was raised to love Christ and love The United Methodist Church. I was nurtured by folks around me – and not just in my youth years. Congregations, district superintendents, my family - all have helped cement my love for Christ and the church."

Wilt looks forward to a new path of his journey as superintendent: "I believe in the mission of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference to make disciples of Jesus Christ. And I believe every church should be the center for a spiritual movement. I want to find ways to affirm and strengthen that."

When the call from Bishop Matthews came, Wilt's wife, Marilyn, af-

firmed his call to go. "She is a wonderful partner in ministry, and a wonderful support all along the way," he said.

The Wilts have two children. Their daughter Kathryn, 25, is married but separated and lives with them; she has a daughter, Madison, 4. Their son Nick, 23, recently engaged, will stay in the area.

Camping in an RV when their children were young, the Wilts have always liked to travel. They like shopping in antique shops and flea markets looking for treasures to refinish. Rev. Wilt likes anything to do with water – his parents own a place in the Thousand Islands. And with Valley Forge Park currently in their back yard, they like to hike and walk.

Wilt has been to Nepal, China, and Puerto Rico on mission, and he served as the first chairperson of Volunteers in Mission Committee for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

General Conference

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health issues, especially among those who live in poverty.

Representatives of the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society spoke about the ways in which both will join other agencies to support the four denominational emphases by providing resources for local churches and Annual Conferences.

There was discussion on the expected union of four Annual Conferences in the Northeastern Jurisdiction – Western New York, North Central New York, Wyoming, and Troy – to create a new Annual Conference. It is likely that two Pennsylvania districts in the present Wyoming Conference (the conference just north of Eastern Pennsylvania in the Wyoming Valley of PA) would join the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference. If this union becomes reality, our Philadelphia Episcopal Area which includes two Annual Conferences – Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware – would be the only Area to have two Conferences supervised by one bishop.

Another issue discussed was the possible downsizing of the General Conference. Presently, the General Conference, which meets every four years and sets the basic policies for the denomination, includes approximately 1,000 delegates from around the world. Increasing costs of the General Conference, however, may dictate a smaller number of delegates. If so, a major question will be how many delegates each Annual Conference would be entitled to send.

A celebration of the Lord's Supper was held at the conclusion of the meeting. The delegations were unanimous in asking for the prayers of their constituents as they continue preparation for both General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

EPA Delegates and General Conference

Delegates will serve on legislative committees from Wednesday, April 23 through Sunday, April 27. There are 13 Legislative Committees. Since the Eastern PA Conference has only 12 delegates, there is one committee with no EPA representative. Here are the EPA delegates and their Legislative Committee assignments.

- Chuck Yrigoyen – Faith and Order
- Mary White – Financial Administration
- Dorothy Watson Tatem – General Administration
- Lenora Thompson – Ministry and Higher Education

- Al Maloney – Global Ministries
- George Hollich – Discipleship
- Larry Leister – Local Church
- Tom Gibson – Conferences
- Michele Bartlow – Superintendency
- Ruth Daugherty – Church and Society (1)
- Rene Perez Avalos – Judicial Administration
- Judy Ehninger – Church and Society (2)

In addition to hearing opening addresses from a United Methodist bishop and lay person, delegates will hear the first-ever Young People's Address—delivered jointly by six teens and young adults who promise a presentation “different from anything that's ever been presented to General Conference before.”

Among the featured celebrities to appear on the stage will be the Com-male family of Hopewell UMC in Downingtown, PA: Lynda, Anthony, and six year old Katherine. They will celebrate the collaborative ministry of The United Methodist Church in Nothing But Nets on the morning of April 24. This initiative is part of the focus area on Global Health.

Delegates will also hear about another of the four areas of focus through the Path One Initiative. Through this initiative, The United Methodist Church will work towards its goal to plant 650 new congregations in the U.S. by 2012.

Plenary session of General Conference will commence on Monday, April 28 and continue through the evening of Friday, May 2. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President, Republic of Liberia will address the General Conference on Tuesday, April 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Bishop Marcus Matthews will speak at the podium on Wednesday, April 30 at 9:20 a.m. While giving leadership to Africa University as a member of its Board of Trustees, he will speak on the way The United Methodist Church is transforming lives on the continent of Africa through the Africa University Fund.

Significant anniversaries will be celebrated: The Advance for Christ (60 years), General Commission on Religion and Race (40 years), United Methodist Men (100 years), General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (100 years), The United Methodist Social Principles (100 years).

General Conference will also discuss and vote on the denomination's budget: a \$642 million, four year spending plan that begins in 2009, an “outcome-based” model of budget built around the four areas of focus.

Listen and watch General Confer-

ence in progress via live audio and video streaming on the website: www.gc2008.umc.org <<http://www.gc2008.umc.org>> . News stories and photos are featured now, and will be posted daily during General Conference on this website.

Please keep Eastern Pennsylvania Conference General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates in your prayers:

Lay delegates elected to General Conference: Mary White, Lenora Thompson, George J. Hollich, Thomas D. Gibson, Ruth Daugherty, Judith Ehninger.

Clergy delegates elected to General Conference: Charles Yrigoyen, Jr.,

Dorothy Watson Tatem, Alfred Maloney, Larry D. Leister, Michele Wright Bartlow, Rene Perez Avalos.

Lay delegates elected to Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference: Candace Carter, Robert Ladd, Verna Colliver, Marcus Simmons, Rebecca Parsons, Elizabeth Fisher, Mary Ann Repsher (Alt.), Debbie Wilcock Kenworthy (Alt.), Brenda Tildon (Alt.).

Clergy delegates elected to Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference: Melinda McKonly, William Gary George, Rodney Shearer, James Todd, Joseph DiPaolo, Christopher Kurien, Robin Hynicka (Alt.), Susan May (Alt.), Alfred T. Day III (Alt.).

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MUSIC AND WORSHIP RESOURCES

There are five Sundays in March this year and five opportunities to celebrate and observe Women's History Month. One approach is to include hymns, prayers, and liturgy written BY women in worship. Another approach is to include hymns and resources ABOUT women in the Bible and history. Here is a link to many different resources for use in worship celebrating Women's History Month



**“LET IT BREATHE ON US:
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Monday, April 28, 2008
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Take a day in between Easter and Pentecost for a day of renewal; this day is especially for elders to come together for mutual support and encouragement.

Our time together will include: Worship and singing, Celebration of our joys in ministry and support for our struggles, Fellowship around a shared meal and shared stories, Prayer for one another and for all elders of our Conference, including those who have recently left, Quiet reflection as well as small group conversation, Honoring of elders who have retired during the past 5 years and those who were ordained within the past 5 years, Possibility of extending retreat time with an individual overnight stay

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Cost for the day (including lunch): \$25.00
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Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for walking outside; bring your ordination stole, a Bible and hymnal, and a journal.

Send your reservation and check to:
Nancy Ross, 113 S. Springfield Road, Clifton Heights, PA 19018; 610-623-5781



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God Is Calling

[God] saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to [God's] own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. 2 Timothy 1:9



AMPLIFYING THE WORD

by Thomas Hall*

The Making Disciples training event, Invitational Worship and Evangelism, on Saturday, February 16, featured the wife and husband team of Safiyah Fosua, Director of Invitational Preaching, and Kwasi Kena, Director of Evangelism, both from the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, TN. The training was hosted by Mt. Hope United Methodist Church in Aston.

After having attended this event, I now understand the opening line of the prophetic passages much better. I've always puzzled over why prophetic passages began with "The Word (debar) of the LORD came to . . ." According to Saturday's workshop, the answer has a lot to do with integration and singularity of purpose. It seems God has this habit of speaking a singular and integrated Word (debar) to the community during worship.

Yet, I've often attended worship services—okay, I've conducted worship services—with a barrage of debarim, "words," disconnected, sometimes unplanned, sometimes even competing words rather than a strong, clear

"debar!" Such bombardment has produced diluted, weak services; interesting maybe, curious perhaps, but not singular or integrated. What was it God was saying this morning? It was Sermon on the Mount. No, wait, it was, um, be faithful . . . yeah, but didn't the children's song say something about Jesus First, Others second, Yourself . . .? As it turns out, it was about all of those things, which means it wasn't much of any . . . thing.

Our clinicians challenged us to pray first and listen to the Divine to hear the Word around which worship should orbit. Thus the lectionary is one way to hear the debar for respective Sundays and then to spend energy in exploring creatively how that word can be sounded in a variety of ways—verbally, kinetically, dramatically, visually, and felt very, very deeply.

So the two questions we ask ourselves and our worship planning teams are what is the one BIG IDEA or word that God wants us to hear on this particular Sunday? And then, how can we say it in multiple ways that amplifies the message, so that it can be heard, felt, and remembered?

I walked away from that seminar with new motivation to listen to God and then hearing the debar, to pursue singularity and integration so that the congregation will know clearly what God requires of them.

Experience the wisdom and learning from the Invitational Worship and Evangelism, and share it with your congregation, by viewing the video online at www.epaumc.org or by ordering the DVD (see page 11 for the order form.)

**The Rev. Thomas Hall is pastor of Crossroads United Methodist Church.*



Kwasi Kena and Safiyah Fosua

Global Praise

Hopeland UMC, 295 N. Clay Road, Lititz, PA 17543
March 15, 2008
10 am - 3 pm



Jorge Lockward, General Board of Global Ministries, will lead worship incorporating resources and songs from various countries, in various languages. Increasingly, as people move across the globe, we experience the world right in our backyard.

Things get exciting when people of all nations and languages praise the Lord. Visit the following link to hear music clips from various Global Praise CDs and Music Books. You can also listen to various on-line workshops featuring

different rhythms and instruments. Visit:

<http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/resources/globalpraise/>

Native American Sunday

April 6, 2008



Your offering nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

www.umcgiving.org

Hot Metal Bridge

Kochenderfer UMC, 1105 Kochenderfer Road
 Lebanon, PA 17046
 April 19, 2008
 10 am - 3 pm



Jim Walker, an ordained elder in The UMC and co-pastor of Hot Metal Bridge, will share with us how this faith community goes about ministry. Birthed out of a tattoo parlor, this is definitely not your grandparents' type of United Methodist congregation. Worship services held in the Goodwill building and Bible studies in the tattoo parlor are only glimpses of how this faith community engages people for Christ in Pittsburgh, PA. This worshipping community uses a narrative style

of worship that incorporates drama and the arts, as well as traditional worship styles. Jim has a passion for the church and seeing The UMC reclaiming John Wesley's passionate missiological approach to ministry. To see photos and learn more, go to

www.hotmetalbridge.com.

