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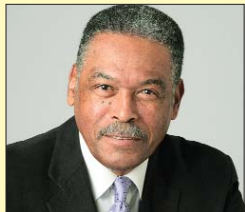
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Gear Up – Getting Ready To Do Something . . .



By **Tamara Ward**

For those that attended the Clergy-Laity Banquet on May 9th, their day started with down-pouring rain but ended with the Son shining brightly.

Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Dover was the setting for the 2008 Clergy-Laity Banquet. Over 200 conference members and guests attended the event sponsored by the Board of Laity of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

Catering was provided by Whatcoat UMC and featured marinated chicken breast, roast beef, tossed salad and an assortment of desserts.

Music before and during the evening was provided by "Hymns of Praise." Adonna L. and Robert Green, Jr. entertained the audience with music by flute and steel drum with background

provided by a CD.

One of the highlights of the banquet was the induction of the 11 individuals/groups into the Order of St. Barnabas. Each of our four districts were represented this year with at least one recipient. From the Dover District: Renea Bowe, Joanne S. Burbage, Marjorie J. Chappel, Louis P. Everline, Laurence Jestice, Dana Sharpe, and Kingsmen. From the Eastern District: Paul Wilson and Hope Fellowship. From the Salisbury District: Mt. Calvary UMW and from the Wilmington District: Charles E. Rossiter, Jr. (see a future issue for more information on the award recipients)

This year's speaker came to us from the Western New York Annual Conference. Dr. Scott L. Johnson is the Co-Lay Leader and during the meeting just prior to this year's General Conference, was elected president of the Association of Annual Conference

Lay Leaders. Dr. Johnson credited our very own Gene Cray and Darlene Webster for helping him feel welcomed. He also said that Darlene showed him what he could do and be and that he could contribute. He "found his voice because of her guidance."

Dr. Johnson asked us, as we 'gear up' for something new and different – as we "get ready," are we taking the "right stuff" with us for the journey? Do we know 'what' it is we are getting ready for? After all, you "can't pack for the trip unless you know where you are going." He said that the Lord reminds His people of who He is and what He did for us . . . that it is important to honor our past, to inhabit our past . . . but not to be held hostage by it. What we have always done in the past may not be what we need to do to follow God now. "When God gets ready to do a new thing," Dr. Johnson continued, "will we be prepared?"

Dr. Johnson challenged the conference members to 'think out of the box,' because that is what God will be doing. If we think He will do things the way He has done them before, we may be waiting along the road somewhere while God is dancing in another area. He will want us with Him, but if our eyes and mind are not open, we will certainly "miss the train." We are supposed to be making disciples for the transformation of the world, but to do that, we must look at what God is doing and join in ways that will please Him. Sure, we can stock pantries and build houses, but to whose glory? He reminded us that we are not supposed to be leading, we should be allowing God to rush over us. So, will we be focused, prepared and ready with the 'right stuff' packed for our journey? Hopefully so, because God is worth following and He is leading the way.

Welcome to Our Sacred Space

This is the day that the Lord has created.
Let us rejoice and give thanks to God.

Psalm 118:24

Greetings,

There are some days when I'm reminded of a line in one of the hymns we often sing, "Our God is an awesome God." Listening to the birds early this morning, seeing the beautiful flowers in the yard, the children laughing as they make their trek to the school bus, getting ready to go to work, etc. I'm reminded of the goodness of God and how God takes care of all creation. In the midst of natural disasters, personal disappointments, lingering doubts and seemingly unfulfilled dreams and desires, God continues to provide our every need.

I realize it's easy to become depressed and disillusioned when things seem to be out of control and no one has the right answers for our questions, able to come to our rescue, understand our problems, or feel what we feel, etc. Yes, we surely have our share of ups and downs. Yet, we have been given the promise of God's everlasting love, mercy, and grace. Therefore we can find assurance in the hymn "Standing on the Promises of God." I admit there are times when we forget to give thanks to God in all things. It's easy to have a pity party or blame others for our circumstances.

Instead of seeking God's presence in the midst of our dilemmas we begin to worry about past deeds, our present situa-



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tions, and forecast doom for the future.

