



# Central E-Link

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

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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. Use this information for ministry planning, announcements, church newsletters and/or bulletins. 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

### Calling on All Churches

#### *A Message From Church Growth & Development Executive Director*

Your help is needed! Church Growth & Development has a goal of 2010 new shares in 2010. The best & most effective way is for you to let Gary, Vicki or some representative for Church Growth speak at your church when you distribute the brochures. I have done a study that shows the impact of having your congregations hear from someone about Church Growth compared with when they do not. The results are amazing! We received 3 times more shares when I spoke at your churches than from those churches where we did not have the personal contact of a visit. It really makes a difference. I pray you will consider letting us come. We will take 3 minutes of your service to talk about Church Growth & Development and the impact it has on the Kingdom of Christ. When we began 30 years ago we had \$600,000 coming in from shareholders; today, if we get \$200,000 we will be fortunate. Clearly, your help is critical. If you cannot have us come in the coming months, please, at the very least, use the tools we provide and promote it yourselves. We thank you for all you do in the name of Christ and pray you will help us get our numbers where they need to be to do the work God has put before us. — *Yours in Christ, Gary Lindley*

### Student Day Fund Scholarships & Loans - *United Methodist Special Sunday, Nov. 29*

UM Student Day, one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of the denomination, furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending UM-related and other accredited colleges and universities. UM Student Day is celebrated the last Sunday of November (Nov. 29 this year). Read about this year's scholarships and loans to CTC student recipients in the Oct. 16 *Central Link* ([http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLZ/071000-website10-16-09\\_final\\_PPCFFP2K.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLZ/071000-website10-16-09_final_PPCFFP2K.pdf)) and remember that **ONLY STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING CHURCHES** are eligible for the Merit Scholarships awarded each year at Annual Conference. To read more about the UM Student Day, visit <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx>.

### **Reminder: You Can Contribute to the Alignment Task Force & The 5 Practices Forums**

There are two (or more) opportunities for you to participate in helping making a difference in the future of the Conference and the ministries of our local churches. The Alignment Task Force wants your input on their work through a blog that Pat Stroman (member) and Mike Ramsdell (chair) will be posting after each meeting on the conference website ([www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org)). Remember, the task force welcomes comments on

this blog and will consider all as participatory dialogue. If your comment appears on the blog site, please know that you have been heard even though individual replies are not possible.

Also on the [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) website are the 5 Practices Forums for the posting of topics and sharing of ideas and best practices. Your thoughts are welcome!

### **Civil Rights Road Trip (Jan. 15-18) — Dec. 4 Deadline Only 2 Weeks Away**

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s was a time of uncertainty and change. Young people brought much of the change about. The Civil Rights Road Trip is a weekend designed to help today's young people connect to the radical possibilities their lives hold for the Kingdom of God. See more details and registration, visit at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org) or contact Steve Heyduck at 254-715-4956, 254-750-1310, [sheyduck@MCHWaco.org](mailto:sheyduck@MCHWaco.org). On this trip, our conference youth and their adult leaders will visit several historic locations and museums including:

- Little Rock Central High School
- National Civil Rights Museum
- Birmingham Civil Rights Museum
- National Voting Rights Museum
- Edmund Pettus Bridge
- 16th Street Baptist Church Ministry

### **Join Bishop Lowry for An Evening of Compassion — Dec. 3**

Bishop Mike Lowry will share the keynote message at An Evening of Compassion at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Aldersgate UMC (2201 E. Park Row, Arlington). In addition to Bishop Lowry's message, the event will feature a prayer vigil, a video screening, and the distribution of resources for taking action. The program is sponsored by WIN - the Welcoming Immigrants Network. The event will help participants understand the struggles faced by those affected by the immigration system, and advocate for comprehensive immigration reform by the U.S. Congress.

### **Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission – Group Registration**

CTCYM 2010 information brochures were mailed recently to youth directors and/or pastors of all CTC churches. Please be on the lookout for them! Group registration forms are in the back of the brochure. They are due in the conference office with \$100 registration fee by Dec. 10 (or by Jan. 7 with an additional \$50 late fee). For more information, visit [www.ctcym.org](http://www.ctcym.org).

### **Crime Victims Council Promotes:**

Hope for the Holidays is a different kind of worship experience at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 19, at Arborlawn UMC (5001 Briarhaven Road, Fort Worth). There will be beautiful music, stories of comfort, hope, inspiration and prayer. For more details, contact the church at 817-731-0701 or [office@arborlawnumc.org](mailto:office@arborlawnumc.org).