Engage the Arts in Worship

Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel
 May 29 & 30, 2008
 at Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA



Marcia McFee, will design and lead various worship experiences at the upcoming annual conference and will invite people to engage the arts in worship. Marcia will also design and lead the worship experiences at the upcoming General Conference of The United Methodist Church, in Ft. Worth, Texas. She has been a worship leader at various United Methodist gatherings around the globe. To learn more or read resources, visit

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Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Wesley UMC, 2540 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017
 June 14, 2008
 10 am - 3 pm



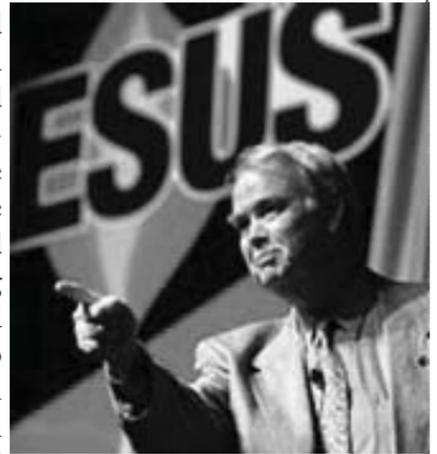
Margie Burger, of Aldersgate Renewal Ministries, will facilitate this seminar which is designed to “encourage God’s people to become a people of prayer.” The session will include activities and practical applications of teachings on prayer. “More than just a teaching tool, this seminar is an opportunity for all to encounter the Living God!” Aldersgate Renewal Ministries is an affiliate member of the General Board of Discipleship. To learn more about Aldersgate Renewal or to obtain prayer resources, visit:

www.aldersgaterenewal.org/resources/prayer/index.html

Sharing Your Faith

September or October 2008

Dr. H. Eddie Fox, World Director of Evangelism, World Methodist Council, and Executive Director, World Methodist Evangelism Institute will teach and “encourage lay and clergy to be about the ministry of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.” During this session, participants will gain confidence and tools to share their faith and Christian witness with others. To learn more about this, Dr. Fox and the World Methodist Council, visit:



www.worldmethodist.org/aboutwmc.htm

Weaving A Web Of Connections

Using Internet Technology For Effective Ministry
 West Chester UMC, 129 S. High Street, West Chester, PA
 July 25-26, 2008
 Friday, July 25 - 5:30 pm and Saturday, July 26 - 7:30 am - 5 pm

Face-to-face training from United Methodist Communications
 Do you want to develop or expand a Web presence for your local church, district or conference organization? Are you interested in the latest Internet technology for ministry? Then join local church, district, and conference volunteers, staff, webmasters/servants, communicators, editors, and pastors for a Friday evening to Saturday afternoon face-to-face training event. Through presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and vendor exhibits, you will be able to explore a variety of options for “Weaving a Web of Connections” by using Internet technology for effective ministry. Conducted by United Methodist Communications Web Ministry Team of Nashville, TN.



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Research Shows Advertising Favorably Impacts Perceptions

New research indicates that the "Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors." advertising is proving to be effective in communicating key characteristics of The United Methodist Church.

"One of the challenges that denominations typically face is that people don't really know that much about them," said the Rev. Larry Hollon, chief executive of United Methodist Communications. "The survey data gives us a snapshot of how others see us, and the indication is that the campaign has helped to reframe people's indistinct perceptions about the church into something more positive."

The study assessed ten different statements about The United Methodist Church that reflect the intended communications within the advertising messages developed for the campaign. More than 1,200 respondents from six test markets were interviewed by the Barna Research Group in order to better understand how the denomination is positioned among the target audience (adults ages 21-60 who do not attend a United Methodist church and are searching for something spiritually).

Among the findings:

- 58 percent of respondents agreed that United Methodists care for and support each other, compared to 43 percent surveyed in 2002
- 57 percent believed United Methodists accept you for who you are, up from 45 percent in 2002
- 41 percent said United Methodists

help you find deeper meaning and purpose in life, compared to only 26 percent in 2002

- 51 percent said United Methodists help people facing personal difficulty, up from 38 percent in 2002

The survey showed that those exposed to the advertising campaign were much more likely to hold favorable views of The United Methodist Church than those who did not recall the advertising.

The campaign was started in 2001 with a threefold purpose: to increase awareness and recognition of The United Methodist Church's basic beliefs, to promote willingness to visit a United Methodist church, and to renew a sense of commitment among United Methodists. Independent research is conducted annually to determine if the campaign is reaching those goals.

Other highlights of the 2007 research:

- 42 percent of respondents surveyed said their impression of The United Methodist Church was very or somewhat favorable, up from 37 percent in 2006
- 54 percent of those surveyed expressed a willingness to visit a United Methodist Church, up from 47 percent in 2006
- 59 percent of respondents recalled the tagline: "Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors."

The complete survey is available online <http://mediawarehouse.igniting-ministry.org/search.aspx?act=start&camp;searchtxt=newrelease>



Bron Yocum appointed

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singles group, working together doing drama for worship!"

Working in Human Resources for Conrail and then CBS, she then had the "privilege of staying home" when her daughter and son were young. Planning to go back for an MBA and to do HR consulting, one day there was a change of plans. "I told my husband that I felt this really strong call to ministry," she explained. The Christian Education Director at her church was out for surgery, and while substituting in that position, Yocum knew that this was much closer to what she was supposed to do: "I loved working in the church. The piece that was missing was sacrament - the ability to offer sacraments to the people I was working with."

So she began the process toward ordained ministry while in the Presbyterian Church, and applied to take a course at Eastern Baptist (Palmer) Theological Seminary in Wynnewood. Knowing that she needed to pay for the course, she was stunned when a call came "out of the blue" the day after her acceptance letter, inviting her to take a part-time position as development director for a counseling center.

"My father had thought about going into the ministry. But as a veteran and at the age of 30, he decided he didn't have time to do that," Yocum said. "I had been talking to him about my call to ministry. He was hit by a car, and thirteen days later he died. I was the source of pastoral care for him and for my family. We sat, prayed, read scripture together - as our pastor was away. That really spurred me on in my call."

One day, a friend invited Yocum to bring her son to daycare at Berwyn United Methodist Church while she conducted a day for pastors of local churches to visit the counseling center to learn about counseling. Her son's teacher was Mrs. Joan Myers, wife of Rev. David Myers, Berwyn UMC's pastor. Meeting Rev. Myers at the counseling training, he asked her, "Why are you working here instead of in a church?" Yocum explained, "A week later he called and offered me a job!"

Reflecting on her transition to United Methodist theology, Yocum said, "I have a great appreciation for Wesley's sense that all can be saved. As a Presbyterian, predestination bothered me. As a human resources professional, I liked itinerancy. I have a counted

cross-stitch on my wall, given to me by Jim McNair, that says, 'Christian by faith, Methodist by choice.'"

While on the staff at Berwyn UMC, Yocum attended seminary half time. She staffed and led the Stephen Ministry and a clown troupe ministry. She started an annual music and drama camp for children, as the church had not had Vacation Bible School in years; they had sixty in the first year, and in three years had 200 children attending. She also led a women's Bible study.

After she graduated from seminary, she was ordained a deacon in 1997 (old system), and then an elder in 1999. She was then appointed to Hopewell UMC as associate, where she was responsible for the contemporary service and pastoral care. She has served as senior pastor of Phoenixville: First UMC since 2000.

"Every United Methodist congregation has different needs and gifts," Yocum said. "Among the gifts I bring is the ability to listen, the ability to relate to people and churches where they are, and help them to use the gifts they have. I come with a listening ear, to hear them, and to celebrate who they are as a worshipping community. I am looking forward to serving in the Northeast District and I am aware of my need for prayer and support from the church community. You don't undertake something like this alone!"

Yocum's husband, Gordon, an IT professional with Rohm & Haas, "is looking forward to joining me in visits to churches around the district on weekends." Their daughter Jenny is 23, and is a pre-school teacher, artist, weaver, and poet. Their son Doug, 21, is a junior in college in music education and voice major. Yocum counts among her successes her son's involvement in church. "I asked him if he were sleeping in on Sunday morning, as many college students do, and he said, 'No, mom, I'm going to church! I'm going to a United Methodist Church where they have fellowship for young adults. I'm a part of the praise team and we meet together Sunday evenings.'"

Squeezing in reading mystery novels between reading for work, she also loves anything musical. Her husband flies an airplane, and "I wave good-bye from the ground!" Yocum also enjoys posting her own liturgies and sermons online. She starts every day with a walk or a run and a half hour of lectio divina. She said, "It's the foundation of my day!"

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

"Recess" - Conference Youth Retreat

April 4-6, 2008

CCYM Retreat at Gretna Glen

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest." - Matthew 11:28 (The Message)

\$85/person for 2 nights + all meals

Fun & Friends

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WORSHIP

Karaoke!!!!

"The Nor'Easter"

July 10-13, 2008

Northeast Jurisdiction Youth Event in Hershey, PA

This event of the Northeast Jurisdiction brings young people from West Virginia to Maine together in Hershey, PA for a weekend of fun, fellowship and worship. Plan to come for the whole weekend!! If you can't make the weekend, at least come to Hershey Park on Thursday, July 10 for the special pre-Nor-easter gathering.

The Big Event - "Transformers: More than meets the eye!!"

September 26-28, 2008

Conference Youth Rally

"Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." - Romans 12:2 (The Message)

GREAT MUSIC, Awesome fun and spiritual growth!! *Worship, Speakers, Workshops*

For more information or to register for these events, contact: Lydia Munoz, Coordinator of Young Peoples Ministry, prgirlsings@aol.com, 717-824-9640

Conference Youth are on the Move!!!!

by Lydia Muñoz*

It is so incredibly exciting to be a part of the church now at this time and in this moment. Go ahead and ask me why! Although there are troubles and difficulties, there are also lots of moments of grace and renewal that are happening, if you are willing to look and listen to the Spirit's leading.

Did you know that a recent survey on youth and religion done by the National Youth Research Institute showed that 75% out of a group of 300 young people questioned, feel that God is an important part of life and that the church can play an important role in their lives. Now maybe for you in your corner of the world this may be hard to believe, but the truth is that young people today are so involved in their community and in their world through various organizations that promote works of mercy and justice because they are looking for ways to respond to the longing and hunger for something real and that has lasting value in their lives.

So this is a call to action! CCYM will be having a great after Easter retreat in April for all youth and young adults at Gretna Glen called "Recess" and we are looking for churches that would be willing to sponsor young people to attend this retreat. We know that there are some youth who could use your support to defray the cost of the retreat. The retreat will cost \$85 and that includes room and board at Gretna Glen and participation to all

basic activities (extra cost for high ropes challenge course).

This is a great opportunity for your church to make a connection with your local youth and begin to establish a relationship that could lead to some exciting ministry. The other opportunity is for your church to consider this a mission opportunity to help youth take part in a great event. Another possibility is to indeed be true to our value that we belong to a connectional system. This is an opportunity for your church to connect with another church that could use your support and love. Anyway you package it, it all boils down to this: how can you be part of the move of the Holy Spirit?

You can find out more information by calling the conference youth coordinator at 717-824-9640 or by emailing me at PRgirlsings@aol.com. I would be glad to talk to you further or come out to your church to share with your congregation about ways to be in ministry with and for young people.

Our website is scheduled to launch on Feb 1st so check us out at www.epayouth.com. There will be links to all kind of exciting events and information. Don't miss out on your opportunity to get involved now!!

