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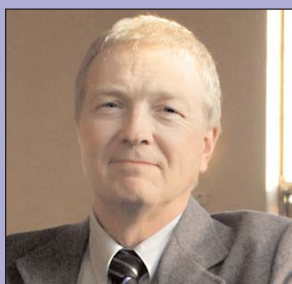
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Vision Statement

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.



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For more information on the origin of the logo, please go to www.pen-del.org and click on the logo in the right-hand column.

Dr. M. L. King Jr. Observance set for January 13



Kayleigh Vickers, Krissy Johnson and Brittany Carney (aka: NDN Stick Chicks) performed for the event.



Odette Wright and Raggatha Calentine participate in the processional for the 2006 MLK Event.



Moonyene Jackson-Amis (2006 & 2007 event chair) and Howard Mason (co-chair of The Advocacy Resource Team) presented the Black Elk of the Ogala Sioux Award to Brittany Currington.

Dear Christian Family and Friends:

Please reserve time to share in the annual Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Observance and Multi-Cultural Celebration, to be held Saturday, January 13, 2007, 3:00 p.m. at Hurlock United Methodist Church in Hurlock, Maryland. Pastor Arthur George and the congregation will be our hosts.

There are important deadlines to observe so please be informed and participate in this Event which you initiated more than 22 years ago.

This is a special appeal for youth to enter the Dr. King essay contest, by submitting written responses to questions posed by the King Committee. Winners will read their entries during the King Observance. Or, youth may elect to be part of the speech choir, reciting one of Dr. King's speeches. Each participant will memorize approximately 4 assigned lines. Members of the King Committee will travel to practice with the participants at designated sites, as near to home as practical. On Saturday, January 13th, at the King event, all will come together as a symphony. This should be lots of fun.

Please encourage our young people so that they might learn about the legacy of Dr. King and his Christian journey; learn to present in public and make new friends across our Christian community.

Guidelines will be available at the Conference Office by November 15, 2006.

Finally, all year long you work with or beside individuals in your church who go beyond the ordinary in their contributions to church and community. Please be generous, appreciative and encouraging by nominating them for one of the annual recognition awards presented during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

Awards to be presented:
Guidelines for Submittals:

- Nominations of individuals or organizations made in consultation with an official body of a local United Methodist Church must be signed by the pastor or chairperson of the nominating body.
- Nominations made by ethnic caucuses or

Conference Resource Teams must be signed by chairpersons of the nominating body.

- Individuals may submit nominations.
- Self-nominations are not permitted
- All letters must be signed. Anonymous letters will not be considered.
- All nominations must be complete with supporting documentation.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Award:

Given to the nominee who has made outstanding contributions related to the basic human and civil rights for all peoples.

Alberta Browne Award:

Given to the nominee that most exemplifies inclusiveness as it relates to the work in The Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

S. Lowan Pitts Award:

Given to the nominee who has made the most striking contributions as it relates to the church, community, and social action.

William Richard Wynder Award:

Given to the nominee who has made the most outstanding contribution in race relations and inclusiveness as it relates to church and education.

Black Elk of the Ogala Sioux Award:

Black Elk . . . he began his vision quest when a teenager. This award is for an individual, 20 years or younger, who has demonstrated spiritual, vision development and leadership.

Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz Award:

Awarded to an individual or organization exemplifying the ministry of hospitality and sharing (e.g. sharing of physical space for worship or cultural exchange).

