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## Conference communications: new look, new life!

*Changes will improve services to local churches and the community*

A church that doesn't change can't impact a changing culture. So, we are changing! The Communications Ministry Team announces plans to greatly expand services to local churches, invigorate our public ministry and maximize communications resources by revisioning our website and *The United Methodist*—with no increase in expenditure of apportionment dollars.

The key to the new plan is our website. Careful consideration of local church requests, Conference staff and leadership needs, the recommendations of the 2000 Communications Audit, ideas gathered at the Conference Leadership Team Summit in March 2002, and member feedback has resulted in the redesign and expansion.

For details about this exciting new plan, see page 3.

Watch for changes throughout the year. We invite and encourage your feedback so we can improve services to local churches, members, non-members and the community.

— Linda Sullivan  
Director of Communications



### **www.umoi.org will offer:**

- ◆ a homepage designed to attract the public and support members
- ◆ an animated link to highlight special events and new site features
- ◆ password-protected “member portal” for support to specific church staff (resources for newsletters, evangelism, marketing, fundraising, media, ministry forms, etc.)
- ◆ dedicated pages for each district
- ◆ alternative language pages (Spanish, Korean, Tongan, more...)
- ◆ greatly expanded content under existing menu items (searchable articles, online registration for Conference events, youth resources, etc.)
- ◆ more photos of who we are and what we do
- ◆ a volunteer task force of people from all districts and all age groups will test model our first online community collaboration

Please help us by responding with your questions, ideas or feedback, either by mail to the Conference Office, e-mail to [Linda@umoi.org](mailto:Linda@umoi.org) or by using feedback tools that will soon be available at [www.umoi.org](http://www.umoi.org).

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# From My Perspective

by Bishop Ed Paup

## Get busy living!

In the movie "Shawshank Redemption," Andy says to Red, "It comes down to a simple choice: 'Get busy living' or 'Get busy dying'." In the movie it instills within Red a renewal of hope which had been lost.

"Get busy living," or "Get busy dying." It's a choice we make individually, and it's a choice we can also make corporately.

When Joshua proclaims, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," there is an implied choice of "living." When the rich man turned his back on Jesus' invitation to sell all he had and give the proceeds to the poor to prove his desire to serve God and not mammon, there was an implied choice of "dying."

As I write this letter, I'm in the air returning from sharing with my younger sister and family in mourning the sudden death of her husband, David. The pain of losing a 43-year-old loved one seems only to be surpassed by the thanksgiving to God for the gift of time together.

As family and friends shared their memories and words of tribute, there were many comments about his infectious smile, his joy of life, and his way of going the second mile for one in need. It doesn't mean that he always made the perfect choice, but he seemed to be driven to live life to the fullest as he understood that.

I believe that God calls us both individually and as the Church to live life to the fullest. We make that choice when we prayerfully align ourselves with the leading of the Holy Spirit. Our commitment to grow in God's grace, to grow in our relationship to God and to one another, and to be even more faithful in serving God speaks volumes about our choice of "living."

In other settings I have spoken of ways in which assessment of ministry occurs as the Cabinet seeks to discern God's leading in the making of clergy-church appointments. Among our considerations are the use of "performance" and "promise" in relation to "congregation," "community," and "Conference." We find it helpful to carefully consider these aspects of one's ministry in a particular setting even as we are looking at the needs of individual churches and the entire Conference.

Yet, such assessment does not only relate to clergy at appointment time. It could be very informative for each of us to pause and reflect on this. What is the "performance" of our ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ that the world experiences? What is the "promise" for the future to which we give evidence? How do we bear witness to this in the congregation, in the community, and in the Conference?

My friends, in our congregations, in our communities, and in our Conference and wider connection, let us choose to "get busy living" in the name of Jesus Christ.

### The Bishop's Schedule

<b>Feb. 3</b>	Sessions Committee	<b>Feb. 12-14</b>	GCOM/GCFA, Nashville, TN
<b>Feb. 4-6</b>	Oregon-Idaho Cabinet	<b>Feb. 14-19</b>	Alaska Cabinet Retreat
<b>Feb. 7</b>	Conference Leadership Team	<b>Feb. 20-21</b>	Oregon-Idaho Cabinet
<b>Feb. 9-12</b>	GCOM Leadership/Writing Teams Nashville, Tennessee	<b>Feb. 23</b>	Coburg UMC Centennial

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**T**he Communications Ministry Team has approved a sweeping change in the way we communicate with one another throughout the Conference. The changes begin with this issue of the *United Methodist* and will continue throughout the next year and a half—and beyond.

At a time when Oregon and Idaho are facing hard economic times and high unemployment, when local church support for Conference apportionments has fallen two years in a row, and when it seems that most news is bad news, here is some really good news!

Conference communications will greatly expand, offering new resources and services to local churches and church members—and at the same time, will become a tool for evangelism and outreach. And all this will happen with no additional expenditure of apportionment dollars.

### Web Site

Our website will grow in scope, clarity and depth. Most of our churches are already online, and we will provide the opportunity for every church join in this ministry.

The website's homepage will speak equally to members and non-members.

It will offer a password-protected "member portal" where pastors and church staff can find resources and information on newsletters, evangelism, marketing, fundraising, media, ministry forms and more.

Each district in the Conference will have its own pages. We will offer alternative language pages, beginning with Spanish and expanding over time to include others.

The site will offer greatly expanded content under each menu item.

A new website task force representing all districts and every age group will be formed that will meet online to offer guidance and help test and troubleshoot.

### United Methodist

Ideally, the Conference might publish several newsletters for members, church leaders, seekers, and others. However, the high cost and staff time required has led us to a better alternative.

We can nearly double the circulation of the *United Methodist* while reducing its budget by half. By changing to a less expensive format and shipping it bulk to local churches, publishing seven times a year instead of 11, and holding content to 16 pages, we can print at least 20,000 copies each issue instead of only 6,500. That means we can increase circulation from 71,500 copies per year to 140,000—a 95.8 percent increase!

Shipping quantities of newsletters to local churches insures that all members in every location have access to the *United Methodist*. In addition, it can be used as an evangelism resource for visitors and guests. It can be hand delivered to those unable to attend church as part of visitation, outreach and congregational care. Church members can offer copies to people they work with, live near or invite to church.

