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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 CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 17, 2010, 3-5 p.m.
Kernstown United Methodist Church

All members of our churches are invited and welcome!

Who are District Conference Members and Should Attend:

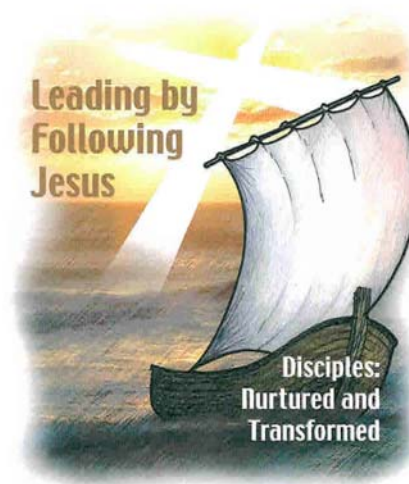
- ♦ ALL commissioned and ordained clergy, licensed local pastors, diaconal ministers, deaconesses
- ♦ Local Church Officers: Lay Leaders, chairpersons of Church Council (or equivalent body: Administrative Council, Administrative Board and Council on Ministries), church school superintendents, presidents of UMM and UMW, three members at large, one of whom shall be a youth, lay members to Annual Conference from each charge.

District Conference will begin with a business session to elect the Winchester District officers and committees for 2011, district at-large members and alternates to the 2011 Annual Conference, and lay nominees for General & Jurisdictional Conference 2012. Rev. Larry Thompson, District Superintendent, will lead the worship and preach.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

JANUARY 22nd, 2011
8:15 to 3:45pm

BRADDOCK STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*"Come,
Follow Me
and I will make you
Fishers of men."
Mark 1:17*



Check the District Website www.winchesterdistrictumc.org for more information.

World Communion Sunday is October 3



Sunday, Oct. 3, is World Communion Sunday. The World Communion Scholarship, which provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students on both undergraduate and graduate levels, is funded through the special offering on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of each October.

Winchester District Lay Speaking Ministries Training

Lay Speaker training will be held at Warrenton UMC on Saturday, October 9, from 8 a.m.– 6 p.m. There a \$15 fee to cover lunch and materials. Anyone who wishes to become a Lay Speaker MUST attend this event. Anyone who has not had training in the last 3 years and wishes to remain a Lay Speaker MUST attend this event. Call the District Office at 540-662-7332 for more information.

Dear Laity and Clergy of the Winchester District,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ.

Sometimes I'm not as observant as I should be. But on this day, I was up to the task.

The Cabinet and the staff of the United Methodist Building were coming to the end of a time of worship and as we were singing the closing hymn, Bishop Kammerer moved into the aisle and knelt at the altar, arms extended in a posture of prayer. Okay, I thought, very appropriate. After all, in 35 years of ministry I've known all my Bishops to be committed "prayers." But, even as I observed, I could not help but feel that there was something more to this than I was presently aware. So, we moved to the Cabinet meeting and entered into the business of the day.

As the day came to end, Bishop Kammerer stood, not so much in a posture of prayer, but in a prophetic sort of stance and she began to address us in a visionary tone. Another District Superintendent wrote about that moment saying, "Something happened at our cabinet meeting that I believe is God's way of shaking us up from our routine and daring us to dream bigger dreams." In that moment, Bishop Kammerer called for all of us to join her in a weekly time of fasting and prayer through December 31, for God to work within us for the future of the church. In that moment we learned that Bishop Kammerer will be fasting and praying each Thursday evening through Friday and she invited us to join her at that time or another time of our choosing, a time when we ask God's Holy Spirit to work within us and provide direction.

This was the "something more" that I felt at the early morning worship. It is the "something more" that I invite you, as the laity of the Winchester District, to join in just as I have invited all the clergy. I am mindful of health concerns thus fasting must be done carefully so it is left to the individual as to how the fast should be followed. It's not as much about the way we fast as it is about our willingness to spend time listening for God's direction. If we do this together, I believe we will hear God's voice and receive the guidance and direction we need.

