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The United Methodist Church Wilmington District

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Annual Conference Briefing Session Now Online

The archived file of the Annual Conference Briefing Session is now available for viewing at [AC briefing session](#). We realize that many people were unable to view the live stream of the session on Sunday afternoon, May 22 due to technical issues. We apologize for this and are working to resolve the issues for future telecasts.

There is also a "Frequently Asked Questions" document available for download at [Annual Conference FAQs](#). If you have a question that is not answered on the FAQs page, submit it to helpdesk@nccumc.org. Your questions will be answered and added to the FAQ document.

If you continue to have problems viewing the session from the conference website, please notify dcleek@nccumc.org or bnorton@nccumc.org.

Again, we apologize for any inconvenience the technical problems may have caused on Sunday afternoon.

Clergywomen Luncheon June 15 in Raleigh

Clergywomen in the North Carolina Conference are invited to gather for lunch during Annual Conference on Wednesday, June 15 at the Sheraton Hotel (near the Raleigh Convention Center) at 11 a.m. Pasta Primavera plates will be available including dessert for \$20 prior to June 5. Checks payable to Fuquay-Varina UMC should be sent to the Rev. Elaine Lilliston, Fuquay-Varina UMC, 100 S. Judd Pkwy SE, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.

Clergy Partners Luncheon
Friday, June 17, 2011
Registration 11:30 am
Lunch 12 noon
Edenton Street UMC
228 W. Edenton St., Raleigh
Contact Dianna Whittaker, Registrar
for information
Email: dspwhittaker@hotmail.com

Get ready to **"Shake it Up"** at Wrightsboro UMC's VBS! Kid's from preschool to 5th grade will learn how to carry out God's recipe for living. VBS will be held June 20-24th from 6:30-9:00pm each night.

NCC School of Christian Mis- sion

will be held July 20-23 at Methodist University in Fayetteville. The study courses will be Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity (Thursday), Haiti (Friday) and Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation (Friday evening/Saturday morning or Saturday.) Clergy and laity are welcome to attend all or part of the School. CEU credits can be given. See page 7 for registration form.

UMW Girlfriend to Girlfriend/ Social Action Event

Human Trafficking: When People are the Goods is an awareness raising evening on August 17th at 6:00 pm. Linda Rawley of the Wilmington Police Department will be the speaker. Grace UMC will provide supper and the presentation will begin about 6:45 pm. The program is offered by United Methodist Women. Childcare is available. Preregistration for supper is required. Contact Janet Shew shewj@ec.rr.com) or Carolyn Carden (ctcumw@aol.com) for additional information. See page 8 for registration form.

Scouting News

At a recent Boy Scout Court of Honor, Cameron Younts (left) and Chris Conway (right) received the Eagle Scout Award. Both are members of Trinity UMC in Wilmington. Their troop is sponsored by Wrightsville Beach UMC. Parents are Brent and Evelyn Conway and Eric and Kathy Younts.



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Rekindling the **Flame** of the Laity Conference

Theme: "Christ's Mission and Ours"

June 30—July 3, 2011

Lake Junaluska

This Laity Conference is to provide an opportunity to experience Jesus Christ and to grow in the Christian faith & relationship: through great preaching, Bible Study, inspiring singing, special music, and Christian fellowship as Families. You may register online: npaplen@lakejunaluska.org.

Workshops for Musicians and Worship Leaders

The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts is co-sponsoring a learning event July 18-19 at Campbell University Divinity School in Buies Creek. It's close by, it's affordable, and it's going to be a great event! Participants will have an opportunity to attend reading sessions of new music, preview and purchase "Worship and Song," the new United Methodist hymnal supplement and worship resource, choose an area of training that best fits the needs of what they do in the local church, and learn from nationally-known clinicians Pepper Choplin, David Schwoebel, Mark Edwards, and Terry Taylor. There is an option to attend only one day if you are not able to commit to



the whole event. Please check out the website Oasis and make plans to attend.

North Carolina Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

September 25-30, 2011

Trinity Center, Atlantic Beach, NC

The Academy is a five-day retreat which combines study with two established faculty members, time for personal reflection and meditation, frequent worship with liturgy, singing and the Eucharist, rest, and time with a community of adults who are seeking to grow closer to God and others. The retreat is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Conference UMC and The Upper Room. For answers or to register call Robin Harry at 800-849-4433 or email at rharry@nccumc.org

You're Invited

Join Donald Durham and Bill Cottingham to a dinner at the First Christian Church (near Hugh MacRae Park), honoring Mr. Allan Huband on Sunday, evening June 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Allan Huband has raised thousands of dollars for the CROP Walk for Hunger in Wilmington. He has lung cancer and his health is failing.

