



# Central E-Link

*News, Resources & Opportunities to Energize & Equip  
Church Leaders of the Central Texas Conference*

**April 28, 2010**

Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles/requests should be submitted to [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) by **12 noon Tuesday** in order to be e-mailed on Wednesday. Articles should be brief and include active links to websites or contact persons for details. To add a colleague or church member to *E-Link's* weekly distribution, send their addresses to [susan@ctcumc.org](mailto:susan@ctcumc.org).

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## News Briefs — The Conference

### No E-Link Next Week

*E-Link* will be on hiatus next week (May 5) while Editor Carolyn Stephens is on a mission trip to Sager Brown UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, La. It will resume with the May 12 issue.

### Media Library Feature Now Available at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)

A Media Library for audio, video and still photos is the latest feature to be added to our conference website, and we're asking you to post items you would like to share about ministries in your local church. Click on the "Media Library" menu item on the right side of the page and follow the instructions. It would be best to keep the video clips relatively short and to be judicious about the number of photos from a single event. We ask that all material be consistent with UM values.

### AC Agenda - Preliminary Report – Registration - Live Streamed Worship

- The 2010 Annual Conference agenda, Preliminary Report and online clergy/laity registration forms are accessible on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) under the "2010 Annual Conference" banner picture in the lower right quadrant. Please note that the 5:30 p.m. Monday adjournment for the day is true! The evening is open for whatever you choose to do — dining and fellowship with friends, seeing some of the area attractions or enjoying an evening of rest. Check the "Fort Worth Visitors Guide ..." or click <http://www.fortworth.com/listings/index.cfm?action=display&listingID=3638> for restaurants, things to do, wonderful area maps and much more.
- Annual Conference worship services at First UMC Fort Worth will be available via live online streaming. The agenda for Sunday evening, Monday morning and Tuesday evening worship times and access the live streaming will be found at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) beginning Sunday, June 6.

### Note to Pastors/Church Secretaries

If you have retired clergy, their spouses and surviving clergy spouses in your congregation who are not comfortable with online computer registration, it would be helpful for you to provide assistance for them in registering for Annual Conference and/or the Clergy Spouses Luncheon. Thank you.

### Youth Mission Celebration & Commissioning Service – June 6

Join youth groups from around the conference for an afternoon picnic celebrating Youth in Mission and a Commissioning Service during the opening worship of the 2010 Annual Conference. For more details and to register your group, check the flyer at [http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Commissioning\\_Flyer\\_52ZZQDQQ.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Commissioning_Flyer_52ZZQDQQ.pdf).

### **Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Annual Conference Business Sessions**

Lighthouse Fellowship is coordinating hospitality volunteers for the Annual Conference business sessions at Will Rogers Memorial Center June 7-9. Volunteers are needed for the important role of greeting and providing information for the 1,100 members from 314 churches who will be attending the conference. The timeframes are listed below for assisting before and during the business sessions at Will Rogers Memorial Center. If interested, please contact Jody Williamson at [jwilliamson@lfwired.org](mailto:jwilliamson@lfwired.org) will the time(s) you can serve. Volunteers can participate for any amount of time from the schedule below. Thank YOU in advance for serving on the Annual Conference Hospitality Team!

#### Monday June 7:

\_\_\_ Pre-Business Session #1 (1-2pm)      \_\_\_ Business Session #1 (2-5pm)  
\_\_\_ After Business Session #1 (5-6pm)

#### Tuesday June 8:

\_\_\_ Pre-Business Session #2 (7:30-8:30am)      \_\_\_ Business Session #2 (8:30-12 noon)  
\_\_\_ Between Business Session 2 & 3 (12 noon -2pm)      \_\_\_ Business Session #3 (2-5pm)  
\_\_\_ After Business Session #3 (5-6pm or as needed)

#### Wednesday June 9:

\_\_\_ Before Business Session #4 (7:30-8:30am)      \_\_\_ Business Session #4 (8:30am to Noon)  
\_\_\_ Between Business Session 4 & 5 (Noon to 2pm)      \_\_\_ Business Session #5 (2-3:30pm)  
\_\_\_ After Business Session #5 (3:30-4:30pm or as needed)