**Lydia E. Muñoz, M.Div. is the Conference Coordinator of Youth Ministries of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church.*

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EPA CAMPS

(Call the camps or check their websites for details)

March 7 - 9, March 28 - 30,

April 11 - 13

United Methodist Confirmation Camps - Gretna Glen

March 7 - 9

Challenge Retreat (age 12 and older) - Camp Innabah
Spring Children's Retreat (Grades 3 - 6) - Pocono Plateau

April 4 - 6

Father/Son Spring Retreat - "A Dangerous Retreat for Boys" - Pocono Plateau

April 17

Day Retreat for Senior Adults - Pocono Plateau - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

April 18 - 20

Boy's Fishing Weekend (6th - 12th graders) - Camp Innabah
Spring Fun & Work Weekend - Gretna Glen
Children's Spring Blast Overnight (grade 1 - 6, Friday/Saturday) - Gretna Glen
Youth Spring Blast Weekend - Gretna Glen

April 19

Historical Scrapbooking Day - Gretna Glen

April 25 - 27

Mother/Daughter Spring Retreat - Pocono

Plateau

April 26

"Back to Camp" Day for former campers - Carson-Simpson Farm

April 27

Open House - Carson-Simpson Farm

May 3

"Programming on a Shoestring" workshop - Carson-Simpson Farm

May 6 - 8

Spring Retreat for Senior Adults (ages 55 & over) - Pocono Plateau

May 9

Golf Tournament - Camp Innabah

May 13

Senior Spring Fling Day

May 16 - 18

Fly Fishing Weekend - Pocono Plateau
Mountain Bike Weekend (grades 7 - adult) - Gretna Glen

May 31

Camp Fest & Adventure Race - Gretna Glen

For more information go to: www.epaumc.org/camping





25th Annual Academy for Laity: "Growing, Sharing and Living our Faith"

The Academy for Laity, August 8-10, 2008, will celebrate 25 years of training lay persons for ministry by featuring the Rev. Dr. Charles Yrigoyen as the keynote speaker on Friday evening, and Bishop F. Herbert Skeete as the guest speaker at the Saturday banquet. Rev. Yrigoyen will open the weekend event with a focus on John Wesley's devotion to a search for greater spiritual understanding and thereby gaining a deepening and maturing faith. On Saturday evening former Eastern Pennsylvania Conference bishop, Herbert Skeete, will be the featured speaker at the banquet, celebrating the work of God among the laity of EPA Conference begun through this venture 25 years ago.

With an emphasis on Wesleyan doctrine and developing a range of skills, in addition to speaking, for ministry in the local church, the Academy is open to all laity who desire to grow in their faith and discipleship. The Basic Course for Christ Servant Ministers (CSM) is offered as well as advanced courses which provide certification as Christ Servant

Ministers. The Academy and the CSM program have been the impetus for the call to service of ordained elders, local pastors and certified lay ministers throughout EPA Conference. This year the Basic Course for Young Adults will be added, continuing the efforts begun last year at the Academy to reach out to younger members of our Conference. New advanced courses will also be offered.

In addition to the special guest speakers and a Saturday evening banquet, the weekend program will include celebration and recognition of lay ministry and the leadership role of Christ Servant Ministers in the local church.

The Academy is sponsored by the Conference Board of Lay Ministry; the weekend program is planned by a committee of lay persons from around the conference, bringing together both clergy and laity to provide the training and instruction that will enable and empower lay persons to be in mission for Christ, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Bishop F. Herbert Skeete and Rev. Dr. Charles Yrigoyen (right)

Since 1984 the Annual Academy for Laity has been providing training for lay persons in ministry to the

ship and blessing to this "new venture." At that time, with the support of Dr. Charles Yrigoyen of the Religion Department of Albright College and the leadership of Conference Lay Leader, Reta Barto, this training event began a tradition dedicated to train lay persons who seek to serve as "lay speakers or in

Caring ministries, or who have a desire to grow in their own spiritual life and ministry."

This year, Verna Colliver, Dean of the Academy for Laity, co-chairs the planning committee with Brenda Tildon, who will become the Dean of the Academy in 2009. The past Deans of the Academy include Reta

Barto, Fallon Blaker, Marian Miller, and Mary White, each of whom served a term of four or more years leading the academy.

More information about the 25th Annual Academy for Laity will be mailed to each church in March and on the Christ Servant Minister website (www.gb-gm-umc.org/csm)

church, the community and the world. The 1984 Conference Journal report on the Laity Session includes this note: "Park Woodrow promoted a new venture, a Lay Academy, co-sponsored by the Conference Commission on Lay Life and Work and Albright College, to be held at the college, June 22-24." Bishop F. Herbert Skeete gave his leader-

Classifieds

- **ORGANIST** - Experience in playing church organ, keyboard competency, good organizational and communication skills required. Salary commensurate to experience. Send your letter of interest and resume to Staff Parish Relations Committee, Calvary United Methodist Church, 4411 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA 18045.
- **EPA CONFERENCE JOB OPENINGS** - District Administrative Assistant. Duties include correspondence, filing, database entry, event organization, e-mail communications, assisting Superintendent in district of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church. For job description: www.epaumc.org. Send your resume by March 7, 2008 to: NE District Administrative Assistant - The Rev. Bron Yocum, First United Methodist Church, 865 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460. SE District Administrative Assistant - The Rev. Christopher Kurien,

1725 Breckenridge Road, Orwigsburg, PA 17961. NW District Administrative Assistant - The Rev. Robert Wilt, Jr., 600 Walker Road, Wayne, PA 19087 or e-mail to pastor@stmatthewsvf.org

- **2008 SUMMER STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT INNABAH!** - Hiring summer staff age 16 and older! The following positions are available: Counselors, Lifeguards, Media Specialist, Assistant Cook, Kitchen Assistants, Cookout Coordinator, Arts and Crafts Assistants, Nature Assistants, Day Camp Director, Day Camp Counselors, and more! Hurry, interview weekends are March 1-2 and March 8-9! Apply online at www.innabah.org. For more information email Chrissy Wells at camp@innabah.org or call Camp Innabah 610-469-6111.
- **DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDED** - Lansdale United Methodist Church seeks a highly motivated

and energized part time director for their youth program. This position has a possibility to be a full time position in the future. This is a paid position and an excellent field education situation. Our youth program has over 20 members who participate in weekly Sunday evening meetings and numerous special events. The youth also perform outstanding musicals and participate in summer mission trips. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Max Jaouen at 215-855-8364. Please submit resume to: Staff/Parish Relations Committee, Lansdale UMC, 300 N. Broad Street, Lansdale, PA 19446; 215-855-8364; Fax: 215-855-1534; email Pastor Max Jaouen at mjaouen@verizon.net or Ken Schmidt, Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson, at wittoken@msn.com.

- **FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** - the area United Methodist Foundation has a

position available for a part-time administrative assistant to support the Foundation's Executive Director in all aspects of account administration. Duties include opening accounts, reviewing account transactions, updating client information, and handling external mailings and projects and events. This person must be able to correspond with clients and coordinate work with an outside custodian. Qualifications include familiarity with the financial services field, for example trust and estate administration, along with strong computer skills including but not limited to Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word and Excel). Education beyond high school and experienced preferred. We offer a competitive salary and generous time off plan. Qualified applicants may fax resumes to 610-666-9093 or mail to the address below. The Eastern Pennsylvania-Peninsula United Methodist Foundation, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482.

2008 CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSION

Friday through Sunday, July 18-20, 2008

The Courses are:

- "I Believe in Jesus" (Taken by All)
- "Giving our Hearts Away: Native American Survival" (Elective)
- "Israel and Palestine" (Elective)

The tentative location is The Inn at Reading.

For Additional Information Contact: Dick Howarth rvhjwh@earthlink.net

For more information, contact: Althea U. Harmon, Dean; altmon@comcast.net or at 25 East Park Road, Reading, PA 19609



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Do You Know These Facts About THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION?

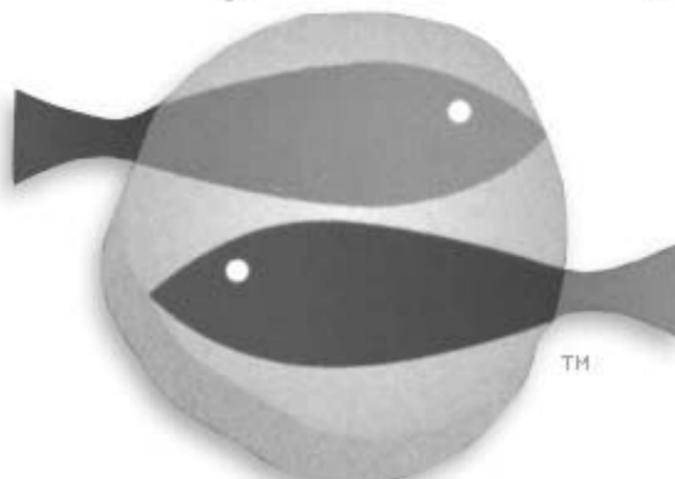
Do you know that the School of Mission is for everyone...not just UM Women?

Do you know that Continuing Education Units (CEU) will be awarded to clergy attending the school?

Do you know that Scholarships are available for first-time UM Women attendees?

