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THE PURPOSE of the New Mexico Conference NEWS is to tell the story of United Methodism within the New Mexico Conference.

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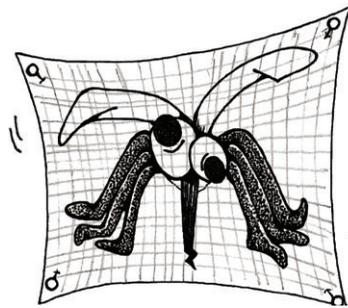
- (1) stories promoting official programs and emphases of the conference;
- (2) articles reflecting the mission and work of the church as carried out by districts, individuals and local churches within the conference;
- (3) groundbreakings and the consecration and dedication of new churches;
- (4) brief reports of deaths, awards and special accomplishments of pastors and their families and laity who are known throughout the conference due to their conference-level responsibilities.

PERSONAL Opinion articles normally are not used.

ARTICLES for possible use may be sent to the editor at the Conference office.

The United Methodist Reporter's "Letters to the Editor" section may be read online at the UMR Portal (UMReporter Interactive) at www.umportal.org by clicking on the "Letters to the Editor" link.

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The New Mexico Board of Global Ministries challenged the Conference this past year to provide bed nets to Mulungwishi.

Following the initial challenge, Albuquerque District Superintendent Tom Nagle then issued a challenge to his fellow District Superintendents, Barry Dickens and Steve McElroy, to raise a combined Districts' total of \$157,550 by June, a big goal. Churches and districts were encouraged to participate.

Each district had a goal determined by taking the cost of one net (\$10) times the average worship attendance in the district as recorded in the 2009 Conference Journal.

The following is a report from Nagel on how the Conference did.

"When I heard that our Conference Board of Global Ministry had chosen New Mexico Nets for Mulungwishi as our 2010 Annual Conference mission project, I got excited. This is a cause I believe in deeply. And, the possibility of saving lives for \$10 a net just seems like such a simple task.

But, I knew that Annual Conference offerings typically range from \$200 to \$300. And, I wanted us to do better than that for this life-saving cause. So, I issued a challenge to my fellow District Superintendents. 'Let's encourage each church to raise \$10 time their average worship service. The Superintendent of the District that

raises the highest percentage of their goal gets a free steak dinner, bought by the other two.'

Well, hearty congratulations to the Rev. Steve McElroy and the El Paso District, who 'smoked' the other two.

Little did I understand how the churches of the conference would respond to this challenge. I would have been happy, I suppose, with \$15,000 to \$20,000....you all absolutely blew me away. We have raised for New Mexico Nets for Mulungwishi

\$88,000.00!

Wow! Incredible! What a great conference! What a dedicated, generous bunch of United Methodists!

Together, we will be saving more than 8,800 lives of children and families in Mulungwishi, Congo.

Thank you for your extraordinary response. I am so proud to be a part of the family of the New Mexico Annual Conference."

Bed nets protect people from mosquitoes carrying malaria. The Nothing But Nets initiative, already under way, has not reached the southern Congo area of Mulungwishi. The New Mexico Annual Conference already helps support the school and seminary in this untouched area and is preparing to launch an major mission effort in the area.

HEALTH QUOTIENT



Clergy, spouses and laity participated in the health screening at Annual Conference. Participants received the results in the mail and need to use that information to complete the HealthQuotient. By completing the HealthQuotient, participants will save money on health care costs. Anyone not completing the HealthQuotient will see an increase in their health insurance deductible. Information about the Health Quotient is available on the Conference Web site, www.nmconfum.com, under Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

Dynamic Disciples:

**Faithful
&
Fruitful**

Roundup 2010
August 7, First United Methodist Church, Lubbock

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations will be the focus of Roundup 2010 Aug. 7 at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock. Workshops will be offered on each of the Five Practices: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Extravagant Generosity and Risk Taking Mission and Service.

For a complete list of workshops and registration information go to www.Roundup2010.com and look at the brochure. Questions or need information, call the Northwest Texas Conference Service Center at (806) 762-0201.

around the conference and beyond

CYBERSAFETY

A new training CD developed by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship is available to help churches and community groups protect children and youth from perils in the digital world of cell phones and cyberspace.

The CyberSafety for Families Training Kit, which costs \$35, includes a section on "what you need to know first," a planning guide, teaching plans with schedule options, handouts and a slide presentation.

Subjects include safety on computers, cell phones, video games and social networking sites. The training kit is available online at both The Upper Room and Cokesbury and at Cokesbury bookstores nationwide.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKSHOP

The Albuquerque District announces a conference workshop for those involved with children's ministry.

"Dynamic Children's Ministry Workshop" with Debra Gray of Lake Highland United Methodist Church and Highland Park UMC in Dallas. The workshop is scheduled for Aug. 27-28 at St. Paul's UMC, Albuquerque (9500 Constitution NE in Chapman Hall), from 6-8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday (includes lunch).

Cost is \$30 per person or \$20 per person for groups of 4 or more. Childcare will be provided for \$5 per child.

