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BWC celebrates unprecedented giving

Dear Friends:

When I look at the apportionment payments made by the churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference in 2014, I'm reminded of the saying, "We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving."

With a 90.75 percent collection rate, among the highest in many years, our 631 churches contributed \$13,880,343, demonstrating their love for God and God's world through their connectional giving. Each of the 520 churches that paid 100 percent of their apportionments has my thanks and praise. For many of them, this act of love required hard choices and some sacrifice. Be assured that your contribution will accomplish significant and transformative mission and ministry. Thirty-two churches increased their giving this year to pay 100 percent, and 67 churches paid more to apportionments in 2014 than they did in 2013. That is an



Gratitude from the Bishop



Bishop Marcus Matthews, episcopal leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, expresses his appreciation to the churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference for their commitment to connectional giving and supporting mission and ministry beyond the local church.

act worthy of celebration.

A handful of our churches had significant decreases in giving this year. They, too, are in my prayers.

Last year, the BWC had four congregations that stumbled financially. With the leadership of their pastors and key lay people during 2014, they worked hard to become faithful stewards of God's gifts and, this year, were able to significantly increase their apportionment giving. I know that stewardship is a journey; sometimes a difficult one. If there is ever any assistance I, the district superintendents or the conference staff can provide to help you and your church along this journey, please do not hesitate to ask.

As you know, about \$11 of every \$100 you put in the collection plate goes beyond your local church to provide mission and ministry in

a connectional way, providing opportunities that no one church could accomplish alone. Of that \$11, about \$2.50 goes to the worldwide church to expand our impact and outreach on a global scale. There is strength and potential in our connection and our apportionments demonstrate that in remarkable ways.

As the Lenten season approaches, I want to invite you and your congregation to contribute in a way that enriches ministries right outside your door. I'm asking each United Methodist in the Baltimore-Washington Conference to give one dollar a day during Lent, from Feb. 18 through April 4.

That \$40 per person (Sundays don't count in Lent), given in the spirit of self-sacrifice and new life, should be given to each local church to use in some special way to support outreach in their local community. It is my hope that these Lenten gifts will translate into a love offering that changes the lives of those who live around our churches.

As connectional people, we live in an exciting place — serving locally and beyond our communities. How we give reflects that. I thank each of you for your apportionment giving. It matters. I thank you, too, for all you're doing to serve God exactly where you are. I pray for you and your church each day and in that simple, daily prayer, ask God to make you rich in spirit and blessed beyond measure.

Grace and peace.

Marcus Matthews

Faith traditions unite at Communion table



Bishop Marcus Matthews speaks at the worship service at Washington's National Cathedral celebrating the Interim Eucharistic Sharing Agreement between the United Methodist and Episcopal churches. The service featured an historic 'first' at the Cathedral.

BY MELISSA LAUBER
UMCConnection Staff

THE WEEK OF Christian Unity became real in tangible and spiritual ways on Jan. 25, at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., when Christ set the banquet table and the Rev. Canon Gina Campbell served Communion to the people of God in both the United Methodist and Episcopal churches.

Her actions in the sanctuary were hailed by leaders of both denominations as "historic" as she brought the Interim Eucharistic Sharing Agreement to life in a way that "significantly deepens the expression and practice of Christian unity," said Bishop Marcus Matthews of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church.

"Rev. Campbell crosses boundaries as she brings this divine mystery and vehicle of grace to the people of the National Cathedral. With awe, humility and gratitude, we come to this common table, ready to encounter the living Christ," Matthews said.

The Most Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, echoed Matthew's sentiments, calling the agreement a "way station" along our common journey, and said it represents "a yearning and a hope" that might lead to full communion between the two faith traditions.

Campbell, an ordained Elder in the Southwest Texas Conference, serves as Canon Precentor, overseeing approximately 2,200 worship and devotional experiences each year at the cathedral. However,

before the Interim Eucharistic Sharing Agreement, she was not permitted to preside over Communion.

"Gina has brought depth and skill to the crafting of Cathedral services," said Cathedral Dean Gary Hall. "It is a gift to us that she will now be fully authorized to stand at the table as a full participant in liturgical leadership."

Surrounded by the transcendent splendor of Gothic architecture, the beauty and simple elegance of the Christian symbols, a magnificent choir and rich liturgy, Campbell lifted up the bread and wine, prayed that all present might be led to "live as prayer" and spoke the ancient mysteries of the faith.

The effect of that holy experience, she hoped, was to
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... well said

(a chance to express what that word means to you.)

BY MANDY SAYERS
Pastor, Covenant UMC, Gaithersburg

ONE OF THE many things I love about being a United Methodist is the way we affirm the use of both head and heart in knowing, loving and serving God. John Wesley was an educated fellow, certainly, who was not afraid to think about God, or to study the word of God. Yet, when the Holy Spirit touched his heart, he wrote that his heart was “strangely warmed” with the knowledge that Christ had died for him. This happened at, of all places, a Bible study.

Ours is a heart-felt faith.

It is true that there are dangers associated with listening only to one’s “feelings” and having an emotional “high” in worship that’s not tethered to discipleship and living out the faith. But the times I am most surprised by grace tend to happen when I’m in the midst of the “business as usual” of my day, and I find my heart too, strangely warmed.

It happens when the Holy Spirit sneaks in through the cracks in my day, in the form of an “interruption” to my schedule that looks like a preschooler who wants to show me her Valentine’s Day craft (a love letter to Jesus on pink construction paper). It happens when the church prays for each other. It happens when I’m preoccupied in worship and the notes of a hymn suddenly find their way through all that. In “Great is Thy Faithfulness,” all of a sudden, there’s a thickness in my throat and a heart-felt reminder of our faithful God, who is God not just for my parishioners, but also for me.

It’s easy when church becomes a habit (or a profession) to see it as a “business as usual” sort of place, one that’s all about our head and our calendar, and devoid of surprises. But in this season of valentines, God writes on every human heart, “Be Mine.”

This Lent, let us invite God into our hearts, to woo and to win us and to penetrate our defenses. Here’s to a heart-felt February. May our hearts be “strangely warmed” by the surprise of God’s love.