### **New Opportunities to Support ZOE Ministry**

ZOE Ministry, a UM ministry serving vulnerable children in several African nations, recently announced two new opportunities for congregations to empower groups of orphans. One project is ZOE's Hope For Christmas Animal Project, which allows individuals or groups to provide animals to be raised by young people in ZOE's program. Animals are often a first step in transforming the lives of orphans and by giving through ZOE; you can directly impact a child's ability to become self-sufficient. See details at [http://www.zoeministry.org/?page\\_id=2766](http://www.zoeministry.org/?page_id=2766). A second exciting opportunity is ZOE's Hope Companion Program, which allows your congregation to provide financial support to empower orphans and child-led families throughout their Giving Hope Empowerment Project journey. Giving Hope equips orphans and child-led families with essential life skills such as mentoring, vocational training, income-generating activities, training in animal husbandry and farming, and HIV/AIDS education. Through the Hope Companion Program, you can choose various levels of support for a specific working group or community, during which you will have the opportunity to build meaningful relationships in that particular area. Details at <http://www.zoeministry.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/Hope-Companions-Overview.pdf>.

### **Nov. 19 — Last Day for Insurance Enrollment**

Nov. 4 – 19, 2009 is the 2010 HealthFlex and AFLAC Cafeteria Plan open enrollment period. NO LATE ENROLLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER TOMORROW! 2010 enrollment information available at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org). Questions? Contact Shawn-Marie Riley, conference benefits administrator, at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [shawn-marie@ctcumc.org](mailto:shawn-marie@ctcumc.org).

### **See the World Through New Eyes (Texas Wesleyan Studies)**

Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth offers majors, minors and individual courses in Comparative Religious & Christian Studies program. Begin your journey today by calling 817-531-4914 or visiting [www.txwes.edu/religion](http://www.txwes.edu/religion).

### **Thanksgiving Offering 2009**

[http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Thanksgiving\\_2009\\_KZB8K4MR.pdf](http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Thanksgiving_2009_KZB8K4MR.pdf).

### **Advent Opportunity to Learn About and Serve in Women's Health Initiative**

This Advent you are invited to participate in a unique quilting and study ministry opportunity to promote women's health worldwide. The CTC is a target conference for this campaign, especially for the new "Advent Visions of Healing and Hope" quilt project/study. The Advent study can also be done without the quilting project. If you are interested, visit [www.operationhealinghope.com](http://www.operationhealinghope.com) and click on the link for "Top 10" or contact Jennifer Bellamy at [jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:jennifer@ctcumc.org) or 817-877-5222.

### **Suicide Survivors — Open Enrollment**

Suicide Survivors is a grief recovery program for family members and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. A new group will begin in January 2010. Groups of eight to 10 meet for two hours weekly for eight weeks. A mental health professional and a trained survivor facilitate group meetings. There is no charge for this service. For more information call 817-698-9955 or e-mail [suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org](mailto:suicidesurvivors@myfumc.org).

### **Adult UMVIM Mission/Work Tour to Eastern Mexico Conference —**

#### **Deadline Is Dec. 1 for the Jan. 16-23 Trip**

Conference UM Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)-hosted mission work tour to Mexico's Eastern Conference Jan. 16-23. **Registration deadline: Dec. 1.** Contacts: Susan Luttrell (817-473-6650 ext. 204, 817-781-5875, [susanl@firstmethodistmansfield.org](mailto:susanl@firstmethodistmansfield.org)) or Jennifer Bellamy (817-877-5222, [Jennifer@ctcumc.org](mailto:Jennifer@ctcumc.org)).

### **Soderquist — Feb. 8-10**

The next Soderquist Retreat, free for clergy and their spouses, is scheduled for Feb. 8-10 at the Inn on Lake Granbury. The only cost is the transportation to and from the retreat, which will not be reimbursed. Many CTC clergy couples have been given the opportunity to attend; unfortunately, repeat couples cannot be accepted. For more information, contact Janet Wood at 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622 or [jan@ctcumc.org](mailto:jan@ctcumc.org).

### **Singles Mission Trip to Dulac, La. — Feb. 11-15, 2010**

Contact: Chuck Graff as 817-339-5065 or [cgraff@myfumc.org](mailto:cgraff@myfumc.org) and watch for additional details soon.

