



Words from your District Superintendent:

By now you have probably noticed that the season of Easter is upon us. You know, the time when we shout from the mountain tops that Christ Is Risen, when we celebrate the central tenant of our faith, the resurrected Christ. Those who have been leading the church in worship in any number of ways are hopefully catching up on some well earned rest, while the rest of us are telling others about what it means to be the people of Easter at work in the world around us.



As the winter now gives way to spring, that means that Annual Conference time draws near. This year it is June 16-19. Bishop Warner Brown has been sharing a vision of how we need to move forward as a connectional church and is travelling our conference to share his thoughts. He last spoke in Redding on March 14, and will be coming to a church near you. **On April 10, he will be at Central UMC in Stockton at 3:00PM; on April 17 at Asbury UMC in Livermore at 10:00AM; on April 18 at Palo Alto UMC at 3:00PM; on April 24 at Visalia UMC at 9:30AM and on May 1 at Sparks UMC at 10:00AM.**

The ministry of the United Methodist Church is important and vital, and our church is being asked to adapt our practices to the current realities in our world. That means me and thee and the ways in which we live our faith today.

If you will be a part of our conference this year, our district has planned a pre-conference meeting so that we might help all the new members to get an idea of what goes on and to share the thinking behind the legislative items we will be asked to decide. Our meeting is planned for **Sunday, May 2nd from 2:00-4:00PM** at our Conference Center in West Sacramento. Pastor Mariellen and myself will be there with our lay leader Paul Hampson and District AA, Cindy Buna.

The challenge is ever before us, to step forth in faith and allow God's continued love to work each and every one of us. And God has wonderful plans for us all in these coming days, asking only that we step forward and say **YES**.

In these next few days, look around, ask God for help and guidance. It is my hunch that you might be just the person God is trying to get through to. We, the church have decisions to make **TOGETHER**.

See you soon, *Jerry Smith*
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Equipping for Ministry

Training will be at St. Andrews UMC in Sacramento June 9-10th. Space is limited so register early. Contacts are Rev. Mark Buenafe @ 209.835.4927 or email him at mnbgoodfaith@juno.com and Rev. Elizabeth Brick @ 916.332.0915 or email her at revelizabethb@gmail.com

Words from your District Superintendent:

One of the best parts of my role as District Superintendent is that I am honored to experience different churches every Sunday. On Easter Sunday, I found myself at a 6am sunrise service listening to bagpipes and hearing a great sermon about the Easter message being the song of "Revelry," to 'wake up!' to *life and living...* instead of being Good Friday's song of "taps."

Later, on Easter, I was able to hear a magnificent choir sing the "Halleluia Chorus" and hear a sermon about how Jesus is calling us forward instead of backwards; forward instead of staying where we are; that Jesus is calling us forward toward transformation of this world for God's Kingdom!

I know that each of our Delta District churches had powerful Easter worship experiences. Thanks to all who were a part of the many Easter worship services that called us toward Jesus' command to move *forward* for the Kingdom!

Another great part of being a DS is that many of our churches send to me their newsletters. Through them, I learn what is going on in a particular church. This month, as pastors are continuing to encourage us toward *life and living*, they are writing about the importance of the holy seasons of Lent and Easter.

Please read, here, some of the encouragement forward toward *life and living!*

In the Lenten and Easter Seasons...

...we can know, again, that we are Post-Easter persons. Thus, we can 1)affirm the great power of God over death; 2)emphasize life's newness all around and within us; 3)recognize and experience God's steadfast love and abiding Presence. -Pastor Oscar Escamilla (Jamestown UMC)

...we must take the opportunity to hear the stories and see the realities of new and renewed life in the world around us. With these faith stories, we live and share God's love through 1)spiritual growth, 2)service to others, and 3)acceptance of all. -Pastor Jola Bortner (Stockton St. Mark's UMC)

...we can be reminded 1)why we are still here, 2)why the church continues to do ministry and 3)why we are not afraid of change. With these reminders, we can join our hands and hearts... and welcome God to work in our lives...working in mysterious ways making impossible things possible. -Pastor Alex Cambe (Ione UMC and Sutter Creek UMC)

