



# Central E-Link

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

**June 16, 2010**

Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles/requests should be submitted to [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:susan@ctcumc.org).

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## News Briefs — The Conference

### Annual Conference Report

Follow the highlights of Annual Conference online at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) and video clips of the worship services under the "Media Library" in the menu on the right. It may take as much as 30 seconds of lead in time before the videos comes up.

### You Can Contribute to the Media Library

When you check out the worship services, consider also any video clips, still shots and/or audio from your own church or ministry events that you would like to share with others. The Annual Conference worship videos run about 120 minutes, but it would be best to keep the video clips relatively short and to be judicious about the number of photos from a single event. We ask that all material be consistent with UM values.

### Clergy Appointment Changes

Bishop Mike Lowry and the Cabinet announce the following changes:

[Lindsey D. Churchman](#) — elder in full connection from member of the Central Texas Conference (serving most recently as campus minister at the Texas Christian University Wesley Foundation) to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference as pastor at the two-point charge of Henry and Washburn UMCs under P.346.1, effective July 1.

[Ronald W. Newhouse](#) — elder in full connection from associate to ¼ time associate under P. 338.2 at First UMC, Graham.

### New Youth Leadership

Here are the newly elected officers and representatives to the Conference Student Leadership Team. Please take note of those that will be serving in one of your areas.

#### Student Leadership Team Positions 2010-2011

President	Marianne Brown
Vice President	Carly Payne
Secretary	Adam Gilliland
Spiritual Director	Miller Jarrell
YSF Chair	Cara Hughes
JYT Reps	1) Andrew Nunley
2) Amy Miller	

Historian	Shawnee Davis	
Agenda	Amy Miller	
Episcopacy	Stefanie Schutz, Carly Payne	
Nominations	Dallas Holston, Andrew Nunley	
Communications	Matt Epting	
Parliamentarian	none appointed yet	
Youth	Adult	
Mid-Winter #1 Chairs		
Mid-Winter #2 Chairs		
Mid-Winter #3 Chairs		
SLT Representation on Conference Agencies		
Admin Leadership Team	President	
Agenda	President	
Agenda	Amy Miller	
Episcopacy	Stef Schutz	
Episcopacy	Carly Payne	
Inclusiveness	President	
Laity	President	
Laity	All District Presidents	Brownwood -
Nominations	Dallas Holston	Mid Cities-
Nominations	Andrew Nunley	Fort Worth -
Nominations	President	Temple-
MLT	President	Waco-
Nurture	President	Waxahachie-
Communications	Matt Epting	Weatherford-

### **Subscribe to the Bishop's new blog**

Bishop Lowry has started a new blog site you can find at [www.bishopmikelowry.com](http://www.bishopmikelowry.com). You can subscribe via email to receive the latest writings from the bishop by visiting this new site, clicking on "subscribe" at the top of the page, and then following the instructions to supply your email address. You may also see the latest updates on Facebook by "friending" the bishop at [www.facebook.com/bishopmikelowry](http://www.facebook.com/bishopmikelowry).

### **Tap Into the Conference Centennial Celebration — Oct. 23**

Mark Winter has set up a Facebook page to follow the growing features for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Centennial Celebration Saturday, Oct. 23, in Fort Worth. To see more details and confirm this invitation, follow the link at [http://www.facebook.com/n/?pages%2FCTC-Centennial-Celebration%2F128618053831428&mid=27b080fG602f37e2G1646330G4c&n\\_m=carolyn%40ctcumc.org](http://www.facebook.com/n/?pages%2FCTC-Centennial-Celebration%2F128618053831428&mid=27b080fG602f37e2G1646330G4c&n_m=carolyn%40ctcumc.org). And later today, look for details and tickets and memorabilia forms on the website at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org).

### **Certified Lay Speaking Course — June 24**

"Leading in Prayer" will be offered on June 24, 28, 30 from 6:30 – 9:50 p.m. at First UMC, Graham. Contact Sandra Boedeker at 940-549-0970 to sign up

### **Gil Rendle Video from Startup Seminar**

Gil Rendle's video from Start Up Seminar is now available on the conference website here <http://www.ourchurchvideos.com/76107/ctcumc/videos/62/transitions-for-both-clergy-and-congregations-part-1>.

### **Citizen Lobby Group Seeks to End Hunger and Poverty**

An informational meeting is planned for 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11, to explain and explore the volunteer opportunities with RESULTS, a non-partisan grassroots citizens lobby group creating the political will to end hunger and poverty. The meeting is at Fort Worth First UMC (800 W. 5th St., Fort Worth). The meeting is free and open to the public.