Contact the BFEM Resource Center, consult the Communicator or contact one of the following committee members for details or clarification: Zaida Dore 302.836.8441, Doris Blake 302.697.1359, Darlene Webb 302.654.3013, Odette Wright 302.945.2930, Rev. Elaine Ayres 302.674.2626, Moonyene Jackson-Amis, Chairperson 410.822.9118 or by e-



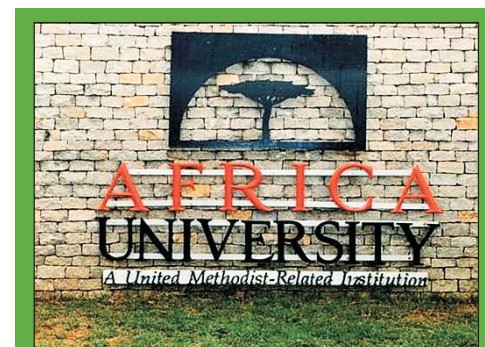
Rev. Cynthia Abrams, General Board of Church and Society, shared the message at the 2006 event.

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Let's be a blessing one to the other.

We are looking forward to another great year. Thank you,

The Advocacy Resource Team/
Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee
Moonyene Jackson-Amis
Chairperson



Reminder:
Africa University Sunday
is November 12th

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Chocolate

The holiday season is an ideal time to buy these products for gift giving, holiday Bazaars, church, and personal use.

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Buying these products is a way of living out Biblical justice in our world. Fair Trade products eliminate the "middle man." It ensures that farmers who grow these products receive fair and living wages. It is the difference between extreme poverty and having food, shelter, clothing, education, and healthcare for farming families around the world. In most cases, the cost is the same or below the cost for comparable products that are not fair trade.

At Annual Conference of 2005, we passed a res-



A sample of Fair Trade Products

olution asking congregations to use fair trade purchasing practices.

This holiday season, give the gift of helping a farmer out of extreme poverty. Buy fair trade.

DO NO HARM: What is a Response Team?

Submitted by S. Dolch

At the July 2006 DO NO HARM conference two workshops addressed the question: What is a Response Team? To understand the why and how of Response Teams, we must first understand "church leader sexual misconduct" as boundary crossing behavior that hurts the church's image, finances, families, and faith.

In recent years we have developed a better understanding of the power differential between pastors and church leaders and those to whom they minister. A person's role, age, gender, race, physical, economic, intellectual, psychological and social resources figure into the differences in power between a leader and vulnerable or powerless persons. As we move closer to living out the "ministry of all believers," the lines between the shepherd and the flock sometimes seem to blur. However, pastors and those who accept leadership roles must be intentional in all interactions with all people, especially those of the opposite sex and vulnerable children and adults.

When the power differential between a church leader and a congregant is violated and an allegation or admission of sexual misconduct is made, a ministry team composed of clergy and lay volunteers appointed by the Bishop is called to support and facilitate the healing of all parties. The ministry or Response Team is composed of a convener, who provides leadership in coordination with the District Superintendent, the congregation, and Team members selected for gifts and skills, gender balance, ethnic and racial diversity, and geographical representation. The Team meets regularly to build trust, coordinate with the Cabinet and Bishop on matters of policy, participate in intervention training, and plan trainings for clergy and laity in the conference.

The District Superintendent has generally met with the Staff Parish Relations Committee before the Response Team is called. The Response Team facilitates meetings with the congregation for truth telling, sharing and validation of feelings, education, spiritual reflection, and answering the question, "Where do we go from here?" The

work of the Response Team is distinct from the judicatory process.

Some Response Team members may be assigned as advocates for the alleged offender, the alleged victim, and their families. When the news is first disclosed, most people are in shock. Many of the emotions experienced and displayed mirror those of the grief process. Some may find it hard to believe what they are told. Response Teams do not come with answers or a quick fix, but they are prepared to listen carefully and patiently. They may return many times to hear the voices of congregation members. Their ultimate goal is to empower congregations to complete their own healing process.

The CARE Team, Peninsula Delaware Conference's Response Team, convened by Rev. Cindy Koski, includes: Rev. Sally Dolch, Rev. Timothy Duffield, Rev. Alice Ervin, Gil Hoffman, Rev. Cheryl Taylor Jensen, Rev. Ellie Laws, Rev. Jack Shitama. To learn more about the CARE Team go to www.pen-del.org and watch for monthly articles in the Communicator under the heading, DO NO HARM.