Sharing God's Gifts

Connectional Ministries 2007 Report



District Summaries

		Fund ID	Fund Description	Annual Apportionment	YTD Payment	Prior Year Payment	Total	% Paid	Payment 2006	Difference Between 2006 & 2007
Central	Rev. Dr. William Gary George	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$713,194	\$628,753	\$693	\$629,446	88%	625,668	3,778
East	Rev. Dr. Alfred Maloney	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$692,006	\$626,344	\$1,237	\$627,581	91%	569,115	58,466
Northeast	Rev. Dr. Rodney Shearer	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$595,283	\$559,297	\$5,518	\$564,816	95%	521,228	43,587
Northwest	Rev. Dr. Christopher Kurien	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$457,274	\$442,362	\$255	\$442,616	97%	419,737	22,879
Southeast	Rev. Susan May	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$634,439	\$592,146	\$1,280	\$593,425	94%	530,903	62,522
Southwest	Rev. James Todd	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$821,666	\$711,532	\$7,384	\$718,916	87%	704,384	14,532
			Total	\$3,913,862	\$3,560,433	\$16,366	\$3,576,800	91%	3,371,036	205,764
Central	Rev. Dr. William Gary George	0003	World Service Fund	\$274,329	\$235,201	\$1,364	\$236,565	86%	216,187	20,378
East	Rev. Dr. Alfred Maloney	0003	World Service Fund	\$266,188	\$228,808	\$242	\$229,050	86%	124,320	104,730
Northeast	Rev. Dr. Rodney Shearer	0003	World Service Fund	\$228,979	\$212,976	\$69	\$213,045	93%	172,858	40,186
Northwest	Rev. Dr. Christopher Kurien	0003	World Service Fund	\$175,888	\$164,469	\$39	\$164,508	94%	136,905	27,602
Southeast	Rev. Susan May	0003	World Service Fund	\$244,037	\$217,749	\$17	\$217,766	89%	165,180	52,586
Southwest	Rev. James Todd	0003	World Service Fund	\$316,056	\$286,734	\$1,205	\$287,939	91%	281,459	6,480
			Total	\$1,505,477	\$1,345,936	\$2,936	\$1,348,872	90%	1,096,909	251,963
Central	Rev. Dr. William Gary George	0004	General Church Fund	\$241,869	\$204,220	\$962	\$205,182	85%	189,093	16,088
East	Rev. Dr. Alfred Maloney	0004	General Church Fund	\$234,679	\$214,197	\$185	\$214,382	91%	108,967	105,415
Northeast	Rev. Dr. Rodney Shearer	0004	General Church Fund	\$201,879	\$183,361	\$88	\$183,449	91%	161,109	22,340
Northwest	Rev. Dr. Christopher Kurien	0004	General Church Fund	\$155,083	\$146,796	\$41	\$146,837	95%	140,067	6,770
Southeast	Rev. Susan May	0004	General Church Fund	\$215,155	\$190,526	\$54	\$190,579	89%	161,026	29,554
Southwest	Rev. James Todd	0004	General Church Fund	\$278,650	\$252,378	\$555	\$252,933	91%	151,144	101,788
			Total	\$1,327,315	\$1,191,477	\$1,885	\$1,193,361	90%	911,407	281,954
			Grand Total	\$ 6,746,654	\$ 6,097,846	\$ 21,187	\$ 6,119,033	91%	5,379,352	739,682
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Central	Rev. Dr. William Gary George	0004	General Church Fund	\$241,869	\$204,220	\$962	\$205,182	85%	189,093	16,088
			Total	\$1,229,392	\$1,068,174	\$3,019	\$1,071,193	87%	\$1,030,948	\$40,245
East	Rev. Dr. Alfred Maloney	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$692,006	\$626,344	\$1,237	\$627,581	91%	569,115	58,466
East	Rev. Dr. Alfred Maloney	0003	World Service Fund	\$266,188	\$228,808	\$242	\$229,050	86%	124,320	104,730
East	Rev. Dr. Alfred Maloney	0004	General Church Fund	\$234,679	\$214,197	\$185	\$214,382	91%	108,967	105,415
			Total	\$1,192,873	\$1,069,349	\$1,664	\$1,071,013	90%	\$802,402	\$268,610
Northeast	Rev. Dr. Rodney Shearer	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$595,283	\$559,297	\$5,518	\$564,816	95%	521,228	43,587
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			Total	\$1,026,141	\$955,634	\$5,676	\$961,310	94%	\$855,196	\$106,114
Northwest	Rev. Dr. Christopher Kurien	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$457,274	\$442,362	\$255	\$442,616	97%	419,737	22,879
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Northwest	Rev. Dr. Christopher Kurien	0004	General Church Fund	\$155,083	\$146,796	\$41	\$146,837	95%	140,067	6,770
			Total	\$788,245	\$753,626	\$335	\$753,961	96%	\$696,709	\$57,251
Southeast	Rev. Susan May	0001	Connection Ministry Fund	\$634,439	\$592,146	\$1,280	\$593,425	94%	530,903	62,522
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			Total	\$1,093,631	\$1,000,420	\$1,350	\$1,001,770	92%	\$857,109	\$144,661
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			Total	\$1,416,372	\$1,250,644	\$9,144	\$1,259,788	89%	\$1,136,987	\$122,800
			Grand Total	\$6,746,654	\$6,097,846	\$21,187	\$6,119,033	91%	\$5,379,352	\$739,682



Central District
The Rev. Dr. William Gary George, Superintendent

	Connection Ministry Fund				World Service Fund				General Church Other Funds			
	AA	2007	% Paid	07 & 06	AA	2007	% Paid	07 & 06	AA	2007	% Paid	07 & 06
Birdsboro: Christ	\$2,547	\$2,547	100%	\$0	\$980	\$980	100%	\$0	\$864	\$864	100%	\$0
Birdsboro: Focht Memorial	\$7,490	\$1,997	27%	(\$3,606)	\$2,881	\$768	27%	(\$1,193)	\$2,540	\$677	27%	(\$1,097)
Cedarville	\$22,598	\$22,598	100%	\$0	\$8,693	\$8,693	100%	\$0	\$7,664	\$7,664	100%	\$0
Coventryville	\$10,633	\$10,633	100%	(\$365)	\$4,090	\$4,090	100%	\$0	\$3,606	\$3,606	100%	\$0
Douglassville: Hope	\$3,450	\$3,450	100%	\$829	\$1,327	\$1,327	100%	\$0	\$1,170	\$1,170	100%	\$0
Elverson	\$9,282	\$9,282	100%	(\$318)	\$3,570	\$3,570	100%	\$0	\$3,148	\$3,148	100%	\$0
Geigertown: St. Paul's	\$5,720	\$1,144	20%	(\$3,566)	\$2,200	\$440	20%	(\$1,240)	\$1,940	\$388	20%	(\$1,152)
Goodwill	\$4,456	\$0	0%	(\$2,844)	\$1,714	\$0	0%	(\$563)	\$1,311	\$0	0%	(\$509)
Harmony	\$4,288	\$4,288	100%	(\$793)	\$1,650	\$1,650	100%	(\$165)	\$1,454	\$1,454	100%	(\$249)
Lincoln Park: Community	\$15,718	\$15,718	100%	\$1,784	\$6,046	\$6,046	100%	\$1,169	\$5,330	\$5,330	100%	\$917
Mohnton: Calvary	\$16,244	\$16,244	100%	(\$556)	\$6,248	\$6,248	100%	\$368	\$5,509	\$5,509	100%	\$189
Morgantown	\$5,320	\$5,320	100%	(\$1,923)	\$2,046	\$1,377	67%	(\$549)	\$1,804	\$1,214	67%	(\$528)
New Berlinville: St. Andrew	\$10,443	\$10,443	100%	(\$165)	\$4,017	\$4,017	100%	\$304	\$3,542	\$3,542	100%	\$183
New Hanover	\$38,203	\$38,203	100%	\$1,949	\$14,695	\$14,695	100%	\$2,006	\$12,956	\$12,956	100%	\$1,475
Pottstown: First	\$5,554	\$5,554	100%	\$1,186	\$3,561	\$3,561	100%	\$608	\$3,139	\$3,139	100%	\$500
Pottstown: Salem	\$3,500	\$1,300	37%	(\$2,320)	\$1,346	\$135	10%	(\$1,132)	\$1,187	\$237	20%	(\$910)
Reading: Central Park	\$224	\$224	100%	(\$2,356)	\$2,065	\$85	4%	(\$818)	\$1,821	\$77	4%	(\$220)
Reading: Emanuel-Olivet	\$2,136	\$2,136	100%	\$409	\$822	\$822	100%	\$217	\$725	\$725	100%	\$0
Reading: Grace	\$2,832	\$2,832	100%	(\$97)	\$1,089	\$1,089	100%	\$64	\$960	\$960	100%	\$0
Reading: Holy Cross	\$13,328	\$13,328	100%	\$3,848	\$5,127	\$5,127	100%	\$1,809	\$4,520	\$4,520	100%	\$1,518
