



Words from your District Superintendent:

One year ago, I began my appointment as one of your Delta District Superintendents wondering how in the world I might best get to know the 30 Delta UMC's with whom I was specifically appointed (as well as continue "to superintend" the 56 Fresno District congregations). I wondered how I might best begin to know the pastors of these churches. And, I wondered how I might best begin to know something of the towns, the areas where the churches are located.

Throughout this year, I have been so thankful for all of the many angels who have helped me along the way through my wonderings (and wanderings!). You have been kind when I have asked the simple-minded questions. You have been patient in relaying important-to-understand history. You have been generous in sharing of your church life, spirit...and food!

While I have been blessed to participate in the fun and fellowship of Escalon's Chili Cook-Off and Oakdale's Potnic, I have, also, been a part of your hard work in the pastoral transitions in Valley Springs, Turlock, Tracy, Hughson, Coulterville, Jamestown, Isleton and Stockton Grace. While I have been joyfully a part of the Valley Springs anniversary and Manteca's UMW Sunday, I have, also, mourned the passing of some of the members of your churches who I have come to know through our district and conference work. While I have attended some very well planned, spirit-filled traditional worship services in our Delta UMC's, I have, also, rejoiced to worship with you in "non-traditional" worship experiences: a blue-grass "no rules" service, a jazz vespers service, and a variety of "contemporary" services.

You have let me know of your faith-filled outreach into your communities and into your world. You have expressed to me of your struggle and joy in growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. We have shared very tough and time/energy consuming issues and some very exciting and time/energy producing ministry fruit!

We have walked in downtown Isleton while you told me its history, shared the Valley Springs Christmas parade, and introduced me to the community choir one afternoon in Coulterville. You have shared a wonderful display of children's writing and pictures of faith stories at Lodi Salem and shared of the children's Wednesday ministry at Stockton Holy Cross.

I have been welcomed into all of these 30 churches at least once and several of your churches many more times than that. I have met with 29 of your SPRC's (Modesto Centenary, you are first on the list this fall) and have attended worship services in 28 of the churches (Sonora, I'm so sorry I was sick on the day I was going to preach! And Turlock, I'll be there this summer).

As I think of this past year and as I think of the ministry in the future with different district names/configuration... I must just say to all of you the words of Philippians 1:3-6, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."

Pastor Mariellen fresnods@sbcglobal.net

Words from your District Superintendent:

As the people of Easter, we have all come to realize that in life there are endings and new beginnings; that resurrection is part and parcel of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. It is in that spirit that I write to you on this, the last message of "Jerry's Jottings" in my time as your District Superintendent. Perhaps you are thinking, "My, it seems like he came to us just yesterday," there is truth to that because I have been privileged to be among you for just one year.

I want you to know how much I have appreciated and genuinely loved ministering among you. I have cherished memories that will always be a part of our brief time together. As you move forward as part of the Bridges District in the northern part of the Delta District and as part of the Central Valley District in the southern part; and last but not least, the churches on the eastern side of Delta who will now be a part of the Great Northern District, I pray that you might cherish the work that has begun and will continue on under different district names and yet the same ministry to Jesus Christ.

I pray that the work that has begun will continue to grow and to prosper as we partner as lay and clergy looking forward with a sense of hope born of our faith. Please remember that Methodism is primarily a lay driven "movement" that has transformed our country, our world, in so many ways. This is our time to discover or rediscover who are as followers of Jesus Christ and go forth with acts of love and kindness that will literally transform our world. We all know it is time for something different; may we be the people of God who bring that about.

I ask that you hold your church, your pastor, district superintendents, our bishop and the staff of our conference who will serve you in the seasons to come. We join hands and hearts with all of you and pray for your continued blessing. I believe that the best days of our church's ministry are yet to be. Thank you and may God's blessings be with you always.

See you soon, *Jerry Smith* nsdistumc@sbcglobal.net

Transformational Leadership Transforming the World

A four-part course series for clergy and laity. August 3-4 and August 17-18, 2010

The first week will cover: 3 CEU credits are available for clergy.

- the fundamentals of transformational leadership
- developing a team of leaders and reframing ministry

The second week will cover:

- identifying spiritual and leadership styles
- applying leadership strategies in context.

Cost: \$100.00 covers 4 part course. This includes all class materials. (Meals not incl)

For more information contact, Anne Hoist, Acting Registrar, Nevada City UMC, 433 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 (530) 265.2797 ncumc@nccn.net

Prayer Calendar

- July 18 Stockton Holy Cross
- July 25 Sacramento Wesley
- Aug 01 Valley Springs Community
- Aug 08 Hughson
- Aug 15 Oakdale Community
- Aug 22 Stockton St. Paul's Stockton Grace

Sexual Harassment Hotline
916-374-1569

DELTA DISTRICT CALENDAR

- July 30 Office Closed Furlough Friday
- Aug 27 Office Closed Furlough Friday
- Sep 6 Office Closed Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 25 Lay Speaking Class, Conference Ctr, West Sacramento, 9:00-4:00

Annual Conference 2011
Sacramento Convention Center, June 15th thru June 18th (Wednesday thru Saturday)

Citrus Heights turns Fifty (the big '50')

Citrus Heights UMC celebrates a Year of Jubilee. **WHY?** It seems logical. Forty-two charter members became CH Methodist Church back on May 22, 1960. But the church had no building until the people of the church completed the sanctuary in time for Easter services on April 2, 1961.