### **THANK YOU to All the Churches that Played Bishop's Video Last Sunday**

A large number of churches were gracious enough to play Bishop Lowry's 4:57-minute video April 25 as part of the UMC's official kickoff day for the Imagine No Malaria campaign. For those who have not seen it, it is on the new Media Library at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org). Imagine No Malaria has been designated as our 2010 CTC Annual Conference offering. We raised \$135,276 with the Nothing But Nets Annual Conference offering in 2007, resulting in 13,527 bed nets now providing protective coverage for families in Africa! Imagine No Malaria is the next step in the goal of ending suffering and death from this preventable disease. It continues to include bed nets, but expands into other areas of prevention, treatment, education, and communicating life-saving information. Our conference's minimum goal with the 2010 Annual Conference offering is the equivalent of \$1 for every member of this conference — about \$164,000.

### **40 Days of Prayer for Youth Starts TODAY!**

Please join with our conference youth April 28 - June 6 to pray for youth each day for 40 days. Download/print the Prayer Guide here

([http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=5d7evrdab.0.0.8vuxradab.0&ts=S0476&p=http%3A%2F%2Fct.brickriver.com%2Ffiles%2FoFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ%2FPrayers\\_Z742AMGG.pdf&id=preview](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=5d7evrdab.0.0.8vuxradab.0&ts=S0476&p=http%3A%2F%2Fct.brickriver.com%2Ffiles%2FoFiles_Library_XZXLCZ%2FPrayers_Z742AMGG.pdf&id=preview)). The Student Leadership Team created this initiative that can be followed on the Conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)). Also, look for it on Facebook at 40 Days of Prayer and Twitter at CTC40days.

### **Deadlines Extended for Denman and Walker Award Nominations**

The deadline to nominate worthy recipients of the Morris Walker Laity and Clergy Awards is TOMORROW and Harry Denman Evangelism Awards is May 1. Is there someone in your midst who should be lifted up for the incredible ministry he/she is doing? The details and nominating formats/forms are available at <http://www.ctcumc.org/news/detail/103> under "Awards, Scholarships, Honors."

### **Tune In Friday-Sunday for a Live Webcast of UMW Assembly**

Can't attend the UMW Assembly 2010? Tune in to United Methodist Women's Assembly 2010 from home via interactive live webcast! Over 3 days, experience as much as 6 hours of Assembly worship, speakers and performances from St. Louis, Mo., and connect with viewers through Facebook and Twitter. View the webcast at <http://qbgm-umc.org/umw/assembly/>.

#### **Streaming times (Central Time Zone):**

Friday, April 30: 7:30 pm-9:30 pm

Saturday, May 1: 9 am-12 pm

Sunday, May 2: 9:30 am-12 pm

Not yet a fan or follower? Become a United Methodist Women fan on Facebook (hyperlink: <http://www.facebook.com/umwomen>) and follow us on Twitter (hyperlink: <http://www.twitter.com/umwomen>)!

### **Check Out Facebook Page for Leaders in Adult Ministries/Discipleship**

Leaders of adult ministries/adult discipleship in CTC churches will want to take advantage of the new Facebook page for all who would like to be connected for support, resources, etc. Check out [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), then the group CTC Adult Ministries/Adult Discipleship. Join the Facebook group and the face-to-face meetings every quarter or so. Look for future information, or contact Karen Granderson at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [Karen@ctcumc.org](mailto:Karen@ctcumc.org).

### **Mother's Day/Wesleyan Homes Benevolent Fund — May 9**

Mother's Day is the time when many congregations faithfully receive the special Wesleyan Homes' Benevolent Fund offering. "Today, we need your help to grow the number of congregations who tell this compelling story of the compassionate assistance to senior adults in financial need," states Dan Bonner, vice president for development at Wesleyan Homes. "Every nickel of every gift goes directly to supplement a senior's living at the new Georgetown campus, Wesleyan at Estrella with 124 apartments for independent living and coming in late 2010 60 apartments for assisted living, all eligible for need-based Benevolent Fund support. Pastors will be receiving special bulletin inserts and sermon illustrators for use in worship on Mother's Day unless they have indicated they will not be needed. For more information, contact Dan Bonner at [dbonner@wesleyanhomes.org](mailto:dbonner@wesleyanhomes.org) or 512-876-9145.