Accordingly, the content of the *United Methodist* will change somewhat. Information more appropriate to the website will be placed on either district or Conference pages. Featured prominently will be articles that speak more to non-members and groups identified as Conference priorities, such as new populations, Hispanics, young adults, and families with children and youth.

The Conference will provide more information and resources to more people with greater efficiency and focus—at no additional cost! We will continually invite your input and feedback. We are changing to embrace the future—all of us together.

— *Linda Sullivan, Director of Communications*  
*Ruthie Petty, Web Designer*

## Watch for:

- ◆ more information, searchable articles and archives
- ◆ messages from the bishop, district superintendents
- ◆ sermons by local church pastors
- ◆ additional resources for church leaders
- ◆ idea sharing
- ◆ pages dedicated to individual district news, activities
- ◆ alternative language pages
- ◆ meeting starters and inspirational messages
- ◆ a tool box of ideas, resources, and suggestions for church newsletters
- ◆ online directory
- ◆ evangelism, outreach and visitation tools
- ◆ stewardship ideas and information
- ◆ increased opportunities for feedback and conversation
- ◆ Conference Journal online, searchable
- ◆ filing of year-end and other reports online
- ◆ online event registration

### Attention!

The domain name for the Conference website has been restored. You may now access the website at either of these addresses:  
**[www.umoi.org](http://www.umoi.org)**  
**[www.umoi.net](http://www.umoi.net)**  
Special thanks to Mason Cole, Ruthie Petty and Resource One for their help in getting our domain name back.

### Rejoice, The Church at Work

The monthly newsletter, *Rejoice, The Church at Work* was not published in January or February. It will again be available on the Conference website, [www.umoi.org](http://www.umoi.org), in March.

It will then appear on the website by the 20th of each month for the following month.

If you wish to receive the newsletter by mail, please call or e-mail  
**Turella Woods**  
at 503-226-7931,  
1-800-593-7539 or  
[Turella@umoi.org](mailto:Turella@umoi.org).

## Epiphany labyrinth retreat introduces new year

*Participants reflect on the past and walk into 2003*

**A**dozen campers participated in the Epiphany labyrinth retreat at **Camp Magruder**, January 10-12. The theme, "Walking into the New Year," had people reflecting on the past year and discerning their own spiritual journeys for 2003.

The program was led by the **Rev. Adele Hustis, Coos Bay UMC**, and **Joyce Powell Morin**. They utilized both indoor and outdoor labyrinths as a path to illumination through the three days of growth and prayer. Group members from Lebanon, Dallas, Portland, Salem, The Dalles, Pendleton and Netarts had a wonderful experience of community, discussion, Bible study, enjoying natural creation and rest.

Another spiritual retreat utilizing the labyrinth will be held at **Suttle Lake Camp** the weekend of May 9-11. **The Rev. Barbara Schultz** and **Carol Evans** will lead participants in the Easter season theme "I Go Before You."

To register for the event, download a registration form from [www.gocamping.org](http://www.gocamping.org) or call the camp registrar at 1-800-JWESLEY (1-800-593-7539).

— *Brian White, Camp Magruder Program Director*



Several people "walk into the new year" on the indoor labyrinth at Camp Magruder.

BRAN WHITE PHOTO

## Largest peace march ever takes place in Portland

*United Methodists are in the lead at January 18 peace march*

**S**ome 25,000 people gathered in Portland's South Park Blocks on Saturday, January 18 in the largest peace rally and march in the city's history. People came to protest **President Bush's** plans to go to war against Iraq. Their numbers and the strength of their message was heard across the nation.

The march was organized by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and supported by over 140 religious and faith communities.

Speaking to the crowd, **the Rev. Wes Taylor**, pastor at **Tualatin UMC** and president of the EMO Board, said, "We say no to war—no to war with Iraq. We know that peace is always a better choice than war." After the rally, the crowd marched peacefully through the streets of the city carrying their message past City Hall.

Read Taylor's remarks at [www.umoi.org](http://www.umoi.org). Click on "Articles," then "Publications."



The Rev. Wes Taylor speaks at peace rally in Portland.

LARRY MONK PHOTO

## Cabinet closes out 2002, makes plans for the future

*Ministry Cabinet meets to plan new directions, finances, mission, ministry*

**T**he end of the year agenda for the Cabinet was a full one. Significant time was given to a Cabinet strategic plan and proposal growing out of the Conference vision, current realities, and hope for the future. Some of this is already in process with the concept of “connecting missions” currently being implemented in some parts of the Conference. Other considerations include Conference finances, deployment of clergy and Conference staff, and communications.

### December Meeting

The December meeting also included several reports.

**Communications Director Linda Sullivan** spoke of plans to expand the Conference website to provide significantly more resources to individuals and local churches.

**Stewardship Consultant Bob Tayler** shared results of some of his work with churches. Several churches tried the New Consecration Sunday approach successfully last year, some with double-digit increases in giving.

**Ernie Tsukuda** gave a report from the Equitable Compensation Commission of which he is chair. A total of \$251,550 was given to churches in the Conference in 2002 to support pastors' salaries.

The Cabinet also made some decisions related to change of appointment status for several clergy.

As always, the Cabinet spent time in worship and prayer, sending notes of care to several colleagues and churches throughout the Conference. Birthdays were celebrated, including **Bishop Ed Paup's**, and the birth of our Lord which is the reason for our being together in the first place.

### January Retreat

The Cabinet spent four days in mid-January in time apart to focus on the larger mission and needs of the Annual Conference.

The two primary agenda items were taking an inventory of potential appointment needs and finalizing a strategic plan for mission.

Regarding appointments, it appears that we will have enough pastors to cover current appointments without bringing in any new persons in the coming year.

Regarding the strategic plan for mission, the Cabinet spent another two days finalizing a report which will be made to the Conference Leadership Team on February 7. The report will address how we will implement our mission in the coming year and beyond. It will cover deployment of clergy and Conference staff, a new vision for communications (*see cover story and page 3*), and finance-related issues.