Plan to walk or sponsor those who will for the CROP Walk for Hunger, October 9 at Hugh MacRae Park. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 2 p.m.

Call with questions: Bill Cottingham (622-6537) or Donald Durham (200- 8678).



Resurrection UMC, Kansas City, KS 2011 Leadership Institute

September 28-30, 2011

Begin making plans for the 3 day Leadership Institute at Resurrection Church in Kansas City. Identify leaders, set program and financial goals and determine transportation needs. Start early to make a difference in your church and **make it happen!** To receive information about the Institute from Resurrection UMC, go to <http://www.cor.org/events/church-calendars-service-opportunities/single-views/volunteer-item/article/leadership-institute-2011/back/4582/> and fill out your information. You will soon receive details from the church.

Lay Speaker Program

The Wilmington District would like to thank those that stepped out in Faith attending and committing to serving in the Lay Servant/Lay Speaker program. We would also like to thank Whiteville UMC, Bill and Teresa Boykin for hosting the Basic Lay Speaker event. We look forward to the Advance course on Nov. 12, 2011. The Basic course is not a prerequisite for Advance training therefore, all are welcome. Location and topic of study to be announced.

1K for 1Kid

\$1,000 enables us to complete the support for one child for one year.

Can you help? Please give generously to Methodist Home for Children.

For more information on The Methodist Home for Children's **1K for 1Kid** campaign contact Jennifer Cooper at jcooper@mhfc.com or 888-305-4321, ext. 305. Information packets are available for local churches at the district office.

Epicurean Evening returns to Wilmington

Annually benefits the Methodist Home for Children

Wilmington, NC - Fill up on delectable delights courtesy of the Pine Valley Market, Elijah's, Front Street Brewery, Ruth's Chris Steak House, the Duplin Winery and many other premier chefs and restaurants at Wilmington's 5th annual Epicurean Evening to benefit the Methodist Home for Children.

Scheduled to take place on Sept. 1, 2011 at the Wilmington Convention Center Grand Ballroom in the Port City's downtown district, this year's event promises to be the best yet, offering a smorgasbord of tasty specialties. There will also be an exciting live auction, along with silent auction offerings as well. Frances Weller of WECT will again serve as honorary chairwoman and Mistress of Ceremonies, and Chef Dave Mueller, one of the stars of Swamp Loggers will serve as Celebrity Chef. Bobby Goodson, star of the show, will serve as a celebrity food fancier.

Epicureans will compete in several categories, including best dessert, best appetizer, best entrée, best presentation, and the people's choice to name a few. Their creations will be judged by a panel of food critics and culinary experts. The Best in Show trophy, the copper kettle will remain on display in the winning establishment for one year.

All proceeds go to benefit Methodist Home for Children and its programs that support children and families across southeastern North Carolina and beyond.

"For every child in our care, we lack \$1,000 in funding to complete their care for a year. The Epicurean Evening provides needed funding to help support children and families in our area," said Missy Sumrell, 2011 event chair. "This exciting event helped provide care for more than 60 children in the Wilmington area in 2010."

Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis--and they sell out fast. Tickets cost \$1,000 per table of 10. While tables are preferable, the MHC does offer individual ticket sales. Tickets can be purchased by check or credit card by calling 910-471-6088. See flyer on page 10 of this newsletter.

About the Methodist Home for Children

Our mission, in service to God, is to build upon the social, physical, emotional, and spiritual strengths of children, youth, and families, and to affirm their worth.

Methodist Home for Children now serves more than 1,300 children and families each year through an array of community-based services and resources which: ensure that children grow up in safe, loving homes; educate parents and caregivers about how best to nurture children and young adults; help young people navigate adolescence; work to eradicate the social and family problems that lead to abuse, neglect, family disruption, and child abandonment.

We serve all children and families regardless of their religion, race, ethnic background, or economic status. Our services include family-based counseling, community-based residential youth homes, childcare consultation, training, and services, substance abuse services, foster care, therapeutic foster care, and adoption. We use a values-based model of care that promotes honesty, respect, responsibility, empowerment, compassion, and spirituality.

