

Foothills District UMC

“Every Church a
Mission Station --
Every Community a
Mission Field”

Footnotes from the Foothills



September 2011

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CHARGE CONFERENCE

We want to invite our pastors and laity from churches that average **under 50** persons in worship attendance to come to one of two locations. You get to choose!

October 29th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at The Plains UMC (3 N Plains Rd, The Plains)
OR October 30th from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at Rolling Plains UMC (3350 Moxahala Park Rd, Zanesville)



It is our pleasure to welcome the Dr. Dennis Bickers to our Charge Conferences. He became a bi-vocational pastor in 1981 when he accepted the call to serve Hebron Baptist Church in Southeast Indiana. He began that ministry without any ministerial education or pastoral experience. He served that church for 20 years while working in a factory for most of that time. During those years he also graduated from a Bible school and earned a bachelor's degree.

In 2001 he became an Area Minister with the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky and remained bi-vocational even in this role.

In the spring of 2006 he earned his Master of Arts in Religion with a concentration in leadership. He also received his Doctor of Ministry degree and his thesis addressed the role of coaching in equipping bi-vocational ministers for greater ministry effectiveness.

He is the National Project Director of BivoNet, a ministry to the bi-vocational ministers of American Baptist Churches USA, and also serves as a member of the advisory board for the Bi-vocational Ministry Center at Campbellsville University. He is the author of several books on the subject of bi-vocational and small church ministry.

He recently accepted a part-time position as a Senior Consultant with New Church Specialties, an organization dedicated to new church planting and the revitalization of existing churches. Headquartered in Kansas City, Kansas, they have consultants and coaches serving dozens of churches and judicatories. To find out more about NCS please check out their web site at www.NewChurchSpecialties.org.

Churches whose **average attendance is between 50-99** will meet **October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Athens Richland UMC** and those churches who were specifically assigned on **October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at New Lexington First UMC** will be exploring “**The Heart of Worship**”. We will experience new ways to bring passion and ex-

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citement into our worship services.

Churches assigned to the **November 15 date at 7:00 p.m. at the Malta UMC** will be celebrating the **Unbinding the Gospel** with our coaching churches.

Please bring your completed (and voted on!) Charge Conference forms with you to your appropriate Charge Conference. We will collect them at the beginning of our time together. We look forward to seeing you there and pray that these events will be an encouragement to your church and its ministry! May God continue to bless our churches so that they will be a blessing to their communities!

Oct. 18 Churches: Athens First, Rockland, Frazeyburg, Immanuel, Trinity, New Lex First, Somerset, Tunnel, Central Trinity, Zanesville Grace

November 15 Churches: Bremen, Dresden, Gallipolis Grace, Malta, Marietta Christ & Gilman, McArthur, The Plains, New Beginnings/Heath

Central Avenue—October 11, 5:30 p.m. Rolling Plains—October 12, 7:00 p.m.
Zanesville Coburn—Oct. 23, 1:00 p.m.

What Makes a Church Pulsate with Life?

Come find out at a workshop on the **“Four Key Ingredients in a Vibrant Smaller Church”** that will be offered on **September 20th** at the District Office (47 Johnson Rd, The Plains) at 7:00 p.m. Pastors and laity in our smaller churches are all invited and encouraged to attend! We believe that our smaller churches can be healthy and vital as they strive to reach out beyond themselves. Please RSVP and let us know how many will be attending from your congregation by calling the District office at 888-868-1225 or e-mail us at office@foothillsdistrict.org.



LAY SPEAKING CLASSES IN OCTOBER

A change has been made in the Fall offerings for Lay Speaking classes. We are unable to hold the Preaching class as previously reported due to the unavailability of the instructor.

The **BASIC class** for persons just entering into Lay Speaking will be held **October 14-15**. There will be a **BASIC Refresher class** for Local Church Lay Speakers who have not taken a class in the past 3 years. That will be held **October 15**. There will be two Advanced Lay Speaking courses offered—Leading Small Groups and Leading In Worship. Advanced classes are for those Certified speakers who need recertification or for Local Church Lay Speakers who wish to become Certified for the first time. The **Small Group class and Worship class** will both be held **October 15**.