Reading: New Beginnings	\$2,008	\$803	40%	\$443	\$772	\$309	40%	\$183	\$681	\$272	40%	\$158
Reading: St. Matthews	\$5,712	\$1,142	20%	\$602	\$2,197	\$1,615	73%	\$1,038	\$1,937	\$387	20%	\$204
Reading: Wesley	\$4,997	\$4,155	83%	\$1,880	\$1,922	\$1,384	72%	\$247	\$1,695	\$1,695	100%	\$666
St. Peter's Mount Carmel	\$3,025	\$3,025	100%	\$229	\$1,163	\$1,163	100%	\$154	\$1,026	\$1,026	100%	\$141
Temple UMC	\$3,851	\$3,698	96%	\$68	\$1,481	\$1,216	82%	\$166	\$1,306	\$425	33%	(\$525)
West Lawn	\$39,449	\$39,449	100%	(\$3,537)	\$15,174	\$15,174	100%	\$1,174	\$13,378	\$13,378	100%	\$378
Wyomissing: Calvary	\$5,876	\$5,876	100%	(\$47)	\$2,260	\$2,260	100%	\$187	\$1,993	\$1,993	100%	\$117
Berwyn	\$16,884	\$16,884	100%	\$348	\$6,494	\$6,494	100%	\$706	\$5,726	\$5,726	100%	\$490
Bethel	\$6,694	\$6,694	100%	\$694	\$2,575	\$2,575	100%	\$255	\$2,270	\$2,270	100%	(\$272)
Charlestown	\$2,496	\$2,496	100%	(\$152)	\$960	\$960	100%	\$108	\$847	\$847	100%	\$0
Evansburg	\$2,660	\$2,660	100%	(\$91)	\$1,023	\$1,023	100%	\$60	\$902	\$902	100%	\$31
Honey Brook	\$5,103	\$1,320	26%	\$592	\$1,963	\$982	50%	(\$517)	\$1,731	\$173	10%	(\$57)
Malvern	\$2,654	\$2,654	100%	\$454	\$1,021	\$1,021	100%	(\$229)	\$900	\$900	100%	(\$225)
Mont Clare: Otterbein	\$4,553	\$4,553	100%	\$435	\$1,751	\$1,751	100%	\$309	\$1,544	\$1,544	100%	\$240
Paoli	\$7,900	\$21,900	100%	(\$1,069)	\$8,424	\$8,424	100%	\$1,173	\$7,427	\$7,427	100%	(\$103)
Phoenixville: First	\$18,274	\$18,274	100%	(\$626)	\$7,029	\$7,029	100%	\$794	\$6,157	\$6,157	100%	\$212
Roversford	\$12,084	\$12,084	100%	(\$414)	\$4,648	\$4,648	100%	\$274	\$4,098	\$4,098	100%	\$140
Spring City	\$7,447	\$5,800	78%	(\$440)	\$2,865	\$2,232	78%	\$48	\$2,526	\$1,968	78%	(\$8)
Valley Forge	\$6,398	\$6,398	100%	(\$26)	\$2,460	\$2,460	100%	\$211	\$2,169	\$2,169	100%	\$135
Valley Forge: St. Matthew's	\$20,978	\$20,978	100%	(\$719)	\$8,069	\$8,069	100%	\$475	\$7,114	\$7,114	100%	\$244
Wayne	\$33,262	\$33,262	100%	(\$1,073)	\$12,794	\$12,794	100%	\$794	\$11,280	\$11,280	100%	\$280
Ardmore	\$12,957	\$12,957	100%	(\$243)	\$4,984	\$4,984	100%	\$364	\$4,394	\$4,394	100%	\$214
Bala Cynwyd	\$12,855	\$7,792	61%	\$708	\$4,945	\$2,728	55%	\$248	\$4,360	\$2,467	57%	\$224
Bethel Hill	\$12,394	\$12,394	100%	(\$425)	\$4,768	\$4,768	100%	\$281	\$4,203	\$4,203	100%	\$144
Bryn Mawr: St. Luke	\$8,550	\$8,550	100%	\$1,065	\$3,289	\$3,289	100%	\$789	\$2,899	\$2,899	100%	\$404
Conshohocken	\$7,733	\$7,733	100%	\$2,333	\$2,975	\$2,975	100%	\$1,083	\$2,622	\$2,622	100%	\$0
Glenside	\$3,499	\$3,499	100%	(\$91)	\$1,363	\$2,73	20%	(\$37)	\$2,40	\$1,202	20%	(\$330)
Havertown: St. Andrews	\$4,214	\$4,214	100%	\$434	\$1,621	\$1,621	100%	\$356	\$1,429	\$1,429	100%	\$164
Havertown: Union	\$12,232	\$12,232	100%	\$1,199	\$4,705	\$4,705	100%	\$844	\$4,148	\$4,148	100%	\$654
Lafayette Hill: Messiah	\$7,589	\$2,843	37%	(\$5,006)	\$2,919	\$1,083	37%	(\$1,664)	\$2,574	\$957	37%	(\$1,528)
Lansdale: Christ	\$27,097	\$27,097	100%	(\$928)	\$10,423	\$10,423	100%	\$614	\$9,189	\$9,189	100%	\$315
Lansdale: First	\$24,270	\$24,270	100%	(\$331)	\$9,335	\$9,335	100%	\$550	\$8,231	\$8,231	100%	\$282
Narberth	\$3,752	\$3,752	100%	\$1,443	\$1,443	\$1,443	100%	\$609	\$1,273	\$1,273	100%	\$519
Norristown: Asbury	\$9,576	\$9,576	100%	(\$328)	\$3,684	\$3,684	100%	\$217	\$3,248	\$3,248	100%	\$112
Norristown: Haws Avenue	\$9,238	\$9,238	100%	\$4,412	\$3,554	\$3,554	100%	\$1,944	\$3,133	\$3,133	100%	\$1,523
North Wales: Sanctuary	\$25,187	\$25,187	100%	(\$863)	\$9,688	\$9,688	100%	\$571	\$8,542	\$8,542	100%	\$293
Phila.: Arch Street	\$15,601	\$9,480	61%	\$3,480	\$6,001	\$3,479	58%	\$1,379	\$5,291	\$3,200	60%	\$1,300
Phila.: Camphor Memorial	\$7,041	\$7,041	100%	\$1,961	\$3,062	\$3,062	100%	\$962	\$2,700	\$2,700	100%	\$80
Phila.: Devereux Memorial	\$7,356	\$492	7%	(\$1,108)	\$2,830	\$142	5%	(\$621)	\$2,495	\$125	5%	(\$637)
Phila.: Emmanuel	\$7,730	\$7,730	100%	(\$264)	\$2,973	\$2,973	100%	\$175	\$2,621	\$2,621	100%	\$89
Phila.: Haven Peniel	\$12,489	\$11,487	92%	(\$2,868)	\$4,804	\$1,767	37%	(\$1,829)	\$4,235	\$0	0%	(\$416)
Phila.: Cookman	\$2,153	\$2,153	100%	\$1,793	\$828	\$828	100%	\$828	\$730	\$730	100%	\$730
Phila.: Mid-Town Parish	\$1,599	\$1,599	100%	(\$54)	\$615	\$615	100%	\$54	\$542	\$542	100%	\$18
Phila.: Mount Zion	\$7,311	\$7,311	100%	\$84	\$2,200	\$2,200	100%	\$501	\$1,944	\$1,944	100%	\$216
Phila.: Mother African Zoar	\$6,687	\$6,687	100%	\$5,742	\$2,572	\$2,572	100%	\$1,322	\$2,268	\$2,268	100%	\$2,080
Phila.: Simpson-Fletcher	\$2,498	\$0	0%	\$0	\$961	\$0	0%	\$0	\$847	\$0	0%	\$0
Phila.: St. Luke's Snyder Avenue	\$1,279	\$1,279	100%	(\$125)	\$492	\$0	0%	\$0	\$434	\$0	0%	\$0
Phila.: St. Barnabas-Bethsaida	\$5,198	\$5,198	100%	\$2,424	\$1,999	\$0	0%	\$0	\$1,763	\$0	0%	\$0
Phila.: St. George's	\$7,041	\$3,000	43%	\$994	\$2,708	\$1,083	40%	\$337	\$2,388	\$545	40%	\$490
Phila.: Tioga	\$6,038	\$3,019	50%	\$2,275	\$2,323	\$232	10%	(\$289)	\$2,048	\$205	10%	(\$266)
Phila.: Tindley Temple	\$8,004	\$1,570	20%	(\$6,938)	\$3,079	\$300	10%	(\$2,712)	\$2,715	\$272	10%	\$272
Radnor	\$5,277	\$5,277	100%	\$659	\$2,030	\$2,030	100%	\$414	\$1,790	\$1,790	100%	\$328
Havertown: Hope	\$10,244	\$7,340	72%	\$1,100	\$3,940	\$2,484	63%	\$300	\$3,474	\$2,176	63%	\$200
Phila.: El Mesias	\$2,735	\$2,735	100%	\$735	\$1,052	\$1,052	100%	\$552	\$927	\$927	100%	\$427
Phila.: Hancock St. John's	\$2,374	\$0	0%	\$0	\$913	\$0	0%	\$0	\$805	\$0	0%	\$0
Phila.: Kensington "Old Brick"	\$2,637	\$2,637	100%	\$2,337	\$1,015	\$1,015	100%	\$885	\$894	\$894	100%	\$764
Phila.: St. Philip's	\$2,638	\$1,306	50%	\$226	\$1,015	\$288	28%	\$48	\$895	\$576	64%	\$86
Phila.: Simpson Memorial	\$6,992	\$6,992	100%	\$4	\$2,689	\$130	5%	\$0	\$2,371	\$1,300	63%	(\$32)
Phila.: Sunnyside/Silom	\$3,304	\$3,304	100%	\$3,304	\$3,094	\$3,094	100%	\$1,744	\$2,816	\$2,816	100%	\$1,171
Phila.: Green Lane	\$8,124	\$8,124	100%	\$124	\$3,125	\$3,125	100%	\$3,125	\$2,755	\$2,755	100%	\$2,755
Phila.: Roxborough, Ridge Avenue	\$8,965	\$8,965	100%	\$1,977	\$3,449	\$3,449	100%	\$1,065	\$3,040	\$3,040	100%	\$726
Ambler: Calvary	\$8,672	\$8,672	100%	(\$545)	\$3,336	\$3,332	100%	\$1,165	\$2,941	\$2,817	96%	\$2,387
Bensalem	\$10,423	\$10,423	100%	(\$1,577)	\$4,009	\$4,009	100%	\$1,959	\$3,535	\$3,535	100%	\$1,485
Bensalem: Korean UMC	\$5,388	\$1,440	27%	(\$25)	\$2,073	\$480	23%	\$0	\$1,827	\$480	26%	\$0
Bristol: First	\$4,794	\$2,700	56%	\$97	\$1,844	\$1,111	60%	\$212	\$1,626	\$932	57%	(\$299)
Bristol: Harriman	\$5,977	\$5,977	100%	\$3,730	\$2,299	\$2,299	100%	\$1,524	\$2,027	\$2,027	100%	\$1,235
Chalfont	\$5,565	\$1,119	20%	(\$148)	\$2,141	\$425	20%	\$212	\$1,887	\$386	20%	\$173
Cheltenham	\$4,628	\$4,165	90%	\$2,055	\$1,780	\$1,603	90%	\$1,452	\$1,369	\$1,412	90%	

