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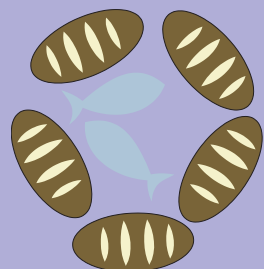
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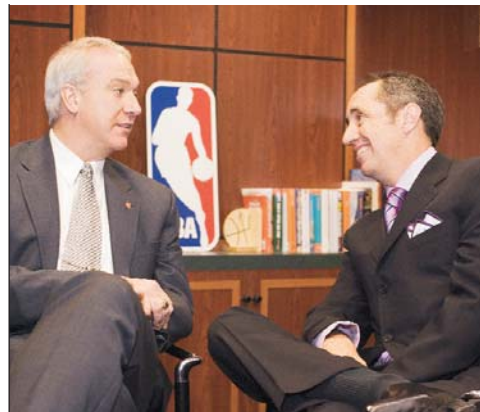
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Nothing But Nets Campaign Gets \$3 Million Challenge Grant



Bishop Thomas Bickerton (left) and Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly talk about the effects of malaria on children during a podcast to help launch the Nothing But Nets campaign at the NBA Store in New York.

The Nothing But Nets campaign is receiving a \$3 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the purchase and distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets to prevent malaria in Africa.

The challenge grant was announced January 4, as representatives of Nothing But Nets prepared to kick off the campaign with an event at the National Basketball Association store in New York City.

The people of The United Methodist Church, the United Nations Foundation, NBA Cares, *Sports Illustrated* and other partners are working to raise donations for bed nets. The grant will match those contributions dollar for dollar up to \$3 million.

“Coming so soon after the Christmas season, this is great news because bed nets represent the gift of life,” said Bishop Thomas Bickerton, president of the United Methodist Commission on Communication.

A \$10 bed net can protect a family of four for up to four years, reducing the incidence of nocturnal mosquito bites – the primary means of transmitting the disease. Malaria infects more than 500 million people each year, and more than a million die from the disease, yet fewer than 5 percent of African children sleep under a mosquito net, according to the campaign.

Joining in Nothing But Nets is the latest step by The United Methodist Church to prevent and control malaria.

“For decades, the denomination has been working in African communities to combat diseases of poverty through education, prevention and treatment,” said the Rev. R. Randy Day, top staff executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. “Now by partnering with other organizations, we are able to reach more people and have a greater



(UMNS photos by Mike DuBose)

Bishop Thomas Bickerton (right) visits with members of a “street team” from Americans for an Informed Democracy during the launch of the Nothing But Nets campaign at the NBA Store in New York. At left is Jennifer Chianta, director of youth ministries at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church in Decatur, Ga., a 2005 graduate of the Candler School of Theology in Atlanta.

impact. Mosquito bed nets are a simple and cost-effective way to prevent malaria.”

Making a difference

Since the campaign’s beginnings last year, inspired by a *Sports Illustrated* column by Rick Reilly, Nothing But Nets has raised more than \$2 million, and 150,000 nets have already been distributed in Nigeria. The campaign is working through one of its partners, the Measles Initiative, to deliver the nets.

“Nothing But Nets provides an opportunity for communities everywhere to get involved in malaria prevention,” said Regina Rabinovich, director of infectious diseases at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. “We hope that this challenge grant will encourage others to take the simple step of sending a net and saving a life. Working together, we have the power to prevent this terrible disease from spreading.”

Kathy Bushkin, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the U.N. Foundation, also expressed gratitude for the Gates grant. She noted that the campaign “demonstrates how easy it is for one person to make a difference.”

Malaria accounts for up to half of all hospital admissions and outpatient visits in Africa, according to the campaign. In addition to the burden on the health system, malaria ill-

ness and death cost Africa about \$12 billion a year in lost productivity.

Contributions can be made to the campaign through the Advance for Christ and His Church, the second-mile giving program of the denomination. Donations, designated for **Advance No. 982015**, can be made online at <http://secure.gbmg-umc.org/donations/advance/donate.cfm?code=982015>, by phone at 1.888.252.6174, by mail to Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, GPO, New York, NY 10087-9068 or by placing it on your church’s benevolence form. Local congregations can place checks in the offering plate with the Advance No. 982015 – Nothing But Nets Campaign written in the memo section and the churches can then forward the monies on to the Bishop Felton Edwin May Resource Center. One hundred percent of every Advance gift goes to the designated ministry.