All classes will be held at Immanuel UMC in Logan, Ohio.

If you are interested in Lay Speaking Ministries, please visit the Foothills District Website at www.foothillsdistrict.org to find out how to become a Lay Speaker. Registration forms will be mailed to current Lay Speakers and those recommended for Lay Speaking ministry in the very near future.

UM Future Financial Crisis

The following is a May, 2011 Report from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, Lovett H. Weems, Jr., Director.

Denominations Face Major Reset

Most congregations know the financial squeeze of recent years from the economic recession. What is more striking is that the financial downturn for denominations is even more pronounced and perhaps more long lasting. Recent developments in the United Methodist Church may serve as a bellwether for others. As Loren Mead recently noted, it was the Methodists in 1966 that for the first time ever had a decrease in membership that signaled a downturn soon matched by all the mainline denominations.



Weems addressing the United Methodist Financial Leadership Forum in March.

Fewer people giving more money. As membership decreased over the decades, giving continued to increase even after factoring in inflation. Every year, fewer people gave more money. That model worked for a long time. For United Methodists it lasted until 2009. In fact, for a 30-year period through 2007, total giving for all purposes by United Methodists increased from 100 to 300 million dollars a year (before inflation) every year. In 2008, the increase was a modest \$4.8 million. Then, for the first time in the memory of most, total giving declined in 2009 by about \$60 million. Does this begin to sound like another bellwether moment?

The coming death tsunami. But won't denominations return to the previous performance when the economy improves? Not likely. The practice of depending on fewer people to provide more money is unsustainable in the face of the coming "death tsunami." The U.S. death rate is currently in a stable period that began in 2003 and continues until 2018. But what follows this plateau is a death wave in which there will be more deaths and a higher death rate than at any time since the widespread introduction of antibiotics and other medical advances. The total number of deaths each year will go up until 2050, and the majority of these deaths will be older non-Hispanic whites and African Americans, the two largest constituencies of mainline churches.

Resetting the financial baseline. Therefore, a major financial reset is needed by most denominations to position them for these seismic changes ahead. As with any organization facing the future after 45 years of unabated decline in its constituency, there must be a stepping back to a new and lower baseline in order to move forward. Otherwise, all energy must go to maintaining the old unrealistic financial baseline.

The purpose of resetting the financial baseline is to free the preoccupation *from* money *to* reaching people for Christ through vital congregations. The criteria that matter going forward must be around reaching people, and the whole system needs alignment toward that goal. Money is a lagging indicator. We reset in order to return to the basics on which all giving depends — changed lives and transformed communities. There is no future for U.S. denominations that cannot reach more people, younger people, and more diverse people.

The death tsunami is coming. If it sweeps over a church already stretched to its limits to survive financially year by year, the result could be catastrophic. However, if it comes to a church that has reset its baseline and demonstrated the ability to begin growing, then the losses will occur, but will not deter the "field of energy" already moving in the denomination. Such a church will not only survive but come out on the other side as a growing, missional, and spiritually alive instrument of God. The time to make choices is now — while there are still choices to be made. Otherwise, circumstances will make the choices for us in the future.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

As previously reported, this year's Festival of Sharing will be held **October 1, 2011** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Otterbein University.

The location for the collection of kits for the Festival will be the Foothills District Office (47 Johnson Rd., The Plains) and **we will be receiving kits until September 29**. We would suggest churches cooperate with one another to transport kits to the district office. You could coordinate a county collection site and then transport all kits at once!

Kit contents may be found at www.churchworldservice.org.

Kits should be boxed and the boxes sealed. The outside of the box should be labeled with the contents of the box and the quantity. (i.e. Health Kits 10, School Kits 15)

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 888-868-1225 or office@foothillsdistrict.org. Thank you in advance for providing people around the world with School and Health Kits, Baby care kits and Flood buckets.



