



Central E-Link

*News, Resources & Opportunities to Energize & Equip
Church Leaders of the Central Texas Conference*

April 21, 2010

Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles/requests should be submitted to Carolyn@ctcumc.org by **12 noon Tuesday** in order to be e-mailed on Wednesday. Articles should be brief and include active links to websites or contact persons for details. To add a colleague or church member to *E-Link's* weekly distribution, send their addresses to susan@ctcumc.org.

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News Briefs — The Conference

Annual Conference Agenda - Preliminary Report - Live Streamed Worship

The 2010 Annual Conference agenda was posted yesterday and the Preliminary Report today on the conference website (www.ctcumc.org) under the "2010 Annual Conference" banner picture in the lower right quadrant. Please note that the 5:30 p.m. Monday adjournment for the day is true! The evening is open for whatever you choose to do — dining and fellowship with friends, seeing some of the area attractions or enjoying an evening of rest. Check the "Fort Worth Visitors Guide ..." or click <http://www.fortworth.com/listings/index.cfm?action=display&listingID=3638> for restaurants, things to do, wonderful area maps and much more.

Also note that if you can't be in the sanctuary of First UMC Fort Worth for worship, worship will be brought to you via live online streaming. Follow the agenda for Sunday evening, Monday morning and Tuesday evening worship times and access the live streaming at www.ctcumc.org.

Youth Mission Celebration & Commissioning Service – June 6

Join youth groups from around the conference for an afternoon picnic celebrating Youth in Mission and a Commissioning Service during the opening worship of the 2010 Annual Conference. For more details and to register your group, check the flyer at http://centraltexas.s3.amazonaws.com/03EF5AA8DB8846208DF80C2EE73FBA73_Commissioning%20Flyer.pdf.

Kick Off Annual Conference with a Friendship Dinner — June 6

The annual Hispanic Ministries *Cena de Amistad* (Friendship Dinner) will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 6, in the Justin Youth Building at First UMC Fort Worth. Come have a wonderful catered meal, live entertainment, and celebrate. Then walk across the parking lot to the opening worship. The flyer and registration is at http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/cena_flyer_2010_W2JTCXME.pdf. Registration is due by June 1.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Annual Conference Business Sessions

Lighthouse Fellowship is coordinating hospitality volunteers for the Annual Conference business sessions at Will Rogers Memorial Center June 7-9. Volunteers are needed for the important role of greeting and providing information for the 1,100 members from 314 churches who will be

attending the conference. The volunteers are needed for the timeframes listed below to assist before and during the business sessions at Will Rogers Memorial Center. Volunteers can participate for any amount of time from the following schedule:

Monday June 7:

- Pre-Business Session #1 (1-2pm)
- Business Session #1 (2-5pm)
- After Business Session #1 (5-6pm)

Tuesday June 8:

- Pre-Business Session #2 (7:30-8:30am)
- Business Session #2 (8:30-Noon)
- Between Business Session 2 & 3 (Noon-2pm)
- Business Session #3 (2-5pm)
- After Business Session #3 (5-6pm or as needed)

Wednesday June 9:

- Before Business Session #4 (7:30-8:30am)
- Business Session #4 (8:30am to Noon)
- Between Business Session 4 & 5 (Noon to 2pm)
- Business Session #5 (2-3:30pm)
- After Business Session #5 (3:30-4:30pm or as needed)

Please contact Jody Williamson to schedule your time(s) at jwilliamson@lwfired.org. Please designate when you can serve, for one time slot or as many as you can when you respond to the email. Thank YOU in advance for serving on the Annual Conference Hospitality Team!

Imagine No Malaria Official Launch in Austin — live via streaming video

The youth group from Journey of Faith UMC in Round Rock plan to be part of the cheering audience in Austin this weekend for the official launching of **World Malaria Day, Sunday, April 25**. The UMC will officially launch **Imagine No Malaria** on the South Lawn of the Texas Capitol. The entire celebration will be broadcast live via streaming video on the Imagine No Malaria website (<http://www.Imaginenomalaria.org/>). You will be able to witness the many successes that were experienced during the pilot project in the Southwest Texas Conference, with special guest speakers and video from a UM bed-net distribution that is taking place in the Democratic Republic of Congo (see story on our www.ctcumc.org website). The launch party will feature music from Christian rock band Jars of Clay, Graham Wilkerson and the Underground Township, and the Huston-Tillotson College Choir. The party will also include local food vendors and family activities. For more details, visit <http://www.ImagineNoMalaria.org>.

