

From Your District Superintendent

As I have been traveling around the district recently, I have been hearing stories of how churches have been reaching people for Christ. There have been several instances of individuals being brought to Christ through the outreach and invitational efforts of the churches and pastors. God is at work in the hearts of people, preparing them to hear the Good News that we have to share. John Wesley was right – the prevenient grace of God is moving in people and helping them receive what we bring. Indeed, the harvest is plentiful!

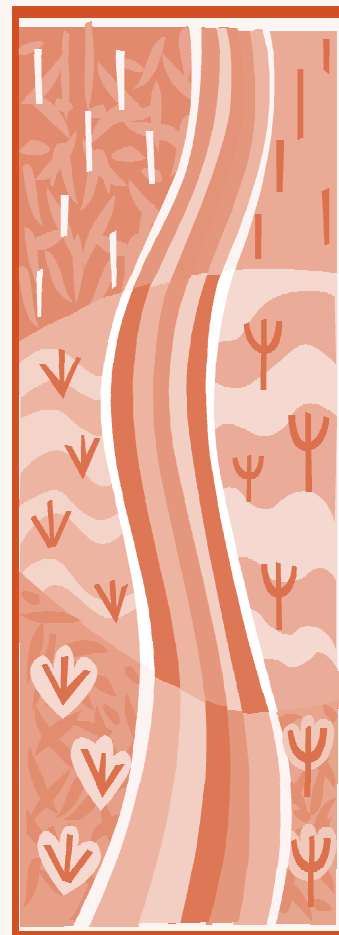
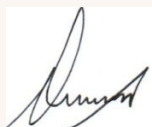
Many of the professions of faith which churches have experienced are a direct result of the church making plans and setting goals to reach people. “Planning your work and working your plan” really does prove effective. That is why it is important for each church to know its context, know its resources, plan accordingly, and work at ministry. Remember, God is already working in the lives of people who need to hear the message of salvation. Our job is to trust God’s efforts and not be discouraged. We are the people of hope and faith!

I believe that making efforts to plan and setting goals bring results. Now, I will admit that once in a while you can catch a fish with an unbaited hook, but that is the exception. Knowing what you are going after and preparing accordingly is helpful and makes us more productive. So, I very much encourage all of us to prepare ourselves as best we can to do the work of ministry and build up the body of Christ. Remember, this is not just about numbers, it is about the hearts and souls of those who need to know and experience the living grace of Jesus Christ.

This is why I am inviting all of the churches of the Five Rivers District to prepare to share one goal that the church has for the coming year in our Church Conference meetings. In our worship time at Church Conferences, I would like for each church to share this goal with the group and tell a little about how the church hopes to reach the goal. Please do not over do this effort. Just a couple of minutes! Really, two or three minutes max. I just want us to hear one another and support one another in the ministries that we are involved in doing.

Looking forward to seeing all of you though the fall of the year as we gather to worship, celebrate, and do the work of the Church!

In Christ,



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Schedule of Events for October

2ND ~ D.C.Y.M. PROJECT REVOLUTION RECAP, 6-7:30 P.M. AT OTTAWA 1ST.

6TH ~ FAB FIVE EVENT AT WORDEN UMC, 9 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

13TH ~ FINAL CLERGY SEXUAL ETHICS TRAINING EVENT AT COUNTRYSIDE UMC, TOPEKA. 9-12:30 P.M.

16TH ~ CONFERENCE CIGNA INSURANCE INFORMATION/ENROLLMENT AT OTTAWA 1ST, 10:00-NOON

CLERGY MEETING FROM NOON TO 4 P.M. WITH SUBWAY LUNCH

22-24TH ~ EXTENDED CABINET, DS IN WICHITA

October 2012

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	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

CHURCH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Sunday ~ October 21, 3-5 p.m., Richter and Pomona/Vassar at Richter UMC

Sunday ~ October 21, 6-8 p.m., Ottawa Trinity/Union Chapel, Plum Creek, Princeton at Ottawa Trinity UMC

Thursday ~ October 25, 7-9 p.m., Ives Chapel at Ives Chapel UMC

Sunday ~ October 28, 3-5 p.m., Mapleton/Devon, Mound City/Blue Mound at Blue Mound UMC

Sunday ~ October 28, 6-8 p.m., Pleasanton/Prescott, Fulton at Fulton UMC

Tuesday ~ October 30, 7-9 p.m., Waverly/Prairie View at Waverly UMC

District Prayer Calendar

Oct. 7	Fort Scott 1st Rev. Ken Van
Oct. 14	Overbrook Rev. Karen Jeffcoat
Oct. 21	Osawatomie/Lane Pastor Gary Gooding
Oct. 28	Haiti Missions



October Clergy Birthdays

Bruce Draper
October 5th

Michael Tomson-DeGreeff
October 8th

Don Flanner
October 21st

Project Revolution Celebrates Its 5th Year

Excitement was bubbling up from the District Council of Youth Ministry (D.C.Y.M.) for months before the event of the year, Project Revolution. Project Revolution, for those of you who aren't familiar with it, is our Five Rivers District youth rally. This was the 5th year for this event. Every year lessons are learned as Project Revolution grows and a new group of youth leaders step up to the plate to plan it. This year our attendance was the highest yet at 146 youth from 15 different churches.



This event is an overnight lock-in with games, outside activities, grilled burgers and hotdogs, and the highlight is a live band. The planning committee for the activities this year chose challenge courses that required small groups to work together to complete an activity led by a member of the D.C.Y.M. They were randomly numbered at registration so that they could make new friends from other churches.

The band chosen this year was *Perfectly Broken* out of Ottawa, KS. The D.C.Y.M. group chooses a new band each year for variety. This particular band played mostly contemporary Christian songs as well as a few they had written. Most of those attending were actively immersed in the concert.

The worship committee started in the sanctuary after the concert, with several youth testimonies that were quite powerful and honest. At the close was reflection and time of prayer in the gym which had 300 candles lit in the shape of a cross. No words were spoken and the effect was quite powerful.

Much thanks goes to the Youth Coordinators: Tami Clark (Lawrence 1st) and Matt Stuckey (Iola: Wesley) who kept things running smoothly and have been with this group all five years. A special thanks also goes to Laura Ramsey (Lyndon) who ordered and processed the t-shirts (a major draw and hit every year.) Eva Durand (Baldwin 1st) has also been a constant over the years. Eva brought the most youth this year as well as provided direction and help with planning the worship side of the program, parent and help advising as well as registration help.



There were many adult youth leaders, parents and family members who helped this year with clean-up, grilling, supervision and too many things to list. Worden UMC and Pastor Bud Tuxhorn graciously provided the space as well as included the youth in Worden's Sunday worship service. Scott Swanson also of Worden UMC provided the sound system help and direction. I feel humbled at how everyone chipped in and gave their best for our district youth. Thanks for all the prayers before hand for the success of this district youth event.

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“For you have been my
hope oh Sovereign Lord,
My confidence since my
youth.” Psalms 71:5

Passion rebuilds the world
for the youth. It makes all
things alive and significant
Ralph Waldo Emerson