GATHERING OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, LOCAL PASTORS AND LAY SPEAKERS

Be sure to mark your calendars NOW for a Prayer Encounter Seminar with Dr. Terry Teykl on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Garner UMC in Garner. If you've never attended a Prayer Encounter Event, you are in for an uplifting day as you enjoy the passion and humor of Dr. Teykl. Every church needs more prayer. Dr. Teykl was called by God to "build God's church in prayer", and is devoting his life to that call. Visit his website www.renewalministries.com for a short video. The only cost for this event is \$5 for lunch. We'll gather at 9:00 am, event begins at 9:30 am and ends at 2:30 pm with a break for lunch. For more information, contact Margaret Hockett at mhockett@nccumc.org or call 791-4092.

Let us Sing Joyfully
At Grace UMC, June 5, 2011
See flyer on page 9 of this newsletter

El Salvador May 2-11 2011 by Terry Barlow

How privileged I was once again to have visited Central America recently to assist in the start-up of a new church outside Apopa, El Salvador! With a name like El Salvador (the Savior) it's hard to go wrong. This nation is similar to Honduras only the poverty is more pronounced. Access to e-mail and transportation is more limited. A pastor working at the university in San Salvador makes about \$24 a day (they use our currency) and his wife works at a local church association center where she makes \$3 a day as the only employee (the association used to employ 17 people). Yet gas was close to a dollar more a gallon and food is equally expensive. Go figure. This time of the year the heat is sweltering, and even electric fans are scarce, not to mention air conditioning. We took cold showers, but in the intense heat they were welcome, and it felt good to recall what my physician daughter Robyn told me: that at least 20 seconds under a cold shower bolsters the immune system significantly. One reason, perhaps, why Salvadorans seem so healthy physically.

I spoke 8 times over 9 days, including twice on Mother's Day, once at the "mother church" which was one of the trip's definite highlights. The pastors seemed especially appreciative of the Hebrew and Greek footnotes thrown into the homilies. There were numerous opportunities to ride public transportation which is cheap but extremely overcrowded. Otherwise apparently the drivers and attendants can't make a decent profit. Again I was impressed by how Central Americans hold each other's bags, (about as many were standing as were seated) care for each other's children, and are so generally considerate of one another. My host's daughter began spontaneously clearing and wiping tables where we had lunch, an establishment called "Agape" that time after time refused to let me pay since I was there as a missionary. From and in the bus, with worship music blaring, I watched the crush of humanity teeming along scratching out a living and realized better the truth of what I'd been reading: that all vocations are equally sacred and that honest work of whatever kind is indeed worshipful, whether it's conscious of itself being so or not.

Another highlight of the trip was a visit to an orphanage in a dangerous though cooler area of the country near Santo Tomas. Seventy children reside there and 400 are educated in the adjacent school. The directors are Americans who receive some of their support from an Assembly of God church in Raleigh of all places, a church that was founded by a relative of the directors who are a delightful older couple. We led the children in some singing, presented a puppet show, preached and I topped it off by playing flute for them as they sat down to eat. I cannot remember ever receiving such an enthusiastic response. Several of the students play band instruments and have a keen appreciation for instrumental music. The hugs and affection we received just before leaving moved us to tears. They sincerely want us to return with a team if possible and hopefully we can. (I am reminded of how the word enthusiasm means literally something like 'filled with God' - en Theos - and that place certainly is.)

There was an old priest once who had learned late in his life that the so-called interruptions to his ministry were, after all, his real ministry. On at least 2 occasions during this outreach when I was either exhausted or busy with preparation, people showed up for whom I knew I needed to make room. When I did it became clear that they were divine appointments (for which we had prayed) and I was immediately re-energized with plenty of time left over for rest and preparation. Isn't that exactly how God works! One of these individuals turned out to be the President of the Baptist Pastors Assoc. of El Salvador (which doesn't make him more important, however) and the other a young musician who recorded some of my flute music and accompanied me some with his own more technically accomplished flute playing. In both cases we were delighted with the fellowship that we shared.

One of my teaching themes, in fact the culmination of all of them, was the easiness of His yoke and the lightness of His burden, but now I realize that I was the one being taught (in His Yoke) by these gracious, humble people who were so careful not to overburden me. Finally on the plane I made myself available as a kind of sounding board to a young American Jesuit theology student who apprehensive about re-entering our culture after 6 months of study in El Salvador. She was a great historical resource for me though she had been insulated from the news of the riot at the National Palace and National Theater Buildings of San Salvador where \$400,000 worth of windows had been smashed (windows I had admired the day before it happened) by angry street vendors who had been denied the right to sell their wares. Though there has been political and social progress since the Romero martyrdom and turmoil of the 1980's, tensions clearly persist between the poorest poor and the government. Having visited La Puerta de la Libertad where thousands of these poor had fled to freedom many decades ago, I overheard the following conversation which it seems good to reproduce here in closing poetic form:

There was silence for a while as the waves rolled in, then...