Earthquake survivor bathes her child in Haiti

Celebrating the Smaller Church In Our District



Ten years ago, some folks at Centenary UMC in Washington County decided that the Cutler community needed an after school program. It was a smashing success - so much so that in the last two years we had to move the program to the Cutler Community Center. We gather twice a month during the school year and provide the children with songs, activities, a snack, and Bible study. How popular is this program? We begin getting calls from the kids even before school starts.

There are volunteers from the church and the community who give generously of time talent and money. The photograph is of our first day last year. A very successful hayride.

Smaller Church—Did you know?

In 2010:

Of our 119 churches who average under 50 in worship attendance (6 churches didn't turn in their statistics on time!), **67** stayed the same or grew in worship attendance! 28 of those churches had at least one baptism.

Of our 155 churches who average under 100 in worship attendance (7 churches didn't turn in their statistics on time!), **84** stayed the same or grew in worship attendance! 52 of those churches had at least one baptism.

All of those congregations were involved in some form of ministry that touched the life of another and made a difference.

Do not grow weary in doing good! May God continue to be seen in you and your ministry!

VISION FOR OUR SMALLER CHURCHES IN THE FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

The Foothills District desires to help resource smaller church congregations and pastors so they can become effective in their ministry for Christ. It is our hope that every smaller church feels part of the larger Body of Christ and is reminded on a regular basis that they play a vital role in the mission of Christ. We want every smaller church to live out God's dream and to embrace its calling so it can discover why it exists. The Foothills District wants all of our smaller churches to grow in Spirit, to add new people to its family and to experience financial stability in order to continue to reach out beyond itself.

Every community in our region is looking for the church to be relevant and to make a difference by "doing good, doing no harm and staying in love with God". We know how valuable the relational aspect is in our churches, within our communities and with the District office. We want to continue to celebrate how God is at work within our smaller churches and how Christ is using smaller congregations to bring the good news to our neighbors, friends and loved ones. We know that our smaller churches cannot be islands or isolate themselves from other churches so we want to encourage each church to find other church partners in order to do ministry together for the honor of God and the building of his kingdom.

We believe the smaller church will play a key role in the future as it strives to be obedient to the call of God and seeks to reach out to those who have yet to experience the love of Christ. We pray that we will continue to be faithful no matter what size the church!

OUR VALUES:

- 1) We appreciate the Appalachian culture of SE Ohio and work within it for the sake of the cause of Christ
- 2) We enjoy the sense of community/connectedness/being neighborly in our villages and towns
- 3) We honor the generational aspect of this region and strive to reflect that in our churches
- 4) We strive to be resourceful and creative by accomplishing more with less as we focus on the assets we have at our disposal
- 5) We believe that every person is of sacred worth
- 6) We believe every Christian is gifted for ministry

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To Develop Effective Leadership (pastoral/laity) for our smaller churches
 - a) Invest in 20 smaller churches beginning in January, 2012 through the ABIDE process
 - b) Train 20 Pastors who are certified with Asbury Seminary for Smaller Church leadership
 - c) Use Smaller Church pastors to do one-on-one coaching with other smaller church pastors around practical, leadership issues
 - d) Continue to host bi-monthly field trips so church leaders can experience other churches
 - e) To hold monthly workshops for pastoral/laity teams around relevant topics for smaller churches
 - f) Encourage longer, effective pastorates