Bishop Lowry Requests World Malaria Day Video Play in Churches — April 25

Bishop Lowry has recorded a 4:57-minute video that he is asking all pastors to show in worship on April 25, the official kickoff day for the Imagine No Malaria campaign. This downloadable Imagine No Malaria video clip and script for those without a/v capability are under the "Imagine No Malaria" banner on the conference website at www.ctcumc.org. The video is in zip format, so local churches will need to unzip and play on a computer in a media program of their choice (Quicktime, Windows, Windows Media Player, iTunes, etc.). Some churches may have a program to convert it to a DVD file. Imagine No Malaria has been designated as our 2010 CTC Annual Conference offering. Our conference raised \$135,276 with the Nothing But Nets Annual Conference offering in 2007, resulting in 13,527 bed nets now providing protective coverage for families in Africa! Imagine No Malaria is the next step in the goal of ending suffering and death from this preventable disease. It continues to include bed nets, but expands into other areas of prevention, treatment, education, and communicating life-saving information. Our conference's minimum goal with the 2010 Annual Conference offering is the equivalent of \$1 for every member of this conference — about \$164,000.

40 Days of Prayer for Youth starts next Wednesday!

Please join with our conference youth April 28 - June 6 to pray for youth each day for 40 days. Download/print the Prayer Guide here (http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=5d7evrdab.0.0.8vuxradab.0&ts=S0476&p=http%3A%2F%2Fct.brickriver.com%2Ffiles%2FoFiles_Library_XZXLCZ%2FPrayers_Z742AMGG.pdf&id=preview). The Student Leadership Team created this initiative. Look for it on Facebook and Twitter under 40 Days of Prayer for Youth!

Deadlines Extended for Denman and Walker Award Nominations

The deadline to nominate worthy recipients of the Morris Walker Laity and Clergy Awards (April 27) and Harry Denman Evangelism Awards (May 1) have been extended to give individuals and churches an opportunity to lift up those in our midst who are doing incredible ministry. The details and nominating formats/forms are available at <http://www.ctcumc.org/news/detail/103> under "Awards, Scholarships, Honors."

Five Practices on Annual Conference Agenda

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations has helped hundreds of churches clarify their mission to transform the world. Now, Robert Schnase is re-visiting those Five Practices by drilling them down to a personal faith level. In *Five Practices of Fruitful Living*, Bishop Schnase provides a guide to the individual spiritual journey. While the focus of the five practices - Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity – was on congregations, members of those congregations have asked "How do I put them to use in my daily walk?" By looking at the practices from a different perspective – receiving God's love, loving God in return, growing in grace, loving and serving others, and the grace of giving – individuals will discover the spiritual life and the difference God intends for them to make in the world. Everyone attending the 2010 Central Texas Annual Conference will get a copy of the new book and have the advantage of a study led by Dr. John McKellar, senior pastor at White's Chapel UMC, Southlake.

Online Registration for 2010 Annual Conference

Online registration for the 2010 Annual Conference **began April 19**. [Click on the "Annual Conference" banner at www.ctcumc.org for registration and other links.] The form has been streamlined this year and is divided into separate clergy and lay categories for clarity. Registering online means that upon arrival at Will Rogers Memorial Center on Monday, June 7, you may proceed directly to your seat within your district's section. Your nametag and materials will be at your table. If you do not register online, you will need to stop at the Treasurer's Office in the Silver Spur Room and fill out a registration card in order to receive your nametag and materials. You are strongly urged to register online to avoid standing in line at Annual Conference. **The deadline to register is May 16. Remember, the deadline to reserve a hotel room at the special rate is May 17.**

Retirement Celebration for Connally Dugger — April 24

The Mid-Cities Superintendency Committee extends an open invitation to a retirement celebration honoring the 47 years in ministry of Connally Dugger and his wife, Carlene, from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at First UMC, Arlington (313 N. Center St., Arlington 76011). The program begins at 2 p.m. Cards and notes of remembrance are welcome.

Mother's Day/Wesleyan Homes Benevolent Fund — May 9

Mother's Day is the time when many congregations faithfully receive the special Wesleyan Homes' Benevolent Fund offering. "Today, we need your help to grow the number of congregations who tell this compelling story of the compassionate assistance to senior adults in financial need," states Dan Bonner, vice president for development at Wesleyan Homes. "Every nickel of every gift goes directly to supplement a senior's living at the new Georgetown campus, Wesleyan at Estrella with 124 apartments for independent living and coming in late 2010 60 apartments for assisted living, all eligible for need-based Benevolent Fund support. Pastors will be receiving special bulletin inserts and sermon illustrators for use in worship on Mother's Day unless they have indicated they will not be needed. For more information, contact Dan Bonner at

dbonner@wesleyanhomes.org or 512-876-9145.

