

# From Your DS

Dear Five Rivers Friends,

Normally in these articles I will send you some thoughts on what I've been reading and learning in my work on the district. But this week I'm at Lake Junaluska in Asheville, North Carolina with three other new superintendents, Mitch Reece, Eldon Davis, and Bruce Emmert, attending new District Superintendent Orientation. We sometimes call it Boot Camp or Charm School. Whatever it is, it's an intense week full of lots and lots of new information to help us be the best we can be in this new ministry. You can be the judge of that!

So, in a lighter mood during a couple of breaks, I penned this little poem for the Bishop and Cabinet. Thought you might enjoy it too:

(Sung to the tune: "Hello Mudder, Hello Fadder")

Hello Kansans... and Cornhuskas,  
Here I am at... Junaluska.  
Camp ain't very... entertaining,  
But they say that there's a point to all this training.

You remember....Mitch and Eldon?  
They have chosen....to take up weldin'.  
Bruce is busy....schmoozing bishops  
Praying that he'll finally get the church he wishes.

(Chorus)  
Take me home—back to Great Plains  
With Bishop Jones—I'll keep the main thing.  
Don't leave me...in Carolina  
Where Coach Roy still coaches basket-boys.  
Wait a minute...fog has lifted.  
There's a lake here! I feel gifted!  
Class is over....gee that's better.  
Dearest Cabinet, kindly disregard this letter!

See you when I get back!

*David*

Rev. David E. Watson

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## *Healthy Congregations Opportunity* (Online or hands on at Baker University)

We (Healthy Congregations) are offering the core courses at Baker University on Saturday, November 7. We will teach 3 courses in one day and participating teams will then be certified to receive additional funding in the program. Here is our schedule for the day:

8 am – 8:30 am - Registration and informal breakfast

8:30 – 11:30 am – Health Ministry 101

11:30 – 12:15 – Lunch (provided)

12:15- 2:15 PM - Outcomes-based planning

2:15 – 2:30 PM – snack break

2:30 – 4:30 PM - Program evaluation and using data

Healthy Congregations provides a \$1,000 grant on signup, renewable annually. The attached HC Information and Signup Form Gives a thumbnail of the program and its benefits. Page 4 is the signup form that includes a team roster. Teams are composed of at least three lay members (clergy can participate in addition to the 3 lay members if they wish) It can be completed online (<https://www.healthfund.org/hcc/main/HC%20Information%20and%20Signup%20Form%202015%20Fillable.pdf>) or by hand and mailed or faxed to UMHMF.

The grant year is July 1 – June 30, so teams registering now will receive their first \$1,000 for health ministry now and they have until June 30, 2016, to complete the 3 core courses, complete their needs assessment, and develop and submit their plans for 2016-2017. Once their plans have been approved, they will receive another \$1,000. This is an annual cycle that includes online reporting as well.

The core training is offered both face-to-face and virtually, using a computer and conference phone line. The training schedule for the rest of 2015 is found at <https://www.healthfund.org/hcctraining.php> We recommend that teams train together so that they can work on their plans in training with help available. All training is offered at no cost to participants and teams can even use their grant funding to pay for travel expenses to attend training. Each individual team member must set up an “account” in the HC system and register for training courses. This allows me to give them credit and certify teams for grant payment when they complete courses.

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## ***Church Conferences Begin the first week in October.***

Forms are now available online at this link:

<http://www.greatplainsumc.org/chargeconferenceresources>

A packet of forms needed will be given to all pastors that attend the Sept. 10th clergy meeting at Ottawa 1st UMC. We will mail the packets out to those churches that are not picked up that day.

Clergy support worksheets will be available soon.

*Please note that we want the required forms to come back with the District Superintendent in a file folder the day of church conference and not stapled together or in the booklet.*

To save a great deal of time making sure they are all in, please have **all** reports done at your church conference with the exception of the Laity Leadership if you are still working on officers.

The Laity Leadership form is very important. Please assign someone that is very detail oriented to collect and record this information. We need correct mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. This is due at Church Conference or as soon after it as possible.

**New Laity Leadership Folks?** *Cokesbury.com* has a lot of resources available. There is a booklet, at minimal cost, that covers most leadership positions.

Here is the link on their site:

<https://www.cokesbury.com/forms/search.aspx?txtSearchQuery=Guidelines>

Bishop Scott Jones, along with his son, Arthur Jones, has written a new book that is just released.