Ancient church mothers and fathers often greeted one another with the phrase, “Give me a word.” This greeting led to the sharing of insights and wisdom. Today we continue this tradition with this monthly column.

BY DARYL WILLIAMS
Pastor, St. Paul UMC, Oxon Hill



JOIN THE CONVERSATION



IN 1975, CURTIS Mayfield penned a song for the soundtrack of the movie “Sparkle” to be sung by the great Aretha Franklin. Nobody knew what would become of the song, but it has gone down in R&B history as one of the greatest songs of all time.

The song was so great that 15 years after its release, in 1992, the group En Vogue took up the challenge of remaking the song for a new generation to hear. Both versions of the song reached the Billboard Top 40 singles, as well as placed number one on the Billboard Hot 100 R&B singles. That song was, “Giving Him Something He Can Feel.”

The song chronicles the affection that a young woman has for her beloved. It is a love that those on the outside question, but that she understands all too well. People question her age, her sincerity, her socioeconomic status and many other things to explain why this simply can’t be real love. They have analyzed everything, tried to explain it all, and come to the singular conclusion that what she says she has simply can’t be real. Her response is what makes the song great. Despite everything else, which all may be true, she is giving her beloved something he can feel.

That is how I find myself feeling about God sometimes. In a world that has become hostile to faith, there are always people telling you why God can’t be. There are those who use science to explain away the existence of God. There are those who want to use intellect and logic to explain why God can’t be.

All I can say is that God keeps giving me something I can feel. He gives me joy. He gives me peace. He gives me hope. He gives me love.

Others may not understand it, but I can feel it in my heart. That is how I know that the great I Am always is, and forever will be. Simply put, it is heartfelt.

EVENTS

Science and religion forum

BWC Mission Center
Feb. 15, 4-6 p.m.

The forum, “Science, Story, Scripture—Living Together with Understanding,” will feature an imam, a traditional Christian, progressive Jew and “Unabashed Atheist” to talk about God. All are welcome. For information, go to www.wesnex.org.

Bishop’s Lenten Day Apart

Trinity UMC, Frederick
Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Harold Recinos will speak and lead discussion on “Awake in the Gospel: Walking the Way of the Cross.” Registration is open to all clergy. Cost is \$15. Go to www.bwcumc.org to register. Participants may receive .3 CEUs. For information, contact Joyce King at Bishopmatthewsoffice@bwcumc.org, or 800-492-2525.

Leadership Days

Throughout Conference
Various dates

The annual opportunity for church leaders to grow their faith and improve their leadership skills is held in various locations and dates. Registration required. Go to www.bwcumc.org/leadership-days/. The events will be held:

- Baltimore Region, Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Southern Region, Feb. 21, 9 a.m. – noon; and March 7
- Washington Region, March 14, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

February a time of discernment for delegates

At the May 28-30 session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, members will elect six lay and six clergy delegates to serve at the 2016 General Conference. In addition, six lay and six clergy delegates, along with four lay and four clergy alternates, will be elected to serve at the 2016 Jurisdictional Conference. Nominations will be accepted beginning March 1.

Clergy who wish to nominate themselves or someone else must submit a petition of support, provided by the secretary, bearing the name of at least 15 clergy who are members of the conference.

Lay members to annual conference may nominate themselves or others; however, the 15 signatures are not required. A form for clergy and lay nominations, which includes space for a statement of one’s qualifications and relevant experiences, will be available on the BWC website, www.bwcumc.org, March 1. The deadline for submitting these forms is April 1. The statements will be published in the UMConnection and on the website.

All clergy are eligible to be elected. However, the published statements will only appear for those who turned them in before April 1.

Because of the responsibilities and rigorous schedule required of the delegates, nominees are asked to carefully consider their interest in serving.

Our conference rules state that February and March be set aside as a time of discernment for determining who might be nominated to represent the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

Conference rules prohibit any campaigning for the election of delegates.

Detailed information about the election of General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates can be found on pages 577 – 584 of the 2014 Conference Journal.

College scholarships available

Students from UM churches
Apply before March 5

The BWC offers college scholarships for the Fall 2015 semester. Students must apply online and must be member of a UMC for at least a year. Students will need to provide an official transcript (high school or college) and contact information for two church references (pastor and another member of the church). For additional information and to apply, visit www.bwcumc.org/finance/scholarships. For information, contact Cheryl Cook, at ccook@bwcumc.org, or 410-309-3446.

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2014 APPORTIONMENT REPORT

CHURCHES EXCEL IN GIVING!

In addition to raising \$2.1 million in gifts and pledges to eradicate malaria, United Methodists in the Baltimore-Washington Conference contributed \$13,880,343 to connectional mission and ministry. Through their tithes and offerings, lives were transformed and disciples were made both around the block and around the world. To learn more about how your money makes ministry possible, visit bwcumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Budget-Publication.pdf.

