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## **Indianapolis East District Indianapolis West District**

### **Pre-Conference Briefing & District Conferences**

The pre-conference briefing and district conferences for the Indianapolis East & West districts will be held on Monday, May 21, 7:00 p.m., at North UMC, 3808 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

If you are a new lay member to Annual Conference, please plan to attend the new member orientation beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## **South Indiana Annual Conference Bloomington, IN. June 6 - 9, 2007**

Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences will be elected during the four-day session of Annual Conference in Bloomington. Forms to submit your name for the election process, as well as forms to submit petitions to the Annual Conference for approval to General Conference are located on the South Indiana Conference website: [www.sicumc.org](http://www.sicumc.org).

## Personals

### **Get Well Wishes and Prayer Concerns to . . .**

Bishop David Lawson  
Rev. Woody Thompson  
Rev. Dick Yeager  
Rev. Bucky Jordan

### **Sympathy. . .**

Pastor Rodger Ward on the death of his stepmother on January 26.

To Dorothy Gross & family on the death of Rev. Victor W. Gross on March 10.

To the family of Rev. Herbert McGuin, Jr. who died on March 10.

To the family of Pastor Carolyn Ocker who died on March 21.

### **Bishop Michael J. Coyner announces the following appointments....**

**Rev. Alan Rumble** from Epworth United Methodist Church (IE) to Methodist Temple United Methodist Church (TH).

**Rev. Doug Walker** from Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church (IW) to Epworth United Methodist Church (IE).

### **“Our Life Together” — April 17, 2007**

Bishop Michael J. Coyner invites all clergy and spouses of the South Indiana Conference to gather together to celebrate *Our Life Together* on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bloomington, IN. from 9:30 am - 3:00 p.m.

Come and celebrate as we gather for worship and fellowship in Christ's holy name.

### **Scholarships for Undergraduate Studies**

The South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church's Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry is anxious to get the word out to high school seniors and undergraduate college students about its intention to award small (\$250 - \$1000) scholarships to students who are members of the United Methodist Church and who will be matriculating at a United Methodist College or University in the Fall, 2007.

These scholarships are made directly to the students and are designed to assist with the many unexpected expenses students encounter when starting a new year in college.

To receive a Merit Scholarship application, please contact Elsie Miller at the South Indiana Conference Center at emiller@sicumc.org or 1-800-919-8160.

Applications must be received at the Conference Center **BY JULY 01, 2007.**

### ***RUNNING THE RACE***

**April 28, 2007**

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Bring a group from your church and train to more effectively run the race to reach people for Jesus Christ. Learning together as a team will strengthen the value of the experience when you return to your home church and put new ideas to work.

The workshop topics are:

- Who Is Your Neighbor?
- What Makes Us Friendly?
- How Do You Move from the Crowd to Your Community?
- How Do You Start a New Faith Group?

For locations and registration information go to the conference website at [www.sicumc.org](http://www.sicumc.org).



## Operation Classroom News

The W.P.L Brumskine School (Advance #12922Y) in Buchanan has recently completed an elementary classroom building (3 classrooms). They anticipate getting the furniture by fall so they will be able to offer classes for K-2. The enrollment is nearly 500.



### Indy East Packing Party Schedule for 2007

**April 15, 2007** — 2-5 p.m. at Lawrence United Methodist Church

**July 15, 2007** — 2-5 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church

**October 14, 2007** — 2-5 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Mona Morgan, 317-844-3759  
Tom Tillett, 317-844-9150

## Operation Classroom In-Gathering Annual Conference June 6-9, 2007

During Annual Conference, Operation Classroom will have a truck parked near the fountain to collect supplies. Needed supplies are:

- Backpacks -new or slightly used
- Children's Multi-Vitamins
- Tylenol
- First Aid Supplies
  - Adhesive tape
  - Band-Aids
  - Antiseptic Wipes (alcohol-free)
  - Absorbent Gauze (sterile & non-fluffy)
- Copy paper

United Methodist Women may bring their boxes of dried milk to the truck.

You may bring any of these items, as well as YES and ET kits and other school and medical supplies. For more information, go to [www.operationclassroom.org](http://www.operationclassroom.org) or [ocmission@frontiernet.net](mailto:ocmission@frontiernet.net).

The Operation Classroom truck will be open all day Wednesday through Friday, and until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday of Annual Conference.

### INDY WEST PACKING PARTY

APRIL 22, 2007 2-4p.m.

### Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

Items needed for the packing party include: school supplies, sporting goods, vitamins, aspirin, clothes and shoes.