Ask ~ Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age

<https://www.cokesbury.com/forms/search.aspx?txtSearchQuery=Bishop%20Jones>

**Lay Servant Ministry Workshop Opportunity : [Registration Form](#) Due Oct. 3rd**

Friday evening October 16 – Sat. October 17, 2015

Location

The Ministries School will be held at:

Heartland Center for Spirituality

Call Hutchinson District with any questions: 620-669-0011 [hutchdistrict@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:hutchdistrict@greatplainsumc.org)

## September 2015

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			

### 5R Calendar

Sept. 1st ~ Clergy Consultations begin and will continue through September

Sept. 7th ~ Labor Day, District and Conference offices are closed

Sept. 10th ~ Clergy Meeting at Ottawa 1st UMC 9 a.m. to noon

Sept. 12-13th ~ Project Revolution, 5R Youth Rally at Lawrence 1st West Campus

Sept. 16-25th ~ District office closed. DS will be doing Clergy Consultations and out of town.

“Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree” Emily Bronte

### 5R Clergy Birthdays

Lori Stevens Sept. 24th

Dorothy Welch Sept. 27th

### September Prayer Calendar

Sept. 6 Iola Wesley/Calvary/Trinity UMC

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jocelyn Tupper, Associate: Rev. Ed Flener

Sept. 13 St. John's/Hammond/West Liberty UMC

Senior Pastor: Rev. Tom Mullins

Sept. 20 Overbrook UMC

Senior Pastor: Rev. Hyun Jung Choi

Sept. 27 LaCygne/New Lancaster UMC

Senior Pastor: Rev. Pat Longstroth



## Thinking of Starting a Substance Abuse & Related Violence Program? Below is possible funding and information.

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Due to your commitment to address the substance abuse epidemic, The United Methodist Church, through the [Special Program on Substance Abuse & Related Violence](#), has made a significant impact. In the information that follows, you will see that the UMC remains committed to responding to the needs of those who suffer as a result of the disease of addiction as well as to reducing the number of young people who abuse substances.

<http://www.umspсарv.org/>

Since 1992, SPSARV has provided funding for projects and we will continue to do so. Our hope is that after reviewing the following information about funding guidelines, you will work with SPSARV to implement evidence-based prevention, treatment, and training programs.

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### **2015-2016 Funding Guidelines for SPSARV**

The primary purposes of SPSARV are leading the UMC's worldwide response to the problems of substance abuse, addiction, and related family violence in order to:

- 1.) Assist the recovery process for as many people as possible who have been impacted by their own or a loved one's addiction, and
- 2.) Prevent as many young people as possible from abusing substances.

In order to have the most impact, SPSARV funds specific types of projects. See their link above to see if your idea qualifies and/or talk with someone who can help you navigate the paperwork necessary.

Please contact SPSARV by email: [spсарv@umcmіssіon.org](mailto:spсарv@umcmіssіon.org) or by phone: 1-212-870-3883.

If a proposed project meets the criteria for one of the five types listed, the decision about whether it will be approved for funding is influenced by the same considerations used for any SPSARV expenditure: Will this expenditure add to the UMC's worldwide response, as noted above, assisting more victims of this disease and/or preventing more young people from abusing substances? Is this the wisest use of the funds or are there alternatives that would have more of a sustainable impact? Is the project and the project organizer supported by the district superintendent and/or the bishop?

If after considering this information, you believe you could submit a proposal that will assist victims of this disease, including family members, and you believe it matches one of the four types of projects listed above, please contact SPSARV. SPSARV can then provide suggestions to guide you as you prepare a written application.

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There are a variety of examples of successful programs that have been supported with SPSARV funds. Below are links to some of them.

<http://www.celebratingfamilies.net/>

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/positive-youth-development>

<http://www.naadac.org/>

<http://internationalcredentialing.org/>

<http://cokesbury.tv/recoveryatcokesbury>

In addition, Low-cost, church-based ministries, which do not fit neatly into the categories of prevention, training, or treatment, but that have been effective at reducing the suffering of those who are impacted by their own or a loved one's addiction. These ministries include [Recovery@Cokesbury](mailto:Recovery@Cokesbury) (but not Celebrate Recovery) as well as church programs that are designed to motivate homeless addicts to enter treatment.

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