

Central E-Link

Weekly Newsletter of the Central Texas Conference

September 16, 2009

Welcome! This is the conference's weekly update to church leaders — lay and clergy. Articles/requests should be submitted to 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 announcements, in church newsletters and/or bulletins. The *E-Link* and the *Central Link* newspaper are posted on the conference website at www.ctcumc.org. Read them online or download and copy to share with others. To add a colleague or church member to E-Link's weekly distribution, send their addresses to susan@ctcumc.org.

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News Briefs — The Conference

Cancelled: New Faces, New Places: Hispanic Ministries Summit

This program by the Training Institute for Hispanic-Latino/a Ministries, scheduled for Oct. 10 at First UMC of Hillsboro, has been cancelled in the interest of good stewardship. The office of Church Growth & Development determined that there is not enough interest to warrant the cost of an event of this stature.

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.

Texas Impact: Preaching Health Justice

Look for sermon contest entries on YouTube

Texas Impact's sermon contest on health justice concluded on Sept. 11 and the entries are now available for public viewing on YouTube. Winners will be announced on or before Sept. 29. Texas Impact salutes all the clergy and other faith leaders who submitted sermons to the contest, along with countless others who have been preaching and teaching on the issue of health justice. Texas is blessed with gifted, thoughtful faith leaders in a rich spectrum of traditions, and Texas Impact applauds their work to further the cause of justice in our state and throughout the world.

DMin project

Lisa Neslony, pastor at Smithfield UMC, is about to begin a DMin project with older teens and adults who have Autism spectrum disorders and are computer savvy. If you know anyone with these qualifications who would like to participate, please call Lisa at 682-552-4194.

Join the CTC Immigration Reform Team

If you believe we need a more humane immigration system for those who come to the U.S. seeking a better life, you have the opportunity to help build a rapid-response team of UMs who will advance the cause of Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Contact: Conference Coordinator Dean Reed at rd17@me.com to join the team or to learn more.

September and October Donation-of-the-Month Requests

Refugee Services of Texas invites you to contribute in September and October in meaningful ways. September's donation emphasis is on blankets and comforters (new or lightly used, twin or full) for incoming refugee clients. The donation emphasis for October will be on coats and jackets (new and lightly used, all sizes). For more information on making these donations or directions to the RST office (5009 Brentwood Stair, Fort Worth 76112), call the RST at 817-457-8110.

Missionary Carol Partiridge Itinerating in the CTC

UM Missionary Carol Partiridge, currently serving in Macedonia, will be itinerating in the Conference Oct. 9 – 14. To schedule at your church, contact Dawne McAlpin, CTC Secretary of Global Ministries, at dawne@actonumc.org.

New Bible Study for Singles to Begin in October

"Returning to the Garden and Our True Sacred Identity," study on the spiritual writings of J. Philip Newell, Henri Nouwen and others is offered to **singles of all ages** at First UMC Fort Worth 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Oct. 13-Nov. 3. Contacts: Chuck Graff (817-339-5065 or cgraff@myfumc.org) or Ellen Bauman (817- 564-5595 or ellen_bauman@yahoo.com).

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

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

UMVIM Team Leader Training — Oct. 11

Training for team leaders will be held 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at First UMC Mansfield. <http://www.ctcumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=903>

Safe Sanctuaries & Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training — Oct. 24

A training day for children/youth workers on "Safe Sanctuaries & Sexual Misconduct Prevention" will be held from 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at First UMC of Hillsboro. The training is free, but participants are asked to bring their own sack lunch. This CTC event will focus on how these topics affect those who work with children and youth and especially geared to teachers, sponsors, interns, van drivers, mission trip workers and anyone who has ever asked, "Why do we have to follow Safe Sanctuaries?" Contact: MaDora by Oct. 16 at 817-877-5222 or madora@ctcumc.org.

Thanksgiving Offering 2009

http://ct.brickriver.com/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Thanksgiving_2009_KZB8K4MR.pdf.