### **CTC Haiti Relief Kits Needed**

The Conference Disaster Response Task force is asking churches that have been collecting Layette Kits and Birthing Kits (the content list is online at <http://sagerbrown.org/> to deliver them to Austin Avenue UMC in Waco by **April 29** and Bethel UMC in Weatherford on **Saturday, May 1, between 9 a.m. and noon**. The conference has a team going to Sager Brown and will be taking these kits directly to the depot. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Bellamy at 817-877-5222 or Laraine Waughtal at 940-564-6494. Please pack your kits in boxes and mark on the outside of the box the count for each type of kit.

### **Black Church Convocation — April 30-May 1**

It has become necessary to reschedule the Black Church Convocation Event (Discipleship - Helping People Connect to the Body of Christ) of April 30 - May 1 at Glen Lake Camp to a later date. That new date is being determined. Thank you for your support and we pray you will continue to participate in such opportunities in the future. All registration fees submitted are being returned. — *From Carol Grant Gibson and the Planning Committee*

### **Who Done It Benefits TCRJC — May 15**

The Tarrant County Restorative Justice Center (TCRJC) will host a who-done-it play titled "Who Murdered the Ministry?" by Cathy Harmon. The performances will occur on May 15 at 12 noon and again at 7 p.m. at the Life Today International Studio (located at 1801 W. Euless Blvd. Euless 76040). A silent auction will occur preceding each performance and the proceeds will benefit the "Home of Greater Joy," a justice ministry of TCRJC. For tickets or more information contact Penny Yaites at 817-719-5978. Tickets are \$10/\$12 at the door.

### **Red Bird Mission Trip — Oct. 3-9**

The deadline is May 15 for this first-time mission trip to the Red Bird Mission Conference in Kentucky. Join the CTC adult team this fall to assist with construction needs and possibly education and community outreach. Not only will the projects provide a rewarding volunteer opportunity, participants will also enjoy a unique cultural experience and may begin developing a relationship between the congregation and this wonderful Missionary Conference. Participants will be asked to attend one planning meeting/team orientation from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Acton UMC (3433 Fall Creek Hwy., Granbury 76049). For more details, please visit: [http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Red\\_Bird\\_Missionary\\_Mission\\_Trip\\_TK6BEY2I.doc](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Red_Bird_Missionary_Mission_Trip_TK6BEY2I.doc). Contact: Dawne McAlpin, mission team leader, at [dawne@actonumc.org](mailto:dawne@actonumc.org) or 817-326-4252, 578-1701.

## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **Preparing to Receive a New Pastor**

In the Lewis Center for Church Leadership's *Leading Ideas* online newsletter Dr. Robert Crossmam says, "Welcoming a new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the groundwork for a healthy and vital relationship and for the development of stable, long-term ministries together." The following suggestions from [50 Ways to Welcome your New Senior or Associate Pastor](http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html) ([http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428\\_article2.html](http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html)) will help your congregation receive a new pastor with a spirit of openness and hospitality.

### **Spanish-language ministry resources available**

"El Cristiano como Ministro," the Spanish-language edition of "The Christian as Minister," completes the list of 12 Spanish-language resources published by the UM Board of Higher Education and Ministry for people exploring ordained or licensed ministry in the UMC. Fliers and brochures about ordained ministry are also available for downloading at [www.gbhem.org/bom](http://www.gbhem.org/bom). A subtitled DVD with first-person accounts by elders, deacons, chaplains and pastoral counselors about what it means to be called to ordained ministry is also available at the website. Other Spanish-language resources can be ordered from Cokesbury at 800-672-1789.

