

# **EAST DISTRICT E-ALERT FOR November 11, 2016**

## **Editorial Policy of the East District E-Alert:**

**Check this out – have you really read this paragraph lately? Do you realize that the East District now has a website?** Because of the recent launch of a redesigned Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Website (<http://www.epaumc.org/>) which has a link, at the bottom of the Home Page, to a new East District website (<http://www.epaumc.org/districts/east/>), articles will appear for only one week, and, if pertinent, will be posted on the District web site. Previously published E-Alerts will be posted to the East District website.

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## **FROM THE DESK OF SUSAN HENRY-CROWE, CHURCH & SOCIETY**

November 9th, 2016

Yesterday, across the United States, citizens exercised their right to vote for the leadership of their country. Today, may we stand united in prayer for all those who have accepted the mantle of leadership: that they might find strength and wisdom to lead our communities and country in the days ahead. We pray that they remain always focused on the common good, continually shaping through their words and actions a more just and peaceful world.

We are grateful for the dedication of public servants who devote their lives to serving all peoples of the United States. We are especially grateful and pray for the countless United Methodists who live out their faith as county commissioners, sheriffs, judges, state legislators, and members of the U.S. Congress.

Despite the long and rancorous road to this election, let us pray that we, as faithful witnesses, find renewed strength for the journey ahead as we hold leaders accountable to supporting policies that transform our world into a more just and peaceful home. May we all renew our promises to be faithful to the ways that lead to peace and abundant life. Let us hold onto the promise that peace will come in our day.

Peace,



Susan Henry-Crowe

**A word, a prayer, and a song for the world after the 2016 election**

Remembering the **words** of Abraham Lincoln

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

May we **pray** with the great Methodist theologian, Georgia Harkness,

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms;  
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Let us **sing** together, For the Healing of the Nations

Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase. (Fred Kaan 1965)

*The prayer and song can be found in the United Methodist Hymnal*

## **DATES**

### **S/PPRC WORKSHOP CANCELLED!!**

**"Behind Closed Doors,"** the S/PPRC workshop scheduled for tomorrow, November 12, is **CANCELLED**.

### **ORDER OF ELDERS RETREATS FOR ELDERS, DEACONS, AND LOCAL PASTORS**

This coming **Wednesday, November 16** is the day set aside for the retreat of Elders, Deacons, and Local Pastors at **Innabah Camp and Retreat Center**. All clergy and ministry candidates are encouraged to attend a [Social Entrepreneurship & Economic Development half-day seminar](#), and to stay for hour-long retreat meetings of the Order of Elders, Order of Deacons, and Local Pastors Fellowship. The **Social Entrepreneurship** seminar is from **8:30 am to 1 pm**. **Cost is \$25**. The **Retreat meetings** are **1 pm to 2 pm**. For more information about the morning presentation and to register on-line, click [here](#).

### **REGULATORY INFORMATION FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES**

Marion A. Brown, Child Care Licensing Consultant and PQASed (Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System) Professional Development Trainer, invites interested persons to be in touch ([maboss12@gmail.com](mailto:maboss12@gmail.com) or 215-840-0927) for information about upcoming dates of regulatory information sessions regarding setting up professional child care facilities in the Philadelphia area.

### **BECAUSE WE HAVE RECEIVED...UMC #GIVING TUESDAY IS NOVEMBER 29**

**UMC #GivingTuesday** is a celebration of generosity and all the amazing things that THE ADVANCE is doing to support mission and ministry throughout the world. We give because we have received so richly. And when one gives through THE ADVANCE, 100% of the gift goes to the missionary or project the donor selects – not to overhead, not to staff costs, not to marketing, but directly to the ministry chosen for the gift.

It's not too soon to start thinking about where to send your UMC #GivingTuesday gift. East District's own **Rev. Lilian (Luky) Cotto, pastor of Casa del Pueblo** at Hatboro: Lehman Memorial UMC, is one of the missionary recipients of #GivingTuesday gifts. **The Advance number for Rev. Cotto is 3021466.** Click [here](#) to view her profile.

**Advance number 3021031** is a project providing refuge, counseling, and skills training to victims of sex trafficking and prostitution. See more about the assistance this project offers [here](#). These are only two of over 800 United Methodist-related projects that are giving light, giving love, and giving life to people across the globe. Visit [www.umcmision.org/give](http://www.umcmision.org/give) to explore other projects.

### **HEEDING GOD'S CALL TO END GUN VIOLENCE VIGIL ON NOVEMBER 30**

The next monthly vigil of **Heeding God's Call** is scheduled at **Mike & Kate's Sports Shoppe** (7492 Oxford Ave. – corner of Oxford & Rockwell – Philadelphia 19111) for **Wednesday, November 30** from **4 pm to 5 pm**. The October vigil ended in a very interesting and hopeful way. Kate (Mike's sister, not the Kate the store is named after) came out to talk with those holding vigil in a very engaging way that seemed to open the door to further discussions about what Mike & Kate's does to prevent selling to straw buyers.

