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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 8, 2010

**This issue contains information regarding:**

- n **Central Conference Pension Initiative – April 11**
- n **BBQ @ Holland's UMC – Friday, April 9**
- n **Links of Grace Golf Tournament – April 23**
- n **Raleigh District Day Apart with Bishop Gwinn – April 19**
- n **Mission-Centered Ministry – May 5**
- n **Two Important Dates for Clergy Spouses – April 24 & June 11**

*Editor's Note: As I will be away for a continuing education event, no issue of "Hearts and Hands" will be published next week. – Lou Ann Allred*

#### The Central Conference Pension Initiative

**Sunday afternoon, April 11, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. @ Hayes Barton UMC**

Please plan to attend this important information session. All clergy and two key laypersons from each local congregation are needed to be in attendance at one of the events offered. 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.

**BBQ @ Holland's UMC**  
**9433 Ten Ten Road, Raleigh, NC 27603**  
**919.772.5294**  
**Friday, April 9 – 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.**  
**Dine in or Take Out -- \$8 plate (*includes dessert*)**

**Links of Grace Golf Tournament**

There is an urgent need for afternoon teams to play in the Friday, April 23rd **Links Of Grace** golf event. The 8:30 a.m. tee times are completely filled. However, there are numerous openings for four-person teams to play during the 2:00 p.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$70 per person or \$280 per team with all proceeds going to the charities involved with the **Race of Grace**. This tournament will be held at The Neuse Golf Club in Clayton. The organizers of the **Links of Grace** desire for there to be a full-field in the afternoon. Lunch will be served to all participants. In addition, a Hawaiian trip and \$5,000 cash will be awarded to lucky golfers. Prizes will be given to winning teams in each handicapped flight. To enter a team, please click this link <http://raceofgrace.org/2010 Links Registration1.pdf> For more information please contact [linksofgrace@yahoo.com](mailto:linksofgrace@yahoo.com) or call 772-4410.

**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.

### **"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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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**

*"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"*