For more information, contact J. D. Miniear  
862-3273 or [jminiear@mw.net](mailto:jminiear@mw.net)



## What Will I Do for the Kingdom?

**Parents have been known to give the last slice of bread to a hungry child. Children have added rooms to their homes to accommodate aging parents. Yet, the question in the topic seeks to encourage us toward enumerable possibilities as the people of God.**

The Apostles encountered the challenge facing Jesus as he proclaimed a time when they as the sheep of the shepherd would be scattered in response to the mission of Christ in Kingdom building.

Recorded throughout the New Testament the phrase the Kingdom of God is referenced sixty one times

exactly in the King James Version. In a politically structured country identified by executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, the term kingdom is seldom heard. Yet, recorded in the gospel of Mark 1:15 Jesus states "The Kingdom of God is at hand."

Mary Julia Small, an ordained elder in 1898, states the following in her sermon:

### Zion's Mission Work.

"One of the greatest drawbacks to a religious cause is persons are likely to seek to carry the lightest end of a cross and it is so much easier to tell than to do, that a great many excellent tellers are poor doers".

The second question to ponder is to ask oneself, "Am I willing to grow for the Kingdom?" During the Metro Ministries Board Summit, we realized that we are about spiritual and practical out-comes for those investing time, talent and ability in the work of the Kingdom.

Since Metro Ministries, the church without walls is engaged in ministry and identifying new ways for us to engage in ministry rather than a social service agency, then we are concerned about ROI, Return on Investment. However, the acronym that most appropriately addresses our concern for volunteers is El ROI (Genesis 16:13) meaning, "The God Who Sees Me." We are concerned to provide spiritual growth opportunities for all who participate in the programs, missions and ministries of Metro Ministries.

We encourage participants in the following:

To observe what is occurring in an event.

Pause to reflect on personal thoughts and feelings.



Be ready to interpret the meaning and importance of the experience. Our experiences of mission and ministry draw us from the comfort of our norm.

Be challenged to identify what has occurred that makes life more spiritually complete.

Tell someone and continue to find a new someone to tell what serving God has done for you.

Now, our response to the question "What will I do for the Kingdom" is

**I am** willing to carry the heavier end of the cross,

**I am** a doer of the word of God

**I am willing to grow for the Kingdom.**

**Be encouraged to actively engage ministry through Metro Ministries, Inc. of the United Methodist Church.**

*Dr. Gwendolyn C. Roberts*

*Executive Director*

*Metro Ministries, Inc. (MMI)*

### Program Calendar — 2007

June 6-9, 2007	<b><u>South Indiana Conference Annual Conference</u></b> at IU Auditorium.
June 7, 2007	<b><u>Metro Ministries/Indianapolis East &amp; West Districts Luncheon</u></b> at Annual Conference.
July 13, 2007	<b><u>Metro Auxiliary Brightwood Celebration</u></b> — 1 p.m. at 2410 N. Station Street, Indianapolis.
August 1, 2007	<b><u>Pastor Orientation for pastors</u></b> new to Metro/Indianapolis East & West Districts
September 22, 2007	<b><u>Metro Auxiliary Vida Nueva Fiesta</u></b> , 10 a.m. at 2801 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis.
October 5, 2007	<b><u>Brightwood Community Center Annual Dinner Meeting</u></b>
October 18, 2007	<b><u>East 10th Youth &amp; Children Annual Meeting</u></b>
November 1, 2007	<b><u>Fletcher Place Community Center Annual Dinner Meeting</u></b> at Fletcher Place, 1637 E. Prospect Street, Indianapolis.
November 13, 2007	<b><u>Metro Ministries Annual Dinner Meeting</u></b> — at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 West 86th Street.
December 14, 2007	<b><u>Metro Auxiliary Fletcher Place Christmas Shopping</u></b> , 1 p.m. at 1637 E. Prospect Street.

**Asian Help Services**

317-924-4827

Fax: 317-924-4209

Sungboon Baik,

Executive Director

**Brightwood Community Center**

317-546-8200

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Debra Grady, Executive Director

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brightwood2410@aol.com

**Brookside & East Tenth**

Tamyra Seaver, Pastor

317-636-8883

317-636-9017

**Fletcher Place Community Center**

317-636-3466

Fax: (317)636-3467

Jessi Langlie, Executive

Director

jessi@fletcherplacecc.org

Web site: www.fletcherplacecc.org

**Vida Nueva United Methodist Church  
& Centro Familiar**

David &amp; Stacy Peñalva

Telephone: 317-638-0796

davidpenalva@sbcglobal.net

stacypenalva@sbcglobal.net

All Community Centers needs are on  
our website at  
[www.indymetroumc.org](http://www.indymetroumc.org)

**East 10th Youth & Children annual  
meeting is October 18.**

Call Jean  
Casmir, 637-5144, if you would like to  
volunteer for the planning committee.

Donations needed at East 10th:

- Floor polisher
- Folding cafeteria style tables with seats.

