



# Central E-Link

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

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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

### Lamar Smith Named Interim President at Texas Wesleyan

Lamar Smith will leave his current position at First UMC Fort Worth to be interim president of Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth) beginning in June. Smith joined the staff at First Fort Worth in 1955, serving 13 years as associate pastor of evangelism before moving to the Texas Conference. After retiring from his last appointment as assistant to the bishop in Houston in 1997, he returned to First Fort Worth working first with the foundation and then with evangelism. "I stepped foot on the [Texas Wesleyan] campus for the first time in September 1946 and to be going back there at this stage of my life is an honor," he shared.

### New To CTC

Bishop Mike Lowry announces two new clergy appointments to the Central Texas Conference: **Willard N. Cotton** — transfer from the Northwest Texas Conference to serve as pastor (elder in full connection) at St. Barnabas UMC, Arlington, effective June 1.

**Wayne Menking** — ordained minister in the Lutheran (ELCA) denomination to serve as director of the Harris Methodist Health System CPE Center, Fort Worth, effective Aug. 17, 2009.

### Attention, Clergy

**If you took the Clergy Sexual Misconduct Prevention Course in 2006, you are DUE in 2010.**

An online course on Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct (PCSM) is available to all clergy and supply pastors who are appointed to a charge in the CTC. The training helps clergy learn more about the nature and hazards of "dual relationship" which are inherent in the ministerial role, and to be able to strategize ways to minimize the risk of violating boundaries in their relationships with parishioners. To complete this course online, go to [www.careermarriage.org/pcsm](http://www.careermarriage.org/pcsm), "login," and set up your personal PCSM access. Completing this course meets the requirements for the sexual misconduct prevention training for clergy. To access the PCSM, each eligible clergy must enter his/her name and work e-mail address as it is listed in CTC records. Clergy who encounter any technical difficulty should consult with Richard Hunt at [pcsm@careermarriage.org](mailto:pcsm@careermarriage.org). To verify that your name and email address are correct in the conference database, contact Susan Briles at [susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:susan@ctcumc.org), 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622. **This course is free of charge to all CTC clergy through May 31, 2010. Effective June 1, all participants will be charged \$50.** All information a person enters through his or her personal PCSM access account is confidential and will not be shared with anyone. At [www.careermarriage.org/pcsm](http://www.careermarriage.org/pcsm) all the options at the left

side of the page are freely available to anyone at any time. This enables anyone with any misconduct concerns to access appropriate help. Access to all the options at the top of the page is limited to those who are eligible to participate in the PCSM course.

### **CTC Accepting Online Payments**

Churches are able to make secure, electronic payments for apportionments, insurance, pension, and cafeteria plan. From the conference webpage ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) click on "Administration," then "Apportionments," then "Online Payments." Paying online is an easy 1-2-3-step process. Contact David Stinson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, or [david@ctcumc.org](mailto:david@ctcumc.org) if you need more information.

### **Did You Know?**

On May 11, 1953, the downtown area of Waco was ravaged by a tornado that killed 114 people and injured another 597. The two-block wide tornado struck at 4:36 p.m. with people on the streets crowding into local businesses for shelter. Few of the buildings were constructed sturdily enough to withstand the winds, and they collapsed almost immediately. More than half the dead were in a single city block bounded by 4th and 5th streets and Austin and Franklin avenues. An estimated 196 business buildings were completely destroyed, and 396 were damaged so badly that they had to be torn down. The stately First United Methodist Church was severely damaged — damage estimated at \$41.2 million. (*Source: Houston chron.Commons*)

### **Storm Updates, UMCOR & CTC Mission Team**

- **Spring storms wreak havoc on U.S. South** — After torrential rains and flooding stormed through Tennessee at the start of this month, UMCOR Sager Brown shipped more than 10,000 cleaning buckets to four distribution sites in Tennessee. The spring storm season already has affected a fistful of states in the US South. Last week members of the Central Texas Conference mission team to Sager Brown saw the dispatching of blood buckets and noted the need to help in resupplying the Depot inventory. They brought to Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, La., the following supplies from CTC churches: 103 health kits, 367 birthing kits, 94 layette kits, and bulk supplies. Members from Round Rock UMC also provided sewing kits, birthing kits and health kits.

Tornadoes in Arkansas and Louisiana and the record-setting rains in Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi and Georgia have taken lives and wreaked havoc on communities. Tornadoes tore through Oklahoma on Monday, May 10, and reportedly left five dead and 58 wounded. They also caused damage in Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri. Severe weather warnings remained in effect for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 11 and 12. Cleaning buckets and other relief aid remain in short supply. Click on <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/flood-bucket/> to learn how you can assemble and send cleaning buckets. Please give generously to *US Domestic Disaster Response, Spring Storms, UMCOR Advance #901670*.