Psychologist Dr. Bill Crawford Brings Programs on Grief, Stress, Life — Sept. 24, 25, 26

Dr. Bill Crawford will be in the Fort Worth area later this month bringing programs related to grieving, stress and dealing life's difficulties. For more details on events and how to participate, contact Sandra Lydick at sandralydick@crimevictimscouncil.org. For more information about Crawford and his programs, visit <http://www.billcphd.com/presentations.php>.

Sept. 24 — "Grieving the Shattered Dream" at First UMC Crowley

Sept. 25 — "Dealing with Stress Versus Stress Dealing with You" for Fort Worth Police Dept.

Sept. 26 — Training for Stephen Ministers & Nurture/Care Group Leaders at First UMC, Fort Worth

Keeping the Flame Alive — Sept. 26 at First UMC of Fort Worth

Contact: Sandra Lydick at 817-675-6367 or sandralydick@crimevictimscouncil.org.

An Evening of Compassion — Sept. 27 at Polytechnic UMC, Fort Worth

Getting to Know the Migrants Among Us

Welcoming Immigrants Network (WIN), a faith-based network of Texans who reach out in love to immigrants. Contact: Dean Reed at rdr17@me.com.

SAVE DATES: Youth Focus on “Engaging in Ministry with the Poor”

CTC youth have three ministry outreach with the poor events scheduled for this fall:

- **CTCYM Beyond Our Borders** — Sept. 19-20 fundraising for 10 water wells in Liberia. FAQs at www.ctcym.org.
- **Mission Waco Poverty Simulation Weekend** — Oct. 9-11 in Waco. FAQs at www.missionwaco.org/povsimhtml.html.
- **30 Hour Famine** — Nov. 6-7 at Glen Lake Camp raises awareness about hunger and poverty. Register at www.glenlake.org/30-hour-famine.

Marriage Preparation & Counseling Curriculum for Pastors — Oct. 8

Do you do pre-marital education? Would you like to find good curriculum? Do you know about the help you will get from the State of Texas? There is a pastor's education event to introduce curriculum, resources and the State of Texas Together in Texas program from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 8 at Central UMC, Waco.

This is a free event sponsored by the CTC Nurture Council to encourage and educate pastors and anyone who does pre-marital education. There is no charge for this event, but please place this date on your calendar and plan to be there to learn ways to improve your ministry to couples wanting to get married. Richard Hunt will pay for lunch for all who want to stay until 2:30 (approximately \$5 per person) for certification for GLCM. For any further information contact Allen Grant at pastor@chinaspringumc.com. To RSVP for this event email Susan Briles at susan@ctcumc.org.

Upcoming CROP Hunger Walks in the Central Texas Conference Area

Mid-Cities CROP Walk (Bedford)—Oct. 11

Fort Worth CROP Walk—Oct. 18

Georgetown CROP Walk—Oct. 18

Waco CROP Walk—Oct. 18

Information: www.churchworldservice.org, www.fortworthcrop.org, www.tarrantareacc.org.

3rd Annual Sweet Potato Round-Up — Oct. 24

The Gleaning Network of Texas' 3rd Annual Sweet Potato Round-Up will be held 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 24 in a field somewhere between Emory and Mineola. If you or your group would like to participate, contact Susie@gleantexas.org.

Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation — Nov. 1-6 at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine

Contact: Denice Foose at 713-203-0783 or dsfoose@comcast.net.

Early Response Team Training — Nov. 7

Presented by the CTC Disaster Response Task Force 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 7 at First UMC Round Rock. <http://www.ctcumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=890>

Academy of Christian Education — Nov. 9-13 at Still Water Lodge, Glen Rose

www.ctcumc.org Contact: Karen Granderson, 817-877-5222, 800-460-8622, karen@ctcumc.org

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News Briefs — The Denomination

US: Bread for the World Sunday — Oct. 18

UM churches everywhere have an opportunity to renew their commitment to ending world hunger and poverty. Through Bread for World Sunday on Oct. 18, or any Sunday before Thanksgiving, churches can lift up their voices on behalf of the hungry through education, prayer, and music. Free resources include a scripture and sermon study on Mark 10:35-45 by Dr. John Buchanan, editor and publisher of *Christian Century*, as well as bulletin inserts, offering envelopes and a new sacred song composed by Marty Haugen. Special prayers for the day are also included. For more information and to download resources, click on

<http://secure.gbqm-umc.org/donations/umcor/donate.cfm?id=3019089&code=982920>. Bread for the World is a Christian organization based in the US which seeks justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying US legislators and other decision makers. You can also alleviate world hunger with your gifts to World Hunger Poverty, UMCOR Advance #982920.