CTC Haiti Relief Kits Needed

The Conference Disaster Response Task force is asking churches that have been collecting Layette Kits and Birthing Kits (the content list is online at <http://sagerbrown.org/> to deliver them to **Austin Avenue UMC in Waco by April 29 and Bethel UMC in Weatherford on Saturday, May 1, between 9 a.m. and noon.** The conference has a team going to Sager Brown and will be taking these kits directly to the depot. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Bellamy at 817-877-5222 or Laraine Waughtal at 940-564-6494. Please pack your kits in boxes and mark on the outside of the box the count for each type of kit.

Faithfully Fit Forever Leader Training — April 24

The CTC Health & Wellness Task Force is sponsoring Faithfully Fit Forever Leader Training at 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 24 at Christ UMC (3301 Sycamore School Road, Fort Worth 76123). Faithfully Fit Forever is a non-profit, cooperative community health program created by MeritCare Hospital Parish Nursing and Cardiac Rehab staff. It attempts to eliminate the barriers that keep people from participating in exercise and health enhancing behaviors. The \$75 cost includes 16 weeks of programming to get you started, a training manual, educational materials/references, devotional resources and exercise leadership video. Details: (www.ctcumc.org) under health and wellness.

Black Church Convocation — April 30-May 1

Connecting People in the Body of Christ will be the focus of the Black Church Convocation April 30-May 1 at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Glen Rose. A project of the CTC Outreach Mission Council Urban Ministries Committee, will feature Jack C. Gause (St. Peter's UMC, Austin) in a worship lab on using technology in worship and four workshops on finding connection. For more details, visit http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Black_Church_Convocation_R4X3JD5P.PDF or contact Carol Gibson at 817-336-2117.

Who Done It Benefits TCRJC — May 15

The Tarrant County Restorative Justice Center (TCRJC) will host a who-done-it play titled "Who Murdered the Ministry?" by Cathy Harmon. The performances will occur on May 15 at 12 noon and again at 7 p.m. at the Life Today International Studio (located at 1801 W. Euless Blvd. Euless 76040). A silent auction will occur preceding each performance and the proceeds will benefit the "Home of Greater Joy," a justice ministry of TCRJC. For tickets or more information contact Penny Yaites at 817-719-5978. Tickets are \$10/\$12 at the door.

Red Bird Mission Trip — Oct. 3-9

The deadline is May 15 for this first-time mission trip to the Red Bird Mission Conference in Kentucky. Join the CTC adult team this fall to assist with construction needs and possibly education and community outreach. Not only will the projects provide a rewarding volunteer opportunity, participants will also enjoy a unique cultural experience and may begin developing a relationship between the congregation and this wonderful Missionary Conference. Participants will be asked to attend one planning meeting/team orientation from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Acton UMC (3433 Fall Creek Hwy., Granbury 76049). For more details, please visit: http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Red_Bird_Missionary_Mission_Trip_TK6BEY2I.doc. Contact: Dawne McAlpin, mission team leader, at dawne@actonumc.org or 817-326-4252, 578-1701.

News Briefs — The Denomination

Spanish-language ministry resources available

"El Cristiano como Ministro," the Spanish-language edition of "The Christian as Minister," completes the list of 12 Spanish-language resources published by the UM Board of Higher

Education and Ministry for people exploring ordained or licensed ministry in the UMC. Fliers and brochures about ordained ministry are also available for downloading at www.gbhem.org/bom. A subtitled DVD with first-person accounts by elders, deacons, chaplains and pastoral counselors about what it means to be called to ordained ministry is also available at the website. Other Spanish-language resources can be ordered from Cokesbury at 800-672-1789.

Remaining 2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center

150 NW Skyline Dr., Fayetteville, Ark. 72701 • 479-443-4531/800-760-8126

May 4-6: *"Boot Camp" for Church Planters with Jim Griffith*

May 3-4: *Pre-Day for Senior Pastors Along with the Planter*

This basic training is specifically designed for pastors who are planting new churches in 2010 or for those who have recently planted a new church. Register at www.mountsequoyah.org.

