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Vision Statement

The Peninsula-Delaware Conference, as the body of Christ, will live out the ministry and teaching of Jesus Christ – boldly, cooperatively, and inclusively – through life-changing communities of compassion.

Bishop Marcus Matthews has announced the appointment of the Rev. William T. Sterling, Jr. to the position of Easton District Superintendent, effective July 1, 2006. In making this appointment, he said that Rev. Sterling has a “good understanding of what is needed in the Easton District and feels he will have a strong presence on the District.” He also acknowledged that Rev. Sterling “has a concern and love to be a pastor to the pastors and work with the laity to be more effective in their ministry.” Bishop Matthews also feels that Rev. Sterling will round out the team and add value to the leadership of the Annual Conference.

As the bishop of this Annual Conference, it is an awesome job to discern and choose District Superintendents to help lead the conference. Bishop Matthews shared that as he prayerfully considers the office of the Superintendency he looks for someone who is spiritually grounded; who is a team player; someone who has demonstrated good leadership skills and is relational (works well with people). He also looks for those that see the Big Picture of what God is calling the Annual Conference to do. He also appreciates the person that “knows who they are and is comfortable in theology and their vision” of whom God has created them to be.

Rev. Sterling, “Bill” to his colleagues and friends, has been a clergy member in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference since his first appointment to Oriole United Methodist Charge in Oriole, Maryland back in 1972.

Born and raised in Crisfield, he grew up with Sunday school teachers, and pastors (Asbury UMC in Crisfield is his home church), and family as mentors and friends. Bill credits the small town community of Crisfield and those mentors with how he has taken their personal ‘resources’ and applied them in every situation since leaving the Eastern Shore town many years ago. As a former District Superintendent, Rev. Sterling Green had this to say, “I celebrate Bishop Matthew’s appointment of my cousin, Bill, to be the superintendent of the Easton District. Bill brings to the position many ‘sterling’ qualities including a love of the United Methodist Church, long experience on the Board of Ordained Ministry, significant relational skills, a generosity of spirit, and a record of successful ministry in a variety of appointments. Having grown up with Bill in Crisfield I also share in the pride of that community, and especially Asbury Church, in his achievement.”

Serving his church and community isn’t the only service Rev. Sterling has provided over the past few decades. In 1990 he was mobilized and served in Saudi Arabia as a “regular army” chaplain with Operation Desert Shield and he earned a Bronze Star for his time during the Persian Gulf War. He has also led one group to the Gulf Coast to assist in the 2005 hurricane



Rev. William T. Sterling, Jr.



Rev. Sterling in 1990

clean-up and another will be heading there from his church this month. With all that he has seen in the war zone areas, he comments that the devastation that they witnessed right here in the United States after the hurricanes was much worse. Rev. Greg Hill, currently serving as an extension pastor at the Endorsing Agency in Nashville, Tennessee, says of him, “Bill and I were Counselors in Training at Nanticoke Scout Reservation one year. We were roommates at Wesley Seminary our first year. Bill served as a Delaware National Guard Chaplain, endorsed by UMEA, during Desert Shield, Storm and Calm. We served together on the BOOM for many years and used to go to the McDonald’s in Chestertown for breakfast just to visit before the interviews. We have shared the journeys of his sons in scouting and military service. I count him as a very dear and trusted friend and colleague.”

All of these experiences have shaped his life. His parents and uncle taught him that you have to know what you believe and what is possible – knowing that – you have to be open to people and ideas and that is something that helps you grow and doesn’t threaten. He says that he uses these ‘life experiences’ and his relationships to be the best that he can be.

Rev. Charlotte Nichols, Salisbury District Superintendent, made the announcement to the Atlantic congregation on February 5th. She said later that she “appreciate(s) the time, talent, and gifts Rev. Sterling has given to the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and the

Salisbury District through his years of ministry, especially most recently as pastor at Atlantic United Methodist in Ocean City and Chair of the Salisbury District Committee on the Superintendency. I value Rev. Sterling as a colleague and I look forward to working with him on the Cabinet.” The congregation of Atlantic, though sad to see him leave, are very excited about his new position and wish him the best.