So, the year of beginnings is marked by "A Year of Jubilee." Organ/piano concert is scheduled for Sunday, August 8th at 10:00AM

Citrus Heights UMC (current pastor Rev. Colin Kerr-Carpenter) is located at 7833 Highland Avenue in Citrus Heights.

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.

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

Moon Lecture's

The Bob & Dorrie Moon Lecture Series brings dynamic speakers and liberal Christian authors to the Sacramento community to speak to important ethical issues of our time. Bob and Dorrie offer this series as a gift and as a challenge to think critically and act ethically.

Anne Lamott Aug. 7th 7:30PM

Father Gregory Boyle Sept. 11th 7:30PM

Father John Dear Oct. 22nd 7:30PM

Twesigye Jackson Kaguirri Nov. 26th 7:30PM


Arun Gandhi Jan. 22nd, 2011 7:30PM

Brian McLaren Feb. 11th, 2011 7:30PM

Sister Helen Prejean Mar. 16th, 2011 7:30PM

Tickets are \$25.00 for individual lectures or season tickets can be purchased for \$150.00.

Tickets can be purchased through the web site at www.stmarksunmc.com or by sending payment to the church office, St. Mark's UMC, 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 attn: Moon Lectures.

Cindy's Chat: summertime, and the living is easy. But work, well it will be a summer of changing and rearranging. The office here will go through logistical changes, desks in, desks out, furniture rearranging, making room for the newbies to the district office, I might even clean the webs off of my windowsill, to make a good impression. This is a bit exciting, this office will be teaming with activity before you know it. I don't know if I'll still be writing my "chit" chat, but then it is just that, chat. So for now, know that I 'm still in here working away for not only the delta district but for all the districts and that we will have a few new faces over here for you all to meet. Each of us will be doing our best to serve your needs. Just call. Happy Summer. 

Soulsbyville UMC celebrates 100th Anniversary on Sunday, October 10th

The church is located at 19982 Community Drive in the town of Soulsbyville and the current Pastor is John Kimball.

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

2010 Summer Camps (Save these dates)

Lodestar Camps: July 18-24

Super Kid Camp - Super Camp - Lodestar LIT

Lodestar Sr. High Leadership: July 31-Aug 6

www.cnumc.org/camping

Scholarships are available through your church extension societies (Sacramento United Methodist Union, Central Extension Society) and the District Counsel on Ministries. Contact your district office.

Lay Speaking Classes:

Ministry of Caring led by Pastor Holly Hillman on September 25, 2010 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM (fee \$25 includes lunch)

To register: Call the Delta District Office at (916) 374.1501 or email delta-dist@calnevumc.org

Winter 2010/Spring 2011 schedule coming soon!

You are welcome to **Attend the July SUMU meeting on Thursday, July 15th**, from 10:00AM until noon at Faith UMC, 3600 J Street in Sacramento.

[Sacramento United Methodist Union](http://www.cnumc.org)

UM Women

www.cnumw.org/deltacnumw

Almost Free Pulpit Supply and Programs*

Are you one of the pastors planning a vacation, study leave or spiritual retreat this Summer or Fall? Is there a conference or meeting scheduled for a weekend that you hope to attend? Do you need someone to preach?

Would you like a program on the social, scientific, and economic problems caused by alcohol, other drugs or gambling? Would you like to have a Bible study on the issue of alcohol? Would you like to know what is happening in the state legislature regarding these issues?

Our Executive Director, the Rev. James Butler, is currently arranging his speaking schedule for Summer and Fall 2010. If you are interested in "Almost Free" pulpit supply or other program, please contact Rev. Butler at 916.441.1844 or his cell 916.420.8106 or email calcap@comcast.net.

*All we ask is that you allow for: distribution of a CalCAP brochure, an invitation to become part of our Network and receive a retiring offering at the end of the service.

Prayer

All of you *big* things, bless the Lord
Mount Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria
The Rift Valley and the Serengeti Plain
Fat Baobabs and shady mango trees
All eucalyptus and tamarind trees
Bless the Lord
Praise and extol Him for ever and ever.

All you *tiny* things, bless the Lord
Busy black ants and hopping fleas
Wriggling tadpoles and mosquito larvae
Flying locusts and water drops
Pollen dust and tsetse flies
Millet seeds and dried fish
Bless the Lord
Praise and extol Him for ever and ever. **Amen**



(From the Book of Common

Side-by-Side Ministries:

Drop off candles, writing journals, large print bibles, cross necklaces or rosaries for 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 .

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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.