May 10-13: *May Spring Planting*

Register at www.mountsequoyah.org.

June 27-29: *Addiction Conference*

This conference equips clergy and congregations with community resources and response for families, congregations, and community. CEU credit will be given for attending this conference. Contact Cindy Sloan at SPSARV for details about scholarships at 866-444-3330. Register at www.mountsequoyah.org.

Oct. 18-22: *Leaves of Gold*

This retreat features worship, fellowship, workshops, tours, laughter, learning and fun during the turning of the leaves to gold at Mount Sequoyah! Bishop Richard Wilke will be the featured worship leader. Register online by Oct. 10 at www.mountsequoyah.org.

Oct. 25-28: *Autumn Time*

Autumn Time is a wonderful experience featuring worship, praise, fellowship, laughter and fun! Workshops include centering prayer, spiritual journaling, exercise, nutrition workshop, military workshop, tour of the AR Air Museum. Register online by Oct. 15 at www.mountsequoyah.org.

CEF Conference — Oct. 22-25

Come to Kentucky to experience the Divine in a new way at the Christian Educators Fellowship Conference Oct. 22-25. Bringing the messages will be Bishop Lindsey Davis and pastors Rudy Rasmus (St. John's UMC, Houston and founder of Bread of Life, Inc.) and Sherry Daniels (Norfolk UMC and former Denman Evangelism Award recipient). Check the CEF website at www.cefumc.org to register and get updates on worships, tours, pre/post-conference offerings.

Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

Public Auction — April 24

Christ UMC (3301 Sycamore School Road, Fort Worth 76123) will host a public auction at noon Saturday, April 24, with a variety of items ranging from furniture, electronics, household goods and more. There will be food available for purchase.

Beth Moore - So Long Insecurity - Simulcast April 24

Join the folks at Genesis UMC from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 24th for this dynamic special event. All women can benefit from this honest, funny and profound look at the insecurities that keep us from living into the potential that God has in mind for each of us. Please contact Ginger Watson at 817-292-4551 or visit www.genesisumc.com for more information. \$25 includes lunch. Childcare will be provided on request for \$10.

First Azle Hosts Beth Moore Simulcast — Simulcast April 24

First Azle UMC will host a Beth Moore simulcast from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 24. Doors open at 8 a.m. The cost of \$25 includes lunch with prepaid ticket or \$35 at the door. For reservations and ticket info go to www.fumcazle.org and click on Beth Moore.

Annual Benefit to Missions — April 24

Presented by the Mid-Cities United Methodist Women Saturday, April 24, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at First UMC Colleyville (5601 Pleasant Run Rd., Colleyville). Join us for music, dance and food at the annual fundraiser for missions. The luau-themed day will be brought by the Tongan UMC. There will be many items to bid on! \$15 tickets are available from Lynn O'Day at natandlynn@sbcglobal.net or 817-485-0027. Childcare will be available.

"Island in the Son" Performance at Martin UMC — April 25

William C. Martin UMC presents "Island in the Son" at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 25. "Island in the Son" is based on the writings of Walter Lawry, a Methodist missionary from Auckland, New Zealand, who visited the Island of Tonga in the 1800s. This fun and energetic adaptation of his writings explores the history of our faith heritage. Questions: please contact Cari Vega at 817-354-9038.

Arlington Heights Presents Fisher-McDonald Piano Concert — April 25

The Fisher- McDonald Duo Piano Concert will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Arlington Heights UMC (4200 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth). The selections for this concert include Bach, Mozart, Prokofiev, Granados, Copland, Gliere and Rimsky-Korsakov. Dr. John Fisher, professor of music, is in his sixth year as chairman of the Music Department at Wesleyan University. Dr. Bruce McDonald (a Methodist minister), an associate professor in the Department of Philosophy & Religion, is an organist at Handley UMC and teaches Sunday school classes. They have worked in collaboration for the past seven years and made their first CD recording in July 2009. There is no charge for the concert - a reception will follow in the atrium.

Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center Annual Golf Tournament — April 29

It is time again for the GLC&RC Annual Golf Classic to be held on April 29 at Squaw Valley in Glen Rose. Last year's event was the best ever in terms of money raised and the number of participating golfers. There were also a record number of pastors playing. This year's proceeds will again go toward offsetting camp scholarships and the cost of summer camp in general. For more information and to download a registration form, visit www.glenlake.org/golf. GLC challenges pastors to be a part of this important event by either bringing or sending a team or by their church being a hole-sponsor.