When he received the call from Bishop Matthews to be in discernment and prayer for this appointment, he said that he was totally stunned by the call and that, once again, God had laughed at his plans. He and his wife, Jackie, were settled into life in Ocean City and his present appointment at Atlantic UMC and he was happy and content to stay there as a parish pastor. But, God had other plans for him and Jackie and now they are headed for the Easton District to see what else God has in store for them.

A note from Bill, “I believe that the 21st century is both an exciting time of unparalleled opportunity as well as great challenge for the church. Our nation and world is much like that of Acts 17. It’s a time of incredible religiosity, with idols to every deity imaginable, including one for the “unknown God” just in case. It is here that the Apostle Paul made the unknown god, known. Today, in the midst of the evil, suffering and pain in our world, there is also a deep hunger for God, expressed in the phenomenal interests in spirituality and anything religious. I believe that the Church, through its faithful, clear and bold witness, can meet that hunger and effectively overcome the evil by introducing people to the transforming love of God in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ changes lives. When Jesus changes lives – everything else follows suit.”

Save The Date:

Clergy/Laity Banquet

Friday, May 12, 2006

Modern Maturity Center — Dover

Guest Speaker —

Bishop Violet Fisher

Welcome to Our Sacred Space

Wow! We truly serve an awesome God, and God is constantly doing a new thing.

I'm convinced that God can and will create a sacred space whenever we come together in the name of Jesus. This article is to give thanks to God and you for those sacred spaces and time God has given us.

I want to thank all the laity who attended and participated in the eight (8) Laity Gatherings in various churches on each district from September through December 2005. This was a special time to receive information from you about what is happening in your church and/or district. It was a time to hear from you about your celebrations and concerns. It allowed me to hear of some of the resources needed and to share some of the resources available to the local church through the office of "Strengthening the Black Church" and others. I will send to all the African-American lay leaders and pastors some of the information and my observations about the dialogues.

I want to thank all the pastors, clergy spouses and congregations who participated in the African-American Clergy Convocation held at the Grand Hotel, Ocean City, Md, January 27-29, 2006. This was an amazing weekend of exciting spiritual revitalization and intellectual awakening through challenging teaching and preaching, utilizing the outstanding human resources, Rev. Ralph Blanks and Rev. Dr. Dorothy Watson Tatem of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, and the pastors and congregations of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. We were especially blessed with an exceptional design team. The convocation's theme "Reclaiming Our Call" was an opportunity to reflect and connect the dots in one's life journey and intentionally recommit to one's call with new ways of being God's beloved son or daughter and doing mission and ministry in the church, community, and beyond.

Some of the workshop topics focused on clergy covenant relationships, appropriate boundaries, clergy self-care and balance, clergy spouses, the power of networking, importance of intentional spiritual formation, and Holy boldness (leading by example). We were blessed to have with us Bishop Marcus Matthews and Mrs. Barbara Matthews. We were challenged by Bishop Matthews to go back to our congregations to:

- **make and nurture Disciples for Jesus Christ**
- **be churches centered in prayer**



Rev. Elaine B. Ayres

- **meet human needs and transform communities**
- **participate in global outreach ministries**
- **strengthen racial ethnic inclusiveness**

Thirty six (36) of the approximately seventy seven (77) African-American churches/charges in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference were represented by their pastor at the convocation. The pastors were supported by their congregations through registration fees, prayers, inspirational cards and letters. They were also supported by prayers and letters of encouragement by their district superintendents. Each pastor was encouraged to share their experience with the congregation. Each pastor developed a take home assignment to share with the SPRCC or Administrative Board/Council. Other ideas surfaced for small focus group meetings and discussions. Because it is impossible to be effective pastors without the gifts of the laity, I also thank Ms. Madeline Beall (Cokesbury), Mrs. Michelle Nichols, Ms. Brenda Gaines and all the conference staff, the special choirs,

praise and worship teams and the ministry of dance and a special thanks to the members of St. Paul UMC in Berlin Md.

Rev. Dr. George Moody reminded us of the power of prayer and Rev. Dr. Ashley Maxwell reminded us to never give up hope expressed in these words, "Please be patient with me God is not finished with me yet." I was reminded that the apostle Paul said, "we must press our way on." (Philippians 3:12-14)

Rev. James T. Seymour reminded us of the love shown by God to us through Jesus the Christ and encouraged us to stay the course and not give up because we have a God of power and might and we're never alone.

