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Hearts and Hands

Is your heart right, as my heart is toward your heart?....
if it is, give me your hand." *II Kings 10:15 NKJV*

Hearts and Hands – March 18, 2010

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Important Dates/Events on the Horizon

Mar 22-24 Conf Bd of Min @ St Luke – Goldsboro – "Full Connection" interviews
April 5 7-8:30 p.m. Central Conf. Pension Initiative @ Louisburg UMC
April 10 "Power of 7" Habitat House Dedication in Garner
April 11 3-4:30 p.m. Central Conf. Pension Initiative @ Hayes Barton UMC
April 12-15 Appointive Cabinet Meeting
April 16 Installation Celebration of President LaBranche @ Louisburg College
April 19 Bishop Gwinn meeting with all Raleigh Dist. Clergy & Laity @ Benson Memorial
April 23-25 **RACE of GRACE Weekend**
April 29 "Day of Empowerment" for all moving clergy, time/place TBA
May 5 1:30 p.m. District Evangelism Training Event @ Knightdale UMC
May 14 10:00 a.m. NCC Clergy Executive Session for AC in Rocky Mount
May 23 Webcast for pre-AC training
June 6 3:00 p.m. Dedication of new Methodist Building in Garner
June 10-12 Annual Conference in Greenville

District Mission Teams to Mississippi
"The Steady Hands Project" – May 1-8 and May 15-22

"When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army..." Exodus 17:12-13

Four years ago Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast and altered the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, wreaking havoc and devastation. Since then the Raleigh District has consistently and compassionately been invested in the lives of those who call Gulfport, D'Iberville, and Biloxi their home. Now we are preparing to return during two optimal weeks in May (May 1-8 and May 15-22) to strengthen the hands of those who have lived through the devastation and are running the marathon of reconstruction. Our vision is to create work teams of 30-40 people per week who will travel to Mississippi to lessen the load of the growing backlog of post-Katrina repair and reconstruction still to be done. Clergy and laity of the Raleigh District are encouraged to participate. Skills/experience surveys will be completed by each participant following registration. Individuals/groups participating will be responsible for providing their own transportation and lodging. Three options for lodging in MS will be offered. Teams/participants will begin their mission on Sundays (May 2 and May 16) at Heritage UMC in D'Iberville, MS joining the congregation in their 11:00 a.m. worship service. Local congregations are encouraged to help support clergy and lay representatives to participate in this mission. Cost will vary depending on mode of transportation and choice of lodging. Participants should download registration and mail with $150 check payable to "NC Conference Treasurer" no later than April 5 to the Rev. Jo Elaine Harris, Raleigh District Pastor of Missions, P. O. Box 83, Knightdale, NC 27545. Registration form is available at http://raleighdistrictumc.org/wp-content/uploads/missionreg.pdf.
Registration includes a hot breakfast Monday through Friday; materials for you to make your own lunch; one large community meal during the week; and building materials. Questions or for more information contact

Jo Elaine Harris at 919-266-2373, ext. 108 or joelaine@nccumc.org.

NOTE: Cooks are needed for both weeks, helping prepare a daily group breakfast and assisting with making lunch items available. If you are interested in volunteering for this spiritual and culinary adventure, please contact Skip Williams at 919-787-0789 or skip@nccumc.org.

The Central Conference Pension Initiative

The Raleigh District is planning two meetings to present the Central Conference Pension Initiative to our clergy and laity.

- Monday evening, April 5, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. @ Louisburg UMC
- Sunday afternoon, April 11, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. @ Hayes Barton UMC

Please plan to attend one of these important information sessions. All clergy and two key laypersons from each local congregation are needed to be in attendance. Clergy will be receiving more information concerning these events. Each local congregation will be encouraged to offer pledges toward this initiative which will be offered at Annual Conference by lay members during a special worship service.

All clergy will be given the opportunity to submit their pledges by April 11. Laity/church pledges will be submitted at Annual Conference. These gifts represent life-sustaining support for our UM pastors serving in the poorest countries on the globe.

Raleigh District Day Apart with Bishop Gwinn – April 19

All clergy and key lay leadership will gather on Monday, April 19, at Benson Memorial UMC, 4706 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, for important dialogue with Bishop Gwinn regarding key opportunities and challenges currently faced by the congregations of the North Carolina Annual Conference. All clergy will be required to meet with Bishop Gwinn in the afternoon from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. Laity leadership will gather with Bishop Gwinn in the evening from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. A time of informal refreshments and fellowship in the church fellowship hall will be available thirty minutes prior to each of these gatherings.