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## **News Briefs — The Denomination**

### **Perkins School of Volunteer Youth Ministry**

#### **Jan. 9 at Arapaho UMC, Richardson, TX**

A dynamic workshop led by youth workers with more than a century of combined experience will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 (includes lunch). The faculty includes Rev. Walt Marcum, Georgia Harrison, Rod Hocutt and Joy Allen. Additional workshop and registration details are available at <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaikU6yC06hdx0ZD0fy54lBy8fChoxypLrERfhDxPpHett6j4x9onEZEEd5AUL8Ntl0DsgQx78mnjFOCx9JZ8eX5tob0FOGUSHxN1jEf1DaH7BkHS>

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### **Perkins GBHEM Certification in Youth Ministry**

**Jan. 9-15 at FUMC Richardson, TX**

Get certified in youth ministry in a week of learning. Faculty: Charles Harrison, executive director, Center for Wesleyan Renewal; Rev. Diana Northcutt, director of local church youth ministries, Oklahoma Annual Conference; Dr. Andy Stoker, associate director for children, youth & camping, North Texas Annual Conference. Special this year only: Spend an afternoon with Mark DeVries, author of *Sustainable Youth Ministry*. Certification course offerings. (Register at [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaini0iY-EXLkPwNRXAbK4Lr3h9QhzHFWui7ciUI4xqC3DpH4J4S8Bm443\\_6al83YLgAHJpplS6S3oLMzYP0hvP\\_Z3OIgoojbNqeEjgSa\\_NbQYed2vtLYGo4brqdReYVJKg8ZbUYxXA27vtEwnbXwomaHPDWoc5Ma5E=](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102775915044&s=1343&e=001e64E2hOfaini0iY-EXLkPwNRXAbK4Lr3h9QhzHFWui7ciUI4xqC3DpH4J4S8Bm443_6al83YLgAHJpplS6S3oLMzYP0hvP_Z3OIgoojbNqeEjgSa_NbQYed2vtLYGo4brqdReYVJKg8ZbUYxXA27vtEwnbXwomaHPDWoc5Ma5E=)).

### **Summer Collegium Supports Small Congregations — June 23-July 1**

Summer Collegium is an all-expenses-paid nine-day project in support of small congregations. It includes small church clergy and their spouses/partners. The deadline for postmarking applications is Dec. 15; so interested clergy will want to check it out right away. The Summer Collegium is an ecumenical project fully funded through the Lilly Endowment and seeks to offer encouragement, education, refreshment and renewal to 25 small-church pastors each year. The dates of the Summer Collegium are June 23-July 1, 2010. Single clergy and locally ordained persons are welcome to apply. Keynote speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Alice Mann with music led by John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland. For more details, visit [www.vts.edu/education/collegium](http://www.vts.edu/education/collegium) or contact Dr. Marilyn Johns at 703-461-1760.

### **Small Church Leadership Institute — Nov. 15-19**

It's not too late for laity and clergy to register for the Small Church Leadership Institute at Mount Sequoyah, Nov. 15-19. Guest presenters include Gil Rendle, Bishop Max Whitfield, Jeff Patton, Asa Whitaker, Rod Hocott, Karen Swales, Russell Cephas, Andy Oden, Janice Meese, Judy Benson and Charles White. The program registration is \$199 per person, which includes program cost and 12 meals. **Register by Oct. 31 and save \$10.** Enrollment forms and lodging reservations are available at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

### **Human Relations Day Grants — Deadline Jan. 10**

Jan. 10 is the deadline to apply for a Human Relations Day Grant from the UM General Board of Church & Society. The grants are to support ministries that respond to non-violent young offenders through education, advocacy or leadership training and development. Grant funds are raised through the UMC's Human Relations Day Special Sunday each year. For more grant applications, contact Marvlyn Scott at [msscott@umc-gbcs.org](mailto:msscott@umc-gbcs.org) or 202-488-5643.

### **Congress on Evangelism 2010 — Jan. 5-8**

The 2010 Congress on Evangelism, scheduled for Jan. 5 – 8 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, can be stimulating and informative for pastors and local church evangelism chairs. The agenda and registration are available at <http://www.CongressonEvangelism.org>. Scholarships are available for clergy under 40 (first time participants who have a recommendation from their DS or bishop). Also, the registration fee is waived for full-time seminary students as well as local pastors enrolled in Course of Study.