“RESULTS is about empowering citizens with the knowledge and tools to make a difference,” says Eloise Sutherland a volunteer of RESULTS in Austin. “Many of us feel disenfranchised by our government and that our voices don’t matter. RESULTS is about transforming that resignation into resolve.” For more information about RESULTS visit <http://www.results.org/website/article.asp?id=240> or watch a promotional video for webcast at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6643097997069281250&pr=goog-sl&hl=en>.

#### **UMVIM Update**

UM Volunteers in Mission, the General Board of Global Ministries and UMCOR are working to identify nurses with prior Haiti mission experience who are interested in traveling to Haiti for earthquake relief. Of special interest are nurses interested in serving as individual volunteers for an extended period of time (between 2 months and 2 years). Interested personnel should contact Nancy Eubanks, individual volunteer consultant for GBGM at [nteubanks@gmail.com](mailto:nteubanks@gmail.com).

#### **Glen Lake Adventure Race — Oct. 9**

Join the first annual Glen Lake Adventure Race on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Glen Rose. Teams of 2 will run/bike/paddle/climb their way around Glen Lake and may encounter a few fun surprises along the way! Team categories will be: Men, Women, Co-Ed, and Youth (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams in each category. This is a course that anyone can do. Never done an adventure race before? But up for the challenge? Not a problem. This race will be a fun day of getting to enjoy the outdoors and a little friendly competition along the way. All proceeds from the race go to support the ministry of Glen Lake Camp. Please visit <http://www.glenlake.org/recreation> for further details and to register!

#### **Glen Lake Reaches Out**

The cabins at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center are in need of new curtains. If you or your local church would like to adopt a cabin, provide the curtains, or wish more specific information, please contact Ellen Bauman at [ellen@glenlake.org](mailto:ellen@glenlake.org).

#### **Check Out Facebook Page for Leaders in Adult Ministries/Discipleship**

Leaders of adult ministries/adult discipleship in CTC churches will want to take advantage of the new Facebook page for all who would like to be connected for support, resources, etc. Check out [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), then the group CTC Adult Ministries/Adult Discipleship. Join the Facebook group and the face-to-face meetings every quarter or so. Look for future information, or contact Karen Granderson at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [Karen@ctcumc.org](mailto:Karen@ctcumc.org).

## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

#### **Unique Study for Ministry-Minded**

UM students preparing for a career in ordained ministry will study side by side with Jewish and Muslim students at one of the UMC’s 13 schools of theology this fall. Claremont School of Theology will be one of the first accredited institutions to train students of multiple faiths for careers as clerics. However, the new multi-faith approach could jeopardize Claremont’s UM affiliation. For more details, visit <http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=gqLSK1OAKiJQI7K&s=etLYKbMJJdUKbOSJuG&m=8hKLKXODJdLQKfK>.

#### **SMU’s New Dean Is Expert on Godzilla**

Mary Jacobs has a story on the UMR Portal about Southern Methodist University’s new dean—he’s an expert on Godzilla! William M. Tsutsui, who will be the new dean of SMU’s Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences starting July 1, brings more than academic expertise to his new role. As the author of *Godzilla on My Mind: Fifty Years of the King of Monsters* (Palgrave, 2004), he brings a nearly obsessive fascination with that pop-culture monster-hero. His interest in

the big lizard dates back to his childhood in central Texas, where he recalled watching his first Godzilla flick at age 8. During the early 1970s, he said, there were not a lot of role models there for Japanese Americans. But Godzilla, he added, gave him "something about Japan and my Japanese heritage that I could be proud of, that my friends could relate to and that meant something." Read the full story at <http://www.umportal.org/article.asp?id=6819>.

### **2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center**

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#### *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](http://www.mountsequoyah.org). Workshop titles include: The family's journey through chemical dependency, healing the wounds, lost childhood/children of addicts, courage to break the cycle, and treatment/transitional living/recovery/what to expect.

#### *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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cefumc.org) to register and get updates on worships, tours, pre/post-conference offerings.

## **Local Congregations & Ministry Groups**

### **Suicide Survivors Groups Forming**

Suicide Survivors is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost loved ones to suicide. New groups are forming this summer. Groups of 8 to 10 meet for two hours weekly for 8 weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate group meetings. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 817-698-9955 or e-mail [suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org](mailto:suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org).

