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Living Water

Five Rivers District

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From Your District Superintendent:

Last month as I wrote the article for the newsletter, there were several inches of snow on the ground. Today the thermometer says that the temperature is around 82 degrees. Who says that things do not change in Kansas? Just wait and you will see things change.

Before the month of May is out we will be attending the final regular session of the Kansas East Annual Conference. Before June is gone, I suspect that I will have been present at three different Annual Conference sessions, all of which will be in the final regular session of that conference. In between, I will be attending to work that involves several new aspects born as a result of the recommended policies for the coming Great Plains AC. The coming changes for us and our area are beginning to arrive. While I understand that these new things will not be official until approved by us at our August Uniting Conference, there is already a need to live into the recommendations so that we will be ready when 2014 arrives.

For me this is a good lesson regarding how to face change and move ahead. We are fortunate to have the lead time to prepare and arrange for the changes that are coming. When we have awareness that something is going to be different we need to make the effort to understand the change that is coming and to take action to fit the change into the mission that we have before us. Our mission remains the same – to make disciples of Jesus Christ – but we will be structuring ourselves somewhat differently as we carry out this mission.

As we move forward, I encourage each of us to consider those things in our lives and in our ministries that need to change. We have the ability to look ahead and anticipate what is coming. We then have the opportunity to plan and to take actions to fit change into our mission. The “why” of our ministry trumps the “how” of our ministry. We are about the business of making disciples of Jesus Christ. How the church gets it done has changed over the centuries and will continue to change into the future.

So, enjoy the journey that we will share over the next few months. Pray for the coming Great Plains Annual Conference. See the changes that are coming. Do something to help the changes fit into our mission. We remain in the business of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,


Rev. Dr. Dennis L. Ackerman

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Congratulations to Skeet and Carol George on their 50th Anniversary! They attend Uniontown UMC

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Schedule of Events

- * *May 1, Cabinet, DS in Wichita*
- * *May 1, Help Without Hurting*
See page 4 for more details.
- * *May 5th, DS preaches at Fort Scott 1st*
- * *May 22-24, KW Annual Conference*
- * *May 30-June 1, KE Annual Conference at Church of the Resurrection*
- * *May 30-31, District Office Closed.*
- * *June 11, Clergy Meeting 9-Noon at Ottawa 1st UMC*
- * *June 19-21, Bishop's Week*
DS will be in Dallas, Texas
- * *June 30, last Sunday outgoing pastor will preach in current assignments.*
- * *July 7, first Sunday incoming preachers will preach at new assignments.*

District Prayer Calendar

May 5	Camp Chippewa Jessica Thompson, James Rickner
May 12	Pomona/Vassar UMC Pastor Kathy Symes
May 19	Lawrence Central UMC Rev. Jay Henderson
May 26	Clearfield UMC Rev. Jacob Cloud

Clergy Birthdays

Richard Fitzgerald	May 19th
Russ Anderson	May 22nd
Libby Oberdorf	May 26th
Gary Gooding	May 30th



April showers bring May flowers.

What is PAUMCS?

The mission of the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS) is to provide church secretaries and other administrative professionals a supportive base for unity and fellowship so as to promote individual growth, professional development, continuing education, and spiritual enrichment.

United Methodist Church secretaries provide critical support to congregations across the denomination. Many secretaries are the link, that keeps churches functioning well. They provide critical administrative support, ongoing communication between individuals, committees, and constituencies, and continuity in their congregations. The PAUMCS organization was created to serve those extremely “Vital Links.”

There is a Kansas Chapter of PAUMCS that hold meetings/workshops twice a year, in the spring and fall. For more information check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PaumcsKansas>.

You can also contact the President of the Kansas PAUMCS, Connie Christopher, directly by e-mail at bugs2160@cox.net.

We will send out information about fall registration for the retreat in the district newsletter as it is closer to that time.

Some Helpful Links:

United Methodist Tech Shop: <http://shop.umc.org/>

Web Ministry page at UCom:

http://www.umcom.org/site/c.mrLZJ9PFkMG/b.6456037/k.9E17/Web_Ministry.htm

GBOD-MUSIC-Copyright & Licensing: <http://www.gbod.org/lead-your-church/copyright-licensing>

Facebook group: copyright for Church Musicians:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/140259136518>

Licensing Services for Churches:

CCLI: <http://www.ccli.com>

OneLicense.net: <https://www.onelicense.net>

LicenSing: <https://www.licensingonline.org/en-us>

Christian Copyright Solutions: <http://www.christiancopyrightsolutions.com/>

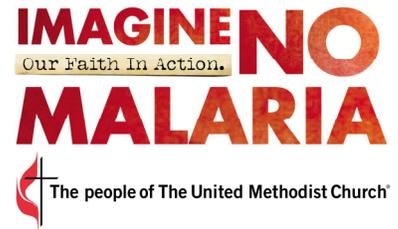
Copyright Law: What Every Church Must Know:

<http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/colawhevchmu.html>

Imagine No Malaria

The conferences of the Great Plains Area are raising funds for Imagine No Malaria, an initiative of the United Methodist Church to end the disease on the continent of Africa.