### **WALK WITH: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE**

**What:** East District Conversation on Race Relations

**When:** Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in 2017

**Time:** 6 pm (Friday evening with dinner; recess at 9 pm)  
8 am (Saturday morning; adjourn at 3 pm)

**Where:** Washington Crossing United Methodist Church  
1895 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing PA 18977

**Who:** East District clergy and laity

**Theme:** **WALK WITH: The African American Experience**

**Cost:** \$35 per person (includes supper, breakfast, and lunch)

**Registration deadline: December 21, 2016**

District Superintendent Bass considers this to be one of three REQUIRED District events that appointed clergy are required to attend. The conversation will begin at. **The cost to register is \$35 per person and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch.** To register, send your name, mailing address, email address, and the name of your church, with a check payable to "**East District Superintendency Clergy Fund**" and mail to East District Office, c/o Clarita Krall, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, The United Methodist Church, 3470 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley PA 19006. The memo line should read "**Conversations on Race Relations.**" **Registration deadline is December 15, 2016.**

## **NEWS**

**ONLINE JOURNAL ACCESS: SAVE YOURSELF A PHONE CALL TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR CONTACT INFO!!!**

The 2016 Journal is now available online using one of two ways to obtain information:

- 1) Access the entire Journal
- 2) Access sections for a more targeted search (i.e. Clergy Directory)

Both options have been created as PDFs, which are password-protected with the same password:

**2016JournalAccess** (case sensitive) and can be found at <https://www.epaumc.org/resources/conference-journal/>. Also, a limited number of hardcopy Journals will be available soon and can be ordered at the same webpage.

### **GOOD NEWS FROM HARRISBURG**

Mr. Bryan Miller, Executive Director, *Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence*, reports that "special standing" legislation sought by the gun lobby has failed to date to gain passage during the current session of the PA House of Representatives in Harrisburg, which adjourned on October 31 without taking action.

Mr. Miller notes that this legislation, which was enacted at the very end of the 2012-14 legislative session, was overturned on a technical issue and reintroduce in the current session, would provide "special standing" to unrelated individuals and organizations to sue counties or municipalities that enact new local gun violence prevention legislation stronger than existing state law and recover costs for doing so if successful.

He notes that this is unlikely to be the end of the road on this legislation and *Heeding God's Call* will continue to watch it closely.

### **PRAYERS**

Keep the Rev. Mary Beth Davis (Booth's Corner: Siloam UMC, Southeast District) and her family in your prayers on the death of her father-in-law, **Wilfred "Utt" Davis**. Condolences can be sent to Rev. Davis and her family at 3176 Foulk Rd., Garnet Valley PA 19060.

Pray for **Mr. Bill Babcock**, father of the Rev. Kevin Babcock (Clifton Heights UMC, Southeast District), who is recovering from emergency by-pass surgery.

We received word of the death of **Mrs. Lucille Hultsch**, surviving spouse of the Rev. David Smith Hultsch. She passed away on Sept. 21. She is survived by their two children: Sarah Hultsch-Smith and David F. Hultsch. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: Mrs. Sarah Hultsch-Smith, 22851 Oregon City Loop, West Linn, Oregon 97068. The Rev. David Smith Hultsch served the following Eastern PA Conference churches: Raubsville, Richmond, Pequea: Mt. Zion, Pequea: Pleasant Grove, Brodheads ville: St. Luke's, Cherry Valley, Kellersville, Neola, Poplar Valley, Chaplain US Navy, Reading: Covenant, Lucknow: St. Mark's, Norwood, Phila.: Oak Lane, Oxford, Phila.: Roxborough, First, Phila.: Cooper Memorial, Upper Darby: Stonehurst, and Quakertown First.

### **CLASSIFIED**

**Position available: Hatboro: Lehman Memorial** has a part-time opening for a gifted and creative administrative assistant in communication. The ideal applicant will have 3 or more years in communication and marketing experience. Heavy emphasis on print and social networking media is a must. Familiarity with publishing, graphic art, ConstantContact, or other e-mail support, and document software is a must. Congenial attitude and a desire for teamwork in a caring environment is a must. Please submit an electronic letter of interest and resume to [office@lehmanumc.org](mailto:office@lehmanumc.org).

**One-man show "A Christmas Carol" by Gerald Charles Dickens on December 3:** Langhorne UMC (301 E. Maple Ave., Langhorne PA 19047), presents two shows – the matinee begins as **4:30 pm** and the evening show begins at **7:30 pm**, followed by a book-signing session. Christmas dinners will also be served, the first serving being from **3 pm to 4:15 pm** and the second, from **6 pm to 7:15 pm**. **Admission to the show is \$15** (Adults), **\$13** (Seniors and Students), and **\$8** (Children 8 and under). **Books are \$20** while supplies last, and **Dinner is \$10 or \$6** (8 and under). See the flyer attached to this email E-Alert for ordering show tickets, dinners, and/or books.

***You are invited to The Center for Grieving Children's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fest:*** Join in this fun and engaging event as The Center for Grieving Children celebrates "Hope for the Holidays," honoring Brian Lobley, President, Commercial & Consumer Markets, Independence Blue Cross, on **November 17 at 6 pm** at **Vie**, 600 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 19130. Individual tickets start at **\$150** and include butlered and stationed hors d'oeuvres, open bar, dinner and dessert, as well as silent and live auctions! Purchase tickets at [\*\*RSVP\*\*](#).

November 17<sup>th</sup> is also National Children's Grief Awareness Day (#CGAD). A couple of ways to participate in #CGAD and raise awareness of childhood grief includes the following:

- 1) Wear blue to show your support.
- 2) Share The Center's grief resources and tip sheets at its website (<http://grievingchildren.org/grief-resources/>).
- 3) Write a message of hope for grieving youth, take a picture with it, and share it on social media. Don't forget to tag The Center @CGCPhiladelphia and use the hashtag #CGAD!

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