### **Tongan First UMC Fundraising**

As a fundraising effort, Tongan First UMC Trustee's Choir and the Youth and Children Choirs are willing to sing at any church worship services within the CTC. A love offering or donation will help the church in their building renovations. Both choirs sing in Tongan language and the Youth and Children Choir can sing both English and Tongan. Their choirs sang last year at First Hurst, Grapevine and Trinity, Arlington. Contact Ofa Tuuholoaki at (817) 305-1770 or [tuuholoakio@yahoo.com](mailto:tuuholoakio@yahoo.com).

### **Christmas in July at Tarrant County Union Gospel Mission**

Because of the tremendous need of residents and guests from the streets at Christmas, this project seeks the participation of children (and parents) to help get started on Christmas — in July. Cash donations can be received and earmarked “Christmas in July,” or donations in kind. The items donated must be new and unwrapped. This could be a creative, fun project for local churches, Sunday school classes, youth, etc. Needs are: Men and women’s underwear, twin sheets/pillow cases, men and women’s socks, women’s bath robes, men’s long underwear, baby and toddler items like crib sheets/pads/toys/clothes/baby bottles. For further information, contact Chaplain Stanley Maneikis at 817-334-0894 or Lanni Boyd at 817-338-8402.

### **Sparks Memorial Hosts Quilts for Kids**

Sparks Memorial UMC will host the Waco chapter of Quilts for Kids on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to come and make quilts, quilts tops, swap patterns, pick up fabric, drop off quilts, or to just come and meet other people that are helping children in need. Quilts for kids makes quilts and throws for children from ages birth to 22 months who are experiencing illness, are in abuse shelters, newborns taken from parents, and more. Quilts will be given to local hospitals, abuse shelters, fire and police departments, foster care or any organization we find requiring help with young children. For questions, contact the church office at 254-716-9550 or email [wacoquiltforkids@yahoo.com](mailto:wacoquiltforkids@yahoo.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](mailto:palmerpump@yahoo.com). Registration deadline: May 31.

### **Women of Faith Tickets Available**

The First UMC of Joshua has tickets available for the "Imagine" Women of Faith conference Aug 20-21 at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. The ticket price for the two-day event is \$89.

For information on speakers and musical guests you can see the Women of Faith website at [www.womenoffaith.com/dallas](http://www.womenoffaith.com/dallas). This is our tenth year to take a group of women, and we always have a wonderful time. If you or a group from your church would like to join us, please contact Tonya Frantz at [tonya@joshuaumc.net](mailto:tonya@joshuaumc.net).

### **Church Choirs, Orchestra and Praise Bands Needed for Bass Hall Benefit Concert**

A benefit concert will be held at Bass Performance Hall in downtown Fort Worth on Sunday Sept. 26 at 3-7 p.m. “Carry the Light,” a contemporary Gospel concert, will feature over 300 adult, youth and children from all denominations, as well as instrumentalists and praise teams uniting to form one voice for one great cause—caring for orphaned children in Africa. All proceeds will benefit ZOE Ministry ([www.zoeministry.org](http://www.zoeministry.org)), with an emphasis on the new Giving Hope program that provides the tools, resources and support to transform the lives of thousands of orphans from hopelessness to self-sufficiency. If interested in participating in the concert, contact Scott Ferrell at FUMC Mansfield ([scottf@firstmethodistmansfield.org](mailto:scottf@firstmethodistmansfield.org)) or call 817-477-2287.

## **Resources**

### **Helpful Links for Church Leaders**

- **Central Texas Conference:** ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) features and other content changes daily
- **InfoServ:** (<http://infoserv.umc.org>)
- **UM Reporter Interactive:** ([www.umportal.org](http://www.umportal.org))
- **United Methodist News Service:** ([http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS\\_News.htm](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=edIKIWP rHgIWF>)

**UMNS on Twitter:**

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLeKYLpl&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWP rHgIWF>)

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

**EI' 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](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](mailto: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.

***Fearless DVD-Based Small Group Kit*** — Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, and upswings in global warming. But what if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could remove dread, insecurity, and doubt from your heart, what would remain? In these 6 DVD lessons, Author Max Lucado addresses some of your biggest fears and shows you how the solution may be easier than you think. Includes DVD, discussion guide, small group leader's guide and CD-ROM with tips and guidelines.

**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](mailto:Vicki@ctcumc.org).

**Crime Victims Council Information at [www.crimevictimsCouncil.org](http://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](mailto:encouragement@crimevictimsCouncil.org).