We returned home still connecting the dots and knowing as we continue this journey laity and clergy together must love, respect, and trust each other and seek God's will and strength for wisdom and guidance. Remembering "Prayer Is The Key."

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Amen

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Shalom,
Elaine

From Your Wesley College Chaplain



Rev. Mark Pruett-Barnett

We had our "kick off" worship service for the semester a few weeks ago, January 25. As I told you that Boe Harris and Ragghi Clarentine led the worship for us (It was too bad that Odette Wright could not join us). Everyone who was there had a wonderful time. People had a chance to experience the worship of God through Jesus Christ in a way that perhaps they had not done before. The things we can take for granted, like blankets, became blessings in the hands of Ragghi and Boe. Ragghi, as usual, held us all spellbound with her stories. At the end of the service, Boe danced, not to traditional Native American music – but to a contemporary Christian song. The dance and the music just flowed together.

It was quite an experience! Native American Christian worship with a group of people of different racial and religious back-

grounds; all of this transpiring in the Chapel of a United Methodist affiliated college that at one time had been a Baptist church! It was a visible sign of an inward grace, Christ's Spirit working to bring people together. I think that this is one of the gifts of being a church related college. People can come together, through the hospitality of the risen Christ; and who knows? People may actually find the way to be accepted as they are accepted; forgiven as they have been forgiven; and able to love as they are loved – by the God of Jesus Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,

Mark

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Conference Advance Special Sunday

By Kevin Goodwin,
Conference Missions Resource

I just got an email from the Conference Office staff. Over **\$980,000** was given in 2005 for the tsunami and Gulf Coast disasters. Maybe that accounted for the large drop off in support for both the Central Congo Partnership (\$37,000, down from around \$70,000) and Africa University Endowed Scholarship (\$12,000, down from about \$23,000). Both projects are major mission focuses of this Annual Conference – let's not for-

get their needs just because they do not make the nightly news.

This year's Conference Advance Special Sunday will help support both efforts plus raise funds to provide scholarships to the 2007 VIM team to the Congo. Ask your Missions Committee and Pastor(s) to put CAS Sunday on your giving calendar for Lent. Information on CAS was included in the January Coordinated mailing. Email me if you need a copy of the bulletin insert or poster (MissionsCzar@aol.com).

Lenten Devotional Available

Rev. Doug Ridley, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Cambridge, Maryland, has put together a Lenten Devotional book entitled "The Measure of All Things," and is making it available to pastors from our Philadelphia Episcopal Area, at no charge to them (as long as copies last). The book is a gift from him: a collection of some of his theological and devotional poetry, accompanied by suggested scriptures to read, some thoughts and a prayer, all centered on the premise that "Jesus Christ is the measure of all things." The daily devotions in the book begin the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, (February 26, celebrated in the liturgical calendar of the Christian Church as Transfig-

uration of the Lord) and go through Easter Sunday. Some copies of the Devotional will be available at the Bishop's Lenten Day Apart at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware on Tuesday, February 28. Copies are also available at our Peninsula-Delaware Conference Office and some district offices. If you want to order one from Doug, send him \$ 1.00 to cover mailing costs (not handling) at 501 Race Street, Cambridge, MD, 21613. He says, "I hope those who use it will find it enjoyable, inspiring, and thought-provoking. After Easter, I would love to get feedback about the book and about your experience of using it through the season of Lent."

About Doug, he has been a

pastor in our Peninsula-Delaware Conference since May, 1969, and has been seriously writing poetry on and off since 1989. The idea for a Lenten Devotional came about fourteen years ago, when he and Rev. Joe Herr of the EPA Conference served neighboring churches along the Delaware-Pennsylvania state line. Their two churches published a series of Lenten Devotional guides together, with input from both congregations, from 1989 through 1996. Efforts to put

together his own Lenten Devotional "died-aborning" until the Lord gave him the centering image (a measuring cup) in December of 2004. From there, the book just fell in place, and was first given to his present church and some friends, including his new bishop, Bishop Matthews, last year. Thanks to a local printing firm, which has put together this publication for him, he is able to share "The Measure of All Things" with others.