...we can liken our spiritual experiences to baseball's! spring training where 1) we all practice the fundamentals, the basics of discipleship; 2) we all review the rule book (the Bible) and are reminded of the value of playing the game and living our lives in the right manner; 3) we all know that even the best need God's amazing grace to encourage us. -Pastor Mark Wharff (Farmington UMC and Riverbank UMC)

May we all, in this season and in this time, move *forward* with Jesus Christ,
 Pastor Mariellen fresnods@sbcglobal.net

Annual Conference, Wednesday June, 16 through Saturday June 19



Sacramento Convention Center
 Get information or register on-line at www.cnumc.org

Prayer Calendar

- Apr 18 Sacramento Emanuel UMC
- Apr 25 Soulsbyville UMC
Tuolumne UMC
- May 02 Cameron Park Foothills UMC
- May 09 Central UMC, Stockton
- May 16 First UMC, Sacramento

Bishop's Townhall Meetings "Rethink Conference"

- April 10 Central UMC Stockton 3:00-5:00
- April 17 Asbury UMC Livermore 10:00-12:30
- April 18 Palo Alto UMC 3:00-5:30
- April 24 Visalia UMC Fresno 9:30-12:30
- May 1 Sparks UMC Nevada 10:00-12:00

DELTA DISTRICT CALENDAR

- Apr 15 Sacramento UM Union, 10:00-12:00
Fair Oaks UMC
- Apr 17 Lay Speaking Class "Lead Worship"
Conference Ctr., W. Sacramento 9:00-4:00
- Apr 22 Delta Council on Ministries Mtg.
Stockton Holy Cross UMC, 6:00-8:00
- Apr 24 District SPRC/Trustee Training
Rancho Cordova UMC 10:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00
- Apr 30 Furlough Friday, Conf. Ctr. Closed

Lay Speaking Classes:

Lead Worship led by Lay Speaker, Jim Landon on April 17, 2010 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM (fee \$25 includes lunch)

Lead Bible Study led by Lay Speaker Ron Sachs on Saturday, May 15 and Saturday May 22, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM (fee \$25 includes lunch)

Opportunities for a short-term Mission Trip

Participate in a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission trip. Below is a list of trips planned for 2009. These trips are sponsored by local churches but open to volunteers from any church.

California, Kings Beach (June) Multiple Teams, CA-NV Conference; Construction Team

Jamaica, (June) International Construction Team

Nicaragua, Nueva Guinea (July) Epworth UMC in Berkeley; International Educational/Connectional Team

Utah, Salt Lake City—UMCOR West Supply Depot (July 25-30) U.S. Construction & Multi-Generational Connectional Team

Guatemala (July 30 - Aug. 8) Concord UMC; International Medical Team

Utah, Salt Lake City—UMCOR West Supply Depot (Aug 2-6) Kings Beach UMC -Construction & Multi-Generational Connectional Team

Louisiana, New Orleans (Fall) Retired Clergy; Hurricane Recovery - Construction Team

Jamaica (2011) Santa Rosa First UMC; International Construction - Young Adult Team

Nicaragua, Matagalpa (2011) Los Altos UMC; International Educational/Connectional Team

Contact **UMVIM** office at 916-374-1582 or email us at: umvim@calnevumc.org or our website: www.cnumcvim.org

Native American Ministries Sunday (NAMS) is on April 18th



United Methodist congregations support the church's work with Native Americans when they pay their World Service Fund apportionment. On NAMS, their gifts educate Native American seminarians, plant Native American churches and cultivate Native American outreach. Thanks to United Methodist generosity, Native American ministries thrive.

You are welcome to **Attend the April SUMU meeting on Thursday, April 15**, from 10:00AM until noon at the Fair Oaks UMC, 9849 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Fair Oaks.

Sacramento United Methodist Union

Florin Community Career Center

Are you unemployed, underemployed or simply working in a dead-end job? Do you find it easy to get a job but hard to keep it! Do you work to live or live to work? Let us help you discover your hidden potential. Our mission is to provide a personal, warm and inviting environment that is encouraging and supportive. **Florin UMC, 7560 Florin Road in Sacramento. Services:**

Individual career counseling.