**Northeast District
The Rev. Dr. Rodney Shearer, Superintendent**

	Connection Ministry Fund				World Service Fund				General Church Other Funds			
	AA	2007	% Paid	07 & 06	AA	2007	% Paid	07 & 06	AA	2007	% Paid	07 & 06
Black Creek	\$6,012	\$6,012	100%	\$2,651	\$2,313	\$2,313	100%	\$1,190	\$2,039	\$2,039	100%	\$590
Conynghar	\$4,758	\$4,758	100%	\$1,730	\$1,830	\$1,830	100%	\$804	\$1,614	\$1,614	100%	\$536
Drums: St. Paul's	\$5,061	\$5,061	100%	(\$87)	\$1,947	\$1,947	100%	\$202	\$1,716	\$1,716	100%	(\$116)
Freeland: Park	\$812	\$100	12%	(\$920)	\$312	\$250	80%	(\$20)	\$275	\$220	80%	\$220
Hazleton: Diamond	\$5,430	\$5,430	100%	\$5,041	\$2,089	\$209	10%	\$209	\$1,842	\$368	20%	\$368
Lattimer	\$1,048	\$1,048	100%	\$5	\$403	\$403	100%	\$49	\$355	\$355	100%	(\$16)
Nesquehoning: Meed's Memorial	\$2,457	\$2,457	100%	\$297	\$945	\$945	100%	\$25	\$933	\$933	100%	\$113
Jim Thorpe: Grace-St. Paul	\$1,698	\$1,698	100%	\$198	\$653	\$653	100%	\$53	\$376	\$376	100%	\$76
Summit Hill	\$2,694	\$1,250	46%	\$282	\$1,036	\$425	41%	\$155	\$913	\$425	47%	\$146
Tamaqua: First	\$5,573	\$3,580	64%	\$179	\$2,144	\$1,286	60%	\$134	\$1,890	\$1,134	60%	(\$76)
Coaldale	\$1,225	\$1,225	100%	\$450	\$471	\$471	100%	\$219	\$415	\$415	100%	\$161
Tamaqua: Salem	\$1,220	\$1,220	100%	\$516	\$469	\$469	100%	\$230	\$414	\$414	100%	\$164
White Haven	\$5,137	\$5,137	100%	(\$37)	\$1,976	\$1,976	100%	\$205	\$1,742	\$1,742	100%	(\$118)
Weatherly: Centenary	\$1,623	\$1,623	100%	\$738	\$624	\$624	100%	\$324	\$550	\$550	100%	\$235
Ackermanville	\$6,962	\$6,962	100%	(\$288)	\$2,678	\$2,678	100%	\$128	\$2,361	\$2,361	100%	\$161
Allentown: Asbury	\$55,407	\$55,407	100%	(\$2,533)	\$21,313	\$21,313	100%	\$1,534	\$18,790	\$18,790	100%	\$10,501
Allentown: Emmanuel	\$4,995	\$50	1%	(\$450)	\$1,921	\$50	3%	\$50	\$1,694	\$50	3%	\$50
Allentown: La Trinidad	\$1,748	\$1,049	60%	\$1,049	\$672	\$403	60%	\$403	\$593	\$356	60%	\$356
Allentown: Salem	\$12,961	\$12,961	100%	\$3,006	\$4,986	\$4,986	100%	\$1,165	\$3,966	\$3,966	100%	(\$1,340)
Anatoniuk	\$2,093	\$2,093	100%	\$439	\$805	\$805	100%	(\$175)	\$710	\$710	100%	(\$264)
Cherry Lane	\$5,585	\$5,585	100%	\$2,744	\$2,148	\$2,148	100%	\$912	\$1,894	\$1,894	100%	(\$3,656)
Bangor: First	\$11,177	\$11,177	100%	\$3,127	\$4,299	\$4,299	100%	\$2,574	\$3,791	\$3,791	100%	\$2,066
East Bangor	\$6,613	\$6,613	100%	\$59	\$2,544	\$2,544	100%	\$239	\$2,243	\$2,243	100%	(\$297)
Belfast: Wesley	\$1,859	\$1,859	100%	\$116	\$715	\$715	100%	\$139	\$630	\$630	100%	\$31
Wind Gap: First	\$1,930	\$1,930	100%	(\$745)	\$1,497	\$1,497	100%	\$452	\$544	\$544	100%	(\$176)
Bethlehem: Epworth	\$7,221	\$7,221	100%	\$221	\$2,778	\$2,778	100%	(\$122)	\$2,449	\$2,449	100%	\$74
Bethlehem: Fritz	\$9,972	\$9,972	100%	\$149	\$3,836	\$3,836	100%	(\$448)	\$3,382	\$3,382	100%	\$299
Bethlehem: Korean	\$6,510	\$6,510	100%	\$4,280	\$2,504	\$2,504	100%	\$1,174	\$2,208	\$2,208	100%	\$968
Bethlehem: Wesley	\$27,185	\$27,185	100%	(\$1,340)	\$10,457	\$10,457	100%	\$1,807	\$9,219	\$9,219	100%	(\$386)
Blakeslee	\$3,438	\$3,438	100%	\$192	\$1,323	\$1,323	100%	(\$278)	\$1,166	\$1,166	100%	(\$33)
Bowmanstown: Faith Alive	\$12,961	\$12,961	100%	\$1,799	\$5,846	\$5,846	100%	\$542	\$5,155	\$5,155	100%	(\$1,345)
Canadensis	\$4,580	\$4,580	100%	\$2,480	\$1,762	\$2,362	134%	\$1,462	\$1,553	\$1,553	139%	\$1,253
Catasauqua: Grace	\$5,712	\$5,712	100%	\$1,980	\$2,197	\$2,197	100%	\$1,299	\$1,937	\$1,937	100%	\$1,117
Chapman Quarries	\$5,475	\$5,475	100%	\$1,168	\$2,106	\$2,106	100%	\$47	\$1,857	\$1,857	100%	(\$214)
Bushkill	\$4,238	\$4,238	100%	(\$509)	\$1,630	\$1,630	100%	\$146	\$1,437	\$1,437	100%	\$62
Cherry Valley	\$4,070	\$4,070	100%	(\$435)	\$1,566	\$1,566	100%	\$161	\$1,380	\$1,380	100%	\$176
East Stroudsburg	\$23,617	\$23,617	100%	\$1,107	\$8,865	\$8,865	100%	\$2,689	\$7,816	\$7,816	100%	\$507
Easton: Calvary	\$7,013	\$7,013	100%	(\$35)	\$2,697	\$2,697	100%	\$762	\$2,378	\$2,378	100%	\$401
Easton: Christ	\$3,690	\$3,690	100%	\$1,690	\$1,420	\$1,420	100%	\$920	\$1,252	\$1,252	100%	\$752
Easton: First	\$11,336	\$11,336	100%	\$1,188	\$6,084	\$4,361	72%	(\$233)	\$3,844	\$3,844	100%	(\$955)
Effort	\$15,817	\$14,409	91%	(\$454)	\$6,084	\$3,242	53%	\$822	\$5,364	\$2,782	52%	\$432
Hellertown: St. Paul	\$15,199	\$15,199	100%	\$1,799	\$1,497	\$1,497	100%	\$1,124	\$1,390	\$1,390	100%	\$947
Springtown: Salem	\$7,637	\$5,346	70%	(\$465)	\$2,937	\$2,056	70%	(\$74)	\$2,590	\$1,813	70%	(\$149)
Woxall: Tabor UMC	\$12,854	\$12,854	100%	(\$1,168)	\$4,945	\$4,945	100%	\$856	\$4,359	\$4,359	100%	\$987
Lehighton: Ebenezer	\$1,568	\$1,568	100%	\$643	\$603	\$603	100%	\$53	\$532	\$532	100%	(\$18)
McMichaels	\$2,927	\$2,927	100%	\$1,256	\$1,126	\$1,126	100%	\$109	\$993	\$993	100%	\$158
Neola	\$3,205	\$3,205	100%	\$255	\$1,233	\$1,233	100%	(\$107)	\$1,087	\$1,087	100%	(\$148)
North Twp.: Covenant	\$15,199	\$15,199	100%	\$1,799	\$5,930	\$5,930	100%	\$1,316	\$5,228	\$5,155	99%	(\$1,149)
Mt. Pocono	\$15,417	\$0	0%	(\$7,487)	\$5,930	\$5,930	100%	\$1,316	\$5,228	\$0	0%	(\$3,149)
Mountainhome	\$9,575	\$9,575	100%	(\$430)	\$3,683	\$3,683	100%	\$433	\$3,247	\$3,247	100%	(\$3)
Palmerton: Salem	\$5,763	\$1,100	19%	(\$91)	\$2,217	\$800	36%	\$600	\$1,955	\$800	41%	\$600
Danielsville: Salem	\$4,287	\$1,715	40%	(\$1,652)	\$1,649	\$495	30%	(\$985)	\$1,454	\$436	30%	(\$988)
Parryville	\$1,809	\$1,356	75%	(\$1,356)	\$696	\$0	0%	\$0	\$613	\$0	0%	\$0
Per Azuis: Grace	\$19,902	\$19,902	100%	\$1,032	\$3,637	\$7,017	193%	\$1,032	\$3,206	\$6,186	193%	\$2,949
Perkasie	\$13,053	\$13,053	100%	(\$1,147)	\$5,021	\$5,021	100%	\$1,221	\$4,427	\$4,427	100%	(\$73)
Pocono Lake	\$8,238	\$8,238	100%	\$288	\$3,169	\$3,169	100%	(\$81)	\$2,794	\$2,794	100%	(\$206)
Poplar Valley: Christ	\$2,364	\$2,364	100%	\$274	\$909	\$909	100%	(\$136)	\$802	\$802	100%	(\$138)
Portland	\$1,639	\$1,639	100%	\$167	\$631	\$631	100%	(\$57)	\$556	\$556	100%	(\$110)
Quakertown	\$18,796	\$18,796	100%	(\$1,104)	\$7,230	\$7,230	100%	\$1,250	\$6,374	\$6,374	100%	(\$26)
Reading	\$7,617	\$7,617	100%	\$490	\$2,930	\$2,930	100%	\$249	\$2,483	\$2,483	100%	\$279
Richmond	\$4,726	\$4,726	100%	\$390	\$1,818	\$1,818	100%	\$524	\$1,603	\$1,603	100%	\$463
Savoyburg: St. Peter's	\$4,413	\$4,413	100%	\$219	\$1,697	\$1,697	100%	\$32	\$1,497	\$1,497	100%	(\$251)
Slatedale: Salem	\$2,288	\$1,144	50%	(\$394)	\$880	\$420	48%	\$0	\$776	\$420	54%	\$0
Emerald: St. Peter's	\$2,995	\$2,995	100%	\$995	\$1,152	\$1,152	100%	\$607	\$1,016	\$1,016	100%	\$471
Stroudsburg	\$19,307	\$19,307	100%	(\$3,096)	\$7,426	\$7,426	100%	\$674	\$6,547	\$6,547	100%	\$1,165
Stroudsburg: Faith	\$7,749	\$7,749	100%	\$745	\$2,211	\$2,211	100%	\$1,026	\$1,950	\$1,950	100%	\$201
Paradise Valley: Keokee Chapel	\$2,413	\$2,413	100%	\$213	\$928	\$928	100%	\$128	\$818	\$818	100%	\$18
Telford: Grace	\$15,222	\$15,222	100%	\$516	\$5,855	\$5,855	100%	(\$670)	\$5,162	\$5,162	100%	(\$1,891)
Tobyhanna	\$4,763	\$4,763	100%	(\$248)	\$1,832	\$1,832	100%	\$232	\$1,615	\$1,615	100%	\$15
Wescosville: Bethany	\$67,426	\$77,426	115%	\$13,061	\$25,936	\$25,936	100%	\$9,966	\$22,866	\$22,866	100%	\$11,026
Woodley	\$1,785	\$1,785	100%	\$137	\$1,297	\$1,297	100%	\$171	\$941	\$941	100%	\$15
Zionsville: Salem	\$3,462	\$3,462	100%	\$458	\$1,332	\$1,332	100%	(\$54)	\$1,174	\$1,174	100%	(\$251)
Audenberg: Jeannetteville	\$819	\$819	100%	\$52	\$315	\$315	100%	\$10	\$278	\$278	100%	(\$61)
Annville	\$14,312	\$14,312	100%	(\$2,610)	\$5,505	\$5,505	100%	\$4,017	\$4,854	\$4,854	100%	(\$1,406)
Annville: Kauffman's	\$2,395	\$2,395	100%	(\$40)	\$5,505	\$5,505	100%	(\$30)	\$5,475	\$5,475	100%	(\$82)
Avon: Zion	\$6,645	\$6,645	100%	\$121	\$2,556	\$2,556	100%	\$381	\$2,254	\$2,254	100%	\$79
Belle Grove	\$4,385	\$4,385	100%	(\$75)	\$1,687	\$1,687	100%	\$99	\$1,487	\$1,487	100%	(\$25)
Water Works	\$928	\$928	100%	(\$16)	\$357	\$357	100%	\$99	\$315	\$315	100%	(\$21)
Bethlehem: Berne	\$4,038	\$4,038	100%	\$1,455	\$1,533	\$1,533	100%	\$25	\$1,369	\$1,369	100%	(\$36)
Campbelltown	\$12,415	\$12,415	100%	(\$210)	\$4,775	\$4,775	100%	\$280	\$4,210	\$4,210	100%	(\$70)
Cleona: Immanuel	\$8,673	\$8,673	100%	\$2,773	\$3,336	\$3,336	100%	\$1,236	\$2,941	\$2,941	100%	\$941
Cornwall	\$20,006	\$20,006	100%	(\$341)	\$7,695	\$7,695	100%	\$798	\$6,785	\$6,785	100%	(\$457)
Fleetwood: Emmanuel	\$3,244	\$3,244	100%	\$1,534	\$1,248	\$1,248	100%	\$180	\$1,068	\$1,068	100%	(\$103)
Fredericksburg	\$5,728	\$2,912	51%	\$147	\$2,203	\$1,102	50%	\$367	\$1,943	\$360	70%	\$1,360
Hamburg: Bethany	\$9,108	\$6,200	68%	\$2,129	\$3,503	\$1,000	29%	(\$380)	\$3,089	\$1,000	32%	(\$449)
Indiantown Gap: Emmanuel	\$5,186	\$5,186	100%	\$482	\$1,995	\$1,995	100%	\$321	\$1,759	\$1,759	100%	\$165
Joachim: Trinity	\$3,656	\$3,656	100%	(\$306)	\$543	\$543	100%	\$57	\$479	\$479	100%	(\$23)
Lebanon: Bethany	\$6,652	\$6,652	100%	(\$1,688)	\$2,559	\$2,559	100%	(\$268)	\$2,256	\$2,256	100%	(\$713)
Lebanon: Church Good Shepherd	\$23,526	\$23,526	100%	(\$401)	\$9,050	\$9,050	100%	\$534	\$7,979	\$7,979	100%	(\$132)
Lebanon: Covenant	\$12,281	\$12,281	100%	(\$2,219)	\$4,724	\$4,724	100%	\$724	\$4,165	\$4,165	100%	\$995
Lebanon: Ebenezer	\$4,067	\$4,067	100%	\$1,296	\$1,296	\$1,296	100%	\$165	\$1,133	\$1,133	100%	\$66
Lebanon: Hebron	\$7,727	\$7,727	100%	\$1,077	\$2,953	\$2,953	100%	\$2,128	\$2,603	\$2,603	100%	\$1,778
Lebanon: Koehender's	\$13,451	\$8,176	61%	(\$2,725)	\$5,174	\$3,137	61%	(\$608)	\$4,562	\$2,781	61%	(\$1,511)
Lebanon: Iglesia Metodista Unida Nuevo Nacim	\$1,631	\$1,631	100%	\$988	\$627	\$627	100%	\$398	\$553	\$553	100%	\$335
Lebanon: Mountville	\$1,412	\$1,412	100%	\$137	\$543	\$543	100%	\$57	\$479	\$479	100%	(\$23)
Lebanon: St. John's	\$4,531	\$4,531	100%	\$384	\$1,743	\$523	30%	(\$883)	\$1,537	\$1,537	100%	\$61
Lebanon: St. Luke's	\$4,856	\$4,856	100%	(\$82)	\$1,868	\$1,868	100%	\$194	\$1,647	\$1,647	100%	(\$111)
Lebanon: Trinity	\$12,212	\$12,212	100%	(\$208)	\$4,697	\$4,697	100%	\$487	\$4,141	\$4,141	100%	(\$279)
Clark's Grove	\$1,906	\$1,906	100%	(\$193)	\$1,193	\$1,193	100%	\$165	\$3,095	\$3,095		