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**Brightwood Community Center**

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Spring clothing and tennis shoes are needed for both adults and kids at Brightwood.

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**Brookside & East 10th Churches**

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Painting crews; Needs at East 10th United Methodist Church — painting crews, monetary donations for God's Souper Bowl and food items for their food pantry.

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**East 10th Children & Youth**

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**Clowes Fund Matching Grant —**

In 2006 the center realized that we were far too reliant on grants and government funds. We were blessed to receive a two-year, \$20,000 Challenge Grant from the Clowes Fund in February of 2006 to help increase our individual donor base. Our individual donations grew from \$4,501 in 2005 to \$15,018 in 2006. We are making tremendous progress; however, our job is not done.

In 2007 the center must raise \$20,000 in individual donations to receive the additional \$10,000 from the Clowes Fund. In other words, every individual donation we receive will be matched 2 to 1 by the Clowes Fund. The center has raised \$9508 so far this year and needs \$10,492 more to reach our goal in 2007.

We are confident our goals will be reached with your help. Please help secure the future of the youth center and make your individual donation today. Please send donations to The East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center, Inc. at 2327 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201. If you have any questions or would like a tour, call Jean at 637-5144. Thank you for your past and current support! We couldn't do it without you!

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**Fletcher Place Community Center**

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Food pantry needs are: canned food, cereal and family size toiletries; soups, stews, tuna, Mac & cheese, and one box dinners.

Free Thrift Store items needed: winter weather clothes for all ages and sizes. Warm weather clothes collection will begin in May. There is a real need for small household items from dishes and towels to curtains, pots and pans, silverware, etc.

Survival Skills for Women® Facilitator Training will be in Indianapolis area in April. If your church is interested in starting this life changing program, please contact the Rev. Jessi Langlie, 317-636-3466 ext. 6 for further information and registration forms. Classes can fill quickly — this one has at least 4 spots yet to fill. The training takes three days leading to certification to facilitate Survival Skills for Women.®

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**Vida Nueva & Centro Familiar**

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Vida Nueva — Hispanic Ministries — 2801 West Washington Street, Indianapolis. Telephone: 317-638-0796; David Peñalva cell phone: 317-408-4723. The church is open 3:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. everyday. Contact David or Stacy Peñalva about bringing food pantry items needed: Cereal, Spaghetti, Rice, Soups, Masa, Tortillas, Canned ham, Hamburger, Canned fruit.

## Around the Districts

### Laity Manuscript Contest

Each year the Conference Board of Laity offers the opportunity to all laity of the South Indiana Conference to express thanks and praise to God by submitting a sermon manuscript for judging.

This year the theme is:  
 “One in Spirit, All in Ministry:  
 In the Spirit of Stewardship.”

Manuscripts are judged on how well the theme is followed and developed and how well stories and illustrations are used. The author will present the winning manuscript at the Laity Session of Annual Conference on Wednesday morning, June 6th.

Manuscripts are to be sent to:

Ike Williams, Conference Lay Leader  
 1515 Cool Creek Drive  
 Carmel, IN 46033

All entries must be postmarked by April 26, 2007. Please include name, address, phone number, local church name and district name on a cover letter. The winners and two runners up will be notified by May 20th.

### Attention Clergy Spouses

We are reviving the Clergy Spouse Luncheon!

This year's additional day at Annual Conference allows us to invite all spouses of clergy to gather for this special reunion on Friday, June 8, 2007. Reservations are necessary and must be paid for and mailed in. You will find the place to sign-up for this luncheon on the meal reservation form in the clergy's registration packet. If you have any question, please call Pam Keith (317-883-1972)

### Annual Conference Happenings

Election of General & Jurisdictional delegates will begin on Wednesday.

#### Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Laity Manuscript Winner presentation  
 Memorial Service  
 Imagine Indiana Presentation

#### Thursday, June 7, 2007

Metro Ministries/Indy East & West  
 Districts Luncheon (see below).

Peace & Justice Service with Bishop  
 Woodie W. White.

#### Friday, June 8, 2007

Clergy Spouse Luncheon, reservation  
 information will be in the registration packet.

#### Saturday, June 9, 2007

Awards and Presentations  
 Reading of Appointments

### Conference Luncheon for Indy East & West Districts and Metro Ministries June 7

The Indianapolis East & West Districts and Metro Ministries, Inc. (MMI) luncheon at Annual Conference is June 7. Delegates, Clergy, Indianapolis East and West district lay members, district representatives and friends of the Conference are invited to attend this luncheon promoting the programs and ministries of Indianapolis East & West Districts through Metro Ministries, Inc. (MMI).

Watch for the registration information in your Pre- Annual Conference packet to sign up for this luncheon.