EPA Launches ENERGY STAR for Congregations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has launched its new ENERGY STAR for Congregations, a transformational step in improving collaboration between the EPA and houses of worship to help congregations save up to 30 percent on their energy bills and protect the creation. ENERGY STAR will help congregations invest strategically in efficient equipment, facility upgrades and maintenance. With free, unbiased information and technical support from ENERGY STAR, congregations can reduce energy waste and energy costs while protecting the environment. And the best news? EPA now has a Portfolio Manager for Congregations! This well-tested tool helps you track, understand and improve the energy performance of your house of worship. EPA is hosting 3 FREE Webinars to introduce congregations to Portfolio Manager in September: 9/17, 9/24 and 9/29, at 10:30 am CST. Visit: <https://energystar.webex.com/mw03051/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=energystar>.

Wesley Pilgrimage in England — May 11-21, 2010

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

Educational Opportunities Beyond Central Texas

Clergywomen's Gathering — Living in Balance: Recapturing Our Creativity — Oct. 5-7

www.mountsequoyah.org.

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders — Oct. 5-9

www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

Worship Planning Retreat with Marcia McFee — Oct. 11-14 at Lake Tahoe

<http://www.marciamcfee.com>

Advent Sermon Writing Retreat — Nov. 2-6 at Mount Sequoyah

www.mountsequoyah.org.

Just FOCUS: Sequoyah Singles 2009 — Nov. 6-8 at Mount Sequoyah

Singles are invited to join this outing in the hills of Fayetteville, Ark., to focus on God and focus on how God works in us and through us to bring the message of the Gospel to the world. Keynote speaker Dave Edwards and musical guest Danny Oertli will share their message through spoken word and song. www.mountsequoyah.org.

Small Church Leadership Institute — Nov. 15-19

Register now for four days of networking and learning from some of the best teachers and leaders from small church congregations. Dr. Jeff Patton, author of "If It Could Happen Here," and other authorities on small church transformation will be presenting. Registration is \$199 per person (\$189 before Oct. 31) and includes program materials and meals. On **Nov. 19-21 district superintendents** will be offered 48 hours with Dr. Gil Rendle in conversation about "The Small Attendance Church." Contact:

www.mountsequoyah.org.

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News Briefs — Local Congregations & Ministry Groups

Dallas Cowboys Alternate Parking

Do you have tickets for a Cowboys game or other event at the new Cowboys stadium in Arlington this fall? If so, then First UMC of Arlington invites you to park in their lot for stadium events. The church, which is less than a mile from the stadium, has contracted with Stadium Parking, a parking company that secures the lot and provides a free shuttle to the Walmart parking lot across the street from the stadium. First Arlington especially invites you to park in their lot on Sept. 20 for the first Cowboys game in the new stadium. The church is sponsoring a family-friendly tailgate party with free hot dogs and live music for all guests parking in our lot. Additionally, a drawing will be held for 2 free tickets to the October 25 Cowboy game! Please visit www.arlingtonmethodist.org/stadiumparking for directions and more information.

Morningside Observes Women's Day — Sept. 27

The UMW unit at Morningside UMC will celebrate its annual Women's Day at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. The program's theme is "Together at the Table." Esther Williams of Polytechnic UMC will be the guest speaker. She is known for her involvement with Christian organizations in working to enhance the lives of our vulnerable citizens as well as her dedication in enabling students to achieve excellence in their educational pursuits. All are invited to join them for a spiritual blessing and fellowship. Reception follows immediately after the service. Contact: Helen Grape at helen_grape@yahoo.com.