Please join ZOE Ministry on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 7:30pm at Duke Chapel for An Evening with Kay Warren. Here is an article from News and Observer to learn more about her. Tickets available at Duke University Box Office, http://tickets.duke.edu/default.asp or visit www.zoeministry.org for full details.

AIDS orphans' advocate speaks at Duke fundraiser

By YONAT SHIMRON

Kay Warren was simply known as the wife of megachurch pastor Rick Warren until a few years ago.

Now she's better known as a zealous advocate for AIDS education, treatment and for adopting orphaned children.
The change happened eight years ago with a magazine article about the devastating effects of AIDS on the continent of Africa.

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Two Important Dates for Clergypartners

Clergy Spouses' Day Apart with Margaret Therkelsen
Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Nashville UMC
$20 per person, includes lunch

Clergy Partners Luncheon @ Annual Conference
Friday, June 11, 11:30 a.m.
City Hotel & Bistro in Greenville
$15 per person

Immediate Position Available

for a part-time Pianist and/or Organist and Choir Director
Layden Memorial United Methodist Church
2607 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, NC 27603
If interested, please contact Kaye Zumbrunnen
by e-mail at kzumbrunnen@nc.rr.com or by phone, 601-4336.

GOSPEL SING FOR BOLIVIA -- SATURDAY, MARCH 27

EBENEZER UMC, 6020 ROCK QUARRY RD, RALEIGH, NC

DOORS OPEN @ 6:30 PM
YOU'RE INVITED TO ENJOY AN EVENING OF CHRISTIAN MUSIC, FUN & FELLOWSHIP FEATURING LOCAL ARTISTS:

CALVARY'S MARK, JARROD DAVIS and JESSICA JENKINS

COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE AND DESSERT WILL BE SERVED

ADMISSION IS FREE; HOWEVER, AT THE CLOSE OF THE EVENING YOU WILL GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR JUNE 2ND-11TH MISSION TRIP TO SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA WITH YOUR PRAYERS, WITH A DONATION OR BOTH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR MISSION TRIP, PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR BLOG AT WWW.BOLIVIAMISSION2010.BLOGSPOT.COM

Haiti Earthquake News

Many of you want to travel to Haiti. UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) is coordinating efforts and I recommend that we work with/through them. See below for information.

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The General Board of Global Ministries is collecting contact information for those who are interested in traveling to Haiti. You can enter this information at http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/HaitiVolunteer/ .
March 10, 2010
Statement from the UMVIM Jurisdictional Coordinators

Greg Forrester, Northeast Jurisdiction, Lorna Jost, North Central Jurisdiction and Paulette West, Southeast Jurisdiction returned this past Friday, March 5th from their site visit to Haiti. A plan for United Methodist Volunteer in Mission (UMVIM) team response to the earthquake devastation in Haiti has been designed in consultation with President Gesner Paul and other leaders of the Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti (EMH). Due to the earthquake and changes in EMH leadership, a new list of priority projects and needs have been identified by the church.

Conversations with United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) have led to a formalized funded proposal for coordination of UMVIM teams to Haiti. The plan includes a US based calendaring office along with staffing in Haiti to assist in the site planning and hosting of teams. The positions of US-Haiti Coordinator, Haiti-Financial Hospitality Coordinator and Haiti-Volunteer Coordinator have been posted and are expected to be filled by March 19th. Please click on the appropriate position for a job description and application information. Pending approval of this proposal, we estimate some volunteers may be on the ground in Haiti by April 1st.

Teams are encouraged to form, raise funds and start considering when they would be ready to volunteer in Haiti. All UMVIM teams will be expected to work on prioritized projects as set by the EMH and are to be coordinated through the US-Haiti Coordinator with advisement to Annual Conference UMVIM coordinators.

Based on our observations and experience, teams serving in Haiti need to meet the following criteria:
No more than 8-12 members/team.
Team leader has prior experience in Haiti.
Team leader has UMVIM team leader training
Necessary immunizations are up to date (Cholera and tuberculosis may be needed soon - watch the CDC recommendations)
Early Response Training is not necessary but would be helpful

We suggest that team membership include skills/supplies for Vacation Bible School/education, medical, and construction/deconstruction components. Specialized teams for pastoral care will also be needed soon to work with the pastors and lay pastors in Haiti.
We look forward to serving with you in building relationships with our Haitian sisters and brothers to work with them to bring healing to their country.