FREE: Wurlitzer full size organ. Model 4373, 25-30 years old. Well maintained and in good condition. Full pedal board and two 44 note keyboards with synthesizer and rhythm section. Weight 260 pounds. Available to a church or individual that can move it. Call Kay Lindell at 302.737.6075 after February 22.

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Interfaith Resource Center

IRC Display Set for Dover Lay Speaker's Training

The IRC has been invited to provide a display at the Dover Lay Speaker's Training on Saturday, March 11 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Georgetown. We are pleased to have the opportunity to offer a display of our resources in this location. I will include a range of materials that support the topics presented at this training; that is, evangelism, worship, spirituality, Methodism, and safe church. I will also provide a display of some of our recent video resources. On Tuesday March 21, I will present a display at the Georgetown Area Ministerium at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Georgetown. The display will be open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a particular resource that you would like to request that I bring to either event, please call the IRC at 1.800.336.6152 or email at resource.ctr@dol.net. I hope to see you there!



Paula Hartzell

New Resources

The Lord's Prayer: Discover the Secrets of the World's Best Known Prayer is a powerful reminder of the important elements that constitute this familiar prayer. In this short 10-minute video, a woman settles into a pew to pray and is interrupted by God's voice responding to her. The honest dialogue that they have highlights the important issues in the words that we speak. This video would make an effective beginning to any seminar on prayer and could be used with youth as well as adults.

The Four Acts of Prayer

with **Walter Wangerin, Jr.** breaks down the prayer process into four elements: we speak, God listens, God speaks, and we listen. In this 8 segment program the renowned theologian tells personal stories to explore these vital elements that complete the circle of prayer. The program also includes an explanation on the structure of prayer and how familiar prayers help us to focus. It includes a leader's guide.

Pastor Derrick Porter recently requested that the IRC purchase **Not In My Church**, a video that frankly addresses the issue of sexual abuse in the church. And we are glad that he requested it. This well-acted 45-minute docudrama highlights the betrayal of trust associated with any act of abuse within a congregation and the easy avenues that people seek to avoid confronting this destructive force. The abuse issue is handled in a manner that encompasses all forms of sexual abuse within this single story. This is a must-see for all congregational leaders. The video includes a study guide and brochures.

Health Ministries

Love Month

By Maurice Egnor

Love Month, that time of year when stores bring out the hearts and flowers in all shapes and sizes and remind us that we need to tell those close to us how much we love them. As Christians we are called not to show our love only once a year during love month, but every day, every minute, and every second. We are called to love God and to love one another. Love is the essence of who we are. With this being said, February still seems to be a time when everyone's minds are on love. With many equating love and hearts, the American Heart Association uses this time of year to remind us to take care of our heart. I will take this opportunity to do the same by listing a few reminders.

Coronary heart disease is America's # 1 killer, with Stroke being #3. It is extremely important to remember that if one is experiencing a heart attack or stroke that every second counts. If you see or experience any of the listed signs, please call 9-1-1 immediately. Every second counts.

Heart Attack Warning Signs:

- Chest discomfort.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. May include pain in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of Breath. May or may not have chest discomfort.
- Other Signs: Nausea, lightheadedness, breaking out in a cold sweat.

Stroke Warning Signs:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one

or both eyes.

- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

Cardiac:

- Sudden loss of responsiveness.
- No response to gentle shaking.
- No normal breathing.
- No signs of circulation. No movement or coughing.

If cardiac arrest occurs call 911 and begin CPR immediately.

Remember if you, or someone close to you, experiences symptoms, call 911 immediately, seconds count.

As well as knowing the signs and symptoms for heart attack and stroke, it is important that we remember to live a lifestyle that promotes a healthy heart. A lifestyle that promotes good nutrition, rest and exercise.

We also need to strengthen our spiritual heart, by reading the word, by having an active prayer life, and living by the Great Commandment of Jesus. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself — Luke 10:27.

I will leave you with a spiritual exercise on love that was given to our congregation by one of our pastors.

Ask yourself these three questions. Do I know that God loves me? Who helped me know that God loves me?

How might I help someone else know that God loves them?

Always know that God loves you. Strive to keep your physical heart healthy so you can live a long life and bring other hearts to Him, Our God and Our Creator.