Jesus reminds us that we serve an awesome God, a God who's able to take us through every situation. Paul wrote, "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel." (Philippians 4:6-7).

Let's be thankful for our blessings and put God first in our life as we continue to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of God's world. Let us remember every day is a God-Given day and God is able to take care of us. Yes, I'm so glad that God is good all the time and all the time God is good. What about you?

Shalom,
Elaine.

* Standing on the Promises:
R. Kelso Carter, The United Methodist Hymnal #374

Stewardship Training Opportunity

Here is good news for congregations that have been looking for an opportunity to introduce stewardship from a spiritual perspective. Your longing is over. Your prayers have been answered.

Herb Mather will present a workshop on stewardship using his unique book, *Don't Shoot The Horse 'Til You Know How To Drive The Tractor*. Mather is an expert on church stewardship and has written extensively on the subject. He is also a gifted teacher. He says that his workshop "will move congregations from annual fund raising to a life of giving." Mather further states that "the purpose of giving in the church has two dimensions...Wholeness requires both, although they team with tension. They are:

1. Giving is a part of an individual's personal journey toward wholeness.
2. Giving is essential to the mission of the ministry of the gospel, through the church."

All congregations are invited to participate in this one day workshop with Herb Mather. This workshop is sponsored by Simpson United Methodist Church, the Task Force on Stewardship, and the Healthy Church Initiative.

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (registration at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: Simpson UMC, 907 Centerville Rd. Wilmington, DE

The registration fee for each church is \$25.00. A lunch will be provided for \$7.00 per person.

Please send in your registration fee to Simpson UMC, on or before June 15. You may call in your registration at 302.998.4222 (between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.), with the number of persons planning to attend.

From the Director of Connectional Ministries

"A Future With Hope"



Sandra Steiner Ball

worship service, delegates to the General Conference experienced Hope in a variety of ways. As the delegates traveled the hallways of the convention center, met in legislative meetings, heard reports in the plenary sessions, and shared meals together the atmosphere, most agreed, was more positive, more hopeful, than many had experienced in previous Conferences. Instead of spending a great deal of time discussing those things that tend to divide us, this General Conference focused on what God is calling us to do together. We placed the primary focus on those things that unite us.

Throughout the Conference there was expression of Wesley's three rules: Do no Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. Oh, how we could transform the world, be living - res-

urrection hope, if we would only follow these simple rules! On this the delegates of the General Conference could agree and following these rules would empower us to be the hope and the action that has the power to transform the world and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

The General Conference also found agreement and empowerment in focusing our work and our ministry in four areas as we move together into the future: 1) Engaging in ministry with the poor. 2) creating new places for new people and renewing existing congregations. 3) stamping out diseases of poverty by improving health globally. 4) developing principled effective Christian leaders for the church and the world. Goals were proposed and accepted for our work together as the United Methodist Church in these areas.

It was exciting and both an honor and privilege to attend the General Conference as a delegate. As we continue to move into the future as an Annual Conference, we too will be focusing on the items above that unite us. In fact, with our Healthy Church Initiative we are already on board and heading in the direction that will make resurrection hope both an experience and reality for our churches and the world!

The General Conference of 2008 was jam-packed with expressions of Hope for the Church and for the world! On the 40th anniversary to the day of the creation of the United Methodist Church, delegates to the General Conference of 2008 gathered from 129 annual Conferences and 50 countries at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

There was great excitement in the air as more than 6,500 persons participated in an opening worship service where Resurrection Hope was proclaimed, the gospel was read, the bread was broken, and the cup was poured out.

General Conference Delegates gathered every day around a pulpit, an altar, a cross, and a table that were made from the broken pieces of Gulfside Assembly in Mississippi. Gulfside was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The very presence and constant use of these items crafted and created out of the Brokenness of Katrina proclaimed Resurrection Hope throughout the days of the Conference.

Bishop Janice Riggle Huie proclaimed in the opening worship service, "Hope is the nerve center of the Christian life. Love is the heart. Faith is the muscle. It is impossible to live without hope." In the days following the opening

It's Not Too Late for Summer Camp

While Camp Pecometh has received over 1100 registrations and some programs have filled, there are still spaces available in our most popular programs such as Splashdown, Horseback and Leaps of Faith, as well as new programs like Girls II Greatness and That's Not Camp! Can't decide what's best for your camper? Give Julie a call at 410.556.6900, x128 or email her at julie@pecometh.org. Or you can go online (www.pecometh.org).