Bishop Scott Jones has challenged every congregation in the Great Plains Area, which includes United Methodists in Nebraska and Kansas, to do something to raise funds for this campaign by Dec. 31, 2013. Get tons of resources and ideas on our [Shoot for No Malaria](#) website.



Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. It kills an estimated 655,000 people each year, most of them children under 5 and pregnant women. Malaria is caused by a parasite transmitted through the bite of a female anopheles mosquito.

But, malaria is 100% preventable, treatable and beatable!

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary ministry of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother.

"God can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine." Ephesians 3:20

Donate now to support this effort.

[Kansas East campaign](#)

Advocate! Speak up for the children of Africa. Please help spread the word about this issue and become an advocate. Text SWAT to 27722 to sign the petition to save lives.

Raise Funds! It only takes \$10 to join this movement. A pledge saves lives every month! Every gift help.

District Wide Imagine No Malaria Results:

As of today, our Five Rivers District, has raised \$13,145. this year, for this cause. Many of our churches are mid-campaign. "The goal is for every church in our district to do something", said Rev. Ackerman, our District Superintendent.

Examples of fundraisers in Five Rivers have been children's offerings, Lenten offerings, Sunday school collections, "Shoot Out" basketball themed events, candy sales, bake sales and Lawrence 1st is having a concert with all proceeds going to the cause.

Currently there is a movie on HBO called Mary & Martha, written by Richard Curtis, a British film writer, which highlights the Malaria plight and should help enlighten people about the subject as well.

2013 Pre-Conference Briefing

Please check out the video clip and information regarding the Great Plains Transition Team's Plan of Organization for the Great Plains Conference. Below is the link on the KE website.

www.kansaseast.org/videos/detail/128

We have five copies of the Pre-Conference Briefing DVD, if you are not able to download the clip from the KE website, please let us know. We will send one out to your church.

Sharing of Resources with Lawrence Central ~

Central UMC has a few weeks left of "The Story" series, an excellent 31 week program with DVDs, and study books. They need to find their next class materials. They are willing to trade/loan the set they have or whatever else is required. They are hoping to put the next class together by doing a "sharing of resources".

Steve Kessler is the contact person ~ keslergroup@gmail.com or you can call anytime at 512-650 - 6820.

Please let the District Office know of any materials you have and are willing to share/loan. We will get the word out and try to coordinate your efforts.

We can also post information on the KE website dashboard for you regarding classifieds and upcoming events. Please specify when you send the information if you want it to go there or only out to our district website.

You Are Invited to this Imagine No Malaria Fundraiser:

Presented by First United Methodist Church of Lawrence

EVIDENCE OF JOURNEY

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 7PM

\$10 TO SAVE A LIFE

**YOUR \$10 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE LIFE SAVING MOSQUITO NET
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR IN ADVANCE AT imagine.fumcweb.com**

At this event, you will see a non-stop musical experience of Eddie and Dusty's two different journeys in the music industry. You will hear and recognize songs they have performed in front of thousands of people as well as some that will make you reminisce and take you back in time. As you get caught up the memories, their testimonies and stories bring you to the real purpose for the evening - sharing the Gospel through their music and using their talents to glorify God.

Location: First United Methodist Church West Campus, 867 Highway 40, Lawrence, KS. On the southwest corner of the intersection of 6th Street and Highway 10.

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Help Without Hurting Workshop To register, e-mail your name and contact information to Julie Pohl at jpohl.kse@gmail.com or Gina Gile at ginagile@ymail.com **today** for a lunch count.

Kansas Interfaith Disaster Response Organization presents Help WITHOUT Hurting on May 1, 2013, 10:00 AM-3:30 PM, at LaCygne UMC, 2402 Chestnut St., in LaCygne, KS. There is no charge for the workshop. Lunch will be provided for a donation.

If you have ever had an individual or family come to you to request assistance with a need and were not sure you were really helping, then this is a workshop for you!

Kansas Interfaith Disaster Response Organization is presenting a Help WITHOUT Hurting Workshop in an effort to create community and state-wide social services referral networks. The workshop will include basic case management principles, provider security and boundaries information, client confidentiality information, hands-on activities and time to network and share with other participants.

This workshop is designed for those who work with individuals and families with on-going social needs.

Our target audience includes: (see right column)

- ◆ Social service providers
- ◆ Local church staff, clergy
- ◆ Food pantry operators
- ◆ Community interfaith groups or ministerial alliance groups
- ◆ Mental health workers
- ◆ Domestic violence workers
- ◆ Salvation Army
- ◆ Red Cross
- ◆ Community Action
- ◆ Non-profit organizations
- ◆ Utility providers
- ◆ Local law enforcement