- **Haiti: Recovery Roundtable in Dominican Republic** — An international coalition of Methodist and ecumenical church groups have formed a partnership with the Methodist Church of Haiti (EMH) to address long-term development objectives in response to the crisis in Haiti. Representatives met in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, April 19-22 for a roundtable discussion of EMH-defined priorities. The priorities continue and expand work already under discussion in Port-au-Prince the very day of the earthquake, Jan. 12, by representatives of some of the same groups present at the roundtable. In addition to UMCOR, Women's Division, Mission and Evangelism, and Mission Volunteers were also represented at the April meeting. Click on [http://gbgm-umc.org/global\\_news/full\\_article.cfm?articleid=5744](http://gbgm-umc.org/global_news/full_article.cfm?articleid=5744) to read a communiqué. Gifts to support UMCOR's Haiti relief and recovery work can be made online by visiting [www.umcorhaiti.org](http://www.umcorhaiti.org). 100% of gifts made to this advance will help.

- **Indonesia: Post-Tsunami income generation plan continues** — More than five years after a Christmas tsunami devastated communities in Indonesia, UMCOR continues recovery efforts there. In mid-April, UMCOR Indonesia launched the second phase of an income

generation program meant to bolster community livelihoods and welfare by establishing cooperatives. The training targets the most motivated beneficiaries of earlier income generation projects in Aceh Besar and Bireuen Districts. To support this project and help those affected by the tsunami, make your gift to *Indonesia Emergency, UMCOR Advance #217400*.

• **Chile: Needs After Earthquake Deepen** — Just over two months after a massive earthquake in Chile, the effects of the disaster have not waned but, rather, deepened, said Juan Salazar, coordinator of the Methodist Church in Chile's emergency response arm, EMAH, an UMCOR partner. Although the 8.8 magnitude earthquake and its aftermath fell quickly from US headlines, the need for solidarity is greater now than immediately after the event. EMAH has responded to survivors of the quake from the first day and is working with UMCOR and partners in Chile to rebuild and repair homes, provide psychosocial care, and support livelihoods. Your gift to *Chile Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021178* helps the Chilean people recover.

#### **Latest Refugee/Immigration Information**

The downloadable JFON (Justice for Our Neighbors) spring newsletter has been posted to the [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) site under "Ministries" / "Refugee and Immigration" ([http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/JFON\\_spring\\_2010\\_newsletter\\_5GBFZYWC.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/JFON_spring_2010_newsletter_5GBFZYWC.pdf)).

#### **Media Library Feature at www.ctcumc.org**

The Media Library for audio, video and still photos is the latest feature to be added to our conference website, but we ran into problems with the registration process for local churches and ministries to post their videos and photos. It is now operational, and we urge churches and ministries to share their stories/images. Click on the "Media Library" menu item on the right side of the page and follow the instructions. 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.

#### **AC Registration Deadline Is May 16!**

- The 2010 Annual Conference Preliminary Report and online clergy/laity registration forms are accessible on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://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.
- Annual Conference worship services at First UMC Fort Worth will be available via live online streaming. The agenda for Sunday evening, Monday morning and Tuesday evening worship times and access the live streaming will be found at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) beginning Sunday, June 6.

#### **Note to Pastors/Church Secretaries**

If you have retired clergy, their spouses and surviving clergy spouses in your congregation who are not comfortable with online computer registration, it would be helpful for you to provide assistance for them in registering for Annual Conference and/or the Clergy Spouses Luncheon. Thank you.

#### **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://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Commissioning\\_Flyer\\_52ZZQDQQ.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Commissioning_Flyer_52ZZQDQQ.pdf)

#### **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 timeframes are listed below for assisting before and during the business sessions at Will Rogers Memorial Center. If interested, please contact Jody Williamson at [jwilliamson@lfwired.org](mailto:jwilliamson@lfwired.org) with the time(s) you can serve. Volunteers can participate for any amount of time from the schedule below. Thank YOU in advance for serving on the Annual Conference Hospitality Team!

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 (8:30-12 noon)  
 Between Business Session 2 & 3 (12 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)

**Join Our Youth in 40 Days of Prayer**

Please join with our conference through 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](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 that can be followed on the Conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)). Also, look for it on Facebook at 40 Days of Prayer and Twitter at CTC40days.