— *The Rev. Steve Sprecher*  
Assistant to the Bishop

## Southern District wins Igniting Ministry grant

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**T**he **Southern District** has again been successful in winning a matching grant for an Igniting Ministry television campaign. The grant of \$7,719 is one of 31 awarded for the 2003 Lenten season to churches and districts throughout the nation. More than 4,600 commercial television spots will be aired to an audience of nearly 20 million during Lent. The spots will air during the weeks of April 9-19.

The United Methodist media campaign called Igniting Ministry is making a huge impact across the church. After two years of the campaign, 46 percent of non-members expressed a willingness to attend a United Methodist church; up 11 percent since 2001. The United Methodist Church experienced a 7 percent increase in total attendance over the year 2000.

— *The Rev. Gary Oba*  
Southern District Superintendent

## Get with the click...

Technology has made spreading the Gospel within a click's reach! **UMCom.org** provides communication tools that allow United Methodists to be about the business of making disciples.

**UMCom.org** is currently offering its first CommTool, group e-mail—a tool that will allow you to quickly broadcast information to members of a group through one e-mail address.

You set up your own group list: local church members, choir members, youth group members, committee members, college students, etc. to broadcast information of your choice: newsletters, Bible study, prayer requests, calendars, reports.

Don't wait to visit [www.umcom.org/pages/](http://www.umcom.org/pages/) to set up your own group e-mail.

### Do you use movie clips at your church?

If you do, here's some information you need to know. Unauthorized use of videos in church settings violates the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976 and can carry fines of \$500 to \$20,000—even if you don't charge admission! Screening rights don't go with the price of purchase or rental of a video.

This does not apply to videos rented from the Conference Media Center which has paid for public performance rights.

But all is not lost. United Methodist Communications has come to the rescue. Under an agreement with Christian Video Licensing International (CVLI), UMCCom will process orders, collect fees and distribute licensing.

Churches with 49 or fewer members pay an annual fee of \$45; 50-199 members, \$75; 200-499, \$150; 500 or more, \$200.

For more information, call UMCCom's Customer Service toll-free number 1-888-346-3862 or e-mail [csc@umcom.org](mailto:csc@umcom.org).

— *Interpreter Magazine*,  
October 2002

## Wilsonville congregation undertakes three new ministries

*Community outreach changes, enlivens and strengthens ministry at Wilsonville UMC*

**W**ilsonville UMC is on the move with community outreach ministries.

### Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys

In December, Wilsonville UMC held its first *Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys* Christmas toy sale, an idea introduced by **Pastor David Bean**.

*Nickel Toys* are sold to parents for five cents each allowing parents the dignity of knowing they bought their children toys for the holidays.

The first year of the program was an unqualified success. Individuals and businesses donated more than \$2,400 in cash and \$2,000 worth of new toys. Two stores gave discounts for people buying toys for the project. Those toys helped 140 children in 62 families have a happy Christmas.

### Heifer Project

Children and youth of Wilsonville UMC, under the direction of **Linda Bean**, raised over \$200 for the Heifer Project by reading books. You can find information about the program at [www.heifer.org/about\\_hpi/](http://www.heifer.org/about_hpi/) or [www.readtofeed.org/](http://www.readtofeed.org/).

### Spanish Language Services

In June 2002, while Pastor Bean and other brave members of the church were doing a door-to-door survey at a local apartment complex, they met **the Rev. Ramiro Hernandez**, a local minister with a congregation but no place to meet. The

congregation decided to make its facilities available to Hernandez on Thursday evenings, creating the first Spanish-language church in Wilsonville. A Thanksgiving eve service which included both Hispanic and Anglo congregations was an enormous success, as was a multicultural potluck afterwards.

— *Penny Harper, Wilsonville UMC*

## Program enables church members to give electronically

*Giving to local churches just got easier*

**T**he United Methodist Electronic Funds Transfer program allows members to contribute to their local congregations by means of an authorized, recurring financial transfer directly from their checking or savings account to the church account. The program is sponsored by the General Council on Finance and Administration.

The service makes it easier for United Methodists to honor their pledges, and will reduce the fluctuation that churches see in contributions during the year.

Congregations of any size can participate in the program, which is affordable and has no initial set-up fee. Information about the program is available on the GCFA's website at [www.gcfa.org](http://www.gcfa.org).

— *United Methodist News Service*

## Ashland First UMC plans Wesley Birthday Heritage Sunday

The Heritage Committee at **Ashland First UMC** plans the **John Wesley** Birthday Heritage Sunday to be held on April 27. Sunday school classes are to study Wesley's life. **Pastor Michael Powell** says, "Our United Methodist history is important. Connections and the Quadrilateral have great influence in how we live in the world." Pictured left to right: **Claudia Law, Janet Williams** and **Vava Bailey**.



GRAHAM LEWIS PHOTO



## From Your Lay Leader

by Beverly Walker

### *There are meetings, and then there are MEETINGS!!*

I should know. As your Conference lay leader, I attend all kinds of meetings; big ones and small ones, close by and far away, boring ones and exciting ones, ones that are a waste of time and ones that prove extremely valuable.

Recently four of us have been getting together to plan a series of meetings to be held seven months from now. We think these meetings are going to be MEETINGS!! — well worthy of two or more exclamation points.

I'm in high company when the four of us gather. The gatherings include the bishop, the president of the Conference United Methodist Women, and the president of the United Methodist Men. I feel honored to be included.

What are we planning? Well, in 2003 we will celebrate the 300th birthday of the founder of Methodism. Methodism wouldn't have begun without two men named **John** and **Charles Wesley**, two extraordinary sons of an equally extraordinary woman, **Susannah Wesley**. This life-giving movement within the Church of England might have been begun by two clergy, but it soon found its life among the laity, to occupants of the pews in those early times.

So to celebrate this wonderful tradition begun so many years ago and which we inherit today, we are planning three connected but separate events on September 26-28. We are planning the very first Lay Academy to be held in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. We are calling it the Susannah Wesley Lay Academy in honor of this "Mother of Methodism."