For more information about Nothing But Nets, visit www.nothingbutnets.net, at www.umc.org, or click on the link from our conference website at www.pen-del.org.

(This report was adapted from a press release by United Methodist Communications, with additional information from United Methodist News Service. UMNS is a unit of United Methodist Communications.)

Do No Harm Do All the Good You Can: Shame and Risk for Churches & Clergy

The congregation at greatest risk... has no policies on sexual harassment and abuse, no annual evaluations to examine the possibility of harassment and abuse, and no sexual ethics codes for ministry professionals."

Do No Harm conference presenter, Rev. Dr. Karen A. McClintock, (www.healthycongregation.com), summarizes in one sentence the outcome of fear, shame, denial and unwillingness to acknowledge our God-given sexuality and confront the sexual shame embedded in family and culture. Notwithstanding the wonder of biology and the complexity of sexuality, McClintock hones in on shame as the great inhibitor which holds congregations back from protecting vulnerable children and adults and from their unique potential as healers.

Shame is rooted in an Indo-European word, "Ikisham," meaning to hide or cover up. Sexual shame, which is estimated to be at the root of twenty-five percent of all mental health problems, is experienced as "a feeling of unworthiness in the sight of God" brought on by a sexual experience, abuse, or even sexual attraction or desire. McClintock calls sexual shame a disease because it is contagious by connection. Everyone connected with a church boundary crossing, the pastor, the victim, the pastor and victim's families, the congregation and even other congregations and other pastors is deemed "ill." McClintock says shame is not unlike the "cooties" of childhood that no one wanted!

Ironically, congregations, much like families, perpetuate the power of sexual shame by cloaking past

troubles in secrecy. The "maybe if we don't talk about it, it will go away" strategy always backfires, eventually. Pretending trauma does not exist wounds victims, and witnesses, with indifference. It alienates newcomers who are left out of the loop of understanding church taboos, and it increases their vulnerability in situations left uncorrected.

Jesus said, "Behold I make all things new" and so can the community of believers when we allow God's light to shine in the darkness. To enhance your congregation's prevention capacity and "potential to heal shame with the gift of grace" take these steps:

1. Have clergy, church leaders and congregation members acknowledge their own prejudices and wounds with regard to sexual shame.
2. Hold safe, open conversations about boundary crossings, offer sexuality education, and develop or revisit sexual ethics policies.
3. Help congregation members understand that sexual boundary crossing is everyone's problem, as are sexual and gender harassment.
4. Teach children and adults to recognize and report discomfort with physical touch violations, and adopt an "Ask before you hug" policy.
5. Double check your own theology about sexual shame and become conscious of shame-reinforcing messages.

(Prepared by Rev. Sally Dolch, sdolch@juno.com, Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference CARE Team member, based on Rev. Dr. McClintock's presentation at the GCSRW Do No Harm Conference held in July 2006.)

From Your Wesley College Chaplain

We have begun the spring semester and I have begun my fourth year as Chaplain of Wesley College. It is amazing that Christmas and New Years have come and gone. I have interesting memories of this past Christmas at Wesley. One was the decorating of the Christmas tree for the Chapel sanctuary. It was done by the Gospel Choir and the emerging praise team. The tree and lights were put up by Hope Church. Our job was the actual decorating which occurred in the midst of eating pizza and cookies. We had a good crew who must have had a lot of Christmas tree experience because it looked really good.

One unusual memory began with the Christmas luncheon for the staff and faculty. I got there right at the beginning to pray for the meal, but faculty needed to get to their classes for their students' finals and they had already started. I let them pray on their own. I was on my own as well so I went to sit with one of our faculty members, Dr. Alban Urbanas who teaches philosophy, religion and French. We hadn't had much of a chance to talk about his young son among other things (his son's name is Marc - a well named child, even if it does end in a "c") when I was suddenly summoned to the College Center's social area near the new Java City. What pastoral issue would confront me there? What crisis needed my expertise? Why it was the Oreos stacking contest! This was one of the stress busting events for students sponsored by Jenn Blackwell, who is our Director of Student Activities. I had volunteered to participate. First, I had to make sure that Jenn had not made my Oreos uneven by pushing down on them! Some of them were naturally uneven, so I had to be careful to make sure that two cookies were complementary to each other so that the top would be flat. (It takes some thought to do this!)