Conference Calendar of Events

February 2006

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| 20 | BFEM Resource Center, Closed – President's Day | 5 | Confirmation Rally, Smyrna: Asbury UMC, 4:00-6:00 p.m. |
| | Salisbury District Lay Academy, Asbury or Christ UMC, 7:00-9:00 p.m. | 6-8 | Nurturing Wholeness In Community Retreat, Rehoboth Beach, DE.: Atlantic Sands |
| 21 | Council on Finance & Administration Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m. | 9 | Commission on Archives & History, Frederica: Barratt's Chapel, 10:00 a.m. |
| | Black Methodists for Church Renewal Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 12:00 p.m. | | Nominating Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m. |
| | Personnel Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m. | 11 | Dover District Lay Academy, Georgetown: Wesley UMC & Betel UMC, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. |
| | Insurance Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m. | 13 | Credit Union Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m. |
| | Investment Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m. | | Volunteers In Mission Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00-5:00 p.m. |
| | Advocacy Resource Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m. | | Vision Team Meeting, Dover: Whatcoat UMC, 7:00 p.m. |
| | Board of Pensions Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m. | 14 | 50th Anniversary Clergy Women Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 2:00 p.m. |
| 23 | Committee on Native American Ministries Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m. | | Methodist Action Program Leadership Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00-4:30 p.m. |
| | Annual Conference Sessions Meeting, Wesley College Rm. # 206, 6:30 p.m. | | Annual Conference Sessions Meeting, Wesley College-Rm. # 206, 6:30 p.m. |
| 25 | UMW Mission Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m. | 16 | Conference Board of Lay Ministry Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m. |
| 27 | Credit Union Annual Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 11:45 a.m. | 18 | World Methodist Conference Delegation Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m. |
| | Cross-Racial Advisory Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00 p.m. | | Community of Shalom Training, Dover: Whatcoat UMC, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. |
| | Salisbury Lay Academy, Asbury or Christ UMC, 7:00-9:00 p.m. | 21 | Conference Hispanic/Latino Ministries Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m. |
| 28 | Bishop's Lenten Day Apart, Wilmington: Aldersgate UMC, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | 23 | Communications Commission Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 10:30 a.m. |
| | Health Fair Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00 p.m. | 25 | Conference-wide Stewardship Training, Dover: Sheraton Hotel, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. |
| | Conference United Methodist Men Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m. | 28 | Small Group Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00 p.m. |

March 2006

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| 2 | Resource Development & Management Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m. |
| 3 | Small Membership Church Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m. |
| 4 | Dover District Lay Academy, Georgetown: Wesley UMC & Betel UMC, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. |

(Please note that every effort is being made to ensure that the on-line calendar is current so please feel free to consult the website when reviewing dates and events. Also, the on-line calendar can accommodate detailed information on your event so please feel free to send us your flyers and other information so that we can have the most complete details of your activity/event posted).

Lost and Found

The following items were found at the end of the Youth Rally:

- * Girl's pink "Aeropostale" hoodie – size XL
- * Men's black "South Pole" hoodie (zip front) – size L
- * Men's navy blue "Prospirit" hoodie – size XL
- * Men's dark gray with gold stripes "Adidas" hoodie – size XL
- * Boy's tan with brown sleeves "Quiksilver" hoodie (zip front) – size XL (20)
- * Navy blue hat (snow type)
- * Pair of black leather gloves – Ladies M
- * Purple "Modella" purse/makeup bag
- * 2 disposable flash cameras (27 exposures) – 1 Polaroid, 1 CVS
- * Men's/Boy's "Sport" (the "o" is a soccer ball) watch with black/gray velcro band
- * 2 gold dangle bracelets
- * Silver ring – fish with cross in it

- * 1 earring – black dangle beads
- * Key-ring has red "Wise" (potato chip emblem) from the Red Clay School District - "Say No To Ecstasy!" on back

- * Pair of small keys (maybe to a suitcase or diary)

- * Pair of clogs (tan suede) – size 8
- Please let us know if any of these items can find their way home! Call 1.877.736-3351 or 302.674.2626 . . . ask for Penny

The following items were lost, if you know of their whereabouts, please let us know!