We have already invited a distinguished and inspiring person to lead us in these events. He is **the Rev. Dr. Leslie J. Griffiths** of the Wesley Chapel, London, England. We'll be sharing with you more about this fine gentleman during the next few months.



*The Rev. Dr. Leslie Griffiths*

Who do we hope will attend these gatherings? Our slightly unreal goal is that every United Methodist member will attend. We are also hoping that every local church will make sure that at least one of their members will attend. It may mean that churches a great distance from where these events will be held will need to provide the wherewithal for their lay leader or another leader to attend. We are hoping that will happen.

As I said, the Susannah Wesley Lay Academy will be held on September 26, 27, 28. Mark those dates on your church calendar now and start planning for as many of you as possible to be a part of this really extraordinary MEETING!! We will be sharing all the details about who, what, when, why and where in the months to come.

### Prevent theft in your church...

Each year churches are victims of embezzlement by staff or volunteers. Safeguard your church from theft:

- ◆ Screen new employees thoroughly.
- ◆ Perform professional background checks.
- ◆ Monitor expenditures carefully.
- ◆ Pay attention to your payroll.
- ◆ Ask questions and be persistent.
- ◆ Do an annual audit.

Information, forms, job descriptions and performance evaluations are available from the General Council on Finance and Administration at [www.gcfa.org](http://www.gcfa.org).

— *Interpreter Magazine*, November-December 2002

**Susannah Wesley Lay Academy – September 26, 27, 28**

### Aloha UMC listens...

What impressions do “outsiders” have about the church? **The Rev. Beth Estock**, pastor at Aloha UMC, decided to ask. Seven people from outside the church gathered for two hours on a Saturday morning to respond to questions about the church. Five church people were asked to listen to their responses.

What did they learn? That people carry a lot of baggage about church including guilt, shame and unhealed wounds from the past. Also, that integrity and honesty are valued more than worship excellence. Ugly churches are a drive by. They expressed a desire to make a difference in the world on their days off.

### A book to study:

*“Worship Come to Its Senses”*

by **Don E. Saliers**

What are the important elements in worship? Must congregations always sing the Gloria Patri, clap hands after the choir sings, or administer communion only to those who kneel at the rail? What is core to worship?

Saliers calls the church to look at the elements fundamental to worship.

His insights may be helpful for developing worship and programs. New forms of worship may be a means of connecting to people outside the church.



## What about people outside the church?

by the Rev. Dr. Clinton E. Parker

*“If we start a new service or some of these small groups, we’ll get too big and we won’t know everyone. Everybody knows we’re a friendly church. I don’t think we need to change anything.”*

*“Are they going to sing those new-fangled hymns that nobody knows? Why don’t we stick to the old favorites? Whose idea was this anyway?”*

*“When it comes right down to it, we don’t need a lot of people, just two or three new families.”*

Comments like these are all too familiar to leaders as a congregation begins reaching out to people outside the church.

A congregation surveyed those in worship for three weeks. The leadership team was considering expanding ministry to those outside the church. They were asking questions. They were thinking of starting new groups targeting new people or a new worship service. This set off a furor with a vocal group in the congregation opposed to change.

A pivotal question is, “Who plans for those outside the church?” Some congregations are entrenched in “the way we always do it.” When in survival mode, no thought is given to a plan to reach out to those outside the church. The call of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to connect with the hearts and souls of those outside the church has been lost.

In a typical congregation there are three groups: 25% will be ready for progress, half will follow along if it is good for the church, and 25% don’t want progress and will let everyone know it.

In order to be effective reaching new people, there must be change. But what needs to be changed? There simply is no formula for evangelization and church growth. However, it is possible to begin a process that could lead to reaching those outside the church in order to grow. Here are some beginning steps:

1. **Go into the community.** Drive around. Do a “windshield tour” of your area. Talk to people, do some surveying and/or critical interviews with key people in the area.
2. **Identify people in the community.** Ask questions: Who are these people? What are their lifestyles? Are they young, old, with a church background, single, married, commute long distances, affluent or impoverished, and a host of other questions. Review available demographics.
3. **Listen to people outside the church.** What are their stories? What is their opinion, if any, of the church? Form a focus group and listen. Churches are sometimes surprised by what they hear from an outside group.
4. **Discover the needs.** What are the hurts and needs surfacing within the community? How can the church intersect with those needs by being invitational?
5. **Make a plan to marshal both human and financial resources.**
6. **Form new core groups to initiate new ministries and reach new constituencies.** One place to start may be children, or grandchildren. What about other family members in the community who may once have been in the church? Where are they now? Why did they leave? What changes would need to be made for them to return?
7. **Pray!** Become a church steeped in prayer. Do more listening than speaking as a step toward discerning God’s call in your community or neighborhood.

Do you have questions about evangelization and church growth? Do you have ideas that have been successful in growing your church? Drop me an e-mail at [clint@umoi.net](mailto:clint@umoi.net).



## Core values guide a year of camps and retreats

by the Rev. Lisa Jean Hoefner

**M**uch thought is given to the core values of an organization. Whenever decisions are made, these are the values that guide us. Here is a list of the core values by which we organize and operate Camp and Retreat Ministries, correlated with examples from our ministry in 2002:

### Faith Formation

*We exist because people yearn for God and a spiritual center. People long to experience the love of Christ.*

Congregations have long understood that a unique benefit of camp/retreat centers is the emphasis on experiential learning. Our ministry is based on active learning—people participating in a shared activity, and then reflecting on what it teaches them about Christian faith and living. Retreats and camps also balance activity with renewal modeled by Jesus, who stepped away from his day-to-day work to go into natural settings to intentionally meet with God and explore the deeper meanings of his life. We invite people to a life-long practice of this ebb and flow of prayerful action and contemplation. Camp/retreat experiences often become defining moments that set direction for our lives and our leadership. Persons involved in our ministries are often asked to reflect deeply and to make faith decisions about the kind of persons they will be and what they will do with their lives.



### Volunteers

*We value volunteers in all aspects of our ministries. We enable and depend on people to contribute their gifts, time and energy in ways that truly make a difference.*

We invest many resources each year in volunteer identification and recruitment, screening, training, supervision, appreciation and record keeping. The Sabbath retreat for volunteers in February 2002 was so well responded to that it has led us to expand offerings next year. We are now working on a plan to alternate Sabbath events for volunteers with joint training ("how to") events with Sunday School teachers and youth leaders along with camp volunteers. Three CIT events for youth pass the value of volunteer involvement on to the next generation of leaders.