Church, City	Pastor	2014 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT				
Adams, Lothian	Mabel Smith	\$8,696	\$8,696	100.0%
Asbury Town Neck, Severna Park	James Bishop	\$54,333	\$54,333	100.0%
Asbury, Annapolis	Carletta Allen	\$49,687	\$49,687	100.0%
Asbury, Arnold	Jennifer Karsner	\$34,321	\$34,321	100.0%
Asbury, Jessup	Gay Green-Carden	\$13,364	\$13,364	100.0%
Asbury-Broadneck, Annapolis	Stephen Tillett	\$41,738	\$41,738	100.0%
Baldwin Memorial, Millersville	Philip Tocknell	\$33,405	\$33,405	100.0%
Calvary, Annapolis	Harold Wright	\$126,831	\$126,831	100.0%
Cape St Claire, Annapolis	Lysbeth Cockrell	\$19,190	\$19,190	100.0%
Carters, Tracys Landing	Brenda Joyce Mack	\$11,472	\$11,472	100.0%
Cecil Memorial, Annapolis	Reginald Tarpley	\$18,957	\$18,957	100.0%
Cedar Grove-Oakland, Deale	Glen Arnold	\$35,006	\$35,006	100.0%
Centenary, Shady Side	Kyle Durbin	\$15,744	\$15,744	100.0%
Chews Memorial, Edgewater	Brenda Joyce Mack	\$13,428	\$13,428	100.0%
Community, Crofton	Louis Shockley	\$61,646	\$61,646	100.0%
Community, Laurel	Selena Johnson	\$12,048	\$12,048	100.0%
Davidsonville, Davidsonville	Lisa Bandel	\$52,670	\$52,670	100.0%
Delmont, Severn	Wendy Van Vliet	\$6,450	\$6,450	100.0%
Dorsey Emmanuel, Elkridge	Richard Oursler	\$6,272	\$6,272	100.0%
Eastport, Annapolis	Michelle Mejia	\$28,030	\$28,030	100.0%
Edgewater, Edgewater	Gerald Snyder	\$4,562	\$4,562	100.0%
Faith, Pasadena	Philip Tocknell	\$4,084	\$4,084	100.0%
Ferndale, Glen Burnie	Michael Cantley	\$18,326	\$18,326	100.0%
First, Laurel	Ramon McDonald	\$48,053	\$48,053	100.0%
Fowler, Annapolis	Patricia Johnson	\$8,447	\$8,447	100.0%
Franklin, Churchton	Alhassan Macaulay	\$17,013	\$17,013	100.0%
Friendship, Friendship	Byron Edward Brought	\$40,499	\$40,499	100.0%
Galesville, Galesville	Patricia Sebring	\$17,314	\$17,314	100.0%
Glen Burnie, Glen Burnie	Robert Barnes	\$56,916	\$56,916	100.0%
Hall, Glen Burnie	Patricia Allen	\$15,556	\$15,556	100.0%
Harwood Park, Elkridge	Richard Duncan	\$8,307	\$8,307	100.0%
Hope Memorial St Mark, Edgewater	Eddie Smith	\$13,526	\$13,526	100.0%
John Wesley, Annapolis	S. Jerry Colbert	\$13,839	\$13,839	100.0%
John Wesley, Glen Burnie	Lena Marie Dennis	\$24,061	\$24,061	100.0%
John Wesley-Waterbury, Crownsville	Frederick Price, Jr.	\$9,296	\$9,296	100.0%
Linthicum Heights, Linthicum	David Shank	\$55,249	\$55,249	100.0%
Macedonia, Odenton	Albert Moser	\$11,610	\$11,610	100.0%
Magothy Church of the Deaf-Gallaudet, Pasadena	Sandra Johnson	\$2,170	\$2,170	100.0%
Magothy, Pasadena	Reg Barss	\$24,886	\$24,886	100.0%
Marley, Glen Burnie	Stephanie Bekhor	\$7,537	\$7,537	100.0%
Melville Chapel, Elkridge	Richard Duncan	\$9,778	\$9,778	100.0%
Messiah, Glen Burnie	Gail Button	\$13,572	\$13,572	100.0%
Metropolitan, Severn	Frances Stewart	\$36,465	\$36,465	100.0%
Mount Calvary, Arnold	Reginald Tarpley	\$12,691	\$12,691	100.0%
Mount Carmel, Pasadena	Michael Fauconnet	\$26,414	\$26,414	100.0%
Mount Tabor, Crownsville	Charles Simms	\$6,694	\$6,694	100.0%
Mount Zion, Annapolis	Patricia Johnson	\$11,729	\$11,729	100.0%
Mount Zion, Laurel	Karen Weaver	\$17,029	\$17,029	100.0%
Mount Zion, Lothian	William (Bill) Herche	\$53,631	\$53,631	100.0%
Mount Zion, Pasadena	Robert Walker	\$31,114	\$31,114	100.0%
Mount Zion-Ark Road, Lothian	John Blanchard	\$10,446	\$10,446	100.0%
Nichols-Bethel, Odenton	Clark Carr	\$58,221	\$58,221	100.0%
Pasadena, Pasadena	Sherrin Marshall	\$40,746	\$40,746	100.0%
Severn, Severn	Wendy Van Vliet	\$14,688	\$14,688	100.0%
Severna Park, Severna Park	Nicole Houston	\$160,888	\$160,888	100.0%
Sollers, Lothian	Richard Lindsay	\$10,970	\$10,970	100.0%
Solley, Glen Burnie	Gail Button	\$5,967	\$5,967	100.0%
St Andrews of Annapolis, Edgewater	David Thayer	\$38,999	\$38,999	100.0%
St Mark, Hanover	Herbert Watson	\$70,497	\$70,497	100.0%
St Mark's, Laurel	Sonia King	\$24,355	\$24,355	100.0%
St Matthews, Shady Side	Roberta Matthews	\$19,430	\$19,430	100.0%
The Everlasting Love, Glen Burnie	Jonghui Park	\$8,051	\$8,051	100.0%
Trinity, Odenton	Louis Shockley	\$2,976	\$2,976	100.0%
Union, Lothian	Thomas Long, Sr.	\$4,475	\$4,475	100.0%
Wesley Chapel, Jessup	Richard Oursler	\$2,907	\$2,907	100.0%
Wesley Chapel, Lothian	Walter Middlebrooks	\$7,411	\$7,411	100.0%
Wesley Grove, Hanover	Ingrid Wang	\$19,361	\$19,361	100.0%
Union Memorial, Davidsonville	Paulette Jones	\$8,667	\$8,195	94.6%
Mayo, Edgewater	Kathy Altman	\$29,665	\$25,000	84.3%
Community, Pasadena	L. Katherine Moore	\$32,524	\$24,793	76.2%
Trinity, Annapolis	David Wentz	\$60,696	\$30,348	50.0%
Wilson Memorial, Gambrills	Gregory Jonathan McNeil	\$12,908	\$3,827	29.6%
Annapolis District Summary		\$1,908,501	\$1,856,204	97.3%