**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).

**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. 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](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](mailto:dawne@actonumc.org) or 817-326-4252, 578-1701.

## News Briefs — The Denomination

### UM Membership/Apportionment Giving Data Available

The General Council on Finance & Administration (GCFA) reports that 14 of the denomination's 63 US conferences contributed to the Church's apportioned global ministry funds at the 100% level in 2009. They are: Alaska, Baltimore-Washington, Central Texas, East Ohio, Greater New Jersey, Illinois Great Rivers, Iowa, North Carolina, Oklahoma Indian Missionary, Peninsula Delaware, Red Bird Missionary, Rio Grande and Wisconsin. There were 18 in 2008. In addition, during the uncertain financial climate in 2009, 14 annual conferences increased their giving percentage over 2008. Total apportionment receipts for 2009 were \$126.3 million, total apportionments were \$150.3 million, and the collection rate was 84.03%. In 2008, the total receipts were \$130.6 million, total apportionments were \$151 million, and the collection rate was 86.5%. GCFA thanks and celebrates the annual conferences who have faithfully maintained their commitment to connectional giving by participating at every level.

GCFA completed auditing the year-end 2008 statistical data for local churches in the United States and reported that professing membership in 2008 was down 1.01% over 2007, and average worship attendance was down 1.83% over the previous year. Although membership was down for the US church at large, eight conferences reported increases in membership, and seven reported increases in worship attendance. Membership data for 2008 continues a long-standing decline that began in the mid-1960s, however there are signs of potential new growth for the denomination. The number of constituents – persons who are not officially members of the church, but for whom the church assumes pastoral responsibility – increased 1% over 2007 with 36 conference reporting increases in this category.

### 2011 Apportionments Distributed

The 2011 apportionments have been distributed to the annual conferences. The 2011 figure is 2.68% lower than originally approved in the budget by the 2008 General Conference. "The apportionment formula is designed to adapt to changing economic conditions," Brewer said. "We expected spending in the local churches to be below expectations for 2008 and it was. By apportioning less than was originally budgeted, we hope we can aid more conferences and churches in fully paying their part of the apportionment covenant."

### New Bible Translation Is Relevant, Readable, Reliable

The Common English Bible Committee, an alliance of several denominational publishers, will be releasing a brand new translation of the Bible over the next year. The *Common English Bible* is translated to reflect more closely how readers naturally speak and communicate. Using language that is more understandable and vivid, the *Common English Bible* has been translated without compromising the powerful message or undermining the importance of thorough and accurate biblical scholarship. Visit [www.CommonEnglishBible.com](http://www.CommonEnglishBible.com) to request a FREE copy of the New Testament, see comparison translations, learn about the contributors and more. The Common English Bible Committee is an alliance of several denominational publishers: Presbyterian (U.S.A.), Episcopal, United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, and United Church of Christ.

### Preparing to Receive a New Pastor

In the Lewis Center for Church Leadership's *Leading Ideas* online newsletter Dr. Robert Crossmam says, "Welcoming a new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the groundwork for a healthy and vital relationship and for the development of stable, long-term ministries together." The following suggestions from 50 Ways to Welcome your New Senior or Associate Pastor ([http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428\\_article2.html](http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html)) will help your congregation receive a new pastor with a spirit of openness and hospitality.

### 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).

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

**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.

**Rick Mang Records CD of Children's Music**

Equipped with a guitar and an orange chair, Rick Mang entertains young and old with his catchy (and sometimes silly) selection of songs each Sunday during children's time. Now you can have your very own CD of Rick's children's songs! Claim your copy of "Come on Down! It's Children's Time!" from First Methodist Grapevine. The suggested donation per CD is \$10. All of the proceeds from the sale of the CDs will benefit Kenya Kids Can (<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=elmkksdab.0.0.uxnh8hcab.0&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.kenyakidscan.org>) and Hugworks (<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=elmkksdab.0.0.uxnh8hcab.0&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.hugworks.org>). There are a limited number of CDs available at <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=elmkksdab.0.0.uxnh8hcab.0&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.firstmethodistgrapevine.org%2Fnews%2Fcd.html>.