- g) Hold a Retreat for Supply/Part-time pastors in March 2012 along with a Smaller Church Conference
 - h) Hold 2011 Fall Charge Conferences that address Smaller Church Leadership challenges
- 2) To Build A Pool of Potential Supply Pastors
 - a) Create book studies throughout the year via email
 - b) Host a "If I were a Pastor" Church Tour every other month
 - c) Invite them to the monthly pastoral/laity team work shop
 - d) Focus on Next Generation Leaders and do all we can to include them
 - e) Develop a Youth lay speaking class
 - 3) To focus on Passionate Worship as our yearly theme for 2011-2012
 - a) Hold 2 winter Workshops in two locations (4 topics each)
 - b) Use Rural Life Sunday to encourage passionate worship in our smaller churches
 - c) Use Field Trips to another church to inspire passionate worship
 - 4) Offer alternative leadership models for structuring smaller churches for effective ministry
 - a) Demonstrate possible options/examples that are creative and effective
 - b) Create teams around finances, vision, conflict, and leadership and use them where needed
 - c) Create residencies, learning labs and internships within our District
 - d) Demonstrate models for how churches can be in ministry together
 - 5) Continue to encourage healthy, pastoral and congregational transitions
 - a) Continue to learn and listen to the pastors and lay leaders who have recently gone through a transition
 - b) Continue to refine the process
 - 6) Celebrate the Smaller Church in our District
 - a) Tell their story each month in the newsletter
 - b) Create a DVD of our smaller churches that will encourage and inspire
 - c) Recognize Smaller Church growth in the newsletter, Charge Conferences and Spring Conference
 - 7) Keep listening intently to the people in our Smaller Churches

*Please feel free to call or email Brent at the District office in order to talk about the vision for our smaller churches. Brent would love to hear your input and discuss ways to bring this vision to reality!

888-868-1225 or watson@foothillsdistrict.org



Smaller Church Resources

Here are some book resources for our smaller churches you might want to consider reading at your church.

Please send us your comments if you do use one of them at your church so we can recommend it to others or not recommend it! Thanks!

- *Developing Leadership Teams in the Bi-Vocational Church* by Terry Dorsett
- *Unleashing the Potential of the Smaller Church* by Shawn McMullen
- *Spiritual leadership in the Small Membership Church* by David Canada
- *Strategically Small Church* by Brandon O'Brien
- *Transforming Church in Rural America* by Shannon O'Dell
- *Intentional Ministry in a Not-So-Mega Church* by Dennis Bickers
- *The Indispensable Guide for Smaller Churches* by David ray
- *Developing Leaders for the Small Church* by Glenn Daman
- *Shepherding the Small Church* by Glenn Daman
- *Christian Education in the Small Membership Church* by Karen Tye
- *Thriving Youth Ministry in a Smaller Church* by Rick Chromey & Stephanie Caro
- *Worshiping in the Small Membership Church* by Robin Williams
- *Turn Around Strategies for the Small Church* by Ron Crandall



Smaller Church Ideas...Connecting with your Community

The Arthur Evangelical Free Church is located in the tiny town of Arthur, Iowa (population - 209). Quarterly, they sponsor a "Widow's Dinner", which is attended by up to 140 women from the area. Some men in the church take the day off work just to provide "valet parking" for them.



Barlow United Methodist Church Celebrates 175 Years

On September 11, 2011 members and friends of the Barlow United Methodist Church will celebrate 175 years of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving the community of Barlow, Ohio with a celebration beginning with their morning service at 10:00 a.m.

The first recorded religious services were held in a log house located on "Cemetery Hill" southwest of the Barlow village. Around 1810, the first class was organized. It was in this area that over 80 people were baptized at a single meeting held by Reverend Jacob Young. On April 26, 1819, a lot was purchased and a meeting place was built and used until 1836. The use of the building was given to the Methodist Society for holding their quarterly meetings. In 1834, the class was divided and at a meeting on February 12, 1836 John Houghland,

David Omiston, and Luman Richards were appointed to a building committee to build a church at Barlow.

After many years of prosperity and service, in 1947 an addition for Sunday school, recreation and social events was added. In 2010, new sidewalks were added, along with handicap access to the parsonage and the side of the church. In May of 2011, ground was broken to extend the current fellowship area to double its size. The inside of the church also became handicap accessible from all areas inside as well as outside.

As the times and faces have changed throughout the years, one thing has remained constant. The Barlow UM Church has prospered under many excellent pastors and shared the gospel with an untold number of people of many generations. We give thanks for the past visions and dreams of many people that have made this church a foundation in this community for service and salvation. May God's blessings continue to shine in and through all who share our love for our Lord Jesus Christ.