### **Remaining 2010 Events at Mount Sequoyah Retreat & Conference Center**

150 NW Skyline Dr., Fayetteville, Ark. 72701 • 479-443-4531/800-760-8126

May 4-6: *"Boot Camp" for Church Planters with Jim Griffith*

May 3-4: *Pre-Day for Senior Pastors Along with the Planter*

This basic training is specifically designed for pastors who are planting new churches in 2010 or for those who have recently planted a new church. Register at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

May 10-13: *May Spring Planting*

Register at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

June 27-29: *Addiction Conference*

This conference equips clergy and congregations with community resources and response for families, congregations, and community. CEU credit will be given for attending this conference. Contact Cindy Sloan at SPSARV for details about scholarships at 866-444-3330. Register at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

Oct. 18-22: *Leaves of Gold*

This retreat features worship, fellowship, workshops, tours, laughter, learning and fun during the turning of the leaves to gold at Mount Sequoyah! Bishop Richard Wilke will be the featured worship leader. Register online by Oct. 10 at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

Oct. 25-28: *Autumn Time*

Autumn Time is a wonderful experience featuring worship, praise, fellowship, laughter and fun! Workshops include centering prayer, spiritual journaling, exercise, nutrition workshop, military workshop, tour of the AR Air Museum. Register online by Oct. 15 at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

### **CEF Conference — Oct. 22-25**

Come to Kentucky to experience the Divine in a new way at the Christian Educators Fellowship Conference Oct. 22-25. Bringing the messages will be Bishop Lindsey Davis and pastors Rudy Rasmus (St. John's UMC, Houston and founder of Bread of Life, Inc.) and Sherry Daniels (Norfolk UMC and former Denman Evangelism Award recipient). Check the CEF website at [www.cefumc.org](http://www.cefumc.org) to register and get updates on worships, tours, pre/post-conference offerings.

## **Local Congregations & Ministry Groups**

### **Basic Lay Speaker's Class — May 16-June 13**

Genesis UMC (7605 S. Hulen, Fort Worth 76133 - 817-292-4551) will host Basic Lay Speaker's classes at the cost of \$20 to be paid at the first class. For more information, contact Judy Clarke at 817-292-9555 or [judyclarke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judyclarke@sbcglobal.net).

Sundays, May 16, 23, 30 & June 6, 13  
2 – 4:30 p.m.

### **Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center Annual Golf Tournament — April 29**

It is time again for the GLC&RC Annual Golf Classic to be held on April 29 at Squaw Valley in Glen Rose. Last year's event was the best ever in terms of money raised and the number of participating golfers. There were also a record number of pastors playing. This year's proceeds will again go toward offsetting camp scholarships and the cost of summer camp in general. For more information and to download a registration form, visit [www.glenlake.org/golf](http://www.glenlake.org/golf). GLC challenges pastors to be a part of this important event by either bringing or sending a team or by their church being a hole-sponsor.

### **TACC and Others Host Forum on Survivors of Suicide — April 29**

Tarrant Area Community of Churches and its partner organizations will address grief after suicide during the Elephant in the Room Series on April 29. This is a community forum designed to assist those who work with and minister to survivors of suicide. It will be held at First Congregational Church (4201 Trail Lake Drive, Fort Worth) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. To attend "Life After Loss – Healing the Grief of Suicide," please contact Tarrant Area Community of Churches at 817-737-5545 or [info@tarrantareacc.org](mailto:info@tarrantareacc.org). The cost of the event is \$10 and will include light refreshments. Advance reservations are required.

### **The Horizons Tour at Woodway UMC, Waco — April 30**

Woodway UMC, Waco will host The Pikes Peak Ringers in "The Horizons Tour" concert at 7 p.m. Friday, April 30. All are invited. Contact: Katy Flowers at 254-751-0411.

### **Viewing Mental Illness through the Eyes of Faith — April 30**

Austin Avenue UMC in Waco will host a free mental illness workshop from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, April 30. This luncheon event is open to anyone who could benefit from this training. It is known that individuals in psychological distress are more likely to seek assistance and counseling from the church before contacting a licensed mental health care provider. Because of the role certain people play in your church, the workshop entitled "Viewing Mental Illness through the Eyes of Faith." Dr. Matthew Stanford, Professor of Psychology & Neuroscience at Baylor University and author of *Grace for the Afflicted: A Clinical and Biblical Perspective on Mental Illness* (Paternoster, 2008), will lead the workshop. Contact: [Kimberly\\_Schlesinger@baylor.edu](mailto:Kimberly_Schlesinger@baylor.edu) or 254-710-3854 by Monday, April 26.

