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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 25, 2010

This issue contains information regarding:

- n **Important Dates/Events**
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Important Dates/Events on the Horizon

- 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

Community Gardens Summit

"Dig In" Community Gardens Summit: For all our community gardeners, or soon-to-be community gardeners: Learn how to start, maintain, manage and enjoy the wonderful benefits of building a sustainable garden in your neighborhood, workplace, school or worship group. Attend a workshop complete with workshops and presentations from community garden experts; browse educational booths; and, as an option in the afternoon following the summit, go on a guided tour of working community gardens throughout Wake County. (One of the gardens is Fuquay-Varina UMC's!)

Time: April 17, 2010 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 (Optional tour follows)

Where: Marbles Museum in Raleigh

Organized by: Advocates for Health in Action

Information and sign-up:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/communitygardensummit

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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 and celebrated at Annual Conference by lay members during a special worship service.

All clergy will be asked 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. For those serving in the NC Conference, a

pension represents a lifestyle, but for those clergy serving in the Central Conference a pension represents the basic support of life. Our gifts enable us to be more deeply connected and in partnership with all of our brothers and sisters in ministry.

Pledge forms relating to the Central Conference Pension Initiative (CCPI) have been added to the NC Conference Downloads page at <http://nccumc.org/treasurer/downloads/>. The CCPI Commitment Form is for pastors wishing to make a pledge to the fund-raising efforts. Pastors will be asked to complete and submit their pledge form to the Raleigh District at one of the two gatherings listed above.

Each congregation is encouraged to participate in this initiative. The Church Estimate of Giving Form is for local churches making a pledge. Churches should bring their pledge forms and/or contributions to annual conference to be celebrated during the Thursday offering.

"MISSION CENTERED MINISTRY" -Wednesday, May 5

The Raleigh and Rocky Mount Districts will gather @ Knightdale UMC on Wednesday, May 5 for a shared day of learning (clergy in the afternoon and clergy/laity in the evening) **This is a required learning opportunity for all Raleigh District clergy under appointment.** The afternoon session is from 1:00 – 4:00pm for clergy, but open to laity as well. The evening session for laity and clergy is from 7:00 – 9:00pm.

DESCRIPTION: Staying focused on the mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" is essential for being a fruitful congregation. The **afternoon** of this seminar (**for clergy**) will explore with participants a variety of issues around the mission. Included are the factors that cause congregations to make decisions and plan ministries that are more reflective of personal preference and comfort than the mission of Jesus Christ. The seminar will then center on the importance and process of developing spiritual leaders that can help a congregation stay centered on the mission. The specific process that will be discussed and detailed is out of our Wesleyan heritage that was at the core of the Methodist movement when laity were dynamically involved in the living out of the mission. And that process is the class meeting, where a model of a 21st century class meeting with its key factors will be experienced and clarified. This seminar will also give practical tools for aligning ministry consistently with the mission, especially at the times of planning and reporting – including results based ministry descriptions for the sake of the mission.

In the **evening, (for clergy and laity)** the session will focus attention on developing a congregation's ability to do the work of evangelism. The process shared is a model of developing in stages the competencies and confidence for persons to share their faith in Jesus Christ – using the educational system as an analogy. The model starts with "elementary school" evangelism, which is service evangelism – using service as a means of evangelism. Then, participants will explore "middle school" evangelism of faith sharing in their small groups. After that comes the "high school" evangelism of testimonies in worship. Next is "college level" evangelism of invitational evangelism and proven strategies to engage the congregation in inviting others. And finally, then comes "graduate school" evangelism –

sharing our faith with someone not of faith in order to help them come to faith. And by following this simple process one step at a time, a congregation can be developed to do the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world consistently and well!

LEADER: Dr. Doug Anderson is executive director of the Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development at Dakota Wesleyan University and also Associate Director for Congregational Development for the Indiana Annual Conference.. He was a district superintendent and pastor of several growing churches of different sizes in the United Methodist Church. He has led a variety of practical church seminars and consultations for over 25 years. He is a member of the Academy for Spiritual Formation of the Upper Room. He has taught at the United Methodist School of Congregational Development (including Copenhagen, Denmark) for the last 6 years – and taught an intensive and a ministry track again this year in Chicago, IL. He is the co author with Bishop Michael Coyner of the award winning book The Race to Reach Out. And best of all, his seminars are energetic, effective, and fun.

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.

District Youth Half-Price Hockey Night

Hey folks – I've only heard from two other Churches (Westover UMC and Louisburg UMC) so it looks like any tailgating we do will be sort of small – oh well, those of us that are going will have a great time.

It's not too late to sign up your church – I need the check or credit card information by next Tuesday, March 30 in order to get it to the Hurricanes ticket office.

I will be out of town from Saturday – Wednesday but if you need me or have questions about this event you can email me or call my cell phone 919-818-7525

Please let me know if you're interested in making this an event for our district next year – I'd like to eventually settle on a few predictable events that all our churches can count on as they are planning their schedules.

Our connection is our strength –

Rob Phillips, Director of Youth Ministries

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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

2009 Journal Available

Please let the pastors and laity in your district know that we have extra copies of the 2009 Journal in CD and hard copy formats. The books are \$30 and the CD's are \$12. If anyone is interested please tell them to contact the Conference Secretary's Office.

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