### Excellence

*We provide high quality, effective, responsive ministries because those we serve and those who support us count on us to do so.*

The American Camping Association has recognized us for excellence this year with the re-accreditation of Camps Magruder, Suttle Lake, and Latgawa. (Sawtooth is also accredited, but on a different visitation cycle.) Our Community Day Camp ministry is this year's recipient of the "Phyllis M. Ford Award for Creative Programming" presented by the Oregon Trails Chapter of the ACA. Creation Vacation Ministries was the



recipient in 2000. Persons visiting Wallowa Lake this year have written to the *United Methodist* articles and letters that begin with "WOW!" Persons hosted at Alton L. Collins Retreat Center consistently praise the facility, the food, the atmosphere of hospitality. We are leaders in the denomination and region, known for excellence in hospitality and program ministries.

### Compassion

*We care deeply about all God's children and are motivated by God's love to bring hope, love, and joy to people of all ages and to people in need.*

Our camps for special populations grow each year. We help link church members and people living in poverty through Creation Vacation camps and day respite programs. We expanded  
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## Camp & Retreat Ministries

our work with persons living with HIV+ / AIDS to include a second Strength for the Journey Camp—this one focused on women and their children who are impacted by the disease. We host many special needs groups—physically and mentally challenged adults—as well as supporting inclusion of individual campers (adult and children) in our many events. We offer the services of our camps to meet community emergencies—serving as hosts, cooks, housing providers during times of fire, flood, homelessness and other community emergencies. We are appreciated community members in each of our locations.



### Leadership

*We encourage innovative approaches that creatively leverage the skills, knowledge and resources entrusted to us.*

Staff are set loose, and encouraged, to try new ways, share their expertise with one another, and support the whole enterprise of Camp and Retreat Ministries. We have invested in professional staff development with **Brian White**, **Jane Petke**, and **Miranda Lovegren** enrolled in Certification for Camp and Retreat Ministries through the General Board of Higher

Education and Ministry and the General Board of Discipleship, and course work at Drew University Theological School. **Kevin Witt** and **Lisa Jean Hoefner** are among twelve Doctor of Ministry candidates, an outgrowth of that same certification program. **Ted Hulbert** has recently completed the fundraising course that is offered as part of certification. **David Cook** maintains professional certification through the International Association of Conference Center Administrators (IACCA). Our professional staff works to empower many part-time seasonal paid and volunteer leaders. It is a joy to relate that Camp Sawtooth had the strongest staff ever last summer, and that Camp Magruder is feeling the same way about the year-round senior staff in place there right now.

### Teamwork

*We value partnerships and collaboration with others who share a common mission. We develop teams with board and staff, donors and volunteers, parents, campers, UM churches, other Christian denominations, faith-based organizations, community groups, and schools.*

We have worked with churches to "jump-start" new Sunday school classes and fellowship groups with a weekend retreat. We team up to provide programs and settings for confirmation training, women's and men's spiritual formation experiences, Disciple Bible and Alpha program concluding sessions retreats, and planning retreats for church leadership councils. Recent conversations with the Presbytery of the Cascades youth, camping, and education leadership may lead to more collaboration—adding consideration of year-round retreat hosting and future new facility projects to our already established summer camp agreement. We are in various stages of negotiations for collaborations with the Women's Inter-community AIDS Network (WIAR) regarding Camp Starlight for

children and youth, and with the American Lung Association of Oregon for a new camp initiative for family asthma education. The ALA-Idaho holds its Camp Christmas Seals at Sawtooth. The American Cancer Society holds Camp UKANDU at Magruder. We are well known partners for environmental education at all our sites with a large variety of school, university and USFS, State Fish and Wildlife, and other groups. I actively seek cooperative relationships with others as a way to extend our ministry.

### Care for the Earth

*It matters that we are "Outdoor Ministries"! We value the spiritual, biblical roots of our faith regarding the sacredness of creation and stewardship as vital to discipleship.*

We intentionally teach environmental stewardship, practice earth care in staff routines and with campers, and call attention to our settings so that others may experience the peace, beauty and healing that are received from the earth and the Spirit. Whether it is through employee ideas for saving electricity, the teaching of low-impact backpacking techniques, compost piles, organic gardens, recycling, involving campers in service projects, or focusing on our relationship with the earth as a program theme, we never forget where we are.



## Reach out in love to our brothers and sisters in the world

*The Seventh Annual Parade of Boxes reminds us to look outside our own church doors*

**J**ohn Wesley's famous quote, "The world is my parish," serves as a reminder to look outside our own church doors. Your Oregon-Idaho Mission Team is offering all local churches two different opportunities to "reach out in love to our brothers and sisters in this, our worldwide parish." The United Methodist Committee on Relief warehouse in Louisiana has shared with us the need for the two following emergency kits. As always, kits are not a "have to." Churches are not obligated to participate. But please present the idea to your members and let the Wesleyan Spirit Move!

— *Corinne and the Rev. Tom Tate*  
*Conference Mission Co-Secretaries*

### Health Kit

These kits are distributed outside the US to places where people do not have access to essential supplies for everyday life. Health Kits can be used as learning tools in literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. They are also distributed to people who understand personal hygiene but have limited resources.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 hand towel                   | 1 wash cloth                          |
| 1 hair comb (not pocket-size)  | 1 nail clipper                        |
| 1 tube toothpaste (6.2 oz.)    | 1 bar soap (bath-size, original pkg.) |
| 1 toothbrush in sealed package | 6 (only) adhesive band-aids           |

*Wrap the **brand new** items in the new hand towel, tie with string and place inside a sealed one-gallon zipper-closure plastic bag. If you provide multiple kits, make a note on the outside of the box noting health kits and number of kits enclosed.*

### Bedding Pak

Distributed primarily in the US for victims of natural disasters.