**Southeast District
The Rev. Susan May, Superintendent**

	Connection Ministry Fund				World Service Fund				General Church Other Funds			
	AA	2007	% Paid	07 & 06	AA	2007	% Paid	07 & 06	AA	2007	% Paid	07 & 06
Avondale	\$2,935	\$2,935	100%	(\$76)	\$1,129	\$1,129	100%	\$68	\$995	\$995	100%	(\$13)
Booth's Corner: Siloam	\$4,288	\$4,288	100%	\$3,518	\$1,649	\$1,649	100%	\$1,374	\$1,454	\$1,454	100%	\$1,179
Broomall: Christ	\$5,950	\$5,950	100%	\$930	\$2,289	\$2,289	100%	\$289	\$2,018	\$2,018	100%	\$18
Broomall: St. Mark's	\$15,715	\$14,252	91%	\$1,425	\$6,045	\$4,500	74%	\$524	\$5,329	\$4,500	84%	\$524
Chatham	\$2,985	\$2,985	100%	(\$102)	\$1,148	\$1,148	100%	\$119	\$1,012	\$1,012	100%	(\$17)
Chester: Grace Community	\$2,611	\$2,611	100%	(\$389)	\$1,004	\$1,004	100%	\$254	\$885	\$885	100%	\$135
Chester: Siloam	\$3,631	\$3,147	87%	\$221	\$1,397	\$1,214	87%	\$140	\$1,231	\$1,067	87%	\$67
Chester: St. Daniel's	\$13,383	\$13,383	100%	\$4,014	\$5,148	\$5,148	100%	\$848	\$4,539	\$4,539	100%	\$239
Chester: Trinity	\$3,713	\$2,554	69%	\$1,354	\$1,428	\$1,400	98%	\$78	\$1,259	\$1,400	100%	\$400
Pomeroy	\$3,373	\$2,840	84%	(\$630)	\$1,297	\$1,392	107%	\$250	\$1,144	\$1,244	109%	\$82
Coatesville: Olivet	\$17,022	\$17,022	100%	(\$2,978)	\$6,548	\$6,548	100%	\$6,021	\$5,773	\$5,773	100%	\$5,140
Cochranville	\$6,567	\$6,567	100%	(\$57)	\$2,526	\$2,526	100%	\$237	\$2,227	\$2,227	100%	\$9
Crossroads, A UMC Congregation	\$2,369	\$2,369	100%	\$2,369	\$911	\$911	100%	\$911	\$803	\$803	100%	\$803
Crozerville	\$1,740	\$1,740	100%	(\$60)	\$669	\$669	100%	\$69	\$590	\$590	100%	(\$10)
Downingtown	\$14,152	\$14,152	100%	\$7,202	\$5,442	\$5,442	100%	\$2,922	\$4,800	\$4,800	100%	\$2,360
Eddystone	\$2,127	\$2,127	100%	(\$300)	\$818	\$1,150	140%	\$150	\$721	\$1,150	158%	\$100
Elam	\$20,348	\$20,348	100%	\$348	\$7,827	\$7,827	100%	\$287	\$6,900	\$6,900	100%	\$900
Faith Community	\$3,166	\$3,166	100%	\$622	\$1,218	\$1,218	100%	\$342	\$1,074	\$1,074	100%	\$176
Fremont: Union	\$2,342	\$2,342	100%	\$901	\$901	\$901	100%	\$375	\$794	\$794	100%	\$304
Friendship	\$4,434	\$4,434	100%	\$923	\$1,706	\$1,706	100%	\$417	\$1,504	\$1,504	100%	\$304
Glen Moore	\$5,221	\$5,221	100%	(\$179)	\$2,008	\$2,008	100%	\$208	\$1,771	\$1,771	100%	(\$29)
Gradyville	\$1,940	\$600	31%	\$68	\$746	\$300	40%	\$76	\$658	\$300	46%	\$76
Grove	\$31,994	\$31,994	100%	\$394	\$12,272	\$12,272	100%	\$1,752	\$10,820	\$10,820	100%	\$280
Hamorton	\$2,901	\$2,901	100%	(\$99)	\$1,116	\$1,116	100%	\$116	\$984	\$984	100%	(\$16)
Hibernia	\$6,513	\$6,270	96%	\$1,426	\$2,505	\$2,505	100%	\$727	\$2,209	\$2,209	100%	\$385
Hopewell	\$51,921	\$56,000	108%	\$0	\$19,972	\$20,000	100%	\$3,250	\$17,608	\$18,000	102%	\$1,250
Kennett: Church of the Open Door	\$5,311	\$5,311	100%	(\$182)	\$2,043	\$2,043	100%	\$212	\$1,801	\$1,801	100%	(\$30)
Kemblesville	\$14,075	\$10,000	71%	\$0	\$5,414	\$4,000	74%	\$0	\$4,773	\$3,500	73%	\$0
West Grove: Cristo Rey	\$3,226	\$3,226	100%	\$3,051	\$1,241	\$641	52%	\$641	\$1,094	\$594	54%	\$594
Landenberg	\$5,116	\$5,116	100%	\$324	\$1,968	\$1,968	100%	\$1,205	\$1,735	\$1,735	100%	\$972
Linwood Heights	\$6,830	\$6,830	100%	\$1,932	\$2,627	\$2,627	100%	\$1,127	\$2,316	\$2,316	100%	\$1,229
Lionville: Church Resurrection	\$9,830	\$9,830	92%	\$0	\$3,781	\$2,000	53%	\$0	\$3,334	\$947	28%	\$247
Nantmeal	\$1,753	\$2,014	115%	\$675	\$674	\$745	111%	\$366	\$594	\$665	112%	\$286
Marcus Hook: Cokesbury	\$1,762	\$1,762	100%	(\$76)	\$678	\$678	100%	\$78	\$598	\$598	100%	(\$82)
Marshallton	\$7,652	\$6,463	84%	\$463	\$2,943	\$2,554	87%	\$554	\$2,995	\$2,176	84%	\$176
Romansville	\$4,569	\$5,392	118%	(\$206)	\$1,757	\$1,305	74%	(\$57)	\$1,549	\$1,549	100%	\$58
Media: First	\$12,364	\$12,364	100%	(\$877)	\$4,756	\$4,756	100%	\$856	\$4,193	\$4,193	100%	\$493
Middletown: Christ	\$4,715	\$4,715	100%	\$640	\$1,814	\$1,814	100%	\$814	\$1,599	\$1,599	100%	\$674
Mount Hope	\$24,011	\$24,011	100%	(\$822)	\$9,236	\$9,236	100%	\$958	\$8,143	\$8,143	100%	(\$135)
New London	\$4,324	\$4,324	100%	\$359	\$1,663	\$1,663	100%	\$78	\$1,467	\$1,467	100%	(\$118)
Oxford	\$9,522	\$9,522	100%	(\$75)	\$3,663	\$3,663	100%	\$345	\$3,229	\$3,229	100%	\$17
Parkeburg	\$4,682	\$4,682	100%	(\$160)	\$1,801	\$1,801	100%	\$187	\$1,588	\$1,588	100%	(\$26)
Parkside	\$39,160	\$39,523	101%	\$363	\$15,063	\$15,063	100%	\$1,050	\$13,280	\$13,280	100%	(\$800)
South Media: Packard Memorial	\$1,274	\$1,669	131%	\$747	\$490	\$622	127%	\$314	\$432	\$564	130%	\$56
Swarthmore	\$10,860	\$10,860	100%	\$1,288	\$4,177	\$4,177	100%	\$1,783	\$3,683	\$3,683	100%	\$1,289
Thorndale	\$9,378	\$9,378	100%	(\$321)	\$3,607	\$3,607	100%	\$374	\$3,180	\$3,180	100%	(\$53)
Thornton: Bethlehem	\$33,538	\$33,538	100%	\$10,410	\$12,900	\$12,900	100%	\$5,192	\$11,374	\$11,374	100%	\$3,666
Trainer	\$4,593	\$4,593	100%	\$3,203	\$1,767	\$1,767	100%	\$1,257	\$1,558	\$1,558	100%	\$1,083
Wallingford: Old Union	\$2,597	\$2,597	100%	\$1,510	\$999	\$999	100%	\$106	\$881	\$881	100%	\$435
West Chester	\$3,492	\$3,492	100%	(\$75)	\$1,923	\$1,923	100%	\$121	\$1,695	\$1,695	100%	(\$38)
West Chester: El Buen Samaritano	\$1,295	\$1,295	100%	\$295	\$498	\$498	100%	\$100	\$439	\$439	100%	\$41
West Grove	\$11,542	\$11,542	100%	(\$396)	\$4,440	\$4,440	100%	\$461	\$3,914	\$3,914	100%	(\$65)
Willistown	\$7,067	\$7,067	100%	\$1,090	\$2,718	\$2,718	100%	\$674	\$2,397	\$2,397	100%	\$418
Clifton Heights UMC	\$4,179	\$600	14%	\$100	\$1,607	\$300	19%	\$50	\$1,417	\$300	21%	\$50
Darby: Mt. Zion	\$2,537	\$953	38%	\$3	\$976	\$312	32%	(\$3)	\$860	\$300	35%	\$0
Phila.: Clearview	\$2,261	\$2,261	100%	\$1,111	\$870	\$870	100%	\$710	\$767	\$767	100%	\$607
Darby: Union Memorial	\$1,649	\$1,649	100%	\$1,404	\$1,404	\$1,404	100%	\$194	\$1,237	\$1,237	100%	(\$37)
Drexel Hill	\$10,188	\$9,150	90%	\$2,900	\$3,919	\$3,025	77%	\$1,675	\$3,455	\$1,425	41%	\$475
Drexel Hill: New Covenant	\$3,481	\$0	0%	\$0	\$1,339	\$0	0%	\$0	\$1,180	\$0	0%	\$0
Lansdowne: Trinity Lansdowne	\$6,466	\$6,466	100%	\$3,775	\$2,487	\$2,487	100%	\$1,569	\$2,193	\$2,193	100%	\$1,302
Norwood	\$7,177	\$7,177	100%	\$4,277	\$2,761	\$1,000	36%	\$200	\$2,434	\$400	16%	(\$400)
Phila.: Berry-Long Memorial	\$5,727	\$5,727	100%	\$1,827	\$2,203	\$2,203	100%	\$2,003	\$1,942	\$1,942	100%	\$1,445
Phila.: Eastwick	\$8,985	\$4,032	45%	(\$2,568)	\$3,456	\$346	10%	(\$1,854)	\$3,047	\$305	10%	(\$1,895)
Phila.: Sayers Memorial	\$3,452	\$2,732	79%	(\$720)	\$3,243	\$3,243	100%	\$121	\$2,860	\$2,860	100%	(\$34)
Phila.: Univer. City, Calvary	\$5,213	\$5,213	100%	\$3,370	\$2,005	\$2,005	100%	\$1,328	\$1,768	\$1,768	100%	\$1,385
Phila.: Wharton-Wesley	\$8,331	\$3,933	47%	\$3,442	\$3,205	\$321	10%	\$321	\$2,825	\$283	10%	\$283
Prospect Park: Prospect	\$6,176	\$1,703	28%	(\$1,249)	\$2,375	\$82	3%	(\$902)	\$2,094	\$82	4%	(\$902)
Ridley Park	\$7,040	\$3,046	43%	\$4	\$2,708	\$1,145	42%	\$30	\$2,388	\$1,038	43%	(\$3)
Springfield: C. C. Hancock	\$5,136	\$5,136	100%	\$2,503	\$1,976	\$1,976	100%	\$1,009	\$1,742	\$1,742	100%	\$842
Springfield: Covenant	\$31,548	\$31,548	100%	(\$1,082)	\$12,135	\$12,135	100%	\$1,259	\$10,699	\$10,699	100%	(\$177)
Upper Darby: New Life	\$771	\$771	100%	(\$89)	\$391	\$391	100%	\$123	\$1,180	\$1,180	100%	(\$130)
Sharon Hill Christian Center	\$117	\$0	0%	\$0	\$45	\$0	0%	\$40	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0