"Is there any end to the sea?"

she asked so wistfully
just as she was meant to ask.

"I mean the sky is endlessly high
so cannot the sea go bottomlessly
down and down?"

"No, there are rocks there and
seaweed miles below
where the strangest brightest fish do glow,"

So there is an end to the sea
Though there doesn't at first seem to be.

As there is no end to the blue of sky
though man claims his stick to measure it by.

When we visit or dwell at the coast these days, may we be reminded by the psalmist that God has as many loving thoughts of each of us children as there are grains of sand on the beach. Selah.

Birthdays

- 1 Mary Rattz
- 2 Kerry Russell
- 3 Amy Roberts
- 6 Sarah Smith
- 7 Judy Billings
- 9 Preston O'Briant
- 14 Crystal O'Briant
- 16 Sam Loy
- 21 Beverly Fitzgerald
- 22 Linda Smith
- 23 David Wade
- 24 Jeannie Oxendine
- 25 Page Wingfield

Anniversaries

- 3 Don and Cathy Barclay
- 3 Leonard and Linda Sheppard
- 6 Bill and Kaye Applewhite
- 8 Willie and Judith Frizzelle
- 16 Randy and Brenda Wagner
- 25 Sam and Wanda Loy

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Joys and Concerns **Joys and Concerns**

Ann Wade, mother of David Wade (Wesley Memorial), died on Saturday, April 30. The funeral was held on Wednesday, May 4, at Bethel UMC, Burlington. Please keep the Wade family in your prayers.

Donald (Harbor) and Pamela Shields are happy to announce the graduation of their daughter, Maggie, from North Carolina State University. Maggie will begin her teaching career this fall at Sanderson High School in Raleigh.

Patriotic Musical—District Wide—July 2, 2011

On July 3, 2010, a unique event took place on the waterfront in downtown Wilmington. Three churches, Pine Valley, Wrightsboro and Wesley Memorial UMC, combined forces to create a 90 voice choir that sang patriotic and Christ centered songs that literally took Jesus to the streets of Wilmington. This year, on July 2, 2011, we hope to do it again with the hopes of expanding the circle. To test the waters, 12 churches were invited to PVUMC on February 3rd to talk about putting all of our choirs together. This meeting has resulted in laying the groundwork for another great evening of music and fellowship as we sing together for God's glory. So far, we have over 200 people committed to sing – not just from area Methodist churches. This year's musical will include a new Christian musical called The Patriot Song as well as old favorites like Battle Hymn of the Republic and Salute to the Armed Forces. We would like to also invite any church in the Wilmington District or in the greater Wilmington City area to join us. Individuals as well as entire choirs are invited to participate. If you would like more information or would like to be part of this great outreach event, please contact Karl Marzolf at Pine Valley UMC-Wilmington, Joey Gore at Wrightsboro UMC or Bettsy Curtis at Wesley Memorial UMC. We are giving all the glory to God as we take Jesus to the streets on July 2nd. Please, come join us!

Looking Ahead

May 30—Memorial Day, District Office closed
June 15-18—Annual Conference; Raleigh, NC
June 28—Moving Day
June 30—New Pastor Orientation; Garner UMC
June 30-July 3—Rekindling the Flame of the Laity Conference, Lake Junaluska
July 2—District-Wide Patriotic Musical; downtown Wilmington
July 4,5—Office Closed for Independence Day
July 20-23—NCC School of Christian Mission, Methodist University, Fayetteville
August 11—Set-Up Meeting, Burgaw UMC, 7-9 p.m.
August 17—UMW Girlfriend to Girlfriend/Social Action Event, Grace UMC, Wilmington, 6 p.m.
August 28—District Ignite Service, location TBA
September 1—MHC's Epicurean Evening—Wilmington Convention Center; 6:00pm
September 5—Labor Day, District Office closed
September 28-30—Leadership Seminar at Resurrection UMC, Kansas City, KS
October 1—Gathering of Associate Members, Local Pastors, and Lay Speakers, Garner UMC
October 6—District Pastors' Meeting, location TBA
October 9—Wilmington Area Crop Walk for Hunger, Hugh McRae Park
October 20-22—Lay Academy for Christian Witness
November 6—Equipping The Local Church (Annual Leadership Training), location TBA
November 11-13—Pilgrimage, Crown Coliseum, Fayetteville, NC
November 12—Advanced Lay Speaker Training, location TBA
November 24-25—Thanksgiving, District Office closed
December 2—District Christmas Party

School of Christian Mission Registration

July 20 thru July 23, 2011

Registration Deadline:

Registration must be postmarked by July 11, 2011

Register Today!