- 2 new flat double bed sheets, 2 new pillowcases, 2 new standard-size pillows

*Send all new materials that are unopened. Pack bedding pak items in a 12"x12"x16" carton or a carton that is as close to that size as possible.*

### Handling Instructions

Address boxes to:

**UMCOR Depot, PO Box 850, 131 Sager Brown Road,  
 Baldwin LA 70514-0850**

*Take your sealed and addressed boxes to your local post office, have the boxes weighed, purchase **stamps** and adhere them to the box. Bring the **pre-stamped** boxes to Annual Conference and place them in the area marked "Mission Depot." And have fun!*

*Questions? Contact **Corinne** or **Tom Tate**, Mission Co-Secretaries at 208-234-3784 or e-mail [tomcor4m1@cableone.net](mailto:tomcor4m1@cableone.net).*

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### The Road Less Traveled

"The Road Less Traveled" is the theme for the 2003 Student Forum of the United Methodist Student Movement set for May 22-25 at Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania. The Student Forum is a national leadership conference for college students sponsored by the Campus Ministry Section, United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry. About 500 student leaders, college chaplains and campus ministers will gather for leadership training, spiritual formation and networking. Each annual conference is invited to send three voting delegates and six alternate student delegates.

Registration begins in April and details will be available at

[www.umsm.org/studentforum](http://www.umsm.org/studentforum).

— *United Methodist News Service*

## Expressions of Faith offer exploration of faith, creativity

*Two new sabbath retreats for youth and young adults are offered in 2003*

**T**he Conference Youth Ministry Team is very excited to offer two new events in 2003 for youth and young adults, ages 14-23, called "Expression of Faith." These sabbath retreats are for individuals wanting to explore their faith, renew their spirits, and grow closer to God by dedicating a whole weekend to focus on their relationship with God.

**Oregon Expression of Faith—February 21-23—Corvallis First UMC, Oregon**  
**Idaho Expression of Faith—March 14-16—Hillview UMC, Boise, Idaho**

The format will be free-flowing with many choices for expression. There will be six rooms with supplies for being creative in arts and crafts, music and dance, quiet prayer and meditation (including a labyrinth), toys for play, conversation, cooking and more. Participants will also experience different worship forms including Taize. A prayer-athon will run the entire weekend. Registration fee is \$55 including five meals.

Packets including registration forms have been mailed to local churches, campus ministries and district offices. The packets also include information on the "Lost & Found Concert," February 8 at Portland First UMC and a new cross-training skills event co-sponsored by CYMT, Camp & Retreat Ministries and Christian education.

If you are age 14-23, please consider joining us for one of these exciting weekends—and share this information with others you know. If you are not in the target age group, share this information with those you know who are. You may also enable a young person to attend one of these events by donating money for a partial scholarship.

— *Marcey Balcomb, Conference Youth Director*

## Ministry with the Forgotten Corner

*A week-long mission trip for urban and suburban youth to help Jordan Valley residents*

**T**his summer **Jordan Valley UMC** is inviting youth from urban settings to come to Jordan Valley to experience life in a rural community. During the week each group will be involved in community service such as painting, siding, fence repair, and other basic house and community repairs for residents no longer able to do the hard work of maintaining homes and yards.

It will be a week like no other. Youth will work hard during the day, but in the evening they will learn about ranch life first-hand from residents who have been in the area for generations, visit a ghost town, go swimming and enjoy real country life.

Jordan Valley is a town of about 250, mostly ranchers and retirees, 90 miles from Boise, Idaho. It is surrounded by ranches and mountains and the bluest of blue skies.

Some people have lived in Jordan Valley since their families homesteaded the area. **Evelyn Loveland-Farmer** is one of these. She just celebrated her 90th birthday. She still comes and opens the church every Sunday, making sure coffee is made. She remembers growing up, attending a log school house, riding 70 miles on horseback to go to dances. She is willing to share a bygone culture with today's young people.

"Ministry with the Forgotten Corner" came about as we realized that there are many people in town unable to do the hard maintenance work required to keep up their homes and that skilled labor is very hard to find. Workers must come some distance from Caldwell, Idaho or Ontario, Oregon.

In the end we will all be changed by sharing with one another.

The cost for this week, June 29-July 5, including food, lodging and materials is \$125 per person. For more information contact **the Rev. Claire McNulty-Drewes** at 208-395-0156 or [drewes748@aol.com](mailto:drewes748@aol.com).

— *The Rev. Claire McNulty-Drewes  
Pastor, Jordan Valley UMC*

## Echoes from the Archives

*A series of articles taken from the records in the archives of the Oregon-Idaho Conference*

### Daniel Lee Reminisces—Part 3: Breaking Ground for Our New Mission

*John Hook and Charlotte Hook have edited "Daniel Lee Reminisces." It is in two volumes: Typescript and Xerox®. The Xerox® volume would be of interest to students of Oregon history since they need sources as near to the original as possible. The authors have given permission to quote from the book. This series is taken from the Typescript. Errors have not been corrected.*

"Now in the field my uncle was prepared to report to the mission board what he had accomplished—which report by our best means of communication could not reach them short of 12 months! And well nigh 2 years would be required to receive an answer in return!

"Br. Shepard is yet at Fort Vancouver being much worn by the overland journey and needing rest. Here he was not idle; but took in charge a small school, which was under the patronage of the Chief Factor, Dr. John McLaughlin.

"The rainy season was near and our first need a house for shelter. Before the first log could be laid we had to prepare our tools—axes needed handles—a grindstone must be hung—and yokes and bows for our oxen. And doing the best we could, we were caught in one storm and thoroughly drenched. But when the next round came we were better protected having our house partly roofed. Our finishing was all our own work, quite primitive. Our furniture—a table and some stools—plain—yet a luxury.

"In addition to building our house we enclosed field of 40 acres which we farmed the next summer. We now built a log barn 30x40 feet in which to store our harvest. Our wheat was splendid, 40 bushels to the acre and the kernel large.

"An Umpqua boy, left with us was docile and industrious; but being

taken sick, and dying soon, our cherished hopes were disappointed. A girl, a Calapooya, whom we named Lucy Hedding, that we had taken in the winter, an orphan lingered on two years and then died."