TACC and Others Host Forum on Survivors of Suicide

Tarrant Area Community of Churches and its partner organizations will address grief after suicide during the Elephant in the Room Series on April 29. This is a community forum designed to assist those who work with and minister to survivors of suicide. It will be held at First Congregational Church (4201 Trail Lake Drive, Fort Worth) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. To attend "Life After Loss – Healing the Grief of Suicide," please contact Tarrant Area Community of Churches at 817-737-5545 or info@tarrantareacc.org. The cost of the event is \$10 and will include light refreshments. Advance reservations are required.

The Horizons Tour at Woodway UMC, Waco — April 30

Woodway UMC, Waco will host The Pikes Peak Ringers in "The Horizons Tour" concert at 7 p.m. Friday, April 30. All are invited. Contact: Katy Flowers at 254-751-0411.

Viewing Mental Illness through the Eyes of Faith — April 30

Austin Avenue UMC in Waco will host a free mental illness workshop from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, April 30. This luncheon event is open to anyone who could benefit from this training. It is known

that individuals in psychological distress are more likely to seek assistance and counseling from the church before contacting a licensed mental health care provider. Because of the role certain people play in your church, the workshop entitled "Viewing Mental Illness through the Eyes of Faith." Dr. Matthew Stanford, Professor of Psychology & Neuroscience at Baylor University and author of *Grace for the Afflicted: A Clinical and Biblical Perspective on Mental Illness* (Paternoster, 2008), will lead the workshop. Contact: Kimberly_Schlesinger@baylor.edu or 254-710-3854 by Monday, April 26.

Outdoor Revival at Kell Branch — May 1

Kell Branch UMC in the White Hall Community will host an outdoor revival at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1. A hot dog and chips meal will be served before the revival starts. Pastor Quinton Gibson Sr. of St. James UMC, Temple will be the revivalist. The public is invited to attend. Call the following numbers for further information 254-721-5970 or 254-774-1964.

Waco Methodists/Baptists Co-host National Day of Prayer Event — May 6

First UMC, Waco and neighboring Columbus Avenue Baptist Church are co-hosts for a National Day of Prayer observance from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at First UMC's Family Life Center (Cobbs @ Lake Air Drive, Waco). The theme is Prayer: For Such a Time at This. Light lunch served. Questions? Contact Linda Hammond at 254-772-5630 or lhammond@fumcwaco.org.

Mission Trip for College Students/Young Adults — May 23-28

Trinity UMC of Arlington is sponsoring a mission trip for college students/young adults to the Oklahoma City area May 23-28. Participants will work in inner city Norman and OKC with a variety of Christian-based social service projects including construction work, food pantries and life shelters. Cost of the trip is \$225 but fund-raising efforts hope to offset the cost. If interested, please contact Brenda Beaver at 274-1345 or Susan McConnell at susanmc30@gmail.com.

"Celebrating Life Through Worship Arts" Benefit Performance — May 15

Date/time: May 15 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Location: St. Barnabas UMC Church in Arlington (5011 W. Pleasant Ridge, Arlington 76016) This is a benefit celebration of life through the worship arts, uplifting God's grace and mercy through praise bands, praise dancers, instrumentalists, songsters and the dramatic acts. During this gathering a silent auction will take place, and there will be refreshments for the nourishment of body and soul. For more information, please contact Luther Henry at luther@sbumc.org or 817-483-1667 or Chauncey Nealy at aldersgate1954@sbcglobal.net or 817-274-0116.

Conference UMs Heading to Holy Land — June 8

Join the "Holy Land Trip hosted by Steve Lallier." Steve, a lay leader for the Adult Singles Class at Whites Chapel UMC in Southlake, and is returning to Israel with friends across the conference. This is a guided tour via Educational Opportunities. For details, visit <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com>. Interested? Contact Steve Lallier at 817-424-5704, 214-912-1979 or email BigBandLdr@aol.com.

Youth Mission Opportunity in Palmer — June 24-27

FUMC Palmer announces PUMP 2010! PUMP (Palmer United Mission Project) is a four-day mission weekend (June 24-27) for youth groups from across Texas. Youth entering grades 4-12 and adults alike are given the opportunity to serve those in need living in the Palmer area and experience small group study, meaningful daily worship, awesome music and inspired talks. This is an appropriate mission trip for first-timers and/or small youth groups. The cost is \$75/per person. For more details and a pre-registration brochure, contact Debbi Mitchell at 214-683-1501 or palmerpump@yahoo.com. Registration deadline: May 31.