NEJ Leaders Get Reality Check, Support

By Jackie Campbell*

Bishops, District Superintendents and other lay and clergy leaders from across the United Methodist Church's Northeastern Jurisdiction gathered last weekend in Valley Forge, PA for The Great Leadership Event. The event was designed to give clergy and lay leaders a realistic look at the current state of the church and build spiritual strength, support and strategies to make new disciples for the transformation of the world.

"I think it's really important to bring together strong leaders from this jurisdiction to share ideas and information," said Bishop John R. Schol, who chairs

the NEJ Vision Table. We've gotten some outstanding information and inspiration and had great networking opportunities. It has really been powerful.

"Clearly we have some real challenges before us in the Northeastern Jurisdiction in terms of how we are going to lead in an area that's growing in its diversity," he explained. "The challenge is in leading the church into health and growth. This isn't going to happen by sitting in our own silos."

Offering "A Reality Check for the NEJ," the Rev. Larry Homitsky, director of connectional ministries in the Western Pennsylvania Conference, presented statistics showing the UMC in the Northeast lost the

equivalent of 54 members per day between 1973 and 2003. Worship attendance dropped by 90 every week.

Population, on the other hand, increased by 5.79 percent between 1990 and 2000, Homitsky said, and is continuing to grow. But the population is shifting, with only about one-third of the zipcodes accounting for the growth.

"This denomination is in more communities than any other. We are positioned to make a difference," Homitsky said.

"Our churches must get to know their own communities to develop effective ministry," Homitsky said. He cautioned against using "selective demographics."

"We get into trouble when we

From Your Wesley College Chaplain

I am serving on the College's Global Initiatives Committee. This is a group of people whose mission is to expand the educational opportunities for our students beyond the bounds of the Delmarva Peninsula. It is chaired by one of our faculty members, Dr. Susan Cooper. Sara Carson, of Mt. Olivet UMC in Seaford, is one of the student representatives on the committee. We had the opportunity to meet with representatives recently from a university in the People's Republic of China. The two schools explored possibilities for exchanging faculty and students. Nursing and business seemed to be the most natural educational areas in which there are common interests.

This was a new experience for me. I've been an East Coast person all of my life. It was just this summer I made it to the West Coast!

It has been seldom that I have had the opportunity to meet people from other parts of the world and this was the first time I had met folks from the People's Republic of China. They were people who were very much at home with western ways but at the same time they were people coming out of a long history. You



Rev. Mark Pruett-Barnett

could tell that by their names. Two of them shared the same name that meant "king." Another's name in English means "longbow." I think they enjoyed us and I know we enjoyed them.

John Wesley spoke of the world being his parish. United Methodism has followed in his footsteps all over the world. Education is one of the means we do this; and Wesley College, through a variety of educational partnerships, will be making its contribution.

Your Brother in Christ

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Hispanic Ministries Task Force

It Is Pecometh Time!

Brochures start to arrive and kids start to ask . . . actually, they start to ask as soon as they come back from their 1st, 2nd, 3rd . . . Pecometh experience.

Memories are something easy to build and they are all life transforming. The basis for a solid Christian adulthood is a solid childhood biblical instruction. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "train up your child in the way they should

go, even when he is old, he will not turn aside from it" (Literal version.)

This year for the first time, Gracia Divina Hispanic Mission had the opportunity to send 10 kids to Camp Pecometh. Cooperation from the local church, the parents, our conference and the district made this experience possible for these kids from our Hispanic population.

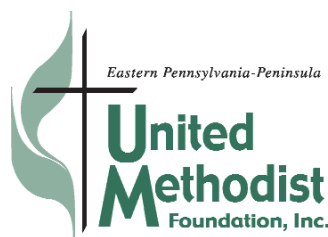
The results were simple; our kids returned home ignited with the "new revelation" of "did you know we are the future church?" This phrase alone made them feel connected; it made them feel important and that they DO have a place within the body of Christ, an important place.