*Daniel Lee experienced health problems and Dr. McLoughlin advised a sea voyage to the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii). He left immediately and spent several months there with the island missionaries. He returned in good health in 1836.*

"At the mission in 1836, 45 acres were under cultivation—yielding 750 bushels of wheat and 200 bushels of potatoes. Some 200 children had been taken in and the house enlarged to make them room. It was not a light matter to care for all these—hungry, the unclothed, the sick, not to mention their teaching. Brother Shepard was doing the work of two alone and my uncle had his hands full in the general oversight.

"About the 1st of Jan 1837 Mr Webley Hauxhurst called on us and tarried over night. We held our class meeting as usual and he was present. The demeanor of the children at the evening prayers arrested his attention and he left the next morning under deep conviction. On the 13th he wrote us a letter.

"In substance, 'I am thankful that my business led me last week to your house. I learned more in that week than in 31 years before.

"When I saw the Indian children praying and worshiping God, I thought it was high time for me who had lived 31 years without ever praying for my own soul,...I felt like a person lost forever.'

"We pointed him to Jesus and soon he found peace for his troubled soul! This is believed the first conversion of a white man in Oregon.

"It was Sunday July 16, 1837 and



*Dr. John McLoughlin*

had been set apart for our holy communion. At 11, we gathered in a grove of fir trees near the Mission House, a mixed assembly. All well appareled and serious in demeanor. The opening Hymn, 'When All thy Mercies O God' and was given out by my Uncle Jason Lee and sung in the spirit of grateful praise. Then standing up he spoke of setting a good example and suiting the action to the word took Miss Anna Maria Pitman by the hand, and I performed the ministers part of the transaction, they were united in marriage. Then my uncle married Brother C. Shepard to Sister Susan Downing. Then a third couple having been married, Mr. Jason Lee officiating."

—*The Rev. Don Knepp*  
Co-Archivist

*The Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Archives are located at 680 State St., Salem OR 97301.*

*If you are curious about any aspect of United Methodist history in Oregon or Idaho, or have other story ideas, please submit them to the Rev. Don Knepp at the above address. We are eager to share the stories of local congregations and church members and friends. Submit up to two pages of double-spaced copy for possible publication. Be sure to include your name and phone or e-mail number.*

### **Pastors' School May 12-15**

April 1st is the deadline to register for this year's Pastors' School, May 12-15 at Kah-Nee-Ta. Registration brochures will be mailed soon or you may print your registration form from the Pastors' School Web site at [www.gb-gm-umc.org/oregonidahopastorsschool](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/oregonidahopastorsschool).

Pastors' School 2003 will be an exciting and enriching event. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Randy Maddox, Paul T. Walls Professor of Wesleyan Theology at Seattle Pacific University. He will present a program entitled, "Celebrating the Whole Wesley," including segments on "Reclaiming Wesley as a Theological Mentor," "The Dynamic of Wesley's Practical Theology," "Wesley's Wisdom about Nurturing Christian Life," and "Wesley's Wisdom on Wholistic Healing." An informal time with Dr. Maddox will also be provided.

In addition to a top-quality program, the schedule and setting at Kah-Nee-Ta provide for ample personal time. Recreational opportunities include swimming, spa, golf, tennis, hiking and biking.

Anyone serving under appointment, those on honorable location, leave of absence, or retired, is welcome. Spouses of clergy are also welcome provided they are fully paid and fully active participants in the event.

Financial assistance is available through the Ministerial Education Fund. To apply, contact Dave Richardson at 503-203-8023 or [cdrichardson3@attbi.com](mailto:cdrichardson3@attbi.com). Other questions? Contact your Pastors' School registrar the Rev. Rhoda Pittman Markus at 503-357-3998 or [rpmarku@attglobal.net](mailto:rpmarku@attglobal.net).

### **Whose voice will be heard?**

The Oregon-Idaho Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) and Shalom Ministries will co-sponsor an event on March 8 at Portland First UMC. The content of the meeting will deal with the agenda of the Institute for Religion and Democracy and how their proposal to reform the United Methodist Church and return to "classical" Christianity may affect decisions made at General Conference 2004. Guest speakers include the Rev. Dr. Phil Wogaman recently retired from Foundry UMC in Washington D.C. and former dean of Wesley Theological Seminary, and the Rev. Mark Williams, pastor of Woodland Park UMC in Seattle. Cost of the event is \$25 before Feb. 15, \$30 after that date, \$5 for students. More information is available at [www.shalomministries.com](http://www.shalomministries.com).

### **Explore communion and bread baking at retreat**

An adult retreat, "Bread of Life," will be held March 14-17 at Suttle Lake Camp near Sisters, Oregon. Bake bread together, sing, learn and discuss the theology of the Eucharist, enjoy late winter in the Cascade mountains and the fellowship of other bakers. Beginning bakers are encouraged to come and learn the basics in a supportive atmosphere. Experienced bakers are invited to share their wisdom and recipes. Communion stewards, worship leaders—anyone who wants to enjoy the weekend is invited. Cost of the weekend is \$125 covering food, lodging and supplies. Leaders are April and the Rev. Craig Hall Cutting, Hermiston, and Nat and the Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr, Portland. To register, contact Geneva Cook at 1-800-JWesley or download a form from [www.gocamping.org](http://www.gocamping.org).

### **Global Gathering IV**

*A Celebration of Christian mission is on the way!*

**April 10-13, 2003  
Birmingham, Alabama**

Did you miss the early registration deadline? It's OK, you can still register to participate in a Volunteers in Mission experience either before or after you attend Global Gathering. The sooner you send your registration, the better chance you will have of getting your first choice of experiences, not all of which involve manual labor.

If you have never attended a Global Gathering, you could be in for a real treat. Last year some 40 persons from Oregon and Idaho were there—and most of them are returning.

Global Gathering provides many ways to participate in the theme, "In Mission Together." Highlights will include worship, music and preaching from the Christian traditions of five nations. The many cultural gifts of one great Spirit will lead to new heights of spirituality. You may also choose from 70 workshop topics.

Registration form may be downloaded from <http://gb-gm-umc.org/goglobal/> or call Corinne Tate at 208-234-3784.