In Christ's name,

Greg Forrester NEJ
Paulette West, SEJ
Lorna Jost, NCJ
Debbie Vest, SCJ
Heather Wilson, WJ

February 18, 2010
Since last month's earthquake in Haiti, UMVIM, SEJ has been working closely with government, non-government, and United Methodist Church agencies. Next week, UMVIM, SEJ Executive Director Paulette West will travel to Haiti with UMCOR and UMVIM officials in order to attend the annual conference of the Methodist Church of Haiti and to meet with church leadership. While there, Paulette will be having discussions with leaders on the ground as we identify projects and areas in which volunteers can safely and effectively serve. Upon her return, Paulette will submit a report to this email list, detailing the results of her trip.
At UMVIM, SEJ, we are intentional about working with local church leadership as we assess needs and readiness for volunteers. As soon as the Methodist Church of Haiti invites in volunteer teems, we stand ready to facilitate these teams. Please know that the United Methodist Church is already at work in Haiti, supported by your generous gifts to UMCOR. As part of UMCOR's work in Haiti, some of the debris-clearing and recovery work that could be done by volunteers will actually be done by Haitians in a pay-for-work program. In a country with near-universal unemployment, this pay-for-work program is vital, and we believe it to be a faithful part of our work there.
Once this initial work is completed, there will be many, many opportunities for UMVIM volunteers to serve in Haiti. We continue to work with annual conference UMVIM coordinators to disseminate information about the need for volunteers, and we will have more specific information following next week's assessment trip. To register your interest in traveling to Haiti, please visit http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/HaitiVolunteer/ .

Confirmation Workshop @ Soapstone UMC

On April 16 & 17, 2010, Soapstone UMC will host Confirm '10, a confirmation workshop with Chris and Gloria Hughes and Ed and Kathleen Kilbourne. The sessions will be on Friday evening from 7 - 9:30 p.m. and from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday. The registration deadline is March 28, 2010. Churches are asked to pay a $25.00 non-refundable deposit for each participant. (Adults are considered participants because they do everything the students do and receive all of the same projects and gifts.) The total per person cost is $75.00. Checks should be made out to Soapstone UMC with Confirm ’10 written in the memo line. The cost includes the workshop fees, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and all craft and project materials. Space is limited to 150 youth and adults. Churches are asked to bring 1 adult for every 7 youth. For more information or to register your confirmation class please contact Gretchen Shea, Director of Youth Ministries at Soapstone UMC by calling 919-846-2212, ext. 313 or emailing at gshea@soapstoneumc.org.

MERCI Needs a Copier – Can you help?

MERCI needs a copier and before we consider buying or leasing one - I wanted to insure that we made our need known to our congregations in case one might feel the calling to donate one. When we consider donations (say to Haiti for example) it's important to realize all the "behind the scenes" infrastructure that makes aid to the needy possible through MERCI Center. Copiers are just as important in our efforts as health kits. If you can help with this request, please contact me (Charlie Gray) @ 919.810.2217.

Announcement from Habitat for Humanity

Raleigh, NC – March 16, 2010 –Habitat for Humanity of Wake County has named Kevin Campbell as Executive Director. "The Board of Habitat Wake is delighted to have found a capable leader with deep knowledge of and commitment to the Habitat mission," said Greg Anglum, Board President. "While our Board Search Committee reviewed applications from a number of very well qualified individuals, Kevin's commitment and track record stood out."

For two decades, Campbell has worked in the Habitat for Humanity community –both in a Virginia affiliate as well as in national and global positions. Currently, he serves as Director of Building Industry Relations for Habitat for Humanity International, where he was heavily involved in leading the national Builders' Blitz and in expanding ReStore operations to provide support for Habitat affiliates across the country. Prior to joining the International staff, Campbell was the founding executive director of a Habitat affiliate in the Greater Lynchburg, Virginia, area and, during his nine-year tenure there, brought that affiliate to national prominence based upon its innovation and high number of homes provided for families.

"I'm very excited to continue my Habitat journey at Habitat Wake. In the past 25 years, much great work has been accomplished in this community, yet there remain so many families in need of better housing. I look forward to extending the blessing of a home to many, many more local families."

Campbell will begin his new position in April.

"Bound together in a "web of relationships" where all work together in mutual respect and trust to fulfill God's call through the Great Commission"

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