Church, City	Pastor	2014 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT				
Arbutus, Baltimore	Ira Barr	\$34,550	\$34,550	100.0%
Arnolia, Baltimore	Mary Ellen Glorioso	\$30,871	\$30,871	100.0%
Back River, Essex	Donna Nelson	\$12,778	\$12,778	100.0%
Bethesda, Baltimore	Lemuel Dominguez	\$13,126	\$13,126	100.0%
Brooklyn Community, Baltimore	Stephen Smith	\$19,174	\$19,174	100.0%
Catonsville, Catonsville	Mark Waddell	\$80,019	\$80,019	100.0%
Chase, Baltimore	Cynthia Burkert	\$18,822	\$18,822	100.0%
Cherry Hill, Baltimore	Ashley Hoover	\$12,287	\$12,287	100.0%
Chesaco, Baltimore	Tracy Perry	\$8,093	\$8,093	100.0%
Christ Church of Baltimore County, Baltimore	Richard Keller	\$11,749	\$11,749	100.0%
Christ, Baltimore	LaReesa Smith-Horn	\$43,482	\$43,482	100.0%
Dundalk, Baltimore	Daniel Kutrick	\$18,093	\$18,093	100.0%
Eden Korean, Baltimore	Yo-Seop Shin	\$15,245	\$15,245	100.0%
Emanuel, Catonsville	Janet Becker	\$11,133	\$11,133	100.0%
Emmarts, Baltimore	George Winkfield	\$13,968	\$13,968	100.0%
Epworth Chapel, Baltimore	C. Anthony Hunt	\$50,242	\$50,242	100.0%
Essex, Essex	Kimberly Brown-Whale	\$20,931	\$20,931	100.0%
Faith Community, Baltimore	Jacquelyn McLellan	\$17,084	\$17,084	100.0%
Fulton Siemers Mem. Christ Ch , Baltimore	Sandra Johnson	\$7,870	\$7,870	100.0%
Good Shepherd, Baltimore	Bonnie McCubbin	\$35,640	\$35,640	100.0%
Grace, Baltimore	Amy McCullough	\$77,798	\$77,798	100.0%
Halethorpe-Relay, Halethorpe	Claire Fiedler	\$26,117	\$26,117	100.0%
Hampden, Baltimore	Cary James	\$13,489	\$13,489	100.0%
Hiss, Baltimore	Timothy Andrew Dowell	\$56,762	\$56,762	100.0%
Hopkins, Highland	Sheridan Allmond	\$18,955	\$18,955	100.0%
Lansdowne, Baltimore	Wayne Chung	\$17,076	\$17,076	100.0%
Loch Raven, Baltimore	Clifford Webner	\$44,630	\$44,630	100.0%
Lodge Forest, Baltimore	Katie Grover	\$11,032	\$11,032	100.0%
Lovely Lane, Baltimore	Nancy Nedwell	\$37,241	\$37,241	100.0%
Mount Olivet, Catonsville	Sheridan Allmond	\$9,810	\$9,810	100.0%
Mount Washington-Aldersgate, Baltimore	Karen Davis	\$14,753	\$14,753	100.0%
Northwood-Appold, Baltimore	Cecil Conteen Gray	\$35,750	\$35,750	100.0%
Old Otterbein, Baltimore	Jessica Statesman	\$14,192	\$14,192	100.0%
Orems, Baltimore	Christopher Dembeck	\$23,123	\$23,123	100.0%
Salem-Baltimore Hispanic, Baltimore	Leonardo Rodriguez	\$7,763	\$7,763	100.0%
Sharp Street Memorial, Baltimore	Cary James	\$26,034	\$26,034	100.0%
St Johns, Baltimore	Amy McCullough	\$11,858	\$11,858	100.0%
St Matthews, Baltimore	Kay Albury	\$20,508	\$20,508	100.0%
St Matthews, Baltimore	Walter Jackson, III	\$3,080	\$3,080	100.0%
St. Paul Praise and Worship Center, Pikesville	Denise Norfleet-Walker	\$17,486	\$17,486	100.0%
Towson, Towson	Roderick Miller	\$131,104	\$131,104	100.0%
Trinity, Catonsville	Janet Becker	\$18,130	\$18,130	100.0%
Union Memorial, Baltimore	William Edward Butler	\$32,768	\$32,768	100.0%
Unity, Baltimore	Melvin Bond	\$7,180	\$7,180	100.0%
Violetville, Baltimore	Nathaniel Green	\$7,072	\$7,072	100.0%
West Baltimore, Baltimore	Anthony Forman	\$12,576	\$12,576	100.0%
Martin Luther King Memorial, Baltimore	James Gosnell	\$11,964	\$9,372	78.3%
Arlington-Lewin, Baltimore	Eugene Matthews	\$18,632	\$13,974	75.0%
Patapsco, Dundalk	Katie Grover	\$20,367	\$12,613	61.9%
Graceland, Baltimore	Daniel Kutrick	\$8,291	\$4,836	58.3%
Salem-Hebbsville, Baltimore	Helen Armiger	\$10,672	\$5,600	52.5%
John Wesley, Baltimore	Bruce Haskins	\$71,035	\$37,040	52.1%
Eastern, Baltimore	Thomas Blake	\$27,549	\$13,775	50.0%
St John, Baltimore	Jason Jordan-Griffin	\$27,771	\$13,886	50.0%
St Luke, Baltimore	Alfreda Wiggins	\$11,256	\$5,280	46.9%
Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore	David Shank	\$35,249	\$16,474	46.7%
Gwynn Oak, Baltimore	Dellyne Hinton	\$24,465	\$10,539	43.1%
New Covenant Worship Center, Baltimore	Clarence Davis	\$14,724	\$6,000	40.7%
Beechfield, Baltimore	Valerie Barnes	\$19,020	\$6,440	33.8%
Elderslie-St Andrews, Baltimore	Terry McCain	\$19,015	\$6,338	33.3%
St Lukes, Baltimore	Mary Conaway	\$7,384	\$2,461	33.3%
Metropolitan, Baltimore	Michelle Chaney & Vera Mallett	\$20,482	\$5,200	25.4%
Mount Zion, Baltimore	Wanda Duckett	\$30,094	\$7,523	25.0%
Homestead, Baltimore	Zelda Childs	\$7,912	\$1,689	21.3%
Ames, Baltimore	Rodney Hudson	\$27,138	\$4,000	14.7%
New Waverly, Baltimore	Kevin Slayton	\$19,428	\$1,900	9.8%
Govans-Boundary, Baltimore	Terry McCain	\$11,200	\$1,000	8.9%
Rodgers Forge, Baltimore	Cary James	\$10,002	\$834	8.3%
St James, Baltimore	Iris Farabee-Lewis	\$14,370	\$400	2.8%
Centennial-Caroline, Baltimore	Cynthia Belt	\$16,110	\$300	1.9%
Cowenton, White Marsh	Heather Olson	\$8,850	\$100	1.1%
Mount Winans, Baltimore	Iris Farabee-Lewis	\$9,953	\$0	0.0%
Orangeville, Baltimore	Walter Jackson, III	\$2,663	\$0	0.0%
Overlea Chapel, Baltimore	Karen Davis	\$16,443	\$0	0.0%
Piney Grove, Middle River	Heather Olson	\$10,750	\$0	0.0%
St. Matthews-New Life, Baltimore	Eric King	\$23,705	\$0	0.0%
Baltimore Metropolitan District Summary		\$1,727,935	\$1,359,015	78.6%
BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT				
Ayres Chapel, White Hall	Nicholas Bufano	\$7,483	\$7,483	100.0%
Bixlers, Manchester	Arthur Thomas	\$4,616	\$4,616	100.0%
Boring, Boring	Lillian Boyd	\$2,371	\$2,371	100.0%
Bosley, Sparks	Darryl Gill	\$8,118	\$8,118	100.0%