No Man Left Behind Dallas – October 21-23

First UMC of Richardson is hosting 2 ½ days of learning, planning and fellowship presented by Man in the Mirror. The conference is designed for any leader who is passionate about seeing men disciplined in their church (pastors, associate pastors, lay leaders and potential leaders). To download a brochure with more details, or to register, visit: www.maninthemirror.org/ltc/about-nmlb.htm. To contact a host team member at FUMCR and learn more about the conference send an email to disciplingmen@fumcr.com. Early bird and team registration discounts are available.

Resources

Need Ideas for Children for Earth Day and Change the World

Karen Granderson, conference director for Christian education, recommends this link (http://blogs.gbod.org/younger_children/) for information and ideas to be used with children's ministry in celebration of Earth Day and "Change the World."

Helpful Links for Church Leaders

Central Texas Conference: (www.ctcumc.org) features and other content changes daily

InfoServ: (<http://infoserv.umc.org>)

UM Reporter Interactive: (www.umportal.org)

United Methodist News Service:

(http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS_News.htm)

UMNS on Facebook:

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=iflTKWnrGaIKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edKIWP rHgIWF>)

UMNS on Twitter:

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLeKYLp&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edKIWP rHgIWF>)

Interpreter Magazine: (<http://interpretermagazine.org/interior.asp?ptid=43&mid=7085>)

El' Interprete (Interpreter in Spanish): (<http://elinterprete.org/>)

10thousanddoors.org: (<http://www.tenthousanddoors.org>)

Rethink Church: (<http://www.rethinkchurch.org>)

UM TechShop: (<http://secure.umcom.org/store/catalog/categoryinfo.aspx?cid=16>)

UM Global Health Initiative:

(http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/Global_Health.htm)

Depression Seminar in Your Church, Free

Mental Health Facts from the Depression Connection Team: Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and borderline personality disorder. The good news about mental illness is that recovery is possible. With no cost to your church, the Conference Committee on Mental Health Concerns and Depression Connection Team will provide a seminar for your church. To inquire, contact Tony Campbell at 817/810-9599 or tony@depressionconnection.org.

Conference Resource Center

New resources highlighted at the Conference Resource Center this week are described below. There are always new resources; check them out! For these and more resources, contact Carol Roszell at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622.

Understanding Teen Depression. This DVD takes viewers on a journey through the lives of four teens dealing with depression. This is intertwined with advice from two experienced mental health professionals: Dr. Moira Rynn, an Associate Psychiatrist at Columbia University and Ernest P.S. Smith, a Psychoanalyst based in New York City, who also counsels troubled youth. Through intimate insight from our protagonists this film will help to understand and identify

the early symptoms and possible root causes. The film encourages those who struggle with the disease to seek help, while providing others with constructive coping mechanisms for the future. 31 minute running time

Church Demographics

Church Growth & Development offers a new demographics program for churches. Check it out (and register, if interested) at <http://www.missioninsite.com/>. If you have questions, contact Vicki Eldridge at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or Vicki@ctcumc.org.

Crime Victims Council Information at www.crimevictimsCouncil.org

The new Crime Victims Council website offers many resources. If you are a survivor who would like to share your story or pass along a word of encouragement to one of our survivors or post a picture and other information about a victim, please email encouragement@crimevictimsCouncil.org.

Needs, Resources, Opportunities

NOTE TO LISTERS: Please contact Carolyn Stephens at Carolyn@ctcumc.org to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

P-T Preschool Director

Richland Hills UMC seeks a highly motivated part-time director position for a newly formed preschool scheduled to open in September. Successful candidates will possess or be in the process of obtaining a Director's Certificate from TDFPS. For more information, please contact Terre McGill at 817-284-9371 or tmcgill@rhumc.net.

Director of Youth Ministries

First UMC, Red Oak seeks an enthusiastic youth director. The position is half time and will require working with jr. and sr. high youth. Requirements: experience in youth ministry preferred, excellent communication and relationship building skills and excellent references. Needs to have a good understanding of Methodist doctrine and be a mature spiritual leader with a heart for youth and their families. Be able to plan/coordinate activities for 7 – 12 graders, including weekly Bible study, Sunday school, youth meetings, fundraisers, and annual mission trip. Additional ministry opportunities available depending on gifts and graces. Contact church office at 972-617-9100 for an application. Start date is mid May.