The body of Christ is always trying to figure out how to win our kids for Jesus. It is amazing how through sports, songs, bonfires, and a committed group of people, who work and pray to make a connection with our kids, they are drawn to believe more about the gospel. The gospel is about people; Jesus, was about caring for people. Lets care more and work harder to create such an impacting impression on our kids that they have no other desire but winning others for Christ.

Liz Marrero

Gracia Divina Hispanic Mission
Wilmington, Delaware

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You do not have to use your cash or current income to satisfy the balance of your pledge or to make your year end gift to your church. Rather, you can make these gifts with stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares.

For these gifts, you want to give assets that have appreciated in value. When you give appreciated assets you not only get an income tax deduction, you also don't pay any capital gains taxes. Remember to give appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund

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shares directly - don't sell them and then give the cash.

Should you have any assets that have lost value, you might consider doing the opposite - sell assets for which you have a loss and give the proceeds. This way you get to claim the deduction **and** the capital loss on your tax returns.

If your church does not have a brokerage account, the Foundation provides this service free of charge. We will provide you with delivery instructions, oversee the receipt and liquidation of the security, send the proceeds of sale directly to your church and send the tax acknowledgement letter to you. Please call or email for instructions.



Stacy Martin

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Spirit, Body, Mind = Healthy Connections

Making healthy connections is focus of 2007 Convocation for pastors of African American churches.

The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church will sponsor the 2007 Convocation for Pastors of African American Churches, January 3-6, 2007 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

The 4-day event, hosted by Saint Luke Community United Methodist Church, will focus on "Making Healthy Connections." The theme is inspired by Ephesians 4:16 - "... joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."

The event will help United Methodist leaders of African American congregations be intentional about focusing on healthy options that connect spirit, body and mind.

"In light of the biblical mandate, pastors of Black churches must confront some especially unique questions," said the Rev. Vance Ross, associate general secretary, of The General Board of Discipleship.

Ross says that pastors of black congregations encounter special challenges in a majority White denomination: how to be authentic to black religious cultural norms that are often negatively critiqued? What must be done to maintain physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health? How does pastoral leadership remain prophetic within the Black population when mainline churches expect no confrontation of political power? As these warring and paradoxical questions converge in the body and spirit of pastors, can they thrive? Can they even survive?

These are some of the issues that will be faced, even answered, at this convocation.

Plenaries, prayer times, worship celebrations, and workshops are fashioned for pastoral leaders to address these issues, connecting with one another for Holy Spirit empowerment that will assist in building the Commonwealth of God.

Workshop topics include clergy self-care, healthy congregations, depression, prayer, burnout, exercise, nutrition, healthy sexuality, and balancing ministry and family.

Among the plenary and worship leaders are:

- **Rev. Dennis Blackwell**, senior pastor, Asbury UMC, Merchantville, NJ
- **Rev. Kirbyjon H. Caldwell**, senior pastor, Windsor Village UMC, Houston
- **Rev. Joseph W. Daniels, Jr.**, senior minister, Emory UMC, Washington, DC
- **Rev. Safiyah Fosua**, director, invitational preaching, The General Board of Discipleship, Nashville, Tenn.
- **Rev. Telley Gadson**, senior pastor, Saint Mark UMC, Sumter, SC
- **Rev. Hayes T. Gainey, Jr.**, senior pastor, Edisto Fork UMC, Orangeburg, SC
- **Rev. Frederick D. Haynes, III**, senior pastor, Friendship-West Baptist Church, Dallas
- **Rev. Walter Kimbrough**, pastor emeritus, Cascade UMC, Atlanta, GA
- **Rev. Geraldine McClellan**, district superintendent, Gainesville District, Gainesville, FL

- **Rev. Dr. Pat McKinstry**, senior pastor, Upton UMC, Toledo, OH
- **Bishop Gregory V. Palmer**, Iowa Area, The United Methodist Church
- **Rev. Rudy Rasmus**, co-pastor, St. John's UMC, Houston
- **Rev. Juanita Rasmus**, co-pastor, St. John's UMC, Houston
- **Rev. Kelvin Sauls**, director, congregational development, General Board of Discipleship, Nashville, Tenn.
- **Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.**, Holston Conference, Knoxville, Tenn.