520 churches (out of 631, or 82%) paid 100%

Church, City	Pastor	2014 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
Camp Chapel, Perry Hall	Richard Brown-Whale	\$36,012	\$36,012	100.0%
Cedar Grove, Monkton	Fred Sipes	\$4,822	\$4,822	100.0%
Centre, Forest Hill	Mark Gorman	\$16,217	\$16,217	100.0%
Clarks Chapel, Bel Air	Mark Groover	\$15,409	\$15,409	100.0%
Clynmalira, Phoenix	John Dailey	\$12,315	\$12,315	100.0%
Cokesbury, Abingdon	Brenda Lewis	\$19,682	\$19,682	100.0%
Cranberry, Perryman	Glenn Barrick	\$6,029	\$6,029	100.0%
Darlington, Darlington	James Johnson	\$5,438	\$5,438	100.0%
Deer Creek, Forest Hill	Craig Little	\$3,568	\$3,568	100.0%
Deer Park, Reisterstown	Gerald Gautcher	\$6,345	\$6,345	100.0%
Dublin, Street	James Johnson	\$15,480	\$15,480	100.0%
Ebenezer, Fallston	Travis Knoll	\$5,866	\$5,866	100.0%
Edgewood, Lutherville	Ernest Lievers	\$4,655	\$4,655	100.0%
Emory, Street	Kathleen Sarah Lossau	\$19,403	\$19,403	100.0%
Emory, Upperco	Dwight Johnson	\$14,809	\$14,809	100.0%
Epworth, Cockeysville	Patricia Watson	\$32,521	\$32,521	100.0%
Fairview, Phoenix	Frances Dailey	\$4,286	\$4,286	100.0%
Falls Road, Sparks	Scott Dale Shumaker	\$2,205	\$2,205	100.0%
Fallston, Fallston	Karin Walker	\$58,626	\$58,626	100.0%
Fork, Fork	Richard Mortimore	\$13,970	\$13,970	100.0%
Frames Memorial, Phoenix	Paul Papp	\$2,661	\$2,660	100.0%
Grace, Aberdeen	Robert Clipp	\$48,985	\$48,985	100.0%
Grace, Upperco	Melissa Rudolph	\$9,137	\$9,137	100.0%
Greenmount, Hampstead	Melissa Rudolph	\$9,512	\$9,512	100.0%
Greenspring, Owings Mills	Ernest Lievers	\$3,967	\$3,967	100.0%
Havre De Grace, Havre De Grace	Norman Obenshain	\$45,048	\$45,048	100.0%
Hereford, Monkton	William Thomas	\$30,620	\$30,620	100.0%
Hopewell, Havre de Grace	Corey Scott Sharpe	\$15,210	\$15,210	100.0%
Hunt's Memorial, Riderwood	Gary Sheffield-James	\$45,671	\$45,671	100.0%
Idlewylde, Baltimore	Carol Pazdersky	\$9,998	\$9,998	100.0%
Jarrettsville, Jarrettsville	Nicholas Bufano	\$18,977	\$18,977	100.0%
John Wesley, Abingdon	Darius Butler	\$7,382	\$7,382	100.0%
Mays Chapel, Timonium	Laurie Tingley	\$28,968	\$28,968	100.0%
Millers, Manchester	Arthur Thomas	\$9,286	\$9,286	100.0%
Monkton, Monkton	William Jack Bussard	\$9,330	\$9,330	100.0%
Mount Carmel, Parkton	Scott Dale Shumaker	\$12,951	\$12,951	100.0%
Mount Gilead, Reisterstown	Lillian Boyd	\$5,638	\$5,638	100.0%
Mount Olive, Randallstown	Mark Johnson	\$31,061	\$31,061	100.0%
Mount Tabor, Bel Air	Craig Little	\$4,765	\$4,765	100.0%
Mount Zion, Bel Air	Craig McLaughlin	\$138,084	\$138,084	100.0%
Mount Zion, Parkton	R. Dennis Schultz	\$2,583	\$2,583	100.0%
Mount Zion, Upperco	John Mayden	\$6,124	\$6,124	100.0%