P-T Church Secretary

Part-time church secretary needed (32 hrs/wk). Responsibilities include bulletins, newsletter, church-wide emails, website and maintenance of membership records. Must be proficient in MS Office and able to learn church software. Good organizational and people skills also necessary. Please send resume to First UMC Azle, attn: Dean Posey, 200 Church St., Azle 76020 or email to dposey@fumcazle.org.

Office Equipment

A member of Cogdell UMC in Waco offers two items:

For sale — RICOH-2051 copier, w/finisher, internet capabilities and maintenance available till 2014. \$1,500 or best offer.

Free to good home — Epson Powerlite Multimedia Projector w/screen

Contact Pat at 254-855-0796 for more info.

Administrative Assistant

The Wesley Foundation at TCU has an opening for an administrative assistant, beginning immediately. The successful candidate should have current computer skills and knowledge of Quicken, Microsoft Office, Publisher, Outlook, and Access and be able to handle general office

duties. The position requires 15 hours per week, with summer hours negotiable, salary of \$8,500 per year. Please contact Lindsay D. Churchman, director, at l.d.churchman@tcu.edu or 817 924-5639.

P-T Administrative Assistant

Lorena UMC is taking applications for a part-time administrative assistant. Responsibilities include financial, bulletins, newsletter, communications and maintenance of membership records. Must be proficient in Word, Quickbooks and able to learn church software Servant Keeper. 25 hrs/wk at \$9.75 per hour. Email lorenaumc@lorenaumc.org to submit a resume.

P-T Choir Director

University UMC in Fort Worth seeks a part-time (10-12 hr/wk) choir director. A talented Chancel Choir would be the main emphasis with a bell choir as well. Other opportunities also exist. If interested, please contact the church office (817-926-4626) or email Stephen Decker at 2theo2@gmail.com.

BOM Clerical/Secretarial Support

"The Board of Ordained Ministry is seeking a part-time person to provide clerical/secretarial support to the Board office, 10 to 15 hours per week. The position requires experience with Microsoft Office and Access database, or comparable databases, as well as two years of post-high school education and/or two years office experience. The Board's administrative office is located on the Texas Wesleyan University campus. Job description is attached above. Interested parties may contact Gala Trimble by e-mail at board@ctcbom.org.

P-T Director of Children's Ministries

Silver Creek UMC seeks a part-time director of children's ministries. Candidates should have a background in children's education and possess a deep passion for sharing the Gospel with children age 4 through 6th grade. Expectations include coordinating children's Sunday school, helping with the Children's Choir, and planning VBS along with other camps, retreats, and special days throughout the year. Position opens June 1. Applicants can send resumes to Kristie Coleman at kristiecoleman@gmail.com.

F-T Pre-School Director

First UMC of Burleson, a rapidly growing community near the DFW Metroplex, seeks a full-time Pre-School director. First UM Pre-School has been an outreach ministry to families of the church and the surrounding community for over 25 years. The Pre-School currently serves 139 students in a five-day week program. Sought is a visionary leader focused on growing our program, serving our children, and reaching out to new families. Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or related field with at least 12 credit hours in child development and 6 credit hours in business management, Texas Childcare Administrator Certification, and License, and at least one year of experience as director of a licensed early childhood facility. Submit résumé to Mike Wright-Chapman, associate pastor for Nurture Ministries, to mike.wright-chapman@fumcburleson.org or to 590 NE McAlister, Burleson 76028. Please call 817-295-1166, ext. 230, with any questions or for more information.

F-T Web Manager

The Communications Ministry at Highland Park Presbyterian Church (Dallas) seeks a full-time web manager. HPPC is a church rich in tradition and has a legacy of local and international impact for the cause of Jesus Christ. We are looking for a new multi-faceted team member that has the vision and ability to develop and implement new technologies while continuing to value and support existing services. This person will be a champion for HPPC's desire to strategically leverage the website, email, and other emerging social media, along with existing channels, to effectively communicate internally and externally. Content is king here. You'll need to have the gifts to gather, write and produce clear words and graphics that are web-savvy, high quality, and tell a compelling story. Qualified candidates should email their application packet, which includes, a resume, ministry statement and testimony (why you want to work for a church), links to samples

of your work and your "online homes" to Jon Zellers at jon.zellers@hppc.org. This is an urgent need that has recently been permitted to rehire. Only candidates that submit a complete application packet will be considered.