Rev. Mark Pruett-Barnett

Once a cookie was picked up it had to be used. It helped to use just two fingers. (It takes some skill to do this!) The record was held by a fifth grader somewhere - 35 Oreos. Our stacks rose higher and higher. One by one each stack fell until only mine was left! I kept stacking and stacking and stacking until it fell over at 39! Dr. Jonathan Kidd, a biology professor who was an informal observer, saw two mistakes I made. Oh well! However, Jenn informed me that my stack did not count since we were not an official Oreos stacking cookie site; so that fifth grader still has the record. Next year, I'll break the record officially because I got a compact electronic carpenter's level in my Christmas stocking.



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Small Group Ministry 'Spring Training'

The Small Group Ministry Team is preparing for a Conference-wide "Spring Training" workshop on March 17, 2007. Training will begin at 9:00 at Wyoming UMC, 107 Broad Street, Wyoming, DE. Bring your team which can include the following players: pastor, staff, lay leader, Bible study leaders, adult Sunday school teachers/superintendents, spiritually passionate leaders...

The cost is \$20.00 for the team.



Spring Training will include:

- enthusiastic opening worship;
- powerful leading pitcher (pastor) to focus on the dynamics of small group ministry from experience;
- strategic video footage of other teams, players and plays;
- productive innings (breakout groups) that will produce some hits for your team;
- essential equipment (resources) to help the team and players;
- final play of the day (panel discussion); and
- baseball's best concession stand that won't close

The workshop is designed for pastors and laity of any size church within the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. The focus is on how to start an effective, vibrant small group ministry in your church. Small Group Ministry is one of the most effective ways to strengthen churches.

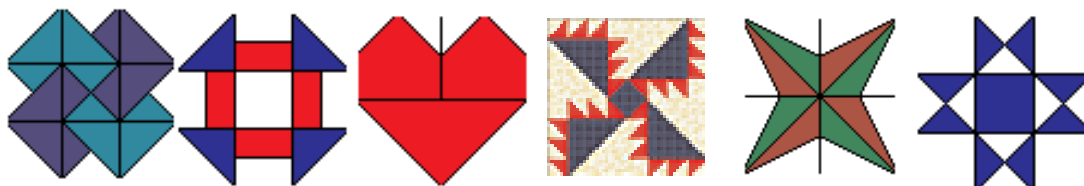
Small groups are a vehicle through which ministry is accomplished, the quality and quantity of care is increased, group members disciple each other, and a structure

that can support church growth is established. Doesn't this sound like what you have been praying for?

Come on March 17 to learn more. Get a head start before the Bishop's Healthy Church Initiative is unpacked at Annual Conference. Small groups are going to be part of the HCI strategy and planning.

Contact Dona Rayne for reservations by February 28 - space is limited so call soon.

Call 302.934.7969, ext. 12 or Email: donarayne@mchsi.com.



Quilt Auction Planned To Benefit Pecometh

Camp Pecometh will be holding a Quilt Auction on Saturday, April 28, 2007, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Pecometh. Quilts will be available for preview beginning at 10:00 a.m. the day of the auction. All proceeds will benefit the Pecometh Campership and Capital Improvement Funds.

Please pass this information on to any quilters/guilds that you know. We are especially interested in receiving donated quilts from Church Quilting Guilds, but are happy to receive them from any guild or quilter. Quilts may be of any size and style. We are also looking for volunteers to work on the planning committee, as well as to help during the day of the auction.

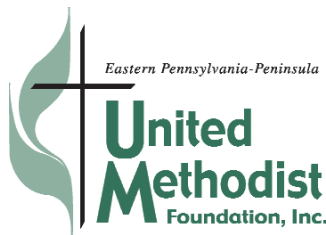
In 2006, 148 campers received camperships totaling \$21,935 and two new cabins were constructed to replace aging facilities. Your support for this event will ensure that we continue to help campers come to camp and that we provide outstanding facilities for them when they are here.