Calling All Staff Alumni

The Camp Pecometh Staff Alumni Association (CPSAA) will hold its first ever Alumni Picnic and CPSAA annual meeting on Saturday, June 14, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at Pecometh. This will be a time to join with old friends as well as the 2008 Summer Staff to share all things Pecometh. The day will include a hamburger/hot dog cookout, the annual meeting and a special Galilean Service. The cost is \$10 per person. Contact Richelle Darrell at 410.556.6900, x103 or richelle@pecometh.org.

And if you are a former staffer and we haven't heard from you for awhile, we'd like to get your most recent information for our alumni database. Contact Dave Buchanan at 410.556.6900, x102 or dave@pecometh.org to obtain a profile form or get instructions as to how to complete your profile online. We're waiting to hear from you.

Spiritual Life Coordinators Needed

Would you like to spend a week this summer living in beautiful surroundings and impacting young people for Jesus Christ? If so, you're a candidate to be a volunteer Spiritual Life Coordinator (SLC) at Camp Pecometh. SLC's come to camp from Sunday to Friday for a week of camp to lead Bible studies, vespers, the Galilean Service and closing worship. Room and board is provided and families are welcome. SLC's receive a campership worth \$352 to be used as they direct. For more information, contact Jack Shitama at 410.556.6900, x101 or jack@pecometh.org.

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Interfaith Resource Center

The Continuing Education Committee Grants CEU's for Tom Long Event

Recently, the Rev. George Patterson notified me that the Continuing Education Committee of the Pen/Del Conference has authorized the IRC to grant .4 CEU's for the upcoming Tom Long presentation. This is exciting news! The Rev. Dr. Tom Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, has been named among the greatest preachers of the contemporary English-speaking world. The author of over a dozen books including *Beyond the Worship Wars: Building Vital and Faithful Worship* (2001); *The Witness of Preaching*, Second Edition (2005) and *Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christian* (2004), Dr Long has been on the faculty of Erskine, Columbia, and Princeton Theological Seminaries. Want to learn more about Dr. Long? The IRC has several DVD's and audiocassettes of his lectures.

On Saturday, June 21, 2008, he will speak at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2313 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE. The renowned preacher will offer two sessions totaling 4 hours: a clergy forum from 1:30-4:00 p.m. titled *Preaching in the Windstorm: The Pulpit Faces Contemporary America* and a public forum from 7:00-8:30 p.m. titled *The Church at the Four Corners*. Tickets are available from the Interfaith Resource Center, 913 Wilson



Paula Hartzell

Road, Wilmington, DE 19803 (www.interfaithresourcecenter.com); phone: 302.477.0910 or 1-800.336.6152. The cost of tickets is \$25 for the clergy session and \$10 for the public session. Proceeds benefit the Interfaith Resource Center. United Methodist sponsors include the Revs. Jonathan Baker, Mary Browne, Patti Collett, Ted Day, Don Godwin and Robert Mongold. Dave Verma of Wesley UMC in Dover plans to arrange for a bus to bring participants to the evening event. Interested in riding the bus? Call the IRC and we will put you in touch with Dr. Verma.

Paula Hartzell and Madeline Beall team up for a series of Christian Education Workshops in May & June. The presentations will feature an overview of Christian education curriculum styles and what to look for in the decision-making process. We will review prevailing trends and denominational preferences regarding Christian formation. You will hear about changes in the offerings of current popular programs and get a sneak peak at the new curricula including *Rock Solid*, the new program

from Abingdon/Cokesbury. Each participant will receive a comparison chart listing over 50 curricula from over a dozen publishers, their source information, educational approach and pricing. There will be time for browsing samples of many of the curricula. Choose the workshop most convenient for you: on Tuesday, May 20 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Wesley U.M. Church in Dover; on Thursday, May 29 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at First U.M. Church, Chestertown; or on Saturday, June 7 from 9:30-noon at St. Albans Church, Wilmington, home of the Interfaith Resource Center. The cost of the event is \$5 per person or \$10 for 3 persons from the same church. Please contact the Interfaith Resource Center, 913 Wilson Road, Wilmington, DE, 19803 for more information or to make reservations; phone: 1.800.336.6152. Check the IRC website at www.interfaithresourcecenter.com for additional dates.