**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).

### **New World Embraces Narnia**

Through classes, worship services, children's Sunday school and a dramatic production, New World UmC in Arlington is weaving *The Chronicles of Narnia* author C.S. Lewis into their church ministries. The opportunities begin with a special nine-week class led by Pastor Mike Dawson based on the PBS program – *The Question of God: Sigmund Freud & C.S. Lewis*. Classes started May 5 and will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the church. They are free and open to the public. In June worship services will include a sermon series entitled, "Sermons in Conversation with C.S. Lewis." Beginning May 23 through June, Children's Ministry Director Kim George will conduct a Sunday school series encompassing *The Chronicles of Narnia* that will include a giant "magical" wardrobe for the children to touch and feel for themselves. The exploration of C.S. Lewis will culminate with the New World Drama Ministry production of *Shadowlands*, an award-winning play written by William Nicholson. *Shadowlands* tells the witty and reverent story of C.S. Lewis meeting his wife Joy and how their budding relationship affects his religious views, family and friends. The production, directed by ElizaBeth Bontley, will include actors from the DFW community as well as church members. Performances will be held June 11-13 and 17-19. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors and go on sale May 17 at [www.newworldtickets.org](http://www.newworldtickets.org). Check it out on Facebook by searching "New World United Methodist Church," visit [www.nwumc.org](http://www.nwumc.org), or call 817-460-4212.

### **Basic Lay Speaker's Class — May 16-June 13**

Genesis UMC (7605 S. Hulen, Fort Worth 76133 - 817-292-4551) will host Basic Lay Speaker's classes at the cost of \$20 to be paid at the first class. For more information, contact Judy Clarke at 817-292-9555 or [judyclarke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judyclarke@sbcglobal.net).

Sundays, May 16, 23, 30 & June 6, 13  
2 – 4:30 p.m.

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

This is a benefit celebration of life through the worship arts sponsored by the African Americans in Ministry organization from 3:30 to 5 p.m. May 15 to benefit Annette Vanzant Williams who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis. They will be uplifting God's grace and mercy through praise bands, praise dancers, instrumentalists, songsters and the dramatic acts at St. Barnabas UMC (5011 W. Pleasant Ridge, Arlington 76016) where Annette has been associate pastor. 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](mailto:luther@sbumc.org) or 817-483-1667 or Chauncey Nealy at [aldersgate1954@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aldersgate1954@sbcglobal.net) or 817-274-0116.

### **Spring Revival at Morningside UMC — May 23-25**

All are invited to Morningside UMC's (2860 Evans Ave., Fort Worth) annual Spring Revival with "Christians Becoming Disciples" as the theme. The revival begins at 7 p.m. with the following preachers:

Sunday, May 23, Bishop Mike Lowry  
Monday, May 24, Jim Chandler  
Tuesday, May 25, Rev. Odom

### **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](mailto:susanmc30@gmail.com).

### **Retirement Reception for Kent Marrs — May 30**

Friends of Kent D. Marrs are invited to a retirement reception celebrating the ministry of Kent, Diane and Darin Marrs from 2 to 4 p.m. May 30 at St. John's UMC (311 E. University Ave., Georgetown). RSVP by May 14 to 512-864-9222.

### **Retirement Reception for Jim Porter — June 13**

You are invited to join with the folks of First UMC, Georgetown in celebrating Senior Pastor Jim Porter's 38 years of ministry as he retires to discover the next chapter of life that God has in store for him. Join the celebration at 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the Georgetown Community Center located in San Gabriel Park.

### **Retirement Reception for Ev Schrum — May 30**

Join members at First UMC, Georgetown as they celebrate the ministry of Associate Pastor Ev Schrum as he retires. The reception will be at 12 noon Sunday, May 30, in the McKinney Ministry Center on the campus of First UMC, Georgetown.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:disciplingmen@fumcr.com). Early bird and team registration discounts are available.

## **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>)

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**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](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.

***Where Faith & Culture Meet.*** Six DVD sessions on how you can engage your culture. Journey to a place where you can see people's needs in a new way, understand your calling, and learn how your faith can shape culture. God calls the church to be a counterculture for the common good. When we live closely with others, we find new opportunities to minister. We serve more effectively and joyfully when we serve together. God wants to heal our racial and ethnic divisions. We can transform communities when we give ourselves to people. Includes leader and participant guides.

### **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.

### **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).

### **Administrative Assistant**

First UMC of Keller seeks an energetic professional to fill the role of administrative assistant. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office products. Ideal applicant would have experience, be able to multi-task and meet deadlines. Please email resumes to [lisag@kellerumc.org](mailto:lisag@kellerumc.org) or call 817-431-1332 for more information.

### **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.

#### **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).

#### **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](mailto: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.

#### **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).

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:kristiecoleman@gmail.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](mailto:pastorpena@att.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](mailto: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.

### **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.

## **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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