



January 23, 2008

Conference News

Plans announced for special session in case of bad weather

What if inclement weather results in the cancellation of the special session of annual conference, Saturday, Feb. 2, in Hickory? Below is the process to be followed.

- o Bishop McCleskey will make a final decision at 5:30 a.m. on Feb. 2.
- o WNCC Communication Director Mark Barden will notify all clergy via conference e-mail.
- o A message will be placed on the conference answering machine (800.562.7929).
- o A notice will be posted on the conference Web site (www.wnccumc.org).
- o District superintendents are asked to put messages on district answering machines and district Web sites. If the district uses a phone chain, use it to communicate. They may also contact local television stations to put it on the cancellation list.

Should the session be cancelled, a snow date has been set for Saturday, Feb. 9, at the same location. [\[More\]](#) [\[Final Report\]](#)

Deadline approaches for display space at Harvest of Blessings

The WNCC Commission on Mission/Outreach invites districts and mission groups to provide informational displays at both Harvest of Blessings events, scheduled for March 15 and Oct. 4. Deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 8. [\[Information\]](#) [\[Application\]](#) [\[Harvest of Blessings main page\]](#)

Nike gives major donation to Project AGAPE

Athletic wear company, Nike, recently donated a major gift to Project AGAPE in Armenia. Nike donated a shipment of various short-sleeve and long-sleeve shirts and jackets. The shipment, consisting of 879 boxes on 22 pallets, is valued at \$109,480. This gift will provide clothing for hundreds of people who desperately need it.

Later this spring, churches may make donations for Project AGAPE. The pick-up date, probably in April, will be announced soon. Until then, consult the packing guide for items that will be needed.

High Point University hosts game day gatherings, alumni weekend

High Point University is hosting several events in the coming weeks for alumni, family and friends.

- o High Point Panthers vs. Liberty Flames Basketball TV Viewing Party, Saturday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m., Pen Quarter Sports Tavern, Washington, D.C. [More]
- o Under the Hill Gang Gathering, Friday, Feb. 1, 9 p.m., Liberty Steakhouse, High Point. [More]
- o Basketball Alumni Weekend, Feb. 1-2, High Point University. [More]
- o Alumni and Family Weekend, Feb. 1-3, High Point University. [More]

Commentary

New this week:

Harold Bales (The Southern Fried Preacher) talks trash. [More]

Arnetta Beverly (Connected) experiences the fun of Camp Tekoa. [More]

Ken Garfield (A Conversation on Faith) expands his platform for communication. [More]

James Howell (e-Bible, Faith and Life) continues eGood Questions. [More]

Frederick Jones (Imagio D'esprit) explores New Years resolution myths and traditions. [More]

Dan Martin (Spareribs) looks at the foreign language of church language. [More]

Local Church News, Events and More

Events: Local church services and events of interest to the wider community. New this week: Youth Praise and Worship (Christ UMC, Weaverville); Children's Consignment Sale (Harrisburg UMC, Harrisburg).

People: This week: Commentary by the Rev. Dr. Donald Haynes is published on UM Reporter.

News: This week: CharlotteONE draws a crowd at First UMC, Charlotte.

Tradin' Post: For local churches with items to trade or sell. This week: Needed – new or gently used furniture for UMAR.

Deaths

Death notices of clergy and their spouses for which we have received information.

Recent: Rev. Warren G. Hawks, Rev. Kenneth D. Crouse.

Jobs

Positions through the United Methodist connection, as submitted to the communication office.

New listings: President/CEO (Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville); Director of Children and Youth, also Choir Director (May's Chapel UMC, Maiden); Chancel Choir Director (Grace UMC, Greensboro); Youth Coordinator/Director (Mt. Pleasant UMC, Sherrills Ford); Chancel Choir Director (Christ UMC, Salisbury).

New Postings on WNCC Web site

- o **Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS) new officers for WNCC**
- o **Conference Secretary Denny White's letter to delegates for the special conference session**
- o **Youth Alert: Jenkins Rentals no longer a lodging option for SUMMIT**
- o **2008 Children's Lenten Offering Calendar for Africa University**
- o **2008 Family Lenten Offering Calendar for Africa University**

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Headlines from United Methodist News Service

To read a story, click on the headline.

- o **Fort Worth hotel changes challenge General Conference**
- o **Churches Uniting in Christ seeks reconciliation**
- o **Florida churches enjoy drop in insurance premiums**
- o **Church-run clinics help families get needed care**

For other stories, features and commentaries from United Methodist News Service, click here.

UMCOR Hotline

Weekly update of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

- o [AFRICA: Mozambique Flood Response](#)
- o [WORLDWIDE: All Africa Famine](#)
- o [AFRICA: Helping Kenya](#)
- o [US: Welcoming Newcomers in Tennessee](#)
- o [US: Souper Bowl Sunday](#)

Upcoming Events

Click event for more information.

- [Jan. 24 – Assessment Workshop for Potential New Church Start Pastors, Kannapolis](#)
- [Jan. 26 – Adult Youth Worker Training, Newton](#)
- [Feb. 1-3, Summit!, Boone](#)
- [Feb. 2 – Special Session of WNC Annual Conference, Hickory](#)
- [Feb. 5 – Mission to Ministers, Charlotte](#)
- [Feb. 9 – Snow Date for Special Session of WNC Annual Conference, Hickory](#)
- [Feb. 9 – Disciple Training, Lexington District](#)
- [Feb. 20-21 – Renewable Downtown First Church Seminar, High Point](#)
- [Feb. 23 – Summit on Poverty and Suffering, Mooresville](#)
- [March 1 – Disciple Training, Statesville District](#)
- [March 2 – One Great Hour of Sharing, Conference-wide](#)
- [March 7-9, Kaleidoscope, Lake Wylie, SC](#)
- [March 8 – Disciple Training, Albemarle District](#)
- [March 15 – Harvest of Blessings \(East\) – Winston-Salem](#)
- [March 31 – April 11 – Bishop’s Trip: Paul’s First Missionary Journey and Holy Land](#)
- [April 12 – Bishop’s Confirmation Celebration, Hickory](#)
- [April 20 – Project AGAPE Sunday – Conference-wide](#)
- [May 3 – Disciple Training, Marion District](#)
- [May 4-9 – Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation, Asheboro](#)
- [May 18 – Peace with Justice Sunday, Conference-wide](#)
- **June 5-8 – WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska**
- [Aug. 9-11, SpiritUs #1, Ft. Caswell](#)
- [Aug. 15-17, SpiritUs #2, Ft. Caswell](#)
- [Oct. 4 – Harvest of Blessings \(West\) - Morganton](#)

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