Mount Zion-Finksburg, Finksburg	Wm. Louis Piel	\$9,383	\$9,383	100.0%
Norrisville, White Hall	Melissa McDade	\$12,388	\$12,388	100.0%
Patapsco, Finksburg	Barbara Allen	\$5,601	\$5,601	100.0%
Perry Hall, Baltimore	Victor Harner	\$38,677	\$38,677	100.0%
Pine Grove, Parkton	Andrew Greenwood	\$14,111	\$14,111	100.0%
Pine Grove, White Hall	Lloyd Marcus	\$2,455	\$2,455	100.0%
Piney Grove, Reisterstown	Rebecca Lemon-Riley	\$2,138	\$2,138	100.0%
Pleasant Grove, Reisterstown	William Harden	\$9,965	\$9,965	100.0%
Pleasant Hill, Owings Mills	Jeffrey Allen Paulson	\$22,015	\$22,015	100.0%
Poplar Grove, Phoenix	Paul Papp	\$3,619	\$3,619	100.0%
Providence, Towson	Jackson Day	\$12,411	\$12,411	100.0%
Reisterstown, Reisterstown	Vivian McCarthy	\$64,369	\$64,369	100.0%
Rock Run, Darlington	Paul Simmons	\$3,840	\$3,840	100.0%
Salem, Hampstead	Jarrett Wicklein	\$11,422	\$11,422	100.0%
Salem, Upper Falls	James (Jay) DeMent	\$30,881	\$30,881	100.0%
Shiloh, Hampstead	Barbara Allen	\$8,380	\$8,380	100.0%
Smiths Chapel, Churchville	J. David Roberts	\$7,646	\$7,646	100.0%
St Johns, Hampstead	Melissa Rudolph	\$14,703	\$14,703	100.0%
St Johns, Lutherville	Carol Pazdersky	\$11,171	\$11,171	100.0%
St Luke, Monkton	Lloyd Marcus	\$1,994	\$1,994	100.0%
St Paul, White Hall	Melissa McDade	\$7,938	\$7,938	100.0%
Stablers, Parkton	Darryl Zoller	\$2,118	\$2,118	100.0%
Texas, Cockeysville	Paul Papp	\$6,105	\$6,105	100.0%
Timonium, Timonium	Frances Dailey	\$58,651	\$58,651	100.0%
Union Chapel, Joppa	Stephen Humphrey	\$26,238	\$26,238	100.0%
Union Chapel, Monkton	Lloyd Marcus	\$2,925	\$2,925	100.0%
Union, Aberdeen	Granderson Jones	\$9,084	\$9,084	100.0%
Union, Baldwin	Jennifer Lynn Kokoski	\$6,151	\$6,151	100.0%
Vernon, White Hall	R. Dennis Schultz	\$2,848	\$2,848	100.0%
Wards Chapel, Randallstown	John William Nupp	\$31,099	\$31,099	100.0%
Wesley, Hampstead	Amy Sarah Lewis	\$27,251	\$27,251	100.0%
Wesleyan Chapel, Aberdeen	Corey Scott Sharpe	\$8,079	\$8,079	100.0%
West Liberty, White Hall	R. Dennis Schultz	\$7,038	\$7,038	100.0%
William Watters Memorial, Jarrettsville	Travis Knoll	\$15,789	\$15,789	100.0%
Wiseburg, White Hall	Ronald Gompf	\$6,209	\$6,209	100.0%
Presbury, Edgewood	Shannon Sullivan	\$12,673	\$10,561	83.3%
Milford Mill, Pikesville	Marlon Tilghman	\$27,608	\$21,105	76.4%
St Luke, Reisterstown	Charles Stevenson	\$7,810	\$5,857	75.0%
Bel Air, Bel Air	Barry Hidey	\$161,809	\$107,873	66.7%
Parke Memorial, Parkton	R. Dennis Schultz	\$7,937	\$4,630	58.3%
Gough, Cockeysville	Lloyd Marcus	\$3,857	\$2,050	53.2%
Asbury, White Marsh	Beryl Whipple	\$9,937	\$4,140	41.7%
Ames, Bel Air	Michael Parker	\$35,402	\$14,450	40.8%