## Needs, Resources, Opportunities

**NOTE TO LISTERS:** Please contact Carolyn Stephens at [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

**P-T Director of Youth Ministries**

First UMC, Mineral Wells seeks a spiritually mature, dedicated Christian with a heart to make young disciples of Jesus Christ. Experience with youth ministry is preferred along with good

communication and relationship building skills. A good understanding of Methodist doctrine is helpful. Will be responsible to plan/coordinate activities for 7 – 12 graders, including weekly Bible study, Sunday school, youth fellowship, fundraisers, and annual mission trips. Send resume to: FUMC, PO Box 1466, Mineral Wells 76068 or contact church office at 940-325-4707 for more details.

#### **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](mailto:tmcgill@rhumc.net).

#### **Indiana Conference Seeks Associate Director of Camping Ministries**

The Indiana Conference of the UMC seeks an associate director for camping ministries to lead a vital camping ministry for youth. Candidates must have expertise in growth management for camping ministry, and be knowledgeable of the mission and ministry of the UMC. A college degree and 10 years experience preferred. (Click for position description <[http://indianaumc.s3.amazonaws.com/309206B63AC541FC8E25A8626D76ACE4\\_Position\\_Description\\_Assoc\\_Dir\\_Camping.pdf](http://indianaumc.s3.amazonaws.com/309206B63AC541FC8E25A8626D76ACE4_Position_Description_Assoc_Dir_Camping.pdf)> and application <[http://indianaumc.s3.amazonaws.com/EE2D59BA6C81463199D1773A29E52F83\\_Employment\\_application.doc](http://indianaumc.s3.amazonaws.com/EE2D59BA6C81463199D1773A29E52F83_Employment_application.doc)> for employment form.) Letter of interest, application form, and resume must be sent electronically to [human.resources@inumc.org](mailto:human.resources@inumc.org). Applications received by Friday, June 25, 2010 will be given first consideration. The conference seeks diversity in culture, race, and gender.

#### **Director of ACE Wee School**

"Christ UMC of Fort Worth is looking for a director of its ABC Wee School. This is a two-day per week mother's day out program, with the position to begin in September. Inquiries should be directed to Lou Hulcy, SPRC chair, at [louhulcy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:louhulcy@sbcglobal.net) or 817-293-7853.

#### **Contemporary Worship Leader/Media Specialist**

First UMC Temple. Full-time position. Successful candidate must be a team-player who is committed to Christ and his Church. For further information, contact [jane.woodward@fumctemple.org](mailto:jane.woodward@fumctemple.org).

#### **Display Unit**

Custom built tall wooden Stephen Ministry display unit available. Display may be used for stocking Stephen Ministry applications and related literature, as well as having a Stephen Minister stationed beside it to answer questions. Free to a good church home (will require a pickup truck to transport). If interested, contact [debbieb@firstmethodistmansfield.org](mailto:debbieb@firstmethodistmansfield.org).

#### **Seeking Full time Youth Director**

Lighthouse Fellowship, a United Methodist Community of Faith, is seeking a full time director of youth ministries. The director will have responsibility for all aspects of youth ministry, i.e. evangelistic training, discipleship training, adult leadership training and development, weekend and midweek meetings, camps, retreats, mission trips, over all spiritual growth and carrying out the Great Commission among adolescents in grades 6-12 for the purpose of developing spiritually mature young people. Interested persons please send résumés to Bobby Cullen, [bcullen@LFwired.org](mailto:bcullen@LFwired.org).

#### **Organs Available**

St. Luke UMC, Fort Worth has been renting space to another congregation that left several organs behinds when they departed. All are working vintage instruments. If interested, contact Lee Biggs-Scribner at [lbiggs.scribner@gmail.com](mailto:lbiggs.scribner@gmail.com).

1. Hammon series 55 model B all tubes. Asking \$400 OBO
2. Lowery Holiday with Magic Chords. Asking \$200 OBO
3. Name unknown, but large with impressive looking pipes. Asking \$100 OBO

### **Equipment for Hearing Impaired**

Godley UMC has three hearing-impaired members who could benefit from amplification devices in worship. Churches that have updated their equipment recently are asked if they would donate their old equipment to Godley. If you can help, please contact Pastor Rudy Rudewick at Godley UMC ([samnrudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:samn Rudy@sbcglobal.net).) This is a church that celebrated Easter Sunday with 14 Baptisms and 14 confirmations — 1 baptism and 2 confirmations of older adults.