TIME FOR RENEWAL

Would you like to see the church regain her fire? Would you like to see the Holy Spirit come in new and exciting ways? Do you hunger for a fresh outpouring of power?

THEN DO I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!!!

A group of West Ohio clergy and laity have recently returned from the Aldersgate Renewal Ministries National Conference on Spirit-filled Living and they are excited about what God is doing. You are invited to join them for a

Holy Spirit Celebration! **Charismatic Renewal in the United Methodist Church**

October 29 - 6:00 p.m.
at the Sugar Grove UMC
324 East St., Sugar Grove, Ohio 43155

Preaching by: Rev. Dr. Scott Kelso

Nursery and Children's Ministry will be provided for kids 0-10years of age.

Smaller Church Leadership Certificate from Asbury Theological Seminary—

We are looking for **20 pastors** who want to focus on enhancing their leadership skills in the context of a smaller congregation. The Foothills District is partnering with Asbury to come alongside motivated pastors who want to learn and grow as leaders. There will be continuing education credits available to those who participate and a future hope that these 20 pastors will help coach other smaller church pastors in our district. Please call the District office **ASAP** so we know of your interest!

ABIDE Comes to the Foothills District!

ABIDE, Asbury Theological Seminary, the Lilly Foundation and the Foothills District are partnering together to strengthen and enhance our smaller congregations. We will begin a 14 month journey this January with 20 smaller churches. Each church will choose 3-5 lay people plus their pastor to be on an ABIDE team. A coach will be assigned to help each team (and their church) to become more vital, vibrant and effective in ministry.

This process will begin with an overnight session at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Zanesville on January 13-14, 2012.

There is an initial cost of \$200 per church which will be due by October 31, 2011. We have a registration form that needs to be filled out and sent in along with this deposit. An additional \$300 will be due next September although the Lilly Foundation is offering a \$100 scholarship to any church who wants to apply. The Foothills District is also willing to work with any church who wants to register but may have limited funds. Please call the District office ASAP so we know of your interest and can send you a registration form.

If you have any additional questions please call Brent at the District office. We are excited about what God can do in our smaller churches and in our District!

An Invitation to Experience
BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST
Coming Together to Worship in Song
Saturday, September 10, 2011
4:30 to 8:00 pm

THE VISION—Our heart's desire is to facilitate an experience for those who love Jesus from all different Christian streams to gather for a time of fellowship with songs of praise. We long to be the answer to Jesus' prayer:

"...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." – John 17:20-23

- TIME** 4:30 to 6:15 pm: Bring a picnic dinner and fellowship with the Body of Christ.
 6:15 to 8:00 pm: Worship through song led by the Oasis Band.
- PLACE** Outdoor amphitheater located on the Good Works property on 7857 Luhrig Road.
- WHO** All who desire to join in worship of God with other Christians from local churches and campus fellowships.
- SEATING** Fixed seating at the amphitheater is available. You are welcome to bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on the grass.
- DIRECTIONS** From Athens, follow Union Street away from Athens until you intersect with Route 682. Turn right and follow 682 N. Cross the railroad tracks and take your first left onto Luhrig Road, by the AEP building. Good Works is 0.8 miles down on the left.
- PARKING** Parking is available on the Good Works property. Additional parking is available at the AEP parking lot on the corner of Rt 682 and Luhrig Road. A shuttle will provide transportation to Good Works from 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION—Contact Good Works, Phone: 740.594.3339, Email: goodworks@good-works.net

APPALACHIAN ASSEMBLY—October 19-21

Lake Junaluska, NC
"Rethink Appalachia"

Effective Ministry For a Changing Environment

Keynote Speaker—Bishop Ken Carder

Presenters—Sharon Schwab, Betsey Heavner, Jeff Harlow, Darryl Stephens, Tayna Raines and SLI (Spiritual Leadership, Inc.)

Early Arrival Option: On site visit from the Cherokee UM Ministry to learn about bridging Christian faith with Native American spirituality. (fee \$10)

Registration fee \$50—Registration deadline September 15

To Register go to www.appalachia-umc.org for form or to e-mail registration.