- * Silver cell phone
- * Apex 35mm film camera – silver with Fuji film (no strap)
- * Gray Nike Backpack – had a camera and other things in it

We hope you enjoyed the Rally and look forward to seeing ya! next year!

Blessings!
Janet Keskemety

Annual Conference To Elect Conference Lay Leader

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven . . ." as the Book of Ecclesiastes states (chapter 3, verse 1). And that is where I presently find myself—at the end of a "season" of my life as your Conference Lay Leader. It is hard to believe that I have served on the Conference Board of Lay Ministries for almost 11 years. I find it equally hard to believe that I have served under three Bishops, traveled thousands of miles, met almost that many people (some from other countries), served as delegate to the 2004 General Conference as well as the Jurisdictional Conference, and I am looking forward to attending the 2006 World Methodist Conference in Seoul, Korea in July. During this time I have tried to serve with integrity and accountability, and I pray that all of you have found this to be true. As challenging as this experience has been for me, it has also been one of the most fulfilling responsibilities of my life. However, I do feel that it is time for me to step aside. Therefore, I have chosen not to complete this quadrennium. At Annual Conference this year there will be an election for Conference Lay Leader. The person elected will complete the quadrennium through June 2008, then be eligible for re-election for the 2008-2012 quadrennium. The election will be done by ballot, and it will take place on Friday, June 9, 2006. The chair of the Conference Board of Lay Ministries Nominating Committee will report to

Annual Conference with the recommendation of two of the nominees from the committee interview process. Nominations will also be received from the floor; however, if nominations are received from the floor, the election will be deferred to a later time on the agenda. This will allow for the Nominating Committee to also interview these candidates. If you are interested and feel you would be a good candidate, after reviewing the duties of the Conference Lay Leader below, please call your district office, district lay leader, or the Bishop Felton Edwin May Resource Center, requesting an application form. When you receive it, please read it and fill it out carefully and return it **no later than Friday, March 3, 2006**. Please mail it to the Bishop Felton Edwin May Resource Center, c/o Chair of CBOLM Nominating Committee, 139 N. State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Interviews will be scheduled at or around the end of March.

Duties and Responsibilities Of CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

(Taken from CBOLM "Constitution and ByLaws", pg. 2, Article II, Section B.)

- Shall preside over all Conference Board meetings
- Shall preside over Conference Laity sessions
- Shall appoint the Conference Board of Lay Ministries Secretary

- Shall appoint the Conference Director of Lay Speaking Ministries
- Shall gather concerns of lay persons
- Advocate and plan for these concerns
- Develop the strength and authority of the laity for its ministry through the organized church and in daily life
- Shall provide training and support for local church lay leaders
- Foster awareness of the role of laity within the church
- Find ways to recognize all lay ministries
- Support and help coordinate work of organized laity, such as United Methodist Men (UMM), United Methodist Women (UMW), United Methodist Youth (UMY), etc.
- Shall, in cooperation with district superintendents, pastors, and lay members of the Annual Conference, support lay participation in planning and decision making processes at district and local levels
- Shall serve on the Conference Vision Team (former CCOM), Committee of Episcopacy, Conference Sessions Committee, United Methodist Men, Board of Stewards of Camping and Retreat Ministry, Conference Committee on Nominations, and Conference Lay Speaking Committee
- Shall establish any other committee needed to do the work of the laity

Camping And Retreat Ministry



Pecometh's 60th Celebration Set

The schedule is set for the Pecometh 60th Anniversary Celebration, July 14-16, 2006.

All Weekend

PECOMETH'S PAST EXHIBIT: **Fellowship Hall and Dining Hall**

We invite you to come and take a look at old pictures, clothing, and other memorabilia from Camp Pecometh's 60 year history. Please feel free to bring items to donate to Camp's archives

SELF-GUIDED NATURE TRAIL TOUR:

New nature trails have been created over the last few summers. Explore them for yourself!

Friday, July 16:

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION:

4:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. — Charlie Barton Rec Hall

Come early and make the most of your weekend at Pecometh. Friday evening is an informal opportunity to settle in, walk around, catch a quiet sunset, or catch up with old friends.

OPEN SWIM: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. — Pool

EASTERN SHORE CRABFEAST & COOK-OUT:

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. — Pool Pavilion

It is hard to forget the taste of steamed crabs during the summer! Come and enjoy an old fashioned crabfeast and cook-out. Bring your bathing suit, the pool will be open as well.