## UMCOR Updates

United Methodist Committee on Relief  
 Delivers hope and enhances human dignity through  
 food, shelter, health and peace projects  
[www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)

### UMCOR Hotline

1-800-841-1235

<http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor-hotline>

## Tornado Recovery Begins

Dozens of tornadoes ripped through Missouri, Illinois, Alabama, Georgia and Florida in early March killing at least 20 people. Donations can be made by sending your check to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068 with Tornadoes Domestic Disaster Response, UMCOR advance #901670.



Clean up begins in Lady Lake, Fla. after the tornadoes.  
 Mark Wolfe/FEMA

## World Health Day – April 7, 2007 Invest in Health, Build a Safer Future

The 2007 theme, Invest in Health, Build a Safer Future, draws attention to the need to seek long-term solutions to serious health problems such as HIV/AIDS and malaria that ruin the quality of life for many around the world—especially those who are poor.

In observance of World Health Day invest in one of these important programs that save lives:

- Malaria Control, UMCOR #982009
- UM Global Aids Fund, UMCOR #982345
- Mother and Child Survival, UMCOR #982645

## Metro Ministries, Inc. (MMI) Local Mission Updates

### Helping Hands 2007 & Beyond: A Program of Metro Ministries, Inc.

Yes the former Helping Hands is revised and you can know by our name. The ministry team is composed of United Methodist laity and clergy from the Indy East and West districts. The committee held its' second meeting on March 28, 2007.

We will continue to provide ministry opportunity projects in the districts. One project will be in cooperation with the South Indiana Conference Camp program. Watch your mail, the Metro Ministries, Inc. (MMI) web site [www.indymetrounc.org](http://www.indymetrounc.org) and the Metro E-News for participation forms and information.

### South Indiana Conference Camp Opportunity – Mission Camp Jr. & Senior High July 23-28, 2007 – Director Lisa Schubert

Helping Hands 2007 & Beyond – This is an opportunity for fun, fellowship, work, and spiritual growth; as well as a really powerful way to be Christ's hands. Helping Hands 2007 & Beyond (HH 2007 & Beyond) ministry assists individuals, churches and community projects in the 7 counties of the Indianapolis East and West Districts.

There will be engaging devotions and worship, great food, and exciting work projects. But there will be work! This is a week of getting your hands dirty and participating in the community. Register through South Indiana Conference Outdoor Ministries camping brochure.

### Kamina Project Transferred

Bob Walters, South Indiana Conference, shared that Bishop Ough, Presiding Bishop West Ohio Conference has assumed the responsibility of providing structure in the ministries throughout the United Methodist Church providing aid and support to the North Katanga Annual Conference.

The Metro Ministries Board approved the transfer of all accountability and responsibility for the functioning, structuring, monitoring, fiscal, and promotional ventures of the Kamina Project led by Taylor Walters to the South Indiana Conference Board of Global Ministries in March.

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## Bits & Pieces

**Ogilville United Methodist Church** is in the process of building a new church. Working hours are 9 a.m. to noon, and 4:30 p.m. to dark Monday through Friday. We work on Saturday from 9 a.m. to dark. If you can give some of your time to help us, you will need to bring your own tools. We can provide a lunch if you are willing to work beyond noon. Please call the parsonage at 812-342-4583 for more information.

**Pittsboro United Methodist Church** is looking for a part-time Director of Music Ministry with a heart for worship, diversified musical abilities, and someone who wants to be a part of an excellent community of faith. Please contact the church office, 317-892-4784.

**United Methodist Indiana Area Clergy Women's Retreat** will be held on April 29 & 30, 2007 at the Fatima Retreat Center, 5353 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN. The cost is \$85, for registration information please contact Rev. Gloria Nelson at revgjnelson@aol.com or 317-835-8463. Registration deadline is April 19, 2007.

**Lockerbie Central United Methodist Church** will be opening a coffee house in June to serve the community. If you would like to donate any items such as: small round tables, couches, love seats, coffee maker, cappuccino maker, creative looking lamps, slow cooker/crock pots, blenders, freezer, coffee mugs, to go containers, napkin holders, toaster etc. For more information contact Mark Little at 317-637-2716.

### Job Opening

#### Seeking Experienced Full Time Administrative Assistant for the Indianapolis East District Superintendent.

- Substantial skills in Microsoft Office Pro including: Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher and Power Point.
- Ability to handle and maintain confidentially.
- Close attention to detail and ability to multi task.
- Strong written and verbal skills.
- Must be able to prioritize and possess organizational skills.
- Must be able to work as a part of a team.

Submit cover letter and resume to: Indianapolis East District, 3901 N. Meridian Street, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

### Office Closed:

Indianapolis East & West Districts/Metro Ministries offices will be closed April 10-16, 2007 for a staff continuing education event. Voice mail and emails will be checked daily.