

Local Churches Respond Enthusiastically to the Call

In the summer of 2005, the Conference found itself facing a projected shortfall of funds. Receipts on apportionments were running well behind the needs of the Conference. At a Special Session of the Annual Conference held in October, the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCFA) was empowered (if necessary) to write to the local churches asking for a voluntary, special asking to close the gap. As the end of the year drew near, CCFA found that the projected shortfall was increasing. Reluctantly, a Special Asking was made of the local churches.

The response has been **OUTSTANDING!** A total of 96 churches responded to the Call and \$42,535 was made available to help close the funding gap. It is clear to CCFA that when local churches understand the need, they dig deep and find the funds to help the Conference meet its funding needs. CCFA has expressed sincere thanks to every church that responded in any way. Some contributions were large ... some moderate ... **BUT all represented SIGNIFICANT SACRIFICES that enabled the Conference to maintain fiscal viability.**

This year, receipts on apportionments are running ahead of "the norm." **Praise be to God!!** If the current trend continues thru the end of the year, the Conference will not have a funding gap for 2006. Lay and clergy leaders have joined together to make this possible. CCFA is deeply appreciative of your efforts. Thank you sincerely.

Howard Brecht, Chair
Conference Council on Finance and Administration

Save the Date for "Stewardship in Today's World"



Center for Christian
Stewardship
The United Methodist Church

**The Rev. David S. Bell
Director of Stewardship
is Returning to the
Peninsula-Delaware Conference
November 2007**

Evening of Friday, November 2, 2007

at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover

Morning of Saturday, November 3, 2007

at Sailwinds in Cambridge

Everyone is invited

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Stewardship in Today's World

The Rev. David S. Bell is the Director of the Center. He visited the Philadelphia Area recently and shared many insights and suggestions for best practices in Christian Stewardship. Below is a sampling of his thoughts:

- When it comes to money, we forget that God is the owner of all things and we view money as being **scarce**. Rather, our **abundance** is clear and by recognizing those blessings, we can share those blessings and they begin to multiply.
- Asking for money is not about obtaining funds for the budget but is an **opportunity** for people to be Christian stewards - financial disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Fundraising is different from Funding Ministry:

Fundraising

Individual is Owner
Organizationally Centered
Money Driven
Budget-Based
Membership
Shortfall

Funding Ministry

Partnership with God
Community Centered
Mission Driven
People-Based
Relationships
Potential

- The most common reason people express for not giving to an organization is: **They were not asked.**
- Why do people give? **Key Motivators:**
 - 1) They believe in the mission.
 - 2) They believe that the organization is changing people's lives.
 - 3) They were asked to give by someone in whom they have confidence.
 - 4) They perceive that the organization is fiscally stable.
- "Best Practices" come in three forms:
 - 1) Discipline - reason for stewardship
 - 2) Cultivation - what to do to promote Christian stewardship
 - 3) Conversation - educating and discussing the ways people can respond.

Seaford Response Is Active



Following the June flooding in Seaford, Delaware and Hurlock, Maryland the Disaster Relief Task Force went into action. A partnership was created with the City of Seaford and an assessment of need was completed by Amy Walls and Rev. Dale L. Brown. Sometime later a grant was secured from Discover Bank in the amount of \$60,000. A subsequent grant for Senior Adults came from the Carl Freeman Foundation, and ever since local churches and individuals have been gracing the recovery efforts with gifts.

Rev. Woody Wilson and the members of Mariners

Bethel United Methodist Church in Ocean View and Union United Methodist Church in Bridgeville have been instrumental in doing the following:

- * Removing and restoring insulation from trailers in Mobile Gardens Trailer Park.
 - * Placing new skirting on four new trailers.
 - * Painting the entire interior of a house and purchasing materials for the children of a low income family.
 - * Painting and repairing the Seaford Child Development Center on Front Street
- There have been smaller contributions and projects that

the groups have also accomplished since the flooding occurred.

Other churches have also been involved. Your time is vitally needed in the continuing effort to assist hurting persons. Please contact Rev. Dale L. Brown to volunteer:

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Peninsula-Delaware Conference--Apportionments and Receipts For the period of January 1-September 30, 2006

DOVER DISTRICT

| CHURCH | PASTOR | APPORTIONMENT | IND. | PERCENT |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | CONCHO'S | 3764 | 1764.00 | 74.9 |
| 2 | MATSON'S BETHEL | 508 | 376.00 | 74.9 |
| 3 | ATKINSON | 419 | 286.00 | 67.9 |
| 4 | WILSONVILLE | 245 | 181.00 | 74.9 |
| 5 | BADES | 447 | 335.22 | 75.0 |
| 6 | PIKAS | 431 | 420.00 | 100.0 |
| 7 | BRIDGNS | 421 | 420.00 | 100.0 |
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| CHURCH | PASTOR | APPORTIONMENT | IND. | PERCENT |
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| 23 | ASBURY | 1026 | 95.16 | 9.5 |
| 24 | MATTHEWS | 648 | 432.64 | 66.7 |
| 25 | WILSONVILLE | 518 | 189.00 | 36.5 |
| 26 | ROOPLY | 191 | 181.00 | 100.0 |
| 27 | CHESTNUT GROVE | 161 | 161.00 | 100.0 |
| 28 | UNION | 2074 | 1096.00 | 52.9 |
| 29 | METROPOLITAN UMC V LEE | 378 | 378.00 | 100.0 |
| 30 | HOSER MEMORIAL | 418 | 418.00 | 100.0 |
| 31 | UNION | 696 | 464.00 | 66.7 |
| 32 | UNION | 913 | 2000.00 | 21.9 |
| 33 | UNION | 1071 | 2042.00 | 19.1 |
| 34 | UNION | 1177 | 2282.78 | 19.4 |
| 35 | UNION | 2016 | 190.00 | 9.5 |
| 36 | UNION | 446 | 320.84 | 66.7 |
| 37 | UNION | 1078 | 803.83 | 75.0 |
| 38 | UNION | 1069 | 590.00 | 55.7 |
| 39 | UNION | 446 | 318.88 | 66.8 |
| 40 | UNION | 128 | 128.00 | 100.0 |
| 41 | UNION | 2790 | 2092.50 | 75.0 |
| 42 | UNION | 269 | 464.00 | 90.0 |
| 43 | UNION | 1327 | 600.00 | 51.3 |
| 44 | UNION | 5000 | 320.84 | 66.7 |
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| 1 | ASBURY | 3941 | 249.91 | 6.7 |
| 2 | ANTIOCH | 325 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 3 | BECKWITH | 474 | 492.24 | 66.7 |
| 4 | ST PAUL'S | 2359 | 2192.50 | 75.0 |
| 5 | WESLEY | 522 | 522.00 | 100.0 |
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