Summer hours begin June 23

The IRC will delay the switch to summer hours until after the Tom Long Event in June. **Summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to noon** and will begin on Monday June 23 and continue until Labor Day. Until then, we may be reached from Monday to Thursday, 9:00 to 4:00 and Friday 9:00 to noon. Occasionally due to meetings, we must alter those hours. Please consult the schedule on our website for up to the minute scheduling changes.

From Your Wesley College Chaplain

In the last letter, I shared my thoughts about the Wesley in "Wesley College." In this article, I want to share with you some of what I think about the College in "Wesley College."

Wesley College is a liberal arts college related to The United Methodist Church through the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference. Like Peninsula United Methodist Homes, it has a great deal of autonomy in how it is operated. This is to keep the Conference from being legally liable for any actions of both institutions. For the College, in addition, there is the issue of academic freedom. The Church can't interfere in the freedom of scholars and students to explore any issue or subject. That's a good thing for the church; but that is for the next newspaper.

There are a number of specific United Methodist ties:

1. For the 07/08 academic year the percentage of full time traditional age students who identified themselves as UM's was 17% of the total of students who indicated a religious preference. (Roman Catholics were first at 42%.)
2. The Annual Conference supports the ministry of the College financially in the amount of \$36,000 dollars (a bargain!)
3. The President of the College has been a UM or a member of its predecessor bodies. Dr. Johnston, the new President of Wesley, is a United Methodist.
4. United Methodists, clergy and lay, serve on the Board of Trustees.
5. The Chaplain is United Meth-



Rev. Mark Pruett-Barnett

odist. (This is not required; the previous Chaplain was a Presbyterian.)

6. The Wesley Chapel is a visible sign of the Church/College relationship.
7. Last, but not least, the Conference owns the College. Your college, through its faculty and with the support of the staff, provides students with a liberal arts education and training for a variety of vocations and professions. Some students come to Wesley for a traditional liberal arts degree such as history or liberal studies. Others come for the training to become teachers and nurses, for example. Others at the New Castle campus are getting business degrees to help them advance in their careers. However, the goal is to provide a liberal arts education as a foundation for whatever comes next for them. It will help them make a difference in their communities and in the broader world. It helps them put their lives in a context broader than just making a living. If you have doubts about the importance of this, just look at the current presidential election year! A sense of the world could really be helpful to all of us! But this is not enough. Any liberal arts college can do this; but this too is for the next newspaper.

Your brother in Christ,

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CARE Team Concerns – Why We Need a Safe Sanctuaries Policy

By Rev. Sally Dolch

The Peninsula-Delaware Conference will adopt a Safe Sanctuaries policy at Annual Conference in June. We live in a time when *due diligence* should be the minimum expectation of effort to protect children and vulnerable adults. Adopting a conference policy that sets minimum expectations for local churches in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference is an act of *due diligence* to protect the vulnerable and to protect God's church.

In Luke's rendition of the prodigal son, the older son inquires of the servant, "What's going on?" The servant explains, "Your brother came back home and your father killed the prize calf because he got him back *safe and sound*." (Luke 15:27 Good News for Modern Man) Is it not our desire for all children to be *safe and sound*? Is that not our desire for all persons whom we deem to be vulnerable by age or physical or mental capacity?

But what do we mean when we say we hope for all children and vulnerable adults to be *safe and sound*? Can we agree that we mean: in the church we desire children and all other vulnerable persons will be safe from abusive persons, sexual predators, and people who would violate personal boundaries? But

how can we do this in our churches? Didn't Jesus tell us to welcome strangers?

The adoption of a Safe Sanctuaries Policy by the Peninsula-Delaware Conference is designed to engage congregations in being intentional about the protection of children and vulnerable persons who come to our churches.