Pre-registration required

\$20 adults; \$15 children 6-12 \$8 cook-out only

FRIDAY NITE JAM SESSION:

8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. — Fellowship Hall

Fellowship through music has always been an important part of the Camp Pecometh experience. Join fellow musicians as they practice together. Bring your guitar and favorite songs!

Saturday, July 15

REGISTRATION:

9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. — Charlie Barton Rec Hall

Check in at Rec Hall for all of the day's activities. Sign up for exciting activities like the canoe trip, guided camp tours, hayrides, and the new Challenge course element—The Giant Swing.

BREAKFAST:

8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

Dining Hall — \$7 adults; \$5 children 6-12

OPEN SWIM: 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. — Pool

OPEN WATERFRONT:

9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. — Waterfront

Waterfront will be open for guests to canoe, kayak, or sail. Times will be posted in Rec Hall. Make sure to wear your bathing suit and an old pair of shoes for a good time on the Chester River.

WALKING and VAN TOURS

9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (Walking Tours)

10:30 a.m. (Van Tour)

Riverside

Pecometh staff will show you the recent changes and talk about future plans as you walk (or ride) around the property. The sign-up is in Rec Hall.

ARCHERY:

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. — Archery Range

HAYRIDES:

11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. — Riverside

You never know what will happen on a Pecometh Hayride! The sign-up is in Rec Hall.

LUNCH:

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. — Dining Hall

\$10 adults; \$7 children 6-12

SELF-GUIDED NATURE TRAIL TOUR:

All Weekend

New nature trails have been created over the last few summers. Explore them for yourself!

THE GIANT SWING:

1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Riverside

The Challenge Course has been a successful addition to summer camp. Now it is your turn to try the newest addition to the course, The Giant Swing. It will have you swinging out over the swamp! Sign-up in Rec Hall.

CANTEEN and TRADING POST:

9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. — Charlie Barton Rec Hall

TIME CAPSULE DISPLAY:

All Day — Fellowship Hall

We are putting together a time capsule to be opened on Pecometh's 100th Anniversary, 2046. Stop by to record your message and to leave your memory on the display wall. If you have something to donate to the time capsule, please feel free.

BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION:

10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. — Outdoor Chapel

DINNER:

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. — Dining Hall

\$12 adults; \$9 children 6-12

REDEDICATION OF REC. HALL:

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. — Charlie Barton Rec Hall

The Rec Hall has had a face-lift. Join us as we rededicate the building to Charlie Barton, one of God's faithful servants.

CAMPFIRE:

7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m. — Dining Hall Field

PECOMETH PICTURE SHOW and MUSIC TIME:

7:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m. — Fellowship Hall

Nothing brings back memories more than old photos. Sit back and enjoy the video collage of Camp over the years. Afterwards, stay for our camp sing-along. Each summer has brought special songs to Camp Pecometh. This proves to be a joyful time to praise God in song.

GALILEAN SERVICE:

9:00 p.m.-until — Outdoor Chapel

No visit to Camp Pecometh is complete without the Galilean Service. Bishop Matthews will speak as we celebrate the success of Pecometh's 60 year ministry.

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. — Charlie Barton Rec Hall

A free Continental Breakfast is being served before the Closing Worship.

CLOSING WORSHIP:

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. — Fellowship Hall

Join in Worship as we say farewell to friends, new and old. Another memory of Pecometh in the making!

Registration forms are now available at www.pecometh.org or by contacting Ann Ashe at annashe@pecometh.org or 410.556.6900, x100. Persons may attend for part or all of the weekend. Lodging is available on site in cabins or dorm-style facilities and rooms have been set aside at nearby hotels. Come help Pecometh celebrate 60 years of God-inspired, life-changing experiences!

Summer Camp Brochures Available

The newly redesigned Summer Camp brochures are now available. All campers from the previous three years were mailed brochures recently. Churches were also mailed supplies for new campers. If you need a brochure, contact Richelle Darrell at richelle@pecometh.org or 410.556.6900 x103. All information, including registration, is available online at www.pecometh.org. Get ready . . . 2006 will be the best summer ever at Pecometh.