"This is a time of renewal for pastors to hear from God where God is leading in terms of spiritual, emotional, physical and mental health; a time to make healthy connections in all aspects of ministry," said the Rev. Karen Greenwaldt, top executive for the General Board of Discipleship.

Registration is \$275 before December 4, 2006. To register online, visit www.gbod.org/pastorsconvo. For more information, contact Deborah J. Carvin at 1.877.899.2780, ext. 7051, or email dcarvin@gbod.org.

The General Board of Discipleship's mission is to support annual conference and local church leaders for their task of equipping world-changing disciples. An agency of The United Methodist Church, The General Board of Discipleship is located at 1908 Grand Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee.

Anniversary Service Approaching

The Annual Barratt's Chapel Anniversary Service of the meeting of Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury will be held November 12 at 4:00 p.m., preceded by a hymn sing at 3:30. The Rev. Charlotte Nichols will be speaking.

Cokesbury Connection

This is almost the season! Yes... Advent... Christmas... VBS planning... Youth Rally... do you see your days just flying by?

PLAN to enjoy them all by planning ahead. Here are some ideas from Cokesbury that can help!

Check Out The New Monthly Catalog from Cokesbury. Instead of receiving many separate flyers about specials, Cokesbury has put them all in one place... the monthly catalog. November has great specials on Christmas gifts.

****Christmas Open House:** is Nov. 16-18 at the Baltimore Cokesbury Christian Bookstore. Enjoy 25% OFF most all in-stock books, Bibles and gifts. 1.877.758.7134. Take a ride over the bridge and enjoy a big store of savings.

****VBS 2007:** Possibly the best VBS yet. The theme is **Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights With God**. Using a hot air balloon metaphor... you can just imagine the possibilities for learnings and decorating. You may go to the website www.cokesburyvbs.com to see the Preview Video, hear testimonials from test churches, listen to music samples, find decorating ideas and much more. There are links to the adult and youth components in the *Lift Off! Stations* sections.

FYI: The author of the adult component for this VBS is our own Rev. Jim Hawkins! He says if your church has not tried the adult group offering, give it a try this year. Kids go to their groups. Adults have their time together. If it's an evening VBS, your church can plan to have a simple meal beforehand.

****Word Up!** Is the Afro-centric VBS from Cokesbury this year. Focusing on how God's Word moves from Scripture to Jesus, the Living Word, to preaching, to the current cultural event of spoken word and rap. The Bible lessons use the same scriptures that Harlem Renaissance Era writer, James Weldon Johnson ("*Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*") Crafts, games, stories, great music, and much more!

****Order your VBS Preview Kit before Dec. 31st and save 20%.**

****New! Cokesbury African-American Website:** www.african.american.cokesbury.com

****VBS Showcase Dates Have Been Set! Come... Learn... Save 20% on ALL VBS components.**

Cokesbury partners with Paula Hartzell of the InterFaith Resource Center to give you this overview workshop.

Jan. 20 - InterFaith Resource Center

Jan. 27 - Wesley UMC, Dover

Jan. 28 - Union UMC, Federalsburg, MD

Youth Rally '07: "Be Amazed:" January 5-7 in Ocean City! Cokesbury will be there with AMAZING music, T-Shirts, gifts, books and Bibles.

Thanks (Giving) be to God and to you who do so much for/in/to/by/with your Church... because of HIM.