### **Outdoor Revival at Kell Branch — May 1**

Kell Branch UMC in the White Hall Community will host an outdoor revival at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1. A hot dog and chips meal will be served before the revival starts. Pastor Quinton Gibson Sr. of St. James UMC, Temple will be the revivalist. The public is invited to attend. Call the following numbers for further information 254-721-5970 or 254-774-1964.

### **Waco Methodists/Baptists Co-host National Day of Prayer Event — May 6**

First UMC, Waco and neighboring Columbus Avenue Baptist Church are co-hosts for a National Day of Prayer observance from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at First UMC's Family Life Center (Cobbs @ Lake Air Drive, Waco). The theme is Prayer: For Such a Time at This. Light lunch served. Questions? Contact Linda Hammond at 254-772-5630 or [lhammond@fumcwaco.org](mailto:lhammond@fumcwaco.org).

### **“Celebrating Life Through Worship Arts” Benefit Performance — May 15**

This is a benefit celebration of life through the worship arts sponsored by the African Americans in Ministry organization from 3:30 to 5 p.m. May 15 to benefit Annette Vanzant Williams who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis. They will be uplifting God's grace and mercy through praise bands, praise dancers, instrumentalists, songsters and the dramatic acts at St. Barnabas UMC (5011 W. Pleasant Ridge, Arlington 76016) where Annette has been associate pastor. During this gathering a silent auction will take place, and there will be refreshments for the nourishment of body and soul. For more information, please contact Luther Henry at [luther@sbumc.org](mailto:luther@sbumc.org) or 817-483-1667 or Chauncey Nealy at [aldersgate1954@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aldersgate1954@sbcglobal.net) or 817-274-0116.

### **Mission Trip for College Students/Young Adults — May 23-28**

Trinity UMC of Arlington is sponsoring a mission trip for college students/young adults to the Oklahoma City area May 23-28. Participants will work in inner city Norman and OKC with a variety of Christian-based social service projects including construction work, food pantries and life shelters. Cost of the trip is \$225 but fund-raising efforts hope to offset the cost. If interested, please contact Brenda Beaver at 274-1345 or Susan McConnell at [susanmc30@gmail.com](mailto:susanmc30@gmail.com).

### **Retirement Reception for Kent Marrs — May 30**

Friends of Kent D. Marrs are invited to a retirement reception celebrating the ministry of Kent, Diane and Darin Marrs from 2 to 4 p.m. May 30 at St. John's UMC (311 E. University Ave., Georgetown). RSVP by May 14 to 512-864-9222.

### **Conference UMs Heading to Holy Land — June 8**

Join the “Holy Land Trip hosted by Steve Lallier.” Steve, a lay leader for the Adult Singles Class at Whites Chapel UMC in Southlake, and is returning to Israel with friends across the conference. This is a guided tour via Educational Opportunities. For details, visit <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com>. Interested? Contact Steve Lallier at 817-424-5704, 214-912-1979 or email [BigBandLdr@aol.com](mailto:BigBandLdr@aol.com).

### **Youth Mission Opportunity in Palmer — June 24-27**

FUMC Palmer announces PUMP 2010! PUMP (Palmer United Mission Project) is a four-day mission weekend (June 24-27) for youth groups from across Texas. Youth entering grades 4-12 and adults alike are given the opportunity to serve those in need living in the Palmer area and experience small group study, meaningful daily worship, awesome music and inspired talks. This is an appropriate mission trip for first-timers and/or small youth groups. The cost is \$75/per person. For more details and a pre-registration brochure, contact Debbi Mitchell at 214-683-1501 or [palmerpump@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerpump@yahoo.com). Registration deadline: May 31.