I'm asking you to bring all your spiritual resources into play and to join the Bishop and the Cabinet as we dare to dream big dreams. I have no idea what will come of this but I trust that God will be giving us a bold, new vision and will be guiding us to a future where the Winchester District and the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church will make a bigger difference in our community and in our world for Jesus, the Christ.

Blessing to you all and I am

Yours in Fasting and Prayer,

Larry Thompson, Winchester DS

Church Loans

When your church needs a loan, look to the credit union that was created by United Methodists for United Methodists. The Virginia United Methodist Credit Union offers loans to churches for renovations, parsonages, vans and buses as well as the refinance of current debt. We'll work with your church finance committee through the entire loan process and are committed to providing exceptional service in an environment of trust. Contact Mike Haydon at mhaydon@vumcu.org or call 866-657-0004. *Loans are subject to approval and credit restrictions apply.*



'10-Fold' to gain support for Advance projects beginning Oct. 10

10-Fold is about multiplying ministry and mobilizing passionate people to stand up and be counted for the causes they believe in.

The event will launch on October 10 (10-10-10) and last for 10 days. Every day will focus on a different project supported through The Advance, the designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church. The goal is to gain the support of 10,000 people for each of the 10 projects.

With the support of annual conferences and churches, 10-Fold will bring these global projects to the people through webcasts, streaming video, online chats and other media. For 10 days, these ministries will be on your doorstep.

You can provide tangible support just by registering your interest with one of these Advance projects. During the event, \$1.00 will be donated for every person that signs up as an advocate for a 10-Fold project, up to \$10,000 per project. It's time to step out and be someone who stands for something. Be counted. Be a part of the movement. It's in your hands to multiply God's work; Turn 10 to 10,000 and make it a movement 10-Fold.

Virginia Chapter PAUMCS Fall Event

Experience Your Conference Connection 2010

Wednesday, October 27

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Virginia Chapter Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (VA PAUMCS) will hold their fall event, Experience Your Conference Connection 2010, on Wednesday, October 27, 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the Virginia UM Conference Center in Glen Allen.

Have you been trying to keep up with the changes that affect managing membership records in the church office? In order to maintain current and update files regarding the members of your church, you need to know the latest guidelines for doing so in an efficient manner in keeping with the United Methodist Book of Discipline. This seminar, led by David Dommissie, will offer valuable information to all church professionals.

Who should attend? All Church Administrative Staff, full-time, part-time, paid and volunteer, including but not limited to, administrative assistants, financial secretaries, office managers and newsletter editors. Pastors and Finance chairs are encouraged to attend. Call 804/521-1124 for details.



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Key 2011 District Event Dates for Local Church Planning

- ♦ January 22 - Leadership Training for Winchester District, Braddock St. UMC
- ♦ (Jan. 29 - District Training snow date if necessary.)
- ♦ February 25 - 27 - Winchester District High School Youth Retreat
- ♦ March 26 - Worship Celebration & Workshop, Shenandoah University
- ♦ September 23 - 25 - Winchester District Mission Saturation/Celebration!



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ October 1 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- ◆ October 7 - District Trustees, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ October 9 - Lay Speaker Training, Warrenton UMC - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- ◆ October 12 - Comm. on Ordained Ministry, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ OCTOBER 17 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE, KERNSTOWN UMC - 3 - 5 p.m.
- ◆ October 18-19 - Cabinet meets in Richmond
- ◆ October 20 - Youth. Directors, District Office—10 a.m.



- ◆ November 7 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- ◆ November 9 - Comm. on Ordained Ministry, District Office - 9 a.m.
- ◆ November 11 - District Clergy Association, Round Hill UMC (Fred.) - 9 a.m.
- ◆ November 16 - District Committee on Superintendency, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ November 17 - Youth. Directors, District Office - 10 a.m.
- ◆ November 20 - UMM District Rally, Bethel UMC (Fauq.) - 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ November 22-23 - Cabinet meets in Richmond
- ◆ November 24 - District Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- ◆ November 25-26: District Office Closed for Thanksgiving