Those interested in donating a quilt or helping with the event should contact: Ann Ashe at 410.556.6900 x100 or annashe@pecometh.org Barbara Kelly at 410.749.3331 or district@dmv.com

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Purpose and Process at the Foundation

Process

The Board is committed to its fiduciary responsibility to the Foundation's clients, understanding that our clients are committees comprised of volunteers that have many other demands on their time. Therefore, the Board directs its Investment Committee to oversee the selection of money managers, their compliance with our social principles, and the performance of each of our investment funds. The Investment Committee reviews performance on a monthly basis, and receives comprehensive quarterly reports from all managers. The Investment Committee is also responsible for making recommendations to the Board regarding allocations to the different assets classes – how much in bonds, large and mid cap, small cap and international – as well as the benchmarks used by our managers and the Board. The Board reviews the investment allocation and performance against the benchmarks at each of their meetings.

Diversification/Risk

In today's global business environment, a diversified portfolio should include domestic and international investments. The benefit of having a geographically diversified portfolio is that different economies frequently experience ups and downs at different



Stacy Martin

times. Domestically, the same is true for different sized companies. Diversification, along with high quality investments, is the best way to manage risk while gaining the highest returns.

Your Church

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your committees to review how the Foundation can best meet goals of your church. Please call or email me to arrange a time convenient to meet with your committee.

Thank you for your support of the Foundation and we look forward to continuing to serve you.

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In early 2006 the Foundation expanded our equity product offered to clients by adding two new asset classes, international and small cap, to further diversify the equity product. I am pleased to report that both investments beat their benchmarks for the year! Given this success, I thought it a good time to share the purpose of the Foundation along with our investment process.

Purpose

The investment mission of the Foundation is to "manage assets for local churches and conference agencies to maintain the value of the assets and extend their use while remaining faithful to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Book of Discipline." The Board of Directors views its primary responsibility to provide sound investment solutions in accordance with this mission to its clients. To fulfill this goal, the Board seeks investments that 1) are diversified and risk controlled, 2) provide sound performance against appropriate benchmarks, 3) have affordable fees and 4) are in compliance with the social principles of the Church.

Colloquium on Membership: Who Decides and on What Basis?

Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wesley United Methodist Church, Dover, Delaware

On Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. a **Colloquium on Membership** will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover. The basic question to be addressed is a simple one: in consideration of a person's desire for local church membership, **who decides and on what basis?** Recent discussion has centered on issues of sexual ethics. The Colloquium is open to all. Churches of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference are encouraged to provide some lay and clergy representation.

The Colloquium carries out a resolution adopted at our June 2006 Annual Conference (p. 137 of the 2006 *Annual Conference Journal*). This resolution came in the context of Resolution R-6 (p. 122 of the same *Journal*) which grew out of the Judicial Council proceedings regarding a pastor who had refused membership to a homosexual person and a Pastoral Letter to the People of the United Methodist Church from the

Council of Bishops in response to that ruling.

The day will begin and end with worship. During the course of the event, we will explore tools for effective communication amid diversity of opinion, and receive a presentation from Hendrik Pieterse, staff member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, who will convene a General Church Consultation in Nashville on this same issue in February. Following this presentation, there will be opportunities for questions and discussion both in the large group and in smaller breakout groups. Information including advance materials will be available from the Conference website, www.pen-del.org. CEU information is pending.

Advance Registration will be \$3.00 per person, with a maximum of \$15.00 for any single Church/Charge. Lunch is optional, you may decide to bring your own lunch, or take advantage of the options in Dover. If you would like to have your lunch at Wesley UMC, the cost will be \$7.00 per person, regardless of how many are in your

group. Walk-in registration will also be welcomed, at \$5.00 per person. Please note, however, that *no lunch* will be available on site for those who choose to register on the day of the Colloquium. Advance registration deadline is Friday, February 23, 2007.

The Colloquium is being offered as a ministry under the Conference's Advocacy Resource Team. The voluntarily-assembled planning team recognizes that there is a diversity of understandings of Christian teachings on sexual ethics and homosexuality within the Annual Conference. The most recent General Conference again addressed various proposals concerning the language in our "Social Principles;" one proposal would have indicated that United Methodists disagree as to whether homosexuality is compatible with Christian teachings. These larger questions are linked to the basic question on membership which the Colloquium brings.