Iron Men Golf Tournament at Grapevine — Oct. 4

Iron Men, the men's ministry of First UMC in Grapevine, invites all to their 6th Annual Iron Men Golf Tournament Sunday, Oct. 4, at Sky Creek Ranch in Keller. All golfers are welcome - male and female, young and young-at-heart. The \$110 registration fee covers course fees, dinner buffet, beverages, goody bags, awards and a few surprises! Register online at www.firsmethodistgrapevine.org. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for local businesses.

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. The group meets weekly for one hour bringing their own lunch in room 208 upstairs. The course will follow a Teaching Company course-on-tape/CD, the History of Christian Theology, that can be found on its website at www.teach12.com under the religion section. They will also use as a reference book "A Concise History of Christian Thought" by Tony Lane. It is not necessary to purchase these materials, however, in order to participate in the discussions. Pastors of different denominations will also be invited to share a brief overview of their church's fundamental beliefs. <http://gbgm-umc.org/fumcbeltex>

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University — Starts Sept. 16

FPU is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals, and experience true financial peace.

First UMC Crowley (509 Peach St.) will host this event Wednesdays from 7-9 pm for 13 weeks beginning Sept. 16. \$93 (regularly \$199) for materials, lifetime membership in FPU, discounts with Dave's Approved Local Providers. Call 817-297-4530 for information or to enroll.

An Evening with Enrique's Journey Author Sonia Nazario — Sept. 21 at Aledo UMC

<http://www.aledoumc.org>

Divorce Recovery Workshop — Sept. 25 & 26 at Trinity UMC, Arlington

Contact: Cheryl Seese 817-253-2911, cherylseese@sbcglobal.net or Michael Anderson 817-313-9931, mpacpatx@yahoo.com

"Girls United! In Christ" for 3rd-6th Grade Girls — Next Session: Sept. 25-26 at Good Shepherd

www.churchofgoodshepherd.org

Creative Worship/Media Design Seminar — Sept. 25-26

Midnight Oil Productions is hosting a 2-day seminar, Sept. 25-26, at River of Life Church (<http://www.eriveroflife.org/>) in Eastland. Expect a full seminar treatment with Midnight Oil's 2-day event

combining the newest and best thinking for creative worship and media design, including everything from overview and foundational principles to the nitty-gritty of how-to. Register for a single day or for both together. As a special offer to the CTC folks, receive an additional \$20 off the registration prices. Go to <http://www.midnightoilproductions.com/seminar/locations/eastland/> for more details and registration.

Temple District

Class: Local (Basic) Lay Speaking Class
Dates: Sept. 26 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sept. 27 2-5 p.m.
Place: St. Paul's UMC Georgetown
Contact: Arcynthia Louie at cynthlouie@aol.com

Lay Speaking Basic (Local) Course
When: Oct 17 (9-5) Oct 18 (2-5)
Where: Florence UMC
Bring: Study Bible, Discipline, UM Hymnal

Lay Speaking Advanced Course: Lay Speakers Lead Music in Worship
When Nov 14 (begins at 9 a.m.)
Where: Florence UMC

“Life in the Spirit” Seminar — Oct. 2-3 at Lighthouse Fellowship UMC

Presented by a team from Aldersgate Renewal Ministries, this seminar is designed to share information regarding the person and work of the Holy Spirit as participants are led into the fullness of Jesus Christ through its power. Goals for this seminar are to break down barriers, dispel myths and fears, and create a hunger for the fruits and gifts of God’s Spirit to be manifested in a new and vital way in the life of the believer and the life of the church. All adults and youth are invited. Registration is \$15/person. Childcare for children ages 4 and under is provided free of charge. Children’s activities for children ages 5 - 5th grade may be provided based on need. For seminar times, FAQ and registering go to www.lfwired.org or call the church office at 817-237-2758.

Mediation Skills Training — Oct. 5-9

Details and registration available at www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

Brite Divinity School’s Center for Latino/a Church Studies at TCU, Fort Worth, Presents Dr. Francisco Garcia-Treto — Oct. 6

Being Together in One Place or Not: A Cuban-American Latino Reflects on Minority Biblical Criticism. Free and open to the public. Contact: 817-257-7575 or m.rodriquez2@tcu.edu.