### **No Man Left Behind Dallas – October 21-23**

First UMC of Richardson is hosting 2 ½ days of learning, planning and fellowship presented by Man in the Mirror. The conference is designed for any leader who is passionate about seeing men discipled in their church (pastors, associate pastors, lay leaders and potential leaders). To

download a brochure with more details, or to register, visit: [www.maninthemirror.org/lrc/about-nmlb.htm](http://www.maninthemirror.org/lrc/about-nmlb.htm). To contact a host team member at FUMCR and learn more about the conference send an email to [disciplingmen@fumcr.com](mailto:disciplingmen@fumcr.com). Early bird and team registration discounts are available.

## Resources

### Helpful Links for Church Leaders

**Central Texas Conference:** ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)) features and other content changes daily

**InfoServ:** (<http://infoserv.umc.org>)

**UM Reporter Interactive:** ([www.umportal.org](http://www.umportal.org))

**United Methodist News Service:**

([http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS\\_News.htm](http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS_News.htm))

**UMNS on Facebook:**

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=iflTKWnrGaIKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWP rHgIWF>)

**UMNS on Twitter:**

(<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLeKYLpl&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWP rHgIWF>)

**Interpreter Magazine:** (<http://interpretermagazine.org/interior.asp?ptid=43&mid=7085>)

**EI' Interprete (Interpreter in Spanish):** (<http://elinterprete.org/>)

**10thousanddoors.org:** (<http://www.tenthousanddoors.org>)

**Rethink Church:** (<http://www.rethinkchurch.org>)

**UM TechShop:** (<http://secure.umcom.org/store/catalog/categoryinfo.aspx?cid=16>)

**UM Global Health Initiative:**

([http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/Global\\_Health.htm](http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/Global_Health.htm))

### **Depression Seminar in Your Church, Free**

**Mental Health Facts from the Depression Connection Team:** Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and borderline personality disorder. The good news about mental illness is that recovery is possible. With no cost to your church, the Conference Committee on Mental Health Concerns and Depression Connection Team will provide a seminar for your church. To inquire, contact Tony Campbell at 817/810-9599 or [tony@depressionconnection.org](mailto:tony@depressionconnection.org).

### **Conference Resource Center**

New resources highlighted at the Conference Resource Center this week are described below. There are always new resources; check them out! For these and more resources, contact Carol Roszell at 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622.

***Where Faith & Culture Meet.*** Six DVD sessions on how you can engage your culture. Journey to a place where you can see people's needs in a new way, understand your calling, and learn how your faith can shape culture. God calls the church to be a counterculture for the common good. When we live closely with others, we find new opportunities to minister. We serve more effectively and joyfully when we serve together. God wants to heal our racial and ethnic divisions. We can transform communities when we give ourselves to people. Includes leader and participant guides.

### **Church Demographics**

Church Growth & Development offers a new demographics program for churches. Check it out (and register, if interested) at <http://www.missioninsite.com/>. If you have questions, contact Vicki Eldridge at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [Vicki@ctcumc.org](mailto:Vicki@ctcumc.org).

### **Crime Victims Council Information at [www.crimevictimsCouncil.org](http://www.crimevictimsCouncil.org)**

The new Crime Victims Council website offers many resources. If you are a survivor who would

like to share your story or pass along a word of encouragement to one of our survivors or post a picture and other information about a victim, please email [encouragement@crimevictimscouncil.org](mailto:encouragement@crimevictimscouncil.org).

## Needs, Resources, Opportunities

**NOTE TO LISTERS:** Please contact Carolyn Stephens at [Carolyn@ctcumc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ctcumc.org) to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

### **Organist/Pianist**

Organist/pianist position open at Smithfield UMC in North Richland Hills. Duties include two services on Sunday mornings, Wednesday night rehearsal and special holiday services. To apply, send a resume to Lisa Neslony at 6701 Smithfield Rd, North Richland Hills 76182 or [pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org](mailto:pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org).

### **Pianist**

Lakeside UMC at Richland Chambers Lake seeks a pianist for weekly Sunday service from 8 to 11:30 a.m. This paid position is available beginning June 1. If interested, please contact: Bill Brunson, chairman Staff Parish Relations Committee, at 903-599-4035 or Pastor Sandy Hippman at 903-599-3080.