Persons who would like more information should contact Rev. Chris Lee of Long Neck United Methodist Church at 302.945.9453 or chris_inumc@msn.com.

Cokesbury Connection

Through the words of a child . . . we have been taught much . . . about God, love and asking the right questions. This Christmas while we were with our grandchildren in California, all of a sudden out of the blue . . . Ava, our four year old, began calling her grandfather (Billy) "Poppi." It was as if she had always called him this. We thought it was very special. Ironically, for Christmas I gave Billy a small book entitled *Conversations with Poppi about GOD . . . an eight-year-old and Her Theologian Grandfather Trade Questions*. Coincidence? Maybe. God speaking . . . of course.

If you have ever thought about talking to an eight year-old...or a forty year-old for that matter about the Trinity; the meaning of Communion practices; God's motives; Santa Claus and other Saints; Evil; Church Divisions . . . and many other weighty theological matters...I highly recommend that you pick up (or order from me) a copy of *Conversations With Poppi* (ISBN: 9781587431869) . It is a delightful exchange between an eight year old and her theologian grandfather that is helpful to any age.

It seems children have a great way of teaching the gospel. I recently received this story via email. The scene is a third grade classroom. There is a nine-year-old kid sitting at his desk and all of a sudden, there is a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never happened before and he knows that when the boys find out he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again as long as he lives.

The boy believes his heart is going to stop; he puts his head down and prays this prayer, "Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'm dead meat." He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered. As the teacher is walking toward him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in



Madeline Beall

front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap. The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, "Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!"

Now all of a sudden, instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else . . . Susie.

Susie tries to help, but they tell her to get out. "You've done enough, you klutz!" Finally, at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie and whispers, "You did that on purpose, didn't you?" Susie whispers back, "I wet my pants once too."

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We learn from a child the meaning of God's redemptive love and how to show it to others in our daily life. Just as standing in our garage does not make us a car...saying we are Christians does not always make the biggest statement. Showing love to the unloveable does.

As we enter this New Year may God show you and your congregation new revelations of His love and power. May you minister with renewed confidence knowing you go in God's grace. If I can be of service to you through the resources of Cokesbury, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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BUMP Mission Trip Coming In March

This announcement is for all clergy and laity interested in a mission trip to New Orleans, Louisiana in March. Clergy, please inform laity. The mission trip is from March 19 through March 23, 2007. The mission team will consist of 15 persons. The focus is the 9th ward.

If interested please contact Rev. Yvonne Penn at 1.410.546.4669 or fax at 1.410.546.3906 or Rev. Joseph Henry at 1.410.641.3303. The mission team will be meeting with Rev. Dale Brown for training in February. Please make your contact as soon as you read this if you are interested in learning more about this trip.

25th Annual MLK Observance Focuses On Our Youth

The 2007 Martin Luther King Symposium was held on Saturday, January 13th at Hurlock United Methodist Church on the Easton District. This year's theme "Rediscovering Lost Values" was highlighted with over two dozen youth participating in a Speech Choir.

Song selections from the combined male choirs of St. Luke and Royal Oak United Methodist Churches followed remarks from Hurlock UMC's pastor, Rev. Arthur L. De'Souza George and the Negro National Anthem song by the congregation. Liturgical dancers from Grace Divina also participated in the celebration.

Memorized excerpts from Dr. King's speech "Rediscovering Lost Values" were given by the speech choir. Essay participants Rebecca Malone and Dynesha Brooks read their entries.

The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. K.C. Lee, pastor of Royal Oak Community United Methodist Church. His message was that there are substantial values to be rediscovered and restored in America and Dr. King's final dream is one of them, to rediscover the value of the Beloved Community. He explained that in order to rediscover and restore the precious value of the Beloved Community is to create a better tomorrow. He went on to explain several facets of the Beloved Community and concluded that Dr. King's ideal community is one in which racial equality, economic justice, political righteousness, and true peace for the entire world are really achieved. Although this dream has gone unfulfilled, Dr. Lee said that a "better tomorrow can be built only by our commitments to the realization of the Beloved Community. However, one thing we should not forget always is that the better tomorrow can be possible when people accept Jesus Christ as their real ruler." He went on to say that he "believe(d) that our generation must create the nation of Jesus Christ to realize King's Beloved Community, because only the direct reign of the Christ as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords may create the community of perfect love. The more we submit all of ourselves to the will of the Christ, the more we can build a better community around us."