Classroom space is limited!

Late Registration Fee: \$25.00

Student Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Unit Officer ___ District Officer ___ Conference Officer ___
 Clergy ___ Deaconess ___ Missionary ___

Email _____ District _____

Age Level - (Circle One) **16-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 and Up** _____ Male ___ Female ___

First-Time Student - Yes ___ No ___ CEU Credit - Yes ___ No ___ Child Care - Yes ___ No ___

Special Needs (Please be specific: Handicap, luggage, diet, etc.) _____

Roommate Preference: _____

In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Phone # _____

Full-Time Resident Student Registration

(Wed. night lodging through Sat. Class: includes meals (except Wed. night), class registrations and lodging)

Circle one: Fri./Sat. Split Class or Sat. Day Class

Total Registration: \$200.00 _____

Commuter / Part-Time Student (please select all that will apply to your attendance)

Wednesday: Wednesday night dinner is on your own

Daily Total

Wednesday Lodging _____ \$35.00 _____

Thursday: Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity

Joy to the World Class Registration _____ \$20.00 _____

Thursday Breakfast _____ 8.00 _____

Thursday Lunch _____ 10.00 _____

Thursday Dinner _____ 12.00 _____

Thursday Lodging _____ 35.00 _____

Friday: Haiti

Haiti Class Registration _____ \$20.00 _____

Friday Breakfast _____ 8.00 _____

Friday Lunch _____ 10.00 _____

Friday Dinner _____ 12.00 _____

Friday Lodging _____ 35.00 _____

Friday/Saturday: Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation

Reconciliation Split Class Registration _____ \$20.00 _____

Saturday: Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation

Saturday Reconciliation Class Registration _____ \$20.00 _____

Saturday Breakfast _____ 8.00 _____

Saturday Lunch _____ 10.00 _____

Commuter / Part-Time Student Total _____

Make checks payable to United Methodist Women **SOCM**

Total Remitted _____

School of Christian Mission [SOCM]

Please add \$25.00 late registration fee when remitting after July 11, 2011

Send to: Mary Forrest, 112 Holly Ridge Lane, Mebane, NC 27302
 phone: 919-563-0504 email: mforrest@mebtel.net

**No refunds after
 July 15, 2011**

Girlfriend to Girlfriend/Social Action Event
Registration form

Grace United Methodist Church
401 Grace Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Wednesday, August 17, 2011
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Local Church _____

Age Level (check one): 16-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 and up

UMW Member: Yes No UMW Officer: Yes No First time attendee: Yes No

Box Supper coordinated by Grace United Methodist Church **\$6.00**

Food Allergies _____

Child Care needed: Yes No (bring child's supper)

Age of child/children _____

Topic: **Human Trafficking**— **Linda Rawley**, from the Wilmington Police Department, will provide the program beginning about 6:45 pm if you cannot join for us supper.

Return form no later than August 12: Shirley Sasser, 3414 Hallsboro Rd., Hallsboro, NC 28442
Make check payable to Wilmington District UMW.

For additional information contact Janet Shew, 910-278-6365 or shewj@ec.rr.com

A vibrant graphic featuring a teal background with a yellow sunburst in the center. A rainbow arches over the sunburst, and various musical notes and treble clefs are scattered around. A red banner with a white border and a black drop shadow is positioned across the middle.

LET US *Sing* JOYFULLY

**Choir Tour
2011**

**A PROGRAM OF CHORAL MUSIC & HANDBELLS
PRESENTED BY THE CELEBRATION SINGERS**

TUCKER FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TUCKER, GEORGIA

Grace United Methodist Church - Sunday, June 5, 10:55 Worship Service

*Delightful tasting and a rousing live auction
to benefit Methodist Home for Children*

Wilmington's Epicurean Evening

Thursday, September 1, 2011

Wilmington Convention Center
6:00 PM



For more information:
910.471.6088
www.wilmingtonee.com