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The Bridge 2007 - A Young Adult Event

Over the past twenty years, thousands of the Peninsula-Delaware Conferences' youth have found God at the annual Youth Rally. Just this year, almost 5,000 people attended the rally. But what happens once they graduate? Well... "THE BRIDGE" happens!!



The Spiritual Formation Team has formed a Task Force to plan and organize an event for young adults called "The Bridge." This is the first ever such event for young adults ages 18-30. "The Bridge 2007" will be held at Camp Pecometh on June 1st-2nd, 2007.

The overnight event will include bands, worship, speakers, and breakout sessions - not to mention fellowship! The band "Down Here" will be coming to perform, and Brian McLaren is the Keynote Speaker.

Those of us on the Task Force ask for prayers that this event is a success! Someday, we hope that it is as popular as the Youth Rally. Tell all of the young adults you know about this event!

Go to www.pen-del.org to download registrations so you can attend "The Bridge 2007," or call Ken Laing at 410.758.6939.

Small Group Ministry

The Class Meeting that John Wesley inaugurated fanned the flame of revival and discipleship across England and into the New World. The flame continues burning around the Peninsula-Delaware Conference as small groups, which often look similar to the *Class Meeting*, bring revival and discipleship to many local churches. Small Group Ministry Team (SGMT) fans the fire as it prepares to train and equip laity and clergy for vibrant, effective, and transformational ministry through small groups of people meeting together.

D. Michael Henderson, in his book, *A Model for Making Disciples: John Wesley's Class Meeting*, describes the genius of Wesley's class meetings and shows how similar small groups would strengthen Christian ministry today. The evangelical revival that swept England in the mid-1700's rode the tidal wave of small-group discipleship. Wesley and his preachers expected their parishioner's attendance at the class meeting, where their spiritual growth and disciple making was encouraged. By the end of



the 18th century, Wesley had developed more than 10,000 groups, called class meetings. His commitment to discipleship laid the foundation for the modern cell-group ministry that prevails throughout Korea, Latin America, and parts of the U.S.

In the last half of the 1900's revival swept Korea. The largest churches in the world are located in Seoul. One of the major components of their healthy growth is the cell group, adopted from John Wesley's model. In October during the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference – *Great Leadership Event*. Rev. Dr. Moon Ho Kim led a workshop on the Dynamics of a Small Group Ministry where he highlighted the Korean model. "Cell groups," he said, "build community life, grow leaders, and multiply groups for expanding numbers of new

disciples." Dr. Kim noted that in the NEJ there are only a small portion of local congregations with growing small group ministry. The Peninsula-Delaware Conference may be the only one in the northeast to have a conference team focusing on the development of small groups throughout its length and breadth.

Dr. Kim outlined five focuses of a small group: 1) regularity, 2) evangelism, 3) community/fellowship, 4) discipleship/spiritual growth, and 5) ministry all with an emphasis on leadership development and group multiplication. He also gave twelve characteristics of a group: a close family, applying the Bible to daily life, growing in personal prayer, spiritual growth, sharing testimony, encouragement & edification, effective pastoral care, unlimited ministry opportunity of laity, friendship evangelism, disciplining new believers, creating mission projects, and developing strong leaders. Why would we not want to be involved in a ministry like this?

Continue to read this column monthly to keep abreast of current trends, leadership training,



Fa Fields, Paula Hartzell, and Jim Dorton

workshops on developing small group ministry, and available resources. Last month the SGM roundtable met in Wilmington at the Interfaith Resource Center. IRC and SGM are exploring ways to partner in order to provide

more up-to-date, effective small group resources at minimal costs.

Please join us for the next roundtable discussion on Tuesday, November 21 at Wyoming UMC at 1:30 p.m. For more information email donarayne@mchsi.com.

NEJ Leaders

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similar assessment tools and see if it is appropriate for your congregation," he added. "Look at ways to make your church healthy."

In addition, Homitsky said, collaborating with others in the community can make a big difference, especially for smaller congregations.