Bluff Dale & Morgan Mill Sponsor Dave Ramsey Class - Financial Peace University

Contact Paul Porter pastorpeporter@sbcglobal.net or 817-579-0385.

Karen Armstrong Scheduled for First Fort Worth Goostree Lecture Series — Oct. 4

<http://www.fumcftw.org>

Marriage Retreat at Joshua UMC — Oct. 3-4

Contact Tonya Frantz at 817-558-9801 or tonya@joshuaumc.net.

The Second Hundred Years: Fall Revival Series at La Trinidad, Fort Worth— Oct. 23-25

Contact: Daniel F. Flores at trinidad_umc@yahoo.com or on Facebook.

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

Gifts of the Labyrinth — Oct. 23-25

Veriditas facilitator training. www.veriditas.org

Trinity, Arlington Seeks Ride Share to “Leaves of Gold” — Oct. 19-20

Contact: Brenda Beaver at 817-274-1345

Adult Mission Trip to Nicaragua — Oct. 3-11

Contact: Peggy Badlato at 817-443-0284 or pbadlato@att.net

Take the Journey at Smithfield UMC — Oct. 16-18

www.smithfieldumc.org, click on “Upcoming” and select “Retreat” from the dropdown menu. Contact: Susie Butcher at 817-501-9167 or retreat@smithfieldumc.org.

The Worship Workshop Live! At First Burleson with Marcia McFee — Oct. 17

<http://www.fumcburleson.org>

Discover God’s Call — Nov. 6-8

Nov 6 - 8, Heart of Texas Baptist Retreat Center, Brownwood. Do you know your spiritual gifts that God has enabled you with? Do you know what God is calling you to do? Come to Discover God's Call in November. For more info or to register contact kathychecki@juno.com or judykreitner@juno.com.

Roots of Change Group for Pastors/Church Staff in Fort Worth Area — Thru Nov. 19

Contact: Marianne at 817-339-5071.

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Resources

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.

The Purpose of Christmas. Rick Warren. A three session, DVD based study. What makes Christmas so special? What is God’s purpose for Christmas? Based on the teaching from the Gospel of Luke and the three purposes announced by the angel at the birth of Jesus. The sessions are: 1. Christmas is a time for celebration 2. Christmas is a time for salvation 3. Christmas is a time for reconciliation. Includes the study guide. 85 minutes total running time.

Stewardship Campaigns

Does your church have your plans completed for your Fall Stewardship Campaign? There is not much time left to be ready. If you want FREE assistance, contact Dick Swain at 817 573-7035 or at dnlswain@charter.net. Complete step-by-step plans will be provided to help you have a successful campaign. Every church should be conducting a stewardship campaign every year.

Financial Assistance

Does your church have all the financial procedures in place that provide the integrity your congregation expects? How are deposits and money counting handled? Do you have procedures in place to receive gifts, property or stock? Are you keeping the proper financial records that show your correct financial condition? If you need some FREE assistance, contact Dick Swain at 817 573-7035 or at dnlswain@charter.net. Meetings can be held with pastors or finance committees.

Online Access to Clergy Sexual Misconduct Prevention Course

An Internet course on *Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct* (PCSM) is available to all clergy and to all supply pastors who are appointed to a charge in the CTC. All pastors, associates, supply pastors appointed

to a charge, and other CTC clergy can now go to www.career-marriage.org/pcsm, click on "Login" and set up their personal PCSM access. Completing this course meets the requirement for training in preventing clergy sexual misconduct. There is no cost to clergy for this Internet course. To access the PCSM each eligible clergy needs to enter his/her name and work e-mail address as it is listed in CTC records. Clergy who encounter any technical difficulty contact Richard Hunt at pcsm@career-marriage.org. To verify that your name and e-mail address are correct in the conference database, contact Susan Briles at susan@ctcumc.org, 817-877-5222 or 800-460-8622. All information a person enters through his or her personal PCSM access account is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone. At the www.career-marriage.org/pcsm, all the buttons at the left side of the page are freely available to anyone at any time. This enables anyone with any misconduct concerns to access appropriate help. Access to all the top tool buttons is limited to those who are eligible to participate in the PCSM course.