### **P-T Preschool Director**

Richland Hills UMC seeks a highly motivated part-time director position for a newly formed preschool scheduled to open in September. Successful candidates will possess or be in the process of obtaining a Director's Certificate from TDFPS. For more information, please contact Terre McGill at 817-284-9371 or [tmcgill@rhumc.net](mailto:tmcgill@rhumc.net).

### **Director of Youth Ministries**

First UMC, Red Oak seeks an enthusiastic youth director. The position is half time and will require working with jr. and sr. high youth. Requirements: experience in youth ministry preferred, excellent communication and relationship building skills and excellent references. Needs to have a good understanding of Methodist doctrine and be a mature spiritual leader with a heart for youth and their families. Be able to plan/coordinate activities for 7 – 12 graders, including weekly Bible study, Sunday school, youth meetings, fundraisers, and annual mission trip. Additional ministry opportunities available depending on gifts and graces. Contact church office at 972-617-9100 for an application. Start date is mid May.

### **P-T Church Secretary**

Part-time church secretary needed (32 hrs/wk). Responsibilities include bulletins, newsletter, church-wide emails, website and maintenance of membership records. Must be proficient in MS Office and able to learn church software. Good organizational and people skills also necessary. Please send resume to First UMC Azle, attn: Dean Posey, 200 Church St., Azle 76020 or email to [dposey@fumcazle.org](mailto:dposey@fumcazle.org).

### **Office Equipment**

A member of Cogdell UMC in Waco offers two items:  
For sale — RICOH-2051 copier, w/finisher, internet capabilities and maintenance available till 2014. \$1,500 or best offer.  
Free to good home — Epson Powerlite Multimedia Projector w/screen  
Contact Pat at 254-855-0796 for more info.

### **Administrative Assistant**

The Wesley Foundation at TCU has an opening for an administrative assistant, beginning immediately. The successful candidate should have current computer skills and knowledge of

Quicken, Microsoft Office, Publisher, Outlook, and Access and be able to handle general office duties. The position requires 15 hours per week, with summer hours negotiable, salary of \$8,500 per year. Please contact Lindsay D. Churchman, director, at [l.d.churchman@tcu.edu](mailto:l.d.churchman@tcu.edu) or 817 924-5639.

#### **P-T Administrative Assistant**

Lorena UMC is taking applications for a part-time administrative assistant. Responsibilities include financial, bulletins, newsletter, communications and maintenance of membership records. Must be proficient in Word, Quickbooks and able to learn church software Servant Keeper. 25 hrs/wk at \$9.75 per hour. Email [lorenaumc@lorenaumc.org](mailto:lorenaumc@lorenaumc.org) to submit a resume.

#### **P-T Choir Director**

University UMC in Fort Worth seeks a part-time (10-12 hr/wk) choir director. A talented Chancel Choir would be the main emphasis with a bell choir as well. Other opportunities also exist. If interested, please contact the church office (817-926-4626) or email Stephen Decker at [2theo2@gmail.com](mailto:2theo2@gmail.com).

#### **BOM Clerical/Secretarial Support**

"The Board of Ordained Ministry is seeking a part-time person to provide clerical/secretarial support to the Board office, 10 to 15 hours per week. The position requires experience with Microsoft Office and Access database, or comparable databases, as well as two years of post-high school education and/or two years office experience. The Board's administrative office is located on the Texas Wesleyan University campus. Job description is attached above. Interested parties may contact Gala Trimble by e-mail at [board@ctcbom.org](mailto:board@ctcbom.org).

#### **P-T Director of Children's Ministries**

Silver Creek UMC seeks a part-time director of children's ministries. Candidates should have a background in children's education and possess a deep passion for sharing the Gospel with children age 4 through 6th grade. Expectations include coordinating children's Sunday school, helping with the Children's Choir, and planning VBS along with other camps, retreats, and special days throughout the year. Position opens June 1. Applicants can send resumes to Kristie Coleman at [kristiecoleman@gmail.com](mailto:kristiecoleman@gmail.com).