"Take Courage!" Homitsky said. "We have the keys; we just have to take responsibility and tomorrow more people will know the name of Jesus Christ and they will know the face of God."

Dr. Lovett Weems, director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary, said, "Leadership is always about change. The way things are now can never be deemed synonymous with God's ultimate will."

The reality is that there are growing populations in the NEJ and the population has been getting younger and more diverse, Weems said.

He noted that leaders must help the people discern God's vision, and develop concrete action steps to move towards it. For each action step, he said, there must be an expected outcome.

"We are going to do this, SO THAT something will happen – so that, those are the two most important words," he explained. When people reach toward specific goals, he said, "energy develops and all of a sudden things begin to change."

The Rev. Rodney Smothers, associate council director for Congregational Development in

the Baltimore-Washington Conference, offered examples of how congregations adapted to change, developed vital new ministries and experienced growth. They program worship services on days other than Sunday; communicate through new forms of media; focus on spiritual formation more than fellowship; shifted from teaching to learning by experience, and moved from classrooms to small groups.

"One challenge for us as United Methodists today," Smothers said, "is that we are not spiritually mature – we don't have the wherewithal to invite people. We have to elevate the level of education if we are going to elevate the level of transformation."

The new shape of ministry is collaborative, Smothers said. "We need to stop worrying about district lines or conference lines and connect people with something in common so that we can work together."

Everyone can benefit when churches collaborate with community organizations, government and businesses. "There are opportunities all around for this if we will look beyond ourselves," he said.

Smothers said he learned while starting a new church in Atlanta years ago that, "Our impact on the community is not dependent on what happens in these pews on Sunday morning," he said. "Ministry happens between Sundays."

(Editor's Note: Jackie Campbell is a Communications Staff Writer for the Western Pennsylvania Conference.)

Conference Calendar of Events

November 2006

- 11 **Board of Stewards Meeting**, Centreville: Camp Pecometh, 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Workshop, Centreville, MD: New Life Community UMC, 8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
- 12 **Anniversary Worship Service**, Frederica: Barratt's Chapel, 4:00 p.m.
- 13 **Board of Ordained Ministry-Full Board**, 9:30 a.m., Magnolia UMC
Volunteers In Mission Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Congo Partnership Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 13-15 **Nurturing Wholeness In Community Retreat**, Rehoboth Beach, DE: Atlantic Sands Hotel
- 14 **Council on Finance & Administration Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
Black United Methodist Preachers Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.
Conference United Methodist Men Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.
- 16 **Health & Welfare Task Force Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
Embracing The Black Church Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.
Personnel Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.
- 17 **Bishop's Day On The District: Salisbury**, Salisbury: Trinity UMC
Meeting with Clergy, 12:00-2:30 p.m.
Meeting with Laity, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 20 **Enabling Ministries Resource Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 23-24 **Happy Thanksgiving – BFEM Resource Center Closed**
- 27 **Vision Team Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Wesley College: Rm. #206
- 28 **Bishop's Advent Day Apart**, Wilmington:

- 30 **Annual Conference Sessions Meeting**, Wesley College: Rm. #206, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

December 2006

- 1-2 **Youth Rally Design Team Retreat**, Ocean City, MD: Carousel Hotel
- 4 **Credit Union Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.
- 5 **Conference Hispanic/Latino Task Force Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 **Leadership Development Resource Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 **Resource Development & Management Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
Committee On Native American Ministries Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
Stewardship Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 11:30 a.m.
Advocacy Resource Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 2:00 p.m.
- 8 **Philadelphia Episcopal Area Staff Christmas Party**, BFEM Resource Center Closed
- 11 **Volunteers In Mission Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Congo Partnership Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 12 **Black United Methodist Preachers Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
Congregational Development Corporation Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 **Embracing The Black Church Task Force Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.
- 17 **Service of Music & Carols**, Frederica: Barratt's Chapel, 4:00 p.m.
- 21 **Health & Welfare Task Force Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.