Moonyene Jackson-Amis, Esq. (Speech teacher/director) and chairperson of the event said, "It was a job, but a joy working with 30 youth from Wilmington to Nanticoke, their parents and youth leaders. Having high expectations, teaching and then the courage to demand the best from our youth, results in the stellar performances witnessed



Commander Donna J. Dear (left), Vietnam Veteran and the first female Commander of Blake Blackston, Post #77 of the American Legion, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the youth. (pictured with her is Moonyene Jackson-Amis and Brandon Pulley.

by the 300 attendees at this year's King event." To God Be the Glory."

Commander Donna J. Dear, Vietnam Veteran and the first female Commander of Blake Blackston, Post #77 of the American Legion, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the youth who participated and the annual awards were given to the following persons:

- MLK Award – Mrs. Alice Palmer (New St. John's UMC in Wittman, Maryland)
- Alberta Browne Award – Rev. Angel Marrero (Gracia Divina UMC in New Castle, Delaware)
- Black Elk of the Oglala Sioux Award – Cory Elizabeth Jackson (Indian Mission UMC in Millsboro, Delaware)
- Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz Award – the Male Choirs of St. Luke UMC and Royal Oak UMC on the Easton District
- S. Lowman Pitts Award – Rev. Alma E. Boulden (Waters UMC in Oxford, Maryland)
- William Richard Wynder Award – Virginia DeJesus (Gracia Divina UMC in New Castle, Delaware)

As has been the custom in the past several years, the event came to a conclusion with the congregation forming a big circle around the pews, led by Odette Wright, and participated in the Native American Friendship Dance.



Brandon Pulley, Quentin Powell, Brittany Currington, Rebekah Hanyoung Lee, Abraham Jungyoon Lee, Rena'to K. Moore, Corey E. Jackson, Erin Cook, & Daneesha Parker



Damien Farrare, Amu Olaghare, Nadia DeJesus, Alexander Arroyo, Angelis Olivo, Wykeshia Pierce, Brianna Williams, Sha'Nyda Milton, Tyneika Brown



Ebony Murray, Chrystofer Murray, Cameron Johnson, Mariah Pinder, person unknown at time of printing.

Conference Calendar of Events

February 2007

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| 1 | Resource Development & Management Team , BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m. | |
| | Leadership Development Resource Team Meeting , BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m. | |
| 3 | Board of Stewards Meeting , Centreville: Camp Pecometh, 9:30 a.m. | 13 |
| | Wilmington District Lay Leadership School (Basic & Advanced) , Bear: Red Lion UMC, 9:00-11:30 a.m. | 15 |
| 5 | Credit Union Annual Meeting , BFEM Resource Center, 11:30 a.m. | |
| | Salisbury District Lay Ministries Academy , Salisbury: Asbury UMC, 7:00-9:00 p.m. | |
| | Wilmington District Lay Leadership School (Basic & Advanced) , Elsmere: Christ UMC, 7:00-9:30 p.m. | |
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| | Black United Methodist Preachers Meeting , BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m. | |
| | Committee on Native American Ministry Meeting , BFEM Resource Center, 9:00 a.m. | |
| | Health & Welfare Task Force Meeting , BFEM Resource Center, 10:30 a.m. | |
| | Wilmington District Lay Leadership School (Basic & Advanced) , Elkton UMC, 7:00-9:30 p.m. | |
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| | Salisbury District Lay Ministries Academy , Salisbury: Asbury UMC & Christ UMC, 7:00-9:00 p.m. | |
| | Wilmington District Lay Leadership School (Basic & Advanced) , Elsmere: Christ UMC, 7:00-9:30 p.m. | |
| | Bishop's Lenten Day Apart , Wilmington: Aldersgate UMC | |
| | Conference United Methodist Men Meeting , BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m. | |
| | Wilmington District Lay Leadership School (Basic & Advanced) , Elkton UMC, 7:00-9:30 p.m. | |
| | Dover District Board of Laity Celebration , Georgetown: Grace UMC, 5:00-7:00 p.m. | |
| | Conference United Methodist Women Mission Team Meeting , BFEM Resource Center, 9:00 a.m. | |