**Global Gathering IV**

**ALCRC presents 2003 Founders Symposium  
March 30-31, 2003**

The Founders Symposium is the successor to the Mary McConnell Lectures. This is the second year in a five-year series entitled "Spirituality and Sustainability." The presenter is the Rev. Dr. Gloria H. Albrecht, currently the Professor of Religious Studies and Women's Studies at the University of Detroit Mercy. She is also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Albrecht has published two books, *Hitting Home: Feminist Ethics, Women's Work, and the Betrayal of "Family Values;"* and *The Character of Our Communities*. Her presentations will give participants the opportunity to learn about her ideas of Christian community based on inclusiveness and diversity rather than individualism and materialism.



The Rev. Dr. Gloria H. Albrecht

Brochures with registration forms may be obtained from David Cook, director at Alton L. Collins Retreat Center at 503-637-6411 or [alcrc@teleport.com](mailto:alcrc@teleport.com). The symposium begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, March 30 and concludes at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 31. Resident registration is \$80 (overnight accommodations, three meals and program); commuter registration is \$60 (two meals and program).

**Conference Calendar**

The Conference Calendar will no longer be run in the *United Methodist*. Check our website for a current list of meetings and events at [www.umi.org](http://www.umi.org).

**Electives for Elders**

Tuesday mornings beginning February 3-March 11, Portland's First Church Seniors will present Electives for Elders. You don't have to be a member at Portland First to attend. Classes are open to the public. Spring term classes include "Comedy Today," taught by Paul Bender; "Thinking about Jesus," by the Rev. Arvin Luchs, and "Watercolor Painting," by Dr. Rudy Stevens. Tuition is \$15 per six-week course (\$30 additional for watercolor class). Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is requested by Feb. 2. Check this website for further information: [www.fumcpdx.org](http://www.fumcpdx.org).

**Vacation Bible School Training Event  
March 15, Roseburg UMC**

Planning Vacation Bible School is a big task, but the VBS Training Event on March 15 will make it much easier! Pastors, Christian educators, teachers, youth and ecumenical friends are invited to this comprehensive training utilizing the 2003 Cokesbury curriculum, "Lighthouse Kids: Shining God's Light."

The Rev. Barbara Nixon will keynote the event with ideas for creative and purposeful programs. A Cokesbury representative will be available to answer questions and sell curriculum materials.

Take home lots of ideas and confidence for leading an exciting VBS from six interest group workshops:

- VBS Directors .....Dody Hansen
- Classroom Teachers .....Dorita Betts-Borgerson
- Mission Story Speakers .....June Fothergill
- VBS Musicians .....Laura Jaquith Bartlett
- Craft Coordinators .....Janet Cromwell
- Games Leaders .....Mark Christensen

Registration brochures are available from the Southern District office at 541-689-3725 or [sdumc1@juno.com](mailto:sdumc1@juno.com). The registration fee of \$10 includes lunch, presentations and resources. Childcare is available if requested prior to March 3. The event is hosted by the Southern District Leadership Team and is open to everyone.

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### Wesley ranks among top Britons

**P**lans to mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of **John Wesley**, the founder of the Methodist movement, have received a boost on the Anglo-Methodist side of the Atlantic. Late last year, a major BBC poll to find the “Greatest Britons” of all time saw Wesley come in at number 50 in the top 100 names.

In the run-up to the start of a significant year for Methodism, this indicated that Wesley’s reputation as a great religious leader might actually enjoy much wider recognition than many had assumed. And, hopefully, by the end of 2003—in Britain, America and all countries with a Methodist presence—Wesley’s name will enjoy even greater significance.

Born at Epworth, Lincolnshire, on June 17, 1703, Wesley was the 15th child of **Susannah** and **the Rev. Samuel Wesley**, clergyman of the Church of England like his father and grandfather before him. Susannah was the daughter of Samuel Annesley, an expelled Puritan often described as “the St. Paul of Nonconformity.”

It was in 1709 that, as a child, John was saved from a fire that destroyed the Epworth Rectory. The dramatic rescue convinced his mother that God must have special work cut out for him. She described her son, biblically, as “a brand plucked from the burning.”

During early boyhood, he was educated at home by his remarkable and intellectually gifted mother who, by all accounts, was also something of a disciplinarian. And although he was brought up during some lean times—his father was once imprisoned for debt—the young John is said to have lived in a happy family atmosphere.

At age 10, he left Lincolnshire to become a “sponsored” boarder at Charterhouse School in London, later to leave at age 17 for Oxford, where he spent six years as a student at university. Following in the footsteps of his father, he decided to become an Anglican priest and was ordained in 1728.

While at Oxford, he and his brother, Charles, became involved in what was sneeringly known by fellow students as the “Holy Club,” the “Bible Moths” or...the “Methodists.” This was a small group of like-minded students who regularly met to study the Bible and pray. The also showed a practical concern for the poor and were involved in visiting prisoners and distributing relief to destitute families.

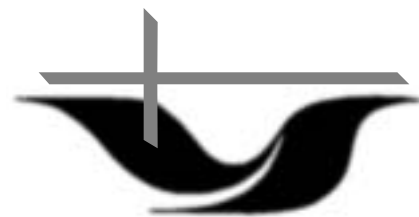
In 1735, John and Charles sailed to Georgia in America, where John served as a parish priest in Savannah and was keen to be a missionary to the Indians. But coupled with a disastrous romance (the first of at least three in his lifetime), the enterprise did not seem to work out, and he returned to England in 1738. Years later, he was to have a profound influence upon the spread of Methodism to America.

An experience from his American visit that did have far-reaching consequences was his contact with the religious group known as Moravians. This began during his outward voyage on the “Simmonds” when, during a ferocious storm, Wesley was enormously impressed by the courage and steadfast faith of these German families while all around them were fearing for their lives.

After returning to London, he attended various Moravian meetings and during one of these, on May 24, 1738, he had a conversion experience. “I felt my heart strangely warmed,” he wrote. “I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.” He was then 35 years old. The experience had such an effect on him that he devoted the rest of his long life to bringing the same message of salvation to others.



John Wesley



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