Crime Victims Council Information at www.crimevictims-council.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@crimevictims-council.org.

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Needs, Resources, Opportunities

NOTE TO LISTERS: Please contact Carolyn Stephens at Carolyn@ctcumc.org to pull your listing when your opening has been filled.

Part-Time Music Director

Smithfield UMC (6701 Smithfield Road, North Richland Hills 76182) seeks a part-time music director to oversee the music ministry which includes: directing the Chancel/Hand Bell Choirs, overseeing the children's music ministry, and monthly Live Out Loud Services on the first Wednesday of the month. Requires choosing hymns for Sunday worship services (8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.), working closely with the pastor and overseeing the organist. Please e-mail resumes to pastorlisa@smithfieldumc.org. For questions or further assistance, please call 817-281-0314.

Cokesbury Bookstore: Temporary Sales Associate

Temporary help October - January. Actual start dates are still in the works. Might be able to start earlier. Job responsibilities are work on sales floor helping customers, shelving books. Job requires prolonged standing and walking, requires occasional lifting. The sales associate is responsible for providing excellent customer service to customers in the store and on the phone, maintaining assigned sections of the store through regular straightening, dusting, stocking shelves, visual merchandising, operate a cash register using approved procedures, and handle special orders for customers. Contact: Lynda Moore, 6333 Camp Bowie Blvd. Ste. 245, Fort Worth 76116, 817-763-9560.

Youth Director

First UMC of Joshua (5 miles SW of Burleson on Hwy. 174) is looking for a highly motivated, self-starter to be the director of youth ministries. FUMC Joshua is a growing church in a growing community. Twenty hours per week. Contact: Lara Whitley at larawhitley@gmail.com or 817-558-9801.

Music Director and Pianist

Harker Heights UMC seeks qualified applicants for two positions:

- part-time music director, responsible for providing spiritual musical oversight.
- part-time pianist, responsible for providing accompaniment to the Praise Band, Choir and membership hymns. Contact HHUMC at 254-699-6271.

Children and Youth Workers

Edge Park UMC seeks two part-time persons to work in the respective areas of children and youth. College age or seminary students are preferable for both of these active roles in designing and carrying out ministry

opportunities for elementary children and also for youth. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience and training. Send resume to Lynn D. Moore at ldmoore74@att.net or to 5616 Crowley Road, Fort Worth, TX 76134.

Christian Education Position Sought by DRC Immigrant

Joseph Kazaki, ordained Presbyterian minister from the Democratic Republic of Congo, seeks political asylum in the U.S. and has just received his Green Card allowing him to be employed. He has been related to First UMC of Hurst and volunteering in mission work. He is well educated in the DRC and U.S. and seeks a position in Christian education, if possible, but is open to any ministry-related job. He speaks English and French and is available to speak with groups and classes about the church in the Congo or the political situation there. He hopes to bring his family to the U.S. in the next year or so. For more details on Joseph, contact Henry Radde at 817-291-8965 or Hurst member Bob Nethers at 918-282-1326, or contact Joseph directly at 817-282-1055.

Publishing/Administrative Assistant

First UMC of Keller seeks an energetic professional to fill the role of publishing/administrative assistant. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office, Adobe InDesign and familiarity in other Adobe products. Ideal applicant would have experience, be able to multi-task and meet deadlines. Please e-mail resumes to lisag@kellerumc.org or call 817-431-1332 for more information.

Youth Ministries Director

First UMC of Crawford seeks a committed and dynamic person of faith for a part time position of director of youth ministries. The successful candidate will be a seminary student who has experience working with youth. The position is for 10 hours per week. Contact Rebecca Hull at crawfordumc@netzero.net.