Upcoming Events for Women

It's Otterbein Time!

The women of the Albany UM Church invite you to take a weekend to renew yourself, reflect on God's gifts in your life and rejoice in the beauty of God's creation and the fellowship of others. Women's Time at Otterbein weekend retreat will be held **October 14-16, 2011**. Check in is on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and closing will be following Worship on Sunday around 11:00 a.m.

This is the eighth year for the retreat and some of the things that make the weekend special are teaching times, Vespers, Bible Study, crafts, music, food and fellowship. Registration is due by September 30 and you may obtain a registration form from the District Office. Cost for the weekend is \$75. For more information or questions, contact Sue Penix, Director by phone at 740-698-6236, 590-1029 or by e-mail at istamp@frontier.com.

Women Under Construction

Women are invited to a "Women's Day Out" on Saturday, **September 17** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Beverly UM Church (700 Park St., Beverly, OH 45715). The theme will be construction projects and there will be worship, speakers, workshops, book review, exercises and singing. Lunch is free. The Scripture reminds us that we are God's workmanship created for good works. We are a "work" in progress. Thankfully God continues to overhaul, fix or remodel us as needed. The retreat will be a time of "reconstruction" for your self. Be ready to receive a few new tools and some blueprints that will help you manage the challenges of being a woman in today's world.

Workshops include such topics as Tools for Hope, Safety First, Building Confidence, Constructive Changes, Road Construction, Spiritual Well Being of Seniors, Blueprint for a Smile, Nuts and Bolts of our Faith, Carpenters for Christ, Designing a Senior Adult Ministry and Gift Container Construction.

Registration is due by Sept. 12 and you may register by calling the church at 740-984-2100 or e-mailing your registration to bumc740@gmail.com.

REKINDLE THE FLAME EVENT FOR CLERGY SPOUSES

October 28, 12:00 PM thru October 29, 3:00 pm at Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center, 22300 State Park Rd #20 Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

An opportunity to equip clergy spouses on how to reach out to congregational families who are experiencing crisis as well as personal family crisis. Network with clergy spouses; renew old and create new relationships. Spiritual development through worship and reflection.

Come early on Friday (noon) and take advantage of all the fun activities that will be available or catch up with old friends and meet new friends! Activities include horseback riding & golf (fees apply), tennis, swimming pool with Jacuzzi, workout room, shuffleboard, horseshoes, billiards, ping pong, walk awesome trails, massages, board games, card playing.....relax and have a great time! Dinner at 6:00 pm. **Please note:** child care is **not** available at the facility.

Retreat Leader: Marie Flora, Radical Hospitality and Events Director of Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City, Ohio. **Music and Praise Leader: Rusty Eshleman**, worship leader at the Fort McKinley Campus of Ginghamburg Church. *"...rekindle the gift of God that is within you..." - 2Timothy 1:6*

Register at the West Ohio Conference Website and click on "Register for Events" on the upper right side of the screen.



Wesleyan Leadership Conference 2011

October 13-15

General Board of Discipleship (Nashville)

Keynote Speaker- Dr Elaine Heath
Focus - New Models of Wesleyan Community

For details and registration:
www.gbod.org/wesleyanleadership

877-899-2780 (ext 1765)

or email- smanskar@gbod.org

Interested in the CLM Program?

The West Ohio Conference is willing to host the Certified Lay Ministry Program in the Foot-hills District if we have 15 interested lay persons. Please let the District Office know if you are willing to consider being one of those persons.

There are brochures in the District office we will gladly send to you or you can go to: www.westohioumc.org/CLM for more information.

The Inclusive Body of Christ Persons with Disabilities Ministry Area is recruiting a team of 8 -12 persons across the West Ohio Conference to make a two year commitment to help congregations fully welcome and include persons with disabilities in the life of their ministries. The team will meet 4 times per year. This team will help identify best practices and resources for ministry with and by persons with disabilities. The vision of this team is to create a reality where congregations will become centers of hospitality and faith-forming relationships for persons with disabilities and their families. If you are interested in serving in this ministry area, please call David Hoffman at 614-885-5365, david@worthingtonumc.com.