### **P-T Youth Director**

FUMC Eastland seeks a part time youth director. Responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of the youth program for 6th thru 12th graders. This includes Sunday school, Sunday night youth, Wednesday night youth, and other special activities throughout the year. In addition to the salary, housing will be available for the position. Contact Bryan Patrick at 254-631-9332 or [pastor@fumceastland.org](mailto:pastor@fumceastland.org).

### **P-T Administrative Assistant**

FUMC Eastland seeks a part time (25 hours per week) administrative assistant. The applicant needs to be proficient in Microsoft Office and Quickbooks. Responsibilities include preparing online media, weekly bulletins, maintaining membership records, and handling church finances. Please contact Bryan Patrick at 254-631-9332 or [pastor@fumceastland.org](mailto:pastor@fumceastland.org).

### **Methodist Children's Home President**

Methodist Children's Home of Waco is accepting applications for president. This executive position requires experience working in a child/youth care environment with an understanding of the at-risk population. The acceptable candidate should have a working knowledge of child care licensing standards and possess the ability to work with a Board of Directors to establish policy and procedures. A Child Care Administrators License and a master's degree are required. For a job description, please send your request by e-mail to [resume@mchwaco.org](mailto:resume@mchwaco.org). Resumes will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 25. MCH does not discriminate based on sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status or political beliefs. Physical or mental challenges will not disqualify an applicant who meets bona fide job requirements.

### **Organist**

Woodway First UMC seeks an organist beginning June 1. Principal duties include performing on Sunday morning and practicing with the choir Wednesday evening. The pipe organ is one of the finest in central Texas. Compensation is commensurate with qualifications. For further information, please contact Joe Achor, chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee at 254-772-9751 or [L\\_Joseph\\_Achor@baylor.edu](mailto:L_Joseph_Achor@baylor.edu).

### **Music Director**

(20 hours) – If you like the sound of “that’s the way we’ve always done it,” this position isn’t for you. Brock UMC (<http://www.brockumc.com/>), a growing church 30 minutes west of Fort Worth, seeks to hire their first music director; position can include leading music for both contemporary and traditional services, launching an adult choir, overseeing two new kid choirs and even using our two octaves of handbells that are ready to ring once again. Resumes or questions may be sent to [Alan@brockumc.com](mailto:Alan@brockumc.com).

### **Director of Youth Ministries**

Alliance UMC, a young, active congregation in far north Fort Worth is seeking an energetic, organized person with a passion for youth ministry to direct our growing youth ministry program. This is a 20-hour/week position during the school year, which grows to become a full-time position (est. 30-35 hours/week) during the summer. The director of youth ministries will help plan, organize and take a leading role in the following: summer mission trips, special youth activities (field trips, service days, youth week), Sunday night youth, Wednesday night worship, prayer and fellowship, retreats, and oversight of youth Sunday school. The position would be a great opportunity for someone wanting to grow into an internship and associate pastor role.

Please send resume, including youth experience, to: [alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alliance.pastor@sbcglobal.net). For more information, please contact Jim McClurg at 817-581-1688.

### **Used Folding Machine Needed!**

Stephenville Oakdale UMC needs a good used folding machine. If you have one that is no longer needed, please contact Steve Holston at 254-968-8870 or [pastor@oakdaleum.org](mailto:pastor@oakdaleum.org).

### **Director of Children's Ministry/Assistant Youth Director**

First UMC of Azle has an opening for a director of children's ministry/assistant youth director. This person will work with the full-time youth director. The responsibilities of this full-time position will be to oversee all the elements of the children's ministry as well as be an assistant to the youth director in the areas of administration and programming. There will also be some teaching responsibilities involved. For further information or for a job description, please contact Dean Posey at [dposey@fumcazle.org](mailto:dposey@fumcazle.org).

### **Organist/Pianist**

Organist/pianist position open at Smithfield UMC in North Richland Hills. Duties include two services on Sunday mornings, Wednesday night rehearsal and special holiday services. To apply, send a resume to Lisa Neslony at 6701 Smithfield Rd, North Richland Hills 76182 or [pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org](mailto:pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org).

### **Pianist**

Lakeside UMC at Richland Chambers Lake seeks a pianist for weekly Sunday service from 8 to 11:30 a.m. This paid position is available beginning June 1. If interested, please contact: Bill Brunson, chairman Staff Parish Relations Committee, at 903-599-4035 or Pastor Sandy Hippman at 903-599-3080.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:2theo2@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:kristiecoleman@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:westfumc@att.net).

### **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.

### **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.

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