Church, City	Pastor	2014 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
Bentley Springs, Parkton	Darryl Zoller	\$2,760	\$929	33.6%
Waugh, Glen Arm	Richard Mortimore	\$9,669	\$1,340	13.8%
Glyndon, Glyndon	Jeannie Marsh	\$35,704	\$3,975	11.1%
Mount Vernon, Whiteford	Arthur Justice	\$11,555	\$1,000	8.6%
Linden Heights, Parkville	Alicia Vanisko	\$21,778	\$0	0.0%
Maryland Line, Maryland Line	R. Dennis Schultz	\$12,543	\$0	0.0%
Baltimore Suburban District Summary		\$1,681,934	\$1,498,802	89.1%
CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT				
Alberta Gary Memorial, Columbia	Marilyn Cheryl Newhouse	\$10,218	\$10,218	100.0%
Araby, Frederick	Debra Linton	\$8,615	\$8,615	100.0%
Ashton, Ashton	Emily Berkowitz	\$45,995	\$45,995	100.0%
Bethany, Ellicott City	Andrew Cooney	\$127,561	\$127,561	100.0%
Bethesda, Damascus	Henry Butler	\$33,329	\$33,329	100.0%
Clarksburg, Clarksburg	David Hodsdon	\$7,955	\$7,955	100.0%
Covenant, Montgomery Village	E. Amanda "Mandy" Sayers	\$45,542	\$45,542	100.0%
Damascus, Damascus	David Cooney	\$129,889	\$129,889	100.0%
Dickerson, Dickerson	Patricia Abell	\$4,188	\$4,188	100.0%
Ebenezer, Sykesville	Judith Emerson	\$29,835	\$29,835	100.0%
Emory Grove, Gaithersburg	Timothy Warner	\$19,897	\$19,897	100.0%
Emory, Ellicott City	Cathryn Vitek	\$11,698	\$11,697	100.0%
Epworth, Gaithersburg	Jennifer Fenner	\$62,406	\$62,406	100.0%
Fairhaven, Gaithersburg	Esther Holimon	\$32,241	\$32,241	100.0%
Fairview, Sykesville	Don Levroncy	\$2,536	\$2,536	100.0%
FaithPoint, Monrovia	Christopher Bishop	\$17,793	\$17,793	100.0%
Flint Hill, Adamstown	Robert Ruggieri	\$4,155	\$4,155	100.0%
Flohrville, Sykesville	NaRae Kim	\$3,453	\$3,453	100.0%
Forest Grove, Tuscaraora	Patricia Abell	\$3,442	\$3,441	100.0%
Friendship, Damascus	Samuel Holdbrook-Smith	\$11,289	\$11,289	100.0%
Gaither, Sykesville	Terri Rae Chattin	\$10,694	\$10,694	100.0%
Gary Memorial, Ellicott City	Douglas Fox	\$12,614	\$12,614	100.0%
Glen Mar, Ellicott City	D. Matthew Poole	\$191,451	\$191,451	100.0%
Glenelg, Glenelg	Kenneth Fell	\$39,103	\$39,103	100.0%
Goshen, Gaithersburg	Shawn Wilson	\$52,162	\$52,162	100.0%
Grace, Gaithersburg	James Miller	\$100,889	\$100,889	100.0%
Howard Chapel-Ridgeville, Mount Airy	Phillip Ayers	\$12,281	\$12,281	100.0%
Hyattstown, Clarksburg	David Hodsdon	\$10,414	\$10,414	100.0%
Ijamsville, Ijamsville	Robert Ruggieri	\$6,246	\$6,246	100.0%
Jennings Chapel, Woodbine	Robert Cook	\$9,693	\$9,693	100.0%
Linden-Linthicum, Clarksville	Gayle Annis-Forder	\$59,414	\$59,414	100.0%
Lisbon, Lisbon	Yu Jung Hwang	\$21,352	\$21,352	100.0%
Locust, Columbia	Jane Elizabeth Wood	\$20,608	\$20,608	100.0%
Marvin Chapel, Mount Airy	Earl Mason	\$5,196	\$5,196	100.0%
Memorial, Poolesville	William Maisch	\$30,502	\$30,502	100.0%
Mill Creek Parish, Rockville	Deborah Lynn Scott	\$54,390	\$54,390	100.0%
Montgomery, Damascus	Kenneth McDonald	\$57,303	\$57,303	100.0%
Mount Carmel, Brookeville	James Pugh	\$4,477	\$4,477	100.0%
Mount Gregory, Glenwood	Christopher N. Serufusa	\$9,429	\$9,429	100.0%
Mount Olive, Mount Airy	Lynne Humphries-Russ	\$5,371	\$5,371	100.0%
Mount Zion, Highland	Malcolm Stranathan	\$76,386	\$76,386	100.0%
Mountain View, Damascus	Myung-Ha Baek	\$7,817	\$7,817	100.0%
Oakdale Emory, Olney	Kevin Baker	\$181,091	\$181,091	100.0%
Pleasant Grove, Ijamsville	Myung-Ha Baek	\$7,178	\$7,178	100.0%
Poplar Springs, Woodbine	Robert Cook	\$7,019	\$7,019	100.0%
Prospect, Mount Airy	Earl Mason	\$10,620	\$10,620	100.0%
Providence, Monrovia	Dauba "DD" Adams	\$16,281	\$16,281	100.0%
Rockland, Ellicott City	Katharine "Katie" Saari	\$14,490	\$14,490	100.0%
Salem, Brookeville	Sue Shorb-Sterling	\$35,007	\$35,007	100.0%
St James, West Friendship	Katharine "Katie" Saari	\$24,904	\$24,904	100.0%
St Luke, Sykesville	Christopher N. Serufusa	\$9,422	\$9,420	100.0%
St Paul, Laytonsville	James Pugh	\$16,642	\$16,642	100.0%
St Paul's, Sykesville	Terri Rae Chattin	\$46,170	\$46,170	100.0%
Wesley Chapel, Frederick	Sandra Phillips	\$11,334	\$11,334	100.0%
Wesley Freedom, Eldersburg	William Brown	\$97,724	\$97,724	100.0%
Wesley Grove, Gaithersburg	Linda Yarrow	\$17,475	\$17,475	100.0%
West Liberty, Marriottsville	Barbara Sands	\$4,681	\$4,681	100.0%
West Montgomery, Dickerson	Bernadette Armwood	\$8,335	\$8,335	100.0%
Calvary, Mount Airy	Stephen Larsen	\$91,142	\$74,280	81.5%
Mount Tabor, Damascus	Linda Yarrow	\$9,656	\$7,413	76.8%
Asbury, Germantown	Sidney Morris	\$5,244	\$3,933	75.0%
Sharp Street, Sandy Spring	Kecia Ford	\$26,537	\$19,903	75.0%
Salem, Germantown	Linda Yarrow	\$9,685	\$6,500	67.1%
Trinity, Germantown	Mamie Williams	\$44,084	\$27,427	62.2%
Simpson, Mount Airy	Christopher N. Serufusa	\$1,376	\$820	59.6%
Mount Zion, Olney	Christopher N. Serufusa	\$8,392	\$4,895	58.3%
Washington Grove, Washington Grove	EunJoung Joo	\$12,755	\$6,630	52.0%
St John United Church, Columbia	Mary Ka Kanahan	\$18,000	\$6,936	38.5%
Christ, Columbia	Marilyn Cheryl Newhouse	\$10,980	\$3,000	27.3%
St Marks, Boyds	Bernadette Armwood	\$4,109	\$1,000	24.3%
Daisy, Lisbon	Christopher N. Serufusa	\$3,419	\$570	16.7%
Community of Faith, Clarksburg	Samuel Holdbrook-Smith	\$18,322	\$2,700	14.7%
Mount Zion, Ellicott City	Karen Jones	\$7,029	\$610	8.7%
Ebenezer Ijamsville, Ijamsville	Sidney Morris	\$6,663	\$0	0.0%
Morgan Chapel, Woodbine	Lynne Humphries-Russ	\$3,941	\$0	0.0%
Central Maryland District Summary		\$2,199,533	\$2,084,814	94.8%