**NATIONAL
STUDENT
LEADERSHIP
INTENSIVE
indianapolis
oct 13-15 2011**

Do you want to ignite a *passion* in your youth for issues of social justice and Christian Community Development? CCDA (Christian Community Development Association) has designed a 2-day program with young leaders in mind (ages 15-19). Our **National Student Leadership Intensive** will be led by beloved youth advocate and pastor, Phil Jackson, from

The House Church (Chicago). Phil will be focusing on two of CCDA's *Eight Key Components*: Relocation and Redistrubtion. The program will also include intimate and energetic worship sessions; dynamic Bible studies; hands-on opportunities in various Indianapolis communities; knowledge and wisdom from John Perkins and other CCD pioneers; and crazy, fun evening activities! For more information go to <http://www.cdda.org>.

CHANGE THE WORLD CONFERENCE AT GINGHAMSBURG

Life is too short, the mission too critical, the call too compelling to simply play church... Change the World!

The Change the World network is designed to mentor churches—regardless of size, location or resources—on how to become Missional forces locally and globally.

Join us on **October 19-21** for a 2 1/2 day kick-off conference with featured trainers: Alan Hirsch, Rudy Rasmus, Mike Slaughter as well as special breakout session presenters from Missional churches across the US.

The October kick-off will empower your church to: Define and pursue your church's unique mission call
Grow Missional Leaders who will boldly take the church into the world

Maintain the vital relationships and grow the resources necessary for mission momentum

Learn more at www.ginghamburg.org/changetheworld or call 866-238-2930

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**See You at
the Pole -
Global Day of
Student
Prayer**

**Wednesday, Septem-
ber 28 at 7:00 am**

CONVERGE to PRAY.
Check with your school
to see if SYATP is be-
ing planned. If so, see
how you can help. If
not, go to
www.syatp.com to find
out all you need to
know to get started! Be
a part of something
bigger than your local
school—a movement!

What an amazing
thought that millions of
people all over the
world will be praying.
God wants to hear
your heart for your
school, so will you join
Him?

*Whenever two or three of
you come together in my
name, I am there with you.*
Matthew 18:20 CEV

**Check us out on the Web:
www.foothillsdistrict.org**

Smaller Church Leadership Conference - Mark Your Calendars -
March 24th (10:00 am to 3:00 pm) All Pastors and Laity in Smaller churches are
invited! Details will be coming!

**RETREAT for Supply pastors/Part-Time Local Pastors and Any Lay Person
who is thinking about being a Pastor someday** - We are holding a retreat
just for you! March 24th (begins at 3:30 pm) and 25th (ends at 11:30 am) at the
Burr Oak Lodge and Conference Center. Details will be coming!



WEST OHIO UNITED METHODIST MEN RETREAT

"Creating a Men's Ministry For Every Man In Your Church"

by Gil Hanke, General Secretary UM Men

8:30 am -4 pm **Saturday, October 8, 2011**

at North Broadway United Methodist Church

48 E. North Broadway, Columbus, OH 43214

Gifted Speakers: *"Like Father, Like Son"* by Rev. Dr. Mike Bowie

"POWER UP" by Rev. Don Trumbull

Contact: John Sherer, Gathering Dir. at Shererjw@aol.com 937.477.4106 cell/
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Part-Time Director of Children & Youth Ministries Sought

This is a part-time, salaried position (30 hour/week). Successful candidate will be well-grounded in his/her own faith, have the ability to inspire life-long spiritual development in teens and young children, have exceptional communication abilities, especially with teens, and strong organizational and administrative skills. Bachelor's degree in a related field and/or minimum 2 years proven effectiveness working with children/youth. Please submit resume to: Steve Sloan/Kim Mather c/o First United Methodist Church 2 South College St, Athens OH 45701. This position will remain open until filled, so interested candidates should complete the application **process as soon as possible**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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