Emphasis on career and life integration

Workshops (resume clinic, job search, interviewing strategies)

Academic advising

Computer Lab & basic training

Interested? Please call (916) 424-1600 or email florinccc@gmail.com

2010 Summer Camps (Save these dates)

Monte Toyon Camps: July 11-16

Toyon Kids Camp - Camp Quest - Toyon LIT

Lodestar Camps: July 18-24

Super Kid Camp - Super Camp - Lodestar LIT

Lodestar Sr. High Leadership: July 31-Aug 6

Other Camps:

Adult & Family Camp - June 20-27

www.cnumc.org/camping

2010 Youth Worker's Retreat, Valley of the Moon, Glen Ellen, CA April 30-May 1, 2010

*Education *Networking *Fellowship *Support

The Conference Website has a new look, be sure to check it out and let us know what you think. www.cnumc.org

Side-by-Side Ministries: Drop off candles, writing journals, bibles, cross necklaces or rosaries for the Side-by-Side Ministry to the homeless at the Delta District Office of the CA-NV Conference Center located at 1276 Halyard Drive in West Sacramento

Citrus Heights UMC turns 50

The celebration starts on Sunday, May 23rd at the 10:00 worship service. A concert of piano/organ duets with Alevtina Skopina, pianist and Grace Thomas, organist, to include performing "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" from Requiem and from "The Messiah by Handel", and "Ave Maria" by Bach.

This will be the first of several special events to begin a "Year of Jubilee" culminating on Easter Sunday, 2011.

Located at 7833 Highland Avenue in Citrus Heights. The church pastor is Rev. Colin Kerr-Carpenter.

For additional information you may call the church at 916.725.6363

The National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, the recognized caucus for Asian Americans in The United Methodist Church, will hold a convocation on **July 29-31, at Wesley UMC, 566 North Fifth St. in San Jose, CA 95112**

Ten ethnic groups are represented in the Federation: Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Formosan, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, South Asian & Vietnamese.

The convocation theme is:

"One: Step Forward"

Cost: \$125/person (includes up to 3 nights hotel and 2 lunches, 3 dinners); Or \$75/person for commuters (no hotel).

To register contact: Laddie Perez-Galang, 1755 Sunnyvale Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94597 or email her at: aum@pacbell.net

Prayer

O Lord give me strength that the whole world look to me with the eyes of a friend. Let us ever examine each other with the eyes of a friend.

Amen

(From the Book of

Common Prayer)



→ **UM WOMEN** Come join the Delta District UMW at their Spring Spiritual Event which will take place this year in Valley Springs from 9:00AM to 3:00PM on Saturday April 17th. Pastor Maggie McNaught will be the featured speaker with the Theme: "Called By Name". The fee is \$12.00

Contact: Rosie Kumar 916.479.9073 or email: rosiekumar@comcast.net

www.cnumw.org/deltacnumw



Cindy's Chat: Its ch ch ch change time. No not nickels, pennies or dimes, but changes to things that we have done one way for so long and is now being reexamined, restructured, reborn, reorganized and, well, it's a whole new vision for the future. I get to come along on this new adventure, whew! I'm excited, delighted and down right ready for this metamorphosis from a moth into a butterfly. I'm just waiting for my wings to dry and I'm going to take that leap; here I go, hold on I'm still a little wet behind the ears; I'm eager and ready; now lets see, one, two, three and oops, I fell, now I'm on the ground and a big toad is trying to eat me, fly Cindy fly, you can do it. There, I'm up and I'm flying, soaring, flying, I can do it. Now I see and feel the vision, yes, and I want to share this with you. Stay with me, because I need your support as much as you may need mine in figuring this all out and don't be afraid to ask, I do and I'm pretty wimpy. Fly high! Avoid Toads.

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Send Ideas, contributions, and announcements to the Delta District Office at the above address. Deadline is the 5th of each month for distribution on the 10th.