### **Resources for World AIDS Day — Dec. 1**

UM congregations are encouraged to continue the fight against HIV/AIDS around the world by creating awareness about this deadly disease. A new brochure and a poster supporting the UM Global AIDS Fund are now available. Use and share Working Toward an AIDS-Free World brochure or poster, and support global programs engaged in advocacy, education, and prevention, health care and training in response to HIV/AIDS. **World AIDS Day is Dec. 1.** Join the fight against HIV/AIDS by using these resources on Sundays leading up to World AIDS Day. Order Working Toward an AIDS-Free World brochure (<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=817364>) for the small cost of shipping, or download the poster (<http://new.gbgs-umc.org/umcor/media/wad/wadposter09.pdf>). Look out for more

HIV/AIDS resources to come and give to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, UMCOR Advance #982345.

**Clergywoman's Gathering, "Living in Balance: Recapturing Our Creativity"**

April 7-9, 2010, at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.). The gathering will focus on recapturing our creativity as well as offering a time of renewal, learning and fellowship with other women in ministry. CEUs will be available. Contact: Kim Ross at [spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org) or 800-760-8126. Cost varies from \$325-\$285.

**Lenten Sermon Writing Retreat**

Jan. 11-15, Mount Sequoyah Conference Center (150 NW Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.). Clergy and lay ministers are invited to come undertake their in-depth preparation and sermon writing for this season. Cost \$395, Commuter \$155. For more information, contact Kim Ross at 800-760-8126, [spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org](mailto:spiritualdirector@mountsequoyah.org), or go to [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org).

**Wesley Pilgrimage in England — May 11-21**

<http://www.gbod.org/wesleypilgrimage>

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## News Briefs — Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

**Tamale Sale Benefits Ministries of El Buen Samaritano**

The members of El Buen Samaritano UMC (3429 Strong Ave., Fort Worth 76105) will be selling homemade-style tamales. The last day to order is Nov. 30 with all orders picked up on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the church. For chicken, pork beans and combination orders, contact Celia Martinez at [buen.sam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buen.sam@sbcglobal.net) by Nov. 30. The phone number for the church is 817-534-7868.

**Christian Theology Study at First Belton — Ongoing**

Have you wanted to learn, discuss, or respectfully debate Christian theology with members of your own denomination as well as others? First UMC in Belton is providing that opportunity at noon Tuesdays. <http://gbgm-umc.org/fumcbeltex>

**Job Transition Support Group Continues to Meet at FUMC Fort Worth**

Contact Marianne Wilson at 817-339-5071 or email her at [MWilson@MyFUMC.org](mailto:MWilson@MyFUMC.org)

**Crowley House of Hope Christmas Sale**

The Crowley House of Hope's annual Christmas sale begins next week. UMW members have prepared the merchandise, many of the items are new or like new. Shoppers can purchase very reasonably priced items that range from Christmas trees and musical water globes to clothing for the season, throw pillows, stockings, garland and much more. The sale began Nov. 4 and continues on Nov. 11 and 14 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crowley House of Hope (Bldg. 3) is at 216 N. Magnolia in Crowley. Money from the sale of these items will be partially used to fund the Share the Love Christmas Mission of CHOH. [www.crowleyhouseofhope.org](http://www.crowleyhouseofhope.org).

**2010 Faith Community Leadership Summit — Feb. 16**

Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth

Contact: [SharonBass@texashealth.org](mailto:SharonBass@texashealth.org)

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## Resources

### Looking for Christmas Resources?

Midnight Oil, an organization that provides resources for local churches, says in their latest e-news: "For those of us in ministry, the shininess of Christmas obscures the light of Christmas. How do we get past the trappings of tinsel tradition and tell the story of the Jesus, the light of the world? One way is through [Rediscover Christmas](http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/products/rediscover-christmas/) (<http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/products/rediscover-christmas/>), one of our most popular resources. In this layered photographic animation, the camera zooms past Santa and the gang and lands on a nativity scene in a powerful reminder of why we celebrate.

### 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.

*Start Becoming a Good Samaritan.* John Ortberg. Six-session DVD with guide. A stellar lineup of pastors and Christian leaders helps the church take action on issues of social justice. These six dynamic sessions cover issues like poverty, AIDS, racism, genocide, child slavery, the disenfranchised (widow, orphans, the disabled), caring for the environment, and the dynamic impact a single Samaritan can make. This curriculum also features global leaders like Gary Haugen, Shane Claiborne, Brenda Salter-McNeil, Bishop John Rucyahana (Rwanda), Bishop Desmond Tutu, Chuck Colson, Zach Hunter, and many others. These presenters and other participants — both known and unknown — will be woven into each session, creating a fabric composed of topical experts, theologians, front-line workers, victims, encouragers and first-timers so that those viewing can get a complete picture of the challenges and an understanding of how they can get involved - right where they live.

