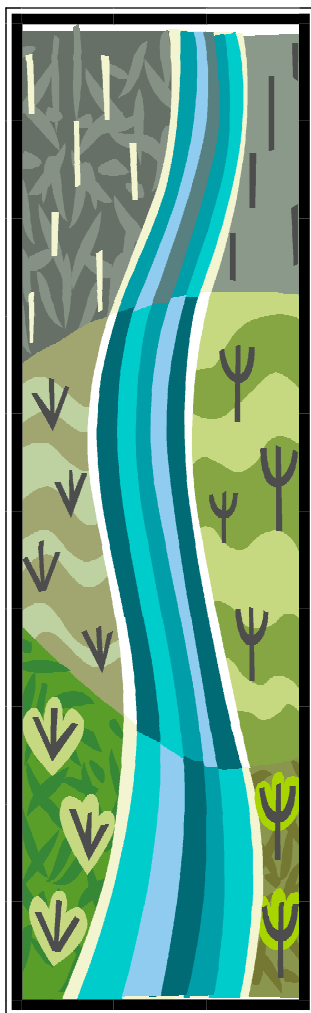




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KEC Leadership Team endorses pursuit of Haiti covenant

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TOPEKA—The Kansas East Leadership Team March 20 unanimously approved the conference Board of Global Ministries' efforts to explore a partnership with the Methodist Church of Haiti.

Claudia Bakely, conference Global Ministries chairperson, said the board has discussed many times establishing an official conference covenant with another annual conference or branch of the Methodist Church.

"There are a lot of diverse places where the conference spends its energy," Bakely said. "That's really why we haven't done it in the past. There are so many churches that have long-standing relationships with other places around the globe."

But following the Jan. 12 earthquake and Pastor Shirley and Joe Edgerton's two years as Volunteers In Mission on the island of La Gonâve, Haiti, the time seems right to encourage churches without those global connections to look beyond themselves and get involved in a global mission project, Bakely said.

"This wouldn't change any of the relationships our conference and our churches already have," she said. "Global Ministries approved proceeding with a discussion with the Haitian Methodist Church to enable us to offer opportunities for churches that aren't involved to get involved."

Rev. Gary Beach, conference director of Connectional Ministries and Administrative Services said one of the understandings is that any partnership with the Methodist Church of Haiti would not result in additional apportionments to local churches. **Article continued on page 4**

"On Easter Day
the veil between
time and eternity
thins to gossamer."

Douglas Horton

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April 23-24th

Women's Conference

Living My Life Like It's Golden II

May 2

Pre-Conference Briefing

2-4 p.m. Garnett UMC

May 10-13

Confabulation Youth Worker's Training

June 9-12

KE Annual Conference

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					<i>North Incubator Group 9-5 p.m.</i>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	

April 4th

Easter Sunday

April 5th

District Office Closed, DCoM in Wellsville 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

April 8th

Bishop Jones will be at Baker University 11:00 a.m. service in the Chapel

April 10th

District Committee on Superintendency, Garnett UMC 10:00 a.m.

April 11th

Iola Wesley's 150th Anniversary

April 12th-14th, 27th-29th

Cabinet, DS in Wichita

April 15th

District Leadership Team Meeting
6:30 p.m. District office

District Prayer Calendar

April 4	LaCygne-New Lancaster Rev. Dr. January Kiefer
April 11	Edgerton Rev. Gayla Rapp
April 18	Moran-Bronson Pastor David Shrum
April 25	Iola Wesley-Neosho Falls Rev. Trudy Kenyon Anderson

Clergy Birthdays

Trudy Anderson April 7th

Debby Dick April 25th

There is only one true heroism, and that is to know the world as it is and to love it. The great people of history, certainly the spiritually great, give evidence of this ability.

Hugh Downs



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To connect and em-
power people and
churches in living out
the Gospel's call to in-
vite, nurture, equip and
send forth disciples of

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It might provide opportunities for churches to give money to Advance Specials, and it might encourage people to do mission trips to Haiti," Beach said.

Any kind of covenant would be negotiated with the Methodist Church of Haiti leaders, Bakely said. Bishop Scott Jones and other leaders from the Kansas East Conference will be going to Haiti in April to discuss what the needs are and what a covenant might look like.

"Our first step is to talk to the Methodist Church of Haiti and find out what they need from us," Bakely said. "We've learned from many years of working in these places around the world that we absolutely have to go to the church and the area and find out what they need from us."

Members of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood have been to Haiti several times since the earthquake, and the congregation has committed to work there. Resurrection has offered to include the bishop and others in their meeting April 12 and 13 with the president of the Methodist Church in Haiti.

"The plan is, if that conversation is fruitful, we would plan to bring a covenant to the floor of the Annual Conference in June and ask for a vote to enter into a covenant, if we're ready to do so," Beach said.

The Kansas East Annual Conference will meet at Church of the Resurrection June 9-12.

Joe and Shirley Edgerton leave for Haiti tomorrow. Please remember them in your prayers as well as Bishop Jones who will travel there in a few weeks.