Youth Director/Minister

Wanted: Part-time youth director/minister for First UMC of Grandview (located on I-35 about 30 miles south of Fort Worth). Please send resume to Harrell Braddock, Jr. at harrell@gvmethodist.org or call 903-641-9805.

Youth Director

Youth director, part-time up to 20 hours per week. 7-12 youth with great possibilities in a growing church outside of Waco. Contact: Allen Grant at pastor@chinaspringumc.com or 254-836-1107.

Associate Director of Music Ministries

First UMC of Burleson seeks candidates for associate director of music ministries to: assist and support the director in leading vocal and bell choirs, provides leadership for the Sunday Morning Blend, direct the youth, drama and Glory Ringers (bell) choirs, serves as a backup for the accompanist and participate in staff development and meetings as needed. For more details, contact Mark Stamper at 817-723-9397 (cell) or maest1020@yahoo.com.

P-T Worship Leader

First UMC of Fort Worth (www.fumcftw.org) seeks a part-time worship leader to create an engaging, welcoming environment in which youth in grades 7-12 will experience real Christian community through worship, teaching, music, media and other creative venues. Responsibilities for the position include coordinating the youth worship service with the youth ministry staff and leading the student band for Sunday worship and fellowship opportunities on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Our candidate should have multiple musical abilities and experience in leading worship. Please send resume to Brandon Frenzel at FUMC Fort Worth, Director of Youth Ministries, 800 W. 5th Street, Fort Worth 76102 or bfrenzel@myfumc.org.

P-T Praise Team Leader

First UMC of Corsicana seeks a part-time praise team leader to lead the existing Praise Team. The ideal candidate will be a devoted and energetic person with a passion for Christ and a desire and ability to share that passion with the congregation through music. This person must possess strong musical leadership,

have a broad knowledge of contemporary Christian music, be able to utilize the latest multi-media technology, and have strong leadership and communication skills. Other desired attributes are friendly, creative, collaborative, adaptable and outgoing, and someone who wants to become a part of our church family. The church's goal is for the new contemporary worship to grow in the community as well as within the church walls. If God is calling you to this ministry, please contact Steve Moss, associate pastor, at 214-803-3609 or e-mail your resume to stevem@fumccorsicana.org.

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.

Hammond Organ

First UMC of Dawson is giving away a Hammond Organ, model M-101. The upper and lower keyboards (along with the associated stops and drawbars) work just fine. The volume control pedal works, but the bass pedals do not work very well, but they may simply need a cleaning. The organ is free to anyone who can pick it up. Contact Michael Redmond at 903-229-2123 or michaelr@valornet.com to arrange for a time. The organ needs a good home with someone who will play it.

Music Director

Stephenville First UMC seeks a full-time music director for their 1300-member church in rural central Texas. Duties include oversight of the entire music program (including part-time positions for pianist and contemporary music leader), conducting the chancel choir, recruiting and resourcing volunteer directors of children's, youth and handbell choirs, and leading or assisting with a variety of special programs or services throughout the year. Salary will be commensurate with experience and skill level. Health insurance and other benefits included. Motivated, organized servant leaders who enjoy creating excellent worship should apply. Contact Search Committee at fumc@our-town.com or 254-965-5046. The full job description is available at www.fumcville.org.

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.

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. Send resume and questions to Jim Fagg, SPRC Chair, St John's UMC, 311 E. University Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

Pianist/Organist

Midlothian is seeking applicants for pianist/organist position. This is a part-time position that includes accompanying the Adult Choir at Wednesday night rehearsal and playing for two services each Sunday morning. Salary and hours are negotiable. Position opens mid-June. Please submit applications to Billy Pritchett at billyp@fumc-midlothian.org. For more information call 682-465-1371.

Part-time Music Director

First UMC of Glen Rose seeks a part-time music director. Some of the responsibilities include preparing and leading adult choir for weekly services, choosing hymns for worship services, working with pianist, organist and pastor for worship and special services. If interested, e-mail resume to fumc@valornet.com or mail to FUMC, P.O. Box 426, Glen Rose 76043. For information you may call the church office at 254-897-2572.

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