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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 – April 1, 2010

This issue contains information regarding:

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Links of Grace Golf Tournament

Teams and sponsors are being sought for the upcoming *Links of Grace* golf tournament that will be held Friday, April 23 at The Neuse Golf Club in Clayton. This event is in conjunction with the *Race of Grace* weekend. There

are only two team slots available for the 8:30 a.m. tee time but plenty of space for 2:00 p.m. participants. This is a four-person, superball format, with the cost being \$70 per person or \$280 per team. Lunch will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for top teams in each of four flights. In addition, an eight-day Hawaiian vacation for a hole-in-one will be awarded and \$5,000 will be given to one person (selected randomly) during both morning and afternoon for sinking a 50-foot putt.

To register a team, or as an individual, for the tournament, please click on this link: <http://raceofgrace.org/2010 Links Registration1.pdf>

Hole sponsors are being sought for as little as \$100 with other sponsorship levels offered as well. For sponsorship information please contact linksofgrace@yahoo.com. Your participation will mean much to those needing assistance with medical help.

Haiti Warehouse to Close

The Haiti warehouse will be closed this coming Saturday, April 3rd. We will be opened on April 10 from 10-2. Please be advised this will be the **final day** for this staging center. From that point forward, please take donated goods directly to MERCI. After our final day, I will post a summary of all that resulted from our Raleigh warehouse. It is awesome!

Jo Elaine Harris, Raleigh District Pastor of Missions

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, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. @ Louisburg UMC**
****Please note the time is 7:00 to 8:30, not 6:30 to 8:00 as originally published****

- 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.

Dr. Efird to Teach at White Plains UMC

Please join us as we welcome Dr. James M. "Mickey" Efird to White Plains UMC on Wednesday, April 7; Wednesday, April 14; Wednesday, April 21; and Wednesday, April 28. On these Wednesday evenings Dr. Efird will be leading us in a Bible Study of Paul's "Prison Correspondence." Each study will begin at 7pm in the Christian Life Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn Scripture from a world-class, master teacher as he guides us through the New Testament letters of Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, and Ephesians. Please reserve these Wednesday evenings on your calendar now and plan to share in these transformational studies as Mickey brings scripture to life. White Plains is located at 313 SE Maynard Road, Cary, NC. For more information call 467-9394.

"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.

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

Children's Ministry Coordinator Position Open

Apex United Methodist Church in fast growing Raleigh-Durham NC area passionately worships (1,000/ weekend) in multiple formats. The Children's Ministry Coordinator is a 10 hour a week position to guide two of our dynamic K-5th grade children's programs: the Saturday evening program (252) and a Sunday afternoon program (Fiesta Dominical). Both programs begin with a

large group activity and end in small groups. The focus of this position is to invite and equip gifted lay persons to serve in these programs. A passion for children's Christian spiritual formation and being current in children's ministry developments and teaching techniques is required. For more information contact the Director of Children's Ministries Monica Oakes at monica.oakes@apexumc.org. The full position description can be found on the church's webpage http://www.apexumc.org/main/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=424&Itemid=53

Methodist University Collegiate License Plate

Since the summer of 2009, the Methodist University Alumni Office has pursued the possibility of Methodist University getting its own NC collegiate license plate. The DMV requires that we have 300 paid orders in hand before the first license plate can be printed. **As of today, 158 license plates have been purchased, which means we are still waiting for 142 more.** We are asking for your support in this endeavor.

Please consider purchasing a MU License Plate by taking a minute right now to fill out the Department of Motor Vehicle Form, write your check for \$25 (that's right it's just \$25), and send it to the Alumni Office, Methodist University, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28311. (Please make your check out to Methodist University.) Your license plate will be mailed directly to you from the DMV once we receive all 300 orders. For more information contact Krista Lee, (910) 630-7200 or klee@methodist.edu.

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