#### **F-T Pre-School Director**

First UMC of Burleson, a rapidly growing community near the DFW Metroplex, seeks a full-time Pre-School director. First UM Pre-School has been an outreach ministry to families of the church and the surrounding community for over 25 years. The Pre-School currently serves 139 students in a five-day week program. Sought is a visionary leader focused on growing our program, serving our children, and reaching out to new families. Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or related field with at least 12 credit hours in child development and 6 credit hours in business management, Texas Childcare Administrator Certification, and License, and at least one year of experience as director of a licensed early childhood facility. Submit résumé to Mike Wright-Chapman, associate pastor for Nurture Ministries, to [mike.wright-chapman@fumcburleson.org](mailto:mike.wright-chapman@fumcburleson.org) or to 590 NE McAlister, Burleson 76028. Please call 817-295-1166, ext. 230, with any questions or for more information.

#### **Enclosed Cargo Trailer**

Resurrection UMC Cleburne, new church start, is in need of a used enclosed cargo trailer. If you can help, call Pastor Victor Pena 254 485 3140.. or email [pastorpena@att.net](mailto:pastorpena@att.net).

#### **P-T Director of Youth Ministries**

First UMC of Lampasas in the Texas Hill Country seeks an outgoing, dedicated Christian with a heart for youth to develop, plan and supervise a comprehensive junior high and senior high (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) ministry of youth for the church and community. This is a part-time position (25-30 hrs/wk) with compensation (\$24,000-\$29,000) depending on previous experience and education. Contact: Linda Nelson at 512-556-5513 or [lampasasfumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lampasasfumc@sbcglobal.net).

### **Church Pianist**

West FUMC seeks a church pianist. This individual should be talented in playing the piano/organ and also possess a strong love of Christ and the hymns that glorify Him. The position requires playing at weekly Sunday church services, one choir practice session the first Wednesday evening of each month, plus any special services scheduled. Interested individuals should contact Pastor Linda Wimberly at 254-826-5448 or [westfumc@att.net](mailto:westfumc@att.net).

### **Carillons**

First UMC of Azle has recently upgraded its Carillons. There are 8 tape cartridges from the old Schulmerich Carillon system that the church will gladly donate to any church that can use them. Please contact the church office at 817-444-3323.

### **2 Music Positions**

**Associate Director of Music** — First UMC, Killeen seeks associate director of music (PT) to assist in leading and managing all aspects of music ministry. Contemporary music experience and formal music training preferred. Experience leading and directing choirs and instrumental groups in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

**Lead Accompanist** — First UMC, Killeen seeks lead accompanist for contemporary worship (PT). Must be proficient at sight reading, playing from lead sheet, improvising. Accompaniment experience and formal music training preferred. Experience playing piano and keyboard in congregational worship setting a plus. Call 254-634-6363 for audition/interview.

### **Adult Retreat Center Coordinator**

Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center seeks a ministry-minded individual interested in serving as retreat center coordinator for Still Water Lodge. Responsibilities include hospitality, marketing and reservations management. Experience in Christian camping, Christian education or adult ministry preferred, but not required. This full-time position requires on-site residence, included as part of the compensation. To apply, please mail resume with references to P.O. Box 928, Glen Rose 76043 or fax to 254-897-2423.

## **2010 Annual Conference Business / Awards / Recognitions**

### **District Conferences**

As of today, the following District Conferences have been scheduled:

Fort Worth – 7-8 p.m. May 18 – Edge Park UMC  
Temple – 7 p.m. May 18 – FUMC Temple  
Brownwood – 6:30 p.m. May 24 – Comanche UMC  
Mid-Cities – 7-8 p.m. May 17 – Richland Hills UMC  
Waxahachie – 7 p.m. May 20 – First Waxahachie UMC  
Waco – 6 p.m. May 20 – Cogdell Memorial UMC  
Weatherford – 6:30 p.m. May 25 – First UMC, Weatherford

**Preliminary Report, Agenda, registration, awards/scholarship/honors/recognitions (with links for registration, application/nomination forms) can be found at <http://www.ctcumc.org/news/detail/103>**

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