Most churches need volunteers in all areas of church life including children's ministries. It seems so very awkward to ask volunteers to submit to a criminal background check; especially volunteers who have been members for 25 years! But, in truth, Christian hospitality would not allow us to have separate standards for oldtimers and newcomers. Did you know that churches who perform background checks routinely report that some individuals select themselves out of service with children? This means that the practice of requiring background checks is deterring those who should not be with children.

Another common objection to Safe Sanctuaries is cost! The cost of replacement doors and background checks increases with the size of the church. However, the \$14-\$18 cost of the background check (through UMPACT United Methodist Property and Casualty Trust) and the \$100-150 cost of a replacement door

with windows (or less to convert an existing door to a half door or install a window) cannot compare with attorney's fees, a multi-million dollar lawsuit, and subsequent insurance premiums. Nor can the cost be compared to the lifelong pain and suffering of a victim of child abuse and their family. Trauma always costs more than prevention!

Most churches with Safe Sanctuaries policies (which also include provisions for supervision, travel, first aid, disciplinary actions, training and other issues) report enthusiastic feedback from families about the care and precautions taken to ensure that their children will be "*safe and sound*" while they are at church.

Note: If you are worried about implementation activities and timelines, consider that most churches find that it may take a year from adoption of a policy to the full implementation of a local church plan. Informing and educating members is a critical step in any Safe Sanctuaries plan. Watch for training events in every district in 2009.

Questions? Why do we need a policy? Go to: www.gbod.org/ministries/family/safe/about.htm. Or call CARE Team members: Convener-Cindy Koski, Sally Dolch, Timothy Duffield, Alice Ervin, Gil Hoffman, Cheryl Jensen, Candy Miles and Jack Shitama.

Important Date To Remember!

Laity Session

Saturday, June 7, 2008
8:15-12:00 p.m.

Registration:

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Schwartz Center for the Arts
226 S. State St.

Dover, Delaware 19904

Included in this Gathering will be a Special Training Session for all New Members of the Annual Conference! Those members that have attended the Annual Conference before will benefit too!

Weaving a Web of Connections

Using Internet Technology for Effective Ministry

July 26, 2008 — West Chester United Methodist Church — West Chester, Pennsylvania

Do you want to develop or expand a Web presence for your local church, district or conference organization? Then join local church, district, and conference volunteers, staff, webmasters/servants, communicators, editors and pastors for this exciting training event co-sponsored by United Methodist Communications and the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Office of Communications. Through interactive presentations, hands-on workshops and informative displays, you will be able to explore a variety of options for Weaving a Web of Connections by using Internet technology for effective ministry.

Training Session Topics include:

- Making Connections: What Is Web Ministry?
- User-Centered Design for Effective Web Ministry
- Welcoming the Seeker through Web Ministry
- Staying Connected: Maintaining a Dynamic Web Ministry

Training Leadership includes:

- Matt Carlisle, former director of the Web team for United Methodist Communications and now the founder and CEO of Big Heart Design
- Susan Crawford, director of Igniting Youth, UMC staff
- Cheryl A. Hemmerle, technical training specialist, UMC staff
- Mary Lynn Holly, coordinator of conference relations, UMC staff

The training fee is \$75 and includes all meals, breaks, sessions and materials. The registration

deadline is July 18, 2008. To register for the training, visit www.training.umcom.org and select Weaving a Web of Connections. To register by telephone, call toll-free 1.888.278.4862. Space is limited to 100 people. There is no refund for cancellation; however, registration is transferable. CEU credit (0.6) is available for full participation.

Overnight accommodations can be arranged with Holiday Inn West Chester by calling 610.692.1900. The hotel is less than 1 mile to the church. Participants are responsible for their own transportation and lodging arrangements and payments. For more information, visit www.training.umcom.org or send an email to training@umcom.org.

Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 26

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Making Connections: What Is Web Ministry? with Cheryl A. Hemmerle
- 10:00 a.m. User-Centered Design with Matt Carlisle
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Welcoming the Seeker with Susan Crawford
- 3:00 p.m. Staying Connected: Maintaining a Dynamic Web Ministry with Cheryl A. Hemmerle
- 5:00 p.m. End of Training

The direct link to online registration is <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=tjpmid>.