**Southwest District
The Rev. James Todd, Superintendent**

Churchtown	\$4,061	\$4,061	100%	(\$139)	\$1,562	\$1,562	100%	(\$398)	\$1,377	\$1,377	100%	\$537
Iona	\$7,697	\$7,697	100%	\$447	\$2,961	\$0	0%	\$0	\$2,610	\$0	0%	\$0
Kleineltersville: Trinity	\$2,662	\$2,662	100%	(\$1,638)	\$870	\$870	100%	\$767	\$767	\$767	100%	\$67
Schaefferstown: Zion	\$3,481	\$3,481	100%	(\$259)	\$1,339	\$1,339	100%	(\$319)	\$1,180	\$1,180	100%	\$578
Schoeneck: Wiest Memorial	\$4,112	\$4,112	100%	\$673	\$1,582	\$1,582	100%	\$58	\$1,394	\$1,394	100%	\$841
Akron: Mt. Zion	\$2,094	\$2,094	100%	\$497	\$805	\$805	100%	\$77	\$710	\$710	100%	\$335
Bainbridge: Ludwig	\$4,511	\$4,511	100%	\$966	\$1,878	\$1,878	100%	\$479	\$1,656	\$1,656	100%	\$646
Bethesda	\$4,883	\$4,883	100%	(\$168)	\$1,878	\$1,878	100%	(\$77)	\$1,656	\$1,656	100%	\$646
Bird-in-Hand	\$4,418	\$1,325	30%	\$925	\$1,699	\$510	30%	\$110	\$1,498	\$449	30%	\$49
Brownstown: Emmanuel	\$6,811	\$6,811	100%	\$211	\$2,620	\$2,620	100%	(\$460)	\$2,310	\$2,310	100%	\$990
Brunnerville	\$4,362	\$4,362	100%	\$1,262	\$1,678	\$1,678	100%	(\$122)	\$1,479	\$1,479	100%	\$379
Christiana	\$4,999	\$4,999	100%	\$1,923	\$1,923	\$1,923	100%	\$248	\$1,695	\$1,695	100%	\$720
Clearfield	\$2,531	\$2,531	100%	(\$87)	\$974	\$974	100%	(\$248)	\$858	\$858	100%	\$334
Colemanville	\$9,409	\$9,409	100%	(\$322)	\$3,619	\$3,619	100%	\$375	\$3,191	\$3,191	100%	(\$53)
Columbia	\$14,099	\$14,099	100%	\$1,739	\$5,423	\$5,423	100%	(\$345)	\$4,781	\$4,781	100%	\$2,309
Conestoga	\$5,289	\$5,289	100%	\$1,652	\$2,034	\$2,034	100%	\$159	\$1,794	\$		

The 2008 Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference

Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel



2008 Annual Conference Highlights

Clergy Session

When: Tuesday, May 27 - 9:30 am
Where: Hempfield UMC, 3050 Marietta Ave., Lancaster, PA. Extension Ministry luncheon will follow Clergy Session

222nd Session of Annual Conference

When: May 29-30, 2008
Where: Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel
 17th and Race Streets, Philadelphia

Bus transportation will be available.

Thursday, May 29

- 1:45 pm Building the Connection: God's Reign – Devotions followed by Holy Conferencing
- 7:00 pm Building the Connection: God's House – Opening Worship with Bishop McCleskey preaching

Friday, May 30

- 8:30 am Bible Study led by the Rev. Kelvin Sauls
- 10:45 am Building the Connection: Generation by Generation – Retiree Recognition Service
- 12:00 NOON – 2:00 pm Laity Session – Round Table Discussion
- 6:30 pm Building the Connection: God's Beloved – Memorial Service with Bishop McCleskey preaching

Service of Ordination

When: Sunday, June 1, 2008 - 4:00 pm
 Building the Connection: God's Call – Ordination and Commissioning with Rev. Kelvin Sauls preaching

Where: First United Methodist Church, 29 E. Walnut Street, Lancaster, PA

Living Connected as God's People:
"Building the Connection"

DEADLINES:

IF YOU ARE REQUESTING CONSIDERATION FOR MEDIA PRESENTATION, THE DEADLINE IS March 22, 2008.

- All requests for consideration **MUST** be submitted in writing to Mrs. Amy Botti, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 or by email: amy.botti@epaumc.org.
- Presenters will be asked to submit detailed scripts accompanied by the name(s) of the actual presenter(s) and the estimated presentation time by March 22, 2008. If a script is not received by the deadline, the presenter **WILL** lose privileges.

IF YOU HAVE A REPORT FROM YOUR COMMITTEE, AGENCY OR WORK TEAM TO SUBMIT FOR PRINTING IN OUR CONFERENCE JOURNAL, THE DEADLINE IS March 22, 2008.

- Please submit reports to the Conference Secretary, The Rev. Charles E. Weigel, Jr., 751 E. Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335.
- Reports, in portrait format, must be sent on a disk or CD in Microsoft Word, along with a hard copy.

REGISTRATION MATERIALS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE CLERGY, LAY AND EQUALIZING DELEGATES WILL BE MAILED OUT IN MARCH.

- The deadline for returning the completed registration materials is April 22, 2008.
- For those registering via the website, the deadline is also April 22, 2008.

IF YOU HAVE MATERIALS TO SUBMIT FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK, THE DEADLINE IS March 22, 2008:

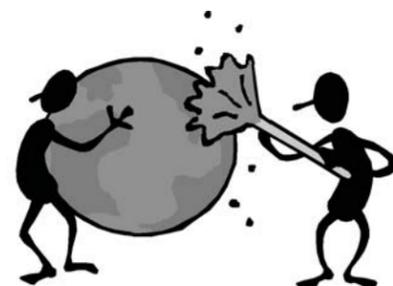
- Copy-ready originals must be sent.
- For more information, please contact Ms. Gloria Knoeller at 610-666-9090, ext. 222 or 800-828-9093, or by e-mail: gloria.knoeller@epaumc.org.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DISPLAY TABLE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2008.

- Please contact Mrs. Karen Todd, 362 Rumford Road, Lititz, PA 17543, 1-888-569-1250 or by e-mail at karenftodd@comcast.net.
- Vendor reservations for display tables must be submitted and payment received at the time of submission.
- Space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

THE MEDIA AND/OR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS DEADLINE IS April 22, 2008.

- Please complete the enclosed Media Specifications Submittal Form and return it to the Conference Office by April 22, 2008.
- Please complete the enclosed Technical Specifications Submittal Form and return it to the Conference Office by April 22, 2008.
- Any presenters planning to have a media and/or technical presentation must submit **ALL** materials by this deadline to retain presentation privileges. Late entries will not be accommodated due to the amount of time needed to process all the submissions.



Replanting the Seed

The Licorish-Nichols Scholarship Fund, a resource for African-American theology students, invites you to attend an invitational worship service entitled "REPLANTING THE SEED" to encourage young people to consider the call to United Methodist ministry. On Sunday, April 13, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., this exciting opportunity will be held at Mother African Zoar United Methodist Church, 1204 Melon Street, in Philadelphia, where our special guest preacher will be the Rev. Lillian Smith, Executive Director of Congregational Transformation and Director of Connectional Ministries. Special music for the day will be provided by "Treasures of the Heart," a choir led by Tom Sligh, Jr.

The Licorish-Nichols Scholarship Fund was founded in honor of two of the outstanding African American preachers in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Nichols and the Rev. Joshua E. Licorish. These two devoted servants of Christ led congregations in Philadelphia for many years. They were also active in the community. Dr. Nichols served as

Vice President of the School Board of Philadelphia and Rev. Licorish was a Founding Member and Board Member of the Opportunities Industrialization Center in Philadelphia.

Each year the Licorish-Nichols Scholarship Fund receives applications for scholarships from African American students who are planning to be elders in our Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. A majority of our African American clergy are over 50 years of age. We



need to encourage young African American people to consider becoming pastors in The United Methodist Church. It is our hope that with encouragement and financial support we will recruit a new generation of pastors to lead our churches in the twenty-first century.

We encourage every church to bring their young people to this special celebration. We hope

that each church will also bring a special donation to under gird the work of the Licorish-Nichols Scholarship Fund. For more information, please contact Kathy Sligh, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Licorish-Nichols Scholarship Fund at 215-228-1038.

Donate items for Methodist Services for Children and Families (Methodist Home for Children)

This year, congregations are again asked to support ministry with needy children and families by donating these items:

- Gift cards, to be used to purchase clothing or personal items for children (Walmart, JC Penney, Sears, Target, etc.)
- Hygiene kits, packed in baggies, which should include a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, shampoo and conditioner.

These items will be used as part of the school based programs in 8 schools on the Methodist Home for Children campus, as well as the foster care and residential living program, which serves 600-800 children daily during the school year.

Please ask your congregation, youth groups, and Sunday Schools to support this mission project. Then, please bring the donated items to Annual Conference and deposit at specified locations at the hotel. Receptacles designated will be located on the Mezzanine level of the Sheraton Hotel.

For more information on how you can support the ministry of Methodist Services for Children and Families, go to www.methodistservices.org.



Methodist Home
for Children

United Methodist Night at the 76ers

Lower Level Ends
(Sections 106-108 and 118-120)
UM Cost - \$31.00
Box Office - \$52.00

To download a ticket order form, go to:
www.epaumc.org

Mezzanine Corners
(Sections 204-205 and 209-210a)
UM Cost - \$20.00
Box Office - \$30.00

or contact Jim Wilkin at
1-800-828-9093 or
jim.wilkin@epaumc.org

A donation will be made to the conference for each ticket sold.

Friday, April 11, 2008



7:00 p.m.

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United Methodist Night at the Phillies



3:55 p.m.

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For more information contact
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JULY 26, 2008