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THE DISTRICT CORE



A NEWSLETTER OF THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT • VIRGINIA CONFERENCE • THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.



WINCHESTER DISTRICT
MINI SCHOOL OF MISSIONS
September 24, 2011 ~ 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Stephens City UMC

9:00 - 9:30	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
9:30 - 10:00	PLENARY: Rev. Larry Thompson
10:00 - 12:30	1st HALF OF CLASS
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH along with a mission presentation
1:30 - 4:00	2nd HALF OF CLASS; DISMISSAL

Men and women, clergy and lay are encouraged to attend
(For pastors .5 CEU - Certificate given at end of day!)

CLASSES

1. Spiritual Growth Study: Coming on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation
2. Geographic Study: Haiti—Challenges & Hopes
3. Mission Study: Joy to the World: Mission & Evangelism

\$10.00 - Cost of class includes lunch.

(Study books will be available for purchase at registration; please indicate on the registration form if you would like to purchase a study book; cost of book not included above.)

REGISTRATION FOR MINI SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Name _____

Local Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

CLASS SELECTION (You will be placed in one class only.)

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

I would like to order a study book Yes No

Please send registration form and \$10.00 per adult to
Winchester District Office,

21 S. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

Make your check payable to Winchester District UMC
and indicate for Mini School of Mission in memo line.

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, September 14th!

Winchester District Lay Servant Ministries Training



Friday, September 30 ~ 7:00 - 9:30 PM
AND

Saturday, October 1 - 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church
210 E. Main Street, Berryville, VA

- Anyone who wishes to become a Lay Speaker MUST attend their course sessions on Friday AND Saturday.
- Anyone who has not had training in the last 3 years and wishes to remain a Lay Speaker MUST attend their course sessions on Friday AND Saturday.

This year anyone who wants to take any of these courses may register. If any courses interest you please register as soon as possible.

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED:

BASIC COURSE:

This is the first training step to becoming a certified Lay Speaker. It focuses on three primary areas: Caring, Leading and Communicating.

Teachers: Rev. Jan Sickel & Doug Rinker

ADVANCED CLASS: Lead Bible Study

This advanced course is designed to help you become versed in how to teach and lead a Bible study.

Teacher: Rev. Jay Hanke

ADVANCED CLASS: Discover Spiritual Gifts

This class focuses on acquiring a better understanding of the church and its ministry needs.

Teacher: Rev. Joan Rudisill

ADVANCED CLASS: Lead Small Groups

This advanced course is designed to help you identify the role which you play as leaders of small groups and help you understand the power of your leadership can have in transforming Christian lives.

Teacher: Rev. Hyo Lee

REGISTRATION FORM
For Lay Servant Ministries
Training

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Church: _____

Class Choice:

1st _____

2nd _____

A registration fee of \$25.00 is charged to
partially defray the cost
of food and materials.

Deadline: September 20, 2011

Please send registration along with a check
made out to Winchester District UMC (please
note for Lay Speaker
Training on memo line) to:
Winchester District United Methodist Church
21 South Kent Street
Winchester, Virginia 22601

**All God's People in
All Places,
And in
All Times,
Are Called to Love
And to Serve.**



Ministry of the Laity

Exploring Ministry Event Set For November 2011 in St. Louis

Some young person you know needs to hear about Exploration '11, scheduled for November 11-13, 2011 in St. Louis, MO. Someone 18 to 26 years old who is gifted for ordained ministry, but hasn't yet identified his or her gifts to serve the Church and the world. A young adult who is already considering a call to ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church. Do you have a desire to impact the Church for the future? Your invitation may help these leaders for the future hear a call to ministry. Pass this invitation on so that they can explore their passion and possibilities.

Exploration '11 is designed to help young adults explore what ministry in the United Methodist Church looks like and to connect them with resources to respond to God's call in their lives. Young adults from all over the world will gather for a weekend of inspiring worship, engaging workshops and meaningful small group interaction. All 13 UM-related seminaries will be participating as well.

A previous Exploration event was part of the journey to ordination for the Rev. Jessica Fuller, a deacon serving at Crozet UMC. Jessica will be attending Exploration '11 as a representative from the Virginia Conference. She would be glad to talk with anyone who is interested in attending. Information on the event is available online at www.gbhem.org/exploration.

Church Loans Made Simple

Virginia United Methodist Credit Union was a wide range of loan products for churches of all sizes.

We've been lending to our conference churches for years and we understand how involved the loan process for churches can be. We will assist your church every step of the way and we offer loans for *renovations, repairs, lines of credit, refinancing of current debt, church vehicles and parsonages.*

We offer unsecured and secured loans with variable and fixed rates. Additionally, we have pledge of share/certificate of deposit loans as well as those that are mortgage backed.

Contact Mike Haydon at: mhaydon@vaumc.org to request a loan packet. *All loans are subject to approval and rates are subject to change.*

Mission Celebration Weekend— September 23-25, 2011



The Mission Celebration Committee is excited about God's work on the Winchester District to fulfill the Wesleyan Attitude of Social Holiness — *Loving Your Neighbor!* In September, the Winchester District will be host to local and global missionaries/ missionaries, kicking off a 3-day event with Bishop Kammerer and our guests at a Banquet to *Celebrate Mission*. See schedule below:

- Friday, September 23.....Banquet to *Celebrate Mission* @Houlihan's (Holiday Inn, 522 S.)
5:30 p.m. Gathering, 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- Saturday, September 24.....Mini School of Christian Mission @ Stephens City UMC
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 24.....Stop Hunger Now @ Harmony UMC (100,000 meals to pack)
10:00 a.m.—until
- Saturday, September 24..... Gleaning for SOSA @ Marker/Miller Orchards, Cedar Creek Grade
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, September 25.....Missionaries to give presentations in the local churches

A missionary/missioner is excited about their presentation to your congregation on Sunday and look forward to meeting God's people and better understanding how your church serves in mission. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to make this *Mission Celebration Event* run smoothly and graciously for everyone.

PRESENTING

“SOWING & HARVESTING FOR THE KINGDOM”

An Evangelism Rally

Monday, August 22, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location:

Leesburg UMC
107 W. Market Street
Leesburg, Virginia

Guest Speaker will be
William H. Willimon, Bishop
Alabama Annual Conference
United Methodist Church



This event is sponsored by The Winchester District United Methodist Ministers' Association.



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ August 8 - Charge Conference Set-up Mtg., Duncan Memorial - 10 a.m.
- ◆ August 11 - UMM Day at Camp Rainbow
- ◆ August 16 - Mission Celebration Committee, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ August 20 - District Youth Council, District Office - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ August 21-22 - Clergy Retreat, Camp Overlook-Blessing Lodge - 5 p.m.



- ◆ September 2 - District Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- ◆ September 5 - District Office Closed
- ◆ September 6-7 - Cabinet meets in Richmond
- ◆ September 10 - UMM Annual Golf Tournament, Bowling Green County Club - 7 a.m.
- ◆ September 13 - District Board of Ordained Ministry, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ September 23-25 - MISSION CELEBRATION WEEKEND
- ◆ September 27 - DCOM, Braddock St. UMC - 9 a.m.
- ◆ September 30 - Lay speakers Training, Duncan Memorial UMC - 7 -9:30 p.m.
- ◆ October 1 - Lay Speakers Training, Duncan Memorial UMC - 8:30 am. - 5 p.m.