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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.



Annual Conference Orientation on Sunday, June 8

An orientation session for Winchester District members of the 2014 Virginia Annual Conference will be held on **Sunday, June 8, 3 PM**, at Duncan Memorial UMC in Berryville. It is important that pastors, church lay delegates, and district lay delegates be present to be briefed on issues coming before the Conference.

Live streaming of Annual Conference

Live streaming of the 2014 Virginia Annual Conference will be available, beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, June 20, from the [Virginia Conference website](#) and from the [Virginia Conference Facebook page](#). The live streaming will show all sessions of the three-day conference, including worship at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 22, when Bishop Young Jin Cho will preach. Local churches may show the live video of the Annual Conference worship service during their Sunday morning worship services and participate by following the liturgy for the service that will be available to download from the conference website at www.vaumc.org/ac2014.

Four Cans for Conference Collection

Each Clergy and Lay Member of Conference is asked to bring a minimum of 4 cans of food to our gathering at the Hampton Road Convention Center for this year's **4 Cans 4 Conference** collection!

This offering, now in its sixth year, will benefit the Peninsula Food Bank. Over the last 5 years, we've been receiving about 9,000 to 9,500 pounds, and have benefitted the SWVA Food Bank and the Norfolk Food Bank greatly!

Along with your Pastor and Lay Member, please send/bring at least one can of each of the following:

- Fruit and/or Veggies
- Meat and/or Fish
- Soup and/or Stew
- A Pop-Top can that can be opened without an opener

Beyond that, dry goods such as cereal, boxed/packaged mixes (Hamburger Helper, pancakes, soup, etc.), rice, instant potatoes, powdered drinks, etc., will be great. Peanut Butter and Jelly would also be appreciated!

As usual, please don't send home canned, damaged cans, expired date cans, or items in glass jars, as they tend to break at the worst times! Also, please keep in mind that "exotic" things are not "really" helpful.

Make it a Youth group mission, or a UMW emphasis, or a Sunday School Class project, a Men's group activity, or just a personal expression of faith!

Of course, an entire case of each of these goods would go a great long way! Paper goods, too! And, Reusable tote bags would help cut down on the amount of trash winding up in the local landfill, too, and go directly to the recipients of the canned goods you bring.



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.



HAITI RALLY ON JUNE 14TH!!

**ARE YOU HEARING GOD'S VOICE REGARDING A MISSION TRIP?
INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO HAITI WITH OUR DISTRICT
TEAMS TO THE ISLAND OF La Gonave?**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014, 10:00 A.M.
Crums UMC, Berryville, VA**

GATHERING MUSIC – CRUMS UMC PRAISE BAND

WELCOME & OPENING DEVOTION – REV. DR. JACK MARTIN

MISSION STORIES (Each of the four teams will share a few highlights, especially those special God-moments. Each team may take about 15 minutes, interspersed with group singing, questions, and comments of a celebratory nature.)

POT LUCK LUNCH (Noon) More time for sharing individually and in small groups

REVIEWING OUR PARTNERSHIP TO THE PRESENT MOMENT

PROJECTING THE HAITI PARTNERSHIP INTO 2015

CELEBRATING OUR COVENANT THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

Questions? Rev. Dr. Jack Martin : rvjtm@aol.com

Burial Plots for Sale

The Winchester District Board of Missions has been the recipient of two (2) burial plots that are located in Shenandoah Memorial Park. Both plots are located in the Garden of Gethsemane, Lot 11B, plots 1 & 2. We are asking \$1500 a piece for the burial plots. They are valued at \$1880 each.

If you are interested or need more information please call the district office at (540) 662-7332 and ask for Sheryl or Melanie.

UMMen News

Because many of you were in attendance for the Tri-District Retreat at Camp Overlook in January, I want to bring to your attention that our Praise Music Leader, Andrew Davis, was recently recognized as Principal of the Year for Loudoun County Public Schools.

He will also receive the Washington Post's Distinguished Leadership Award at a special presentation May 6 in Washington DC. Andrew is also the Praise Band Ministry Leader at Crums UMC in Berryville. Praise God for spiritual men, who serve our church and school communities!

Chas Browning
WDUMMen VP for Spiritual Life

Missionaries Available to Speak

Virginia Conference-sponsored missionaries Kip and Nancy Robinson will be available to speak in churches around the conference during the first week in August as they complete vacation time prior to returning to Sierra Leone.

Churches should contact Ann Klotz at jasnc5@gmail.com if they would like to invite the Robinsons to share the story of their work.

Virginia Conference Leads Denomination in giving to The Advance

The Virginia Conference continues to be a leader in mission giving. The General Board of Global Ministries reports that Virginia Conference churches contributed \$2,535,029 in designated giving to The Advance in 2013, more than any other conference in The United Methodist Church. In addition, the Virginia Conference led the Southeastern Jurisdiction in total amount given to support United Methodist missionaries, giving \$396,364 in 2013.



Winchester District United Methodist Churches Change the World Mission Fair

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 11, 2014
Clarke County Fair Grounds

An Afternoon of:



*Mission
Opportunities,*

*Music - Fellowship
Preaching*



DISTRICT CALENDAR

- ◆ June 8 - Annual Conference Orientation, Duncan Memorial UMC - 3 PM
- ◆ June 10 - District Finance Committee, District Office - 9:30 AM
- ◆ June 13-14 - Courageous Dad's Retreat, Camp Overlook
- ◆ June 18-19 - Cabinet meets in Hampton
- ◆ June 20-22 - Annual Conference meets in Hampton
- ◆ June 25 - Clergy Moving Day
- ◆ June 30 - District Stewards, Duncan Memorial UMC - 7 PM



- ◆ July 3 - District Office Closes at 1 PM
- ◆ July 4 - District Office Closed
- ◆ July 29 - District Committee on Congregational Excellence, District Office - 10 AM



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