Annual Conference Appeals Goal set at \$50,000!

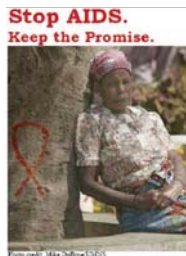
Has your church received an offering for the four Annual Conference Appeals? This year's appeals are the Central Congo Partnership, Global AIDS, Africa University scholarship, and Board of Ordained Ministry scholarships. Churches can bring one check for all four Appeals or separate checks for each. Checks should be made payable to the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

Your generosity is critical – no church is too small to make a difference. Time is short but you can still make a difference to the people of Africa and our own pastors currently in seminary and Course of Study. Donation envelopes were sent to Annual Conference delegates in the conference packets. Extra envelopes will be available at Annual Conference.

2008 Annual Conference Appeals



Africa University has graduated over 2050 students so far. Almost everyone has need of scholarship aid. While tuition is only \$5240, the average family income is \$300. Proceeds from this year's Appeal will activate our recently completed scholarship in 2008 instead of 2009.



The 2004 General Conference passed a resolution to raise \$8,000,000 before 2009 to fight the spread of AIDS in the world and especially in Africa. Our Conference has been asked to raise \$94,000 of that amount. 25% of these funds remain with us to address AIDS within our own Annual Conference.



The Congo is one of the poorest countries in Africa. For us to support our Partnership, we need to raise \$60,000 each year. These funds buy food and medicine; pay teachers, nurses, and doctor salaries; and help maintain the facilities needed to deliver these basic human needs.



An offering for the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM) Scholarship Fund will be received separately from the above Appeals on Saturday night during Ordination. These funds help pastors-in-training with the expenses of Seminary or Course of Study classes and books.

Conference Calendar of Events

May 2008		July 2008	
26	Memorial Day Observance – BFEM Resource Center Closed	4	Happy 4th – BFEM Resource Center Closed
		8	Conference Board of Lay Ministries Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m.
	June 2008	14-18	Jurisdictional Delegation Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
2	Vision Team Meeting, Wesley College: Room #206, 1:00-3:00 p.m.	23	CARE Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
	Committee on Clergy & Lay Leadership Meeting, Dover: Wesley UMC, 7:00-8:30 p.m.		Communications Commission Planning Retreat, Epworth, Rehoboth Beach, DE, 9:00-2:00 p.m.
7	Conference Laity Session, Dover: Schwartz Center, 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	27	Mission Possible Camp, Middletown: Meredith Middle School
9	Credit Union Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.	29	Personnel Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00 p.m.
11	Clergy Executive Session, Dover: Whatcoat UMC, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.		Insurance Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.
11-12	16th Annual African-American Summit, Princess Anne, MD, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore		Investments Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.
13-15	Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference Session, Princess Anne, MD, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore		Board of Pensions Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.
18	Equitable Compensation Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.	30	School of Christian Mission, Dover, DE, Wesley College
	Spiritual Formation Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 6:00 p.m.		August 2008
19	Strengthening The Black Church Retreat, TBD	1-2	Mission Possible Camp, Middletown, DE, Meredith Middle School
24	Conference United Methodist Men Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.		School of Christian Mission, Dover, DE, Wesley College
26	Advocacy Resource Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 2:00 p.m.	7	Resource Development & Management Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
	Health Ministries Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.		Board of Stewards Meeting, Centreville, MD, Camp Pecometh, 6:00 p.m.
	Outreach/Evangelism Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.	12	Conference United Methodist Men Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.
28	Vision Team Meeting, Denton: St. Luke's UMC, 9:00-11:00 a.m.	23	Conference United Methodist Women Mission Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.
	Stewardship Workshop, Wilmington: Simpson UMC, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.		

Black Methodists for Church Renewal Annual Luncheon
 Saturday, June 14, 2008 — 12:00 Noon
 Henson Center — UMES Campus
 Princess Anne, MD

Rev. Dr. Fred A. Allen,
 Executive Director
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Dr. Fred A. Allen is a native of Nashville, Tennessee, married to Christine, and the father of four children: Sharonda, LaChelle, DeAndrea, and Justin.