Future UM Clergy Seeks Position

Phillip Harris, who is currently in the candidacy process to become a licensed local pastor, seeks a full-time position with a local church. He has experience in children, youth, and young adult ministries, as well as planning, conducting, and assisting in worship services. In 2004, he was elected to serve the Utah District of the UMC as their district youth representative. Currently, Phillip and his family reside in San Antonio where they are active lay members of University UMC. Contact Phillip Harris at 210-322-8189 or 210-815-4410 or through e-mail at jennifer.phillip@yahoo.com.

Enclosed Cargo Trailer

Resurrection UMC Cleburne, new church start, is in need of a used enclosed cargo trailer. If you can help, call Pastor Victor Pena 254 485 3140.. or email pastorpena@att.net.

P-T Director of Youth Ministries

First UMC of Lampasas in the Texas Hill Country seeks an outgoing, dedicated Christian with a heart for youth to develop, plan and supervise a comprehensive junior high and senior high (6th-12th grades) ministry of youth for the church and community. This is a part-time position (25-30 hrs/wk) with compensation (\$24,000-\$29,000) depending on previous experience and education. Contact: Linda Nelson at 512-556-5513 or lampasasumc@sbcglobal.net.

Church Pianist

West FUMC seeks a church pianist. This individual should be talented in playing the piano/organ and also possess a strong love of Christ and the hymns that glorify Him. The position requires playing at weekly Sunday church services, one choir practice session the first Wednesday evening of each month, plus any special services scheduled. Interested individuals should contact Pastor Linda Wimberly at 254-826-5448 or westfumc@att.net.

Carillons

First UMC of Azle has recently upgraded its Carillons. There are 8 tape cartridges from the old Schulmerich Carillon system that the church will gladly donate to any church that can use them. Please contact the church office at 817-444-3323.

Part-Time Youth Director

Smithfield UMC seeks a part-time youth director to work with a great group of teens on Wednesday nights, Sundays and any other days as necessary. Experience preferred. Ability to lead praise and worship is a plus. Interested persons may send a resume to Lisa Neslony via email, pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org or snail mail, 6701 Smithfield Road, North Richland Hills, 76182. Deadline for applications has been extended to April 15.

2 Music Positions

Associate Director of Music — First UMC, Killeen seeks associate director of music (PT) to assist in leading and managing all aspects of music ministry. Contemporary music experience and formal music training preferred. Experience leading and directing choirs and instrumental groups in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

Lead Accompanist — First UMC, Killeen seeks lead accompanist for contemporary worship (PT). Must be proficient at sight reading, playing from lead sheet, improvising. Accompaniment experience and formal music training preferred. Experience playing piano and keyboard in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

Director of Children's Ministry

First UMC of Waxahachie is accepting applications for the part-time position of Children's Ministry Coordinator. FUMC Waxahachie has many dynamic children's ministry programs that are already

in place and the church is looking to expand that even more. If you have an active relationship with Christ, experience in working with children and families, and love to work with and recruit volunteers from church and community, please call 972.937.4400 or send your resume to fumcwax.sr.pastor@sbcglobal.net.

FUMC-WAX is a county-seat church in Ellis County (40 min from DT FTW) with a long heritage of faith and service to the community.

Adult Retreat Center Coordinator

Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center seeks a ministry-minded individual interested in serving as retreat center coordinator for Still Water Lodge. Responsibilities include hospitality, marketing and reservations management. Experience in Christian camping, Christian education or adult ministry preferred, but not required. This full-time position requires on-site residence, included as part of the compensation. To apply, please mail resume with references to P.O. Box 928, Glen Rose 76043 or fax to 254-897-2423.

2010 Annual Conference Business / Awards / Recognitions

District Conferences

As of today, the following District Conferences have been scheduled:

Fort Worth – 7-8 p.m. May 18 – Edge Park UMC
Temple – 7 p.m. May 18 – FUMC Temple
Brownwood – 6:30 p.m. May 24 – Comanche UMC
Mid-Cities – 7-8 p.m. May 17 – Richland Hills UMC
Waxahachie – 7 p.m. May 20 – First Waxahachie UMC
Waco – 6 p.m. May 20 – Cogdell Memorial UMC
Weatherford – 6:30 p.m. May 25 – First UMC, Weatherford

**Preliminary Report, Agenda, registration, awards/scholarship/honors/recognitions
(with links for registration, application/nomination forms) can be found at
<http://www.ctcumc.org/news/detail/103>**

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