### 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).

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## 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.

### Part-time Post Contemporary Music Worship Leader

William C. Martin UMC (2621 Bedford Rd., Bedford, TX 76021) is accepting applications for a music worship leader in Martin's post contemporary worship service. Candidates should be able to provide voice and instrumental (acoustic guitar) leadership in our worship environment. Candidate will work with an established band with a post contemporary flair. Experience in Worship planning and execution with the band and minister are essential to the job. The position is part-time and salary is dependent on experience. Submit applications to Adam Pratt at [adamp@martin-methodist.org](mailto:adamp@martin-methodist.org).

### Youth/Young Adult Ministries Director

Christ UMC seeks applicants for the position of director of youth and young adult ministries. Job entails developing and leading all programming and outreach involving youth and young adult. The position is

part-time, with a minimum of 25 hours/week. Inquiries should be directed to Vaughn Baker at [vaughn\\_baker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vaughn_baker@sbcglobal.net) or 817-613-7659.

### **Choir Robes**

First UMC Mansfield has 100 teal-colored, adult-sized choir robes to donate. The gently used robes are in great shape with double-sided stoles — one side white with embroidered UM cross and the other side purple. If interested, please contact Beth LaMee at 817-477-2287, ext. 229.

### **Hand Chimes**

The Saginaw Ringers at Saginaw UMC need to borrow or rent three octaves of hand chimes to use with their handbells for two upcoming worship services. If your church has chimes available for our use, please call Jemma Jones, director of music and creative worship, at 817-232-0390, Ext. 305 (church) or 817-267-6459 (home).

### **Contemporary Worship Leader Seeks Position**

Experienced worship leader Trey Smith, a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, seeks a position with a local church that is within a 30-min. drive from Arlington. He has led the praise band at Silver Creek UMC for about two years and the 2009 summer praise band at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. He currently leads a band outside of church that has played at several churches in the Metroplex area. Contact Trey Smith at 936-524-2378 or [dcsmitt242@hotmail.com](mailto:dcsmitt242@hotmail.com).

### **Youth Minister**

Church seeking full-time youth minister with a heart for Christ, for youth, and for the church in Midlothian (Waxahachie area). Needs education and experience in leading youth in their spiritual development, worship, understanding of ministry, and willingness to be in mission/witness to the world beyond the church walls. Must be able to lead/teach with an appreciation for mainline theological doctrines rather than literalist or fundamentalist interpretations of scripture. Primary youth activities on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Salary: \$32,000 + housing in the church's large parsonage. Midlothian is a suburban town 10 miles south of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, near several major seminaries. Successful applicant will demonstrate a high degree of professionalism living up to standards of reliability, honesty, attitude, dress, and behavior expected by the ministerial nature of the position. Contact: Allyson Paxton at [pastorpaxton@aol.com](mailto:pastorpaxton@aol.com).

### **Full-time Director of Youth Ministries**

St. John's UMC, Georgetown, is expanding a vital youth program and needs a person who is committed to Christ; knows, loves and relates to youth; and is capable of planning and directing programs for youth and their families. Salary commensurate with education and experience \$30,000 plus. Send resume and questions to SPRC Chair, St John's UMC, 311 E. University Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

### **Director of Music & Worship**

Woodway First UMC (21000 Woodway Dr., Waco 76712) is accepting applications for director of music and worship until Sept. 1 with the position to be filled by Oct. 1. Candidates should be able to provide: leadership in a spiritual ministry through music, primary oversight of all music staff, oversight and management of the music and worship programs, oversight and leadership for all worship services; serve as primary choir director for sanctuary choir; establish and lead choral and instrumental ensembles for worship and other events; arrange and schedule vocalists for worship; flexibility in worship planning and execution. An advanced music degree with at least five years experience in professional choral conducting preferred. Experience in church choral programs is preferred. This is a part-time position; salary is negotiable dependent on experience. Submit applications to Linda Smith at 254-751-0411. Contact: Search Committee Chair Danny Londenberg for more details at 254-751-0411.

### **Part-time Choir Director**

Hico FUMC seeks a choir director for the 10:50 a.m. worship service and possibly as worship leader for a contemporary service in the planning stages. This person should have a heart for sharing the Gospel through the music ministry, must have experience directing a church choir, be confident in making

decisions about weekly anthems and special music at Christmas and Easter, be available for Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning worship. Please contact SPRC Chair Buddy Teague at [fumchico@embarqmail.com](mailto:fumchico@embarqmail.com).

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