Registration must be received by Aug. 22. For registration information, email or call Christy Albright, (505) 243-7834 or christys@centraltolife.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Asbury United Methodist Church in Albuquerque is looking for a part-time pastoral leader for its contemporary worship services held on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Applicants must be passionate in their faith and have a strong desire to lead others to Christ. If applicants do not have a United Methodist background, then they must be willing to learn and apply United Methodist theology.

The Pastoral Leader must be able to work well with church staff and worship band members; counseling abilities are a plus. Submit resume to ldrake@asburyabq.org. or mail to 10000 Candelaria Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112

Asbury United Methodist Church in Albuquerque is looking for a part-time Praise and Worship Band Leader.

Applicant must be musically talented, outgoing, enthusiastic, and be able to lead band and congregation in contemporary worship Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Must be strong leader and passionate about Christ. Submit resume to ldrake@asburyabq.org. or 10000 Candelaria Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112

Trinity-First UMC, El Paso is interviewing for the position of a full-time Director of Youth Ministries.

The ideal candidate would have a bachelor's degree and 2-3 years experience in leading youth ministry. Preference would be given to a candidate who is bilingual and a background in choral or instrumental music.

Financial package and detailed job description available upon request. Send resume to john@trinity-first.org or T-F UMC, 801, N. Mesa St., El Paso, TX 79902.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The Senior Spiritual Formation Conference will be Nov. 4. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Albuquerque.

Tex sample will be the keynote speaker.

Theme will be "telling our stories."

Watch for more information or contact the Rev. Janie Noble at jsnoble2@googlemail.com.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The best years of the church are ahead of us, and in anticipation, this year's Leadership Institute will focus on "Preparing for a Future with Hope."

Join Adam Hamilton, the staff of the Church of the Resurrection, and thousands of

United Methodists from around the country as we seek to "Prepare for a Future with Hope" at Leadership Institute 2010, Oct. 7-8 in Leawood, Kan.

For information, go online to www.cor.org/institute10.

Special Discounts available for young adults, and leaders of new churches.

RESOURCE CENTER

The Area Resource Center will not be available for Video Rentals after June 25, since all materials will be boxed for the move to the new Northwest Texas Conference Service Center.

Rentals will begin again on Aug. 2. If you need, summer materials, please, order soon. Any resources that you already have, may be returned at any

time.

Order online at www.nm-confum.com and select the Resource Center quick link or call Maribeth Williams at (806) 762-0201.

SACRAMENTO

Eagle Challenge Course is open and ready at Sacramento Methodist Assembly.

There is a low and high course and half-day and full-day options.

For more information, go online at www.sacramentoassembly.org.

Share how your church is Rethinking Church in your community. Send stories to karla@nwtxconf.org.

LAY SPEAKER'S SCHOOL (Alpine, TX)

El Paso District of the New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church
July 16 (6:30 pm to 9:30 pm) and July 17, 2010 (8:30 am to 4:30 pm)

First United Methodist Church. Alpine, TX Ph 432-837-2286

Mailing Address: PO Box 328 Alpine, TX 79831-0328

Location Address: 208 E. Sul Ross Alpine, TX 79830

E-mail Address: fumcalpine@sbcglobal.net

Courses being offered:**Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course**

taught by Claire Phillips-Orate (Certified Lay Speaker)

The Basic Course is the first class required of individuals seeking certification as either a Local Church Lay Speaker or as a Certified Lay Speaker. It guides you to discover your gifts of caring, leading and communicating and put them to use. The participant will be guided through thoughtful reflection on what it takes to make a congregation an outpost for mission and transformation and the role you can play—even if public speaking isn't your gift.

Advanced Course: Lay Speakers Tell Stories

taught by Phyllis Musgrove (Certified Lay Speaker)

Lay speakers will learn what makes a good story, discover their own style as a storyteller, study the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their own experience.

Lay Speakers please note: In order to maintain an active status as a Lay Speaker (Local Church or Certified), a course must be attended every three years. The 2004 General Conference set this as a requirement not only for Certified Lay Speakers but also for Local Church Lay Speakers.

For additional information about these courses, contact Rev. Janet Whitmore (575-542-3876) or Rev. Jane Vaughan (432-837-2286)

LAY SPEAKER'S SCHOOL (Alpine, TX) Registration Form

(Please print clearly)

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

CHURCH NAME _____

Make checks payable to: FUMC

Mail registration form and fee to: Rev. Jane Vaughan, PO Box 328, Alpine, TX 79831-0328

Please indicate which course you are registering up for:

BASIC COURSE _____ \$40.00 fee includes program materials, lunch and snacks.

ADVANCED COURSE _____ \$50.00 fee includes program materials, lunch and snacks.

Above fees include a \$10 increase for late registration (original deadline was July 12).

For Scholarship information contact Janet Whitmore (575) 542-3876

*Join us as we celebrate
the anniversary of
100 years of ministry of
The First United Methodist
Church*

Sunday, August 22, 2010

Service 10:50 a.m.

Followed by lunch on the grounds

407 N. Main Street

Lovington, New Mexico