31 churches moved up to 100% in 2014!

Church, City	Pastor	2014 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
<div><div>CH</div><div>CUMBERLAND-HAGERSTOWN DISTRICT</div><div>CH</div></div>				
Allegany, Frostburg	George Harpold	\$1,724	\$1,724	100.0%
Alpine, Berkeley Springs	Robert Fisher	\$2,159	\$2,159	100.0%
Asbury, Hagerstown	Sharon Gibson	\$6,131	\$6,131	100.0%
Barton, Barton	Carl Cowan	\$7,544	\$7,544	100.0%
Benevola, Boonsboro	John Dean	\$24,642	\$24,642	100.0%
Bethel, Chewsville	Linda Warehime	\$26,087	\$26,087	100.0%
Bethel, Rohersville	John Schildt	\$6,650	\$6,650	100.0%
Calvary, Great Cacapon	Kenneth Mason	\$3,037	\$3,037	100.0%
Calvary, Ridgeley	Richard Jewell	\$10,118	\$10,118	100.0%
Carlos, Frostburg	George Harpold	\$1,427	\$1,427	100.0%
Catalpa, Hancock	John Close	\$887	\$887	100.0%
Centenary, Cumberland	Rebecca Jane Vardiman	\$2,818	\$2,818	100.0%
Central, Cumberland	C. Lee Brotemarkle	\$5,117	\$5,117	100.0%
Cherry Run, Berkeley Springs	Theodore Daniel Marsh	\$3,730	\$3,730	100.0%
Christ, Cumberland	Harold McClay, Jr.	\$8,491	\$8,491	100.0%
Davis Memorial, Cumberland	W. Scott Summers	\$13,707	\$13,707	100.0%
Dawson, Rawlings	Patrick Buhrman	\$6,974	\$6,974	100.0%
Eckhart, Frostburg	George Harpold	\$4,251	\$4,251	100.0%
Ellerslie, Ellerslie	Sandra Hetz	\$11,300	\$11,300	100.0%
Emmanuel, Cumberland	Richard Jewell	\$13,651	\$13,651	100.0%
Emmanuel, Hagerstown	Randall Reid	\$31,101	\$31,101	100.0%
Fairview Avenue, Cumberland	Daniel Gordon Taylor	\$3,128	\$3,127	100.0%
First, Berkeley Springs	Stan Cardwell	\$59,311	\$59,311	100.0%
First, Lonaconing	Frederick Iser	\$9,827	\$9,827	100.0%
Flintstone, Flintstone	Wayne Sloan	\$4,123	\$4,123	100.0%
Frostburg, Frostburg	Jennifer Webber	\$24,128	\$24,128	100.0%
Garfield, Smithsburg	Mary L Ricketts	\$11,972	\$11,972	100.0%
Grace, Hagerstown	Curtis Ehrgott	\$33,398	\$33,398	100.0%
Grace, Midland	Daniel Montague	\$7,642	\$7,642	100.0%
Greenwood, Berkeley Springs	Lloyd McCanna	\$5,275	\$5,275	100.0%
Hancock, Hancock	Michael Bynum	\$26,595	\$26,595	100.0%
Highland, Berkeley Springs	Robert Fisher	\$4,022	\$4,022	100.0%
Holy Cross, Ridgeley	Thomas Young	\$11,624	\$11,624	100.0%
John Wesley, Hagerstown	L. Patrick Ricker	\$41,140	\$41,140	100.0%
La Vale, Lavale	Frankie Revell	\$36,701	\$36,701	100.0%
Mc Kendree of Potomac Park, Cumberland	Lisa Boone	\$9,196	\$9,196	100.0%
Melvin, Cumberland	Daniel Gordon Taylor	\$10,302	\$10,302	100.0%
Michaels, Berkeley Springs	Charles Bergen	\$3,033	\$3,033	100.0%
Mount Bethel, Smithsburg	Ronald Kurtz	\$8,760	\$8,760	100.0%
Mount Carmel, Big Pool	Ian Grant Spong	\$4,757	\$4,757	100.0%
Mount Carmel, Rohersville	John Schildt	\$2,222	\$2,222	100.0%
Mount Hermon, Flintstone	Wayne Sloan	\$3,500	\$3,500	100.0%
Mount Lena, Boonsboro	Ronald Kurtz	\$7,956	\$7,956	100.0%
Mount Nebo, Boonsboro	Ray Roberson	\$26,803	\$26,803	100.0%
Mount Olivet, Berkeley Springs	Lloyd McCanna	\$5,393	\$5,393	100.0%
Mount Pleasant, Berkeley Springs	Robert Fisher	\$2,216	\$2,216	100.0%
Mount Savage, Mount Savage	Sandra Hetz	\$10,405	\$10,405	100.0%
Mount Tabor, Oldtown	Charles Riggleman	\$4,356	\$4,356	100.0%
Mount Zion, Berkeley Springs	Theodore Daniel Marsh	\$4,659	\$4,659	100.0%
Mount Zion, Great Cacapon	Richard Voorhaar	\$2,950	\$2,950	100.0%
Mount Zion, Myersville	Michael Beiber	\$19,789	\$19,789	100.0%
Mount Zion, Sabillasville	Albert Deal	\$3,562	\$3,562	100.0%
Murleys Branch, Flintstone	Wayne Sloan	\$2,376	\$2,376	100.0%
New Covenant, Cumberland	Christopher Scott Gobrecht	\$20,170	\$20,170	100.0%
Oldtown, Oldtown	Charles Riggleman	\$4,232	\$4,232	100.0%
Oliver's Grove, Oldtown	Charles Riggleman	\$3,749	\$3,749	100.0%
Otterbein, Hagerstown	Stephen Robison	\$64,166	\$64,166	100.0%
Park Place, Lavale	Vicki Cabbage	\$9,210	\$9,210	100.0%
Parkhead, Big Pool	Ian Grant Spong	\$5,760	\$5,760	100.0%
Paw Paw, Paw Paw	Darlene Powers	\$3,972	\$3,972	100.0%
Piney Plains, N/A	John Close	\$3,058	\$3,058	100.0%
Pleasant Walk, Hagerstown	Nancy Lorraine Green	\$3,932	\$3,932	100.0%
Prosperity, Flintstone	Wayne Sloan	\$5,496	\$5,496	100.0%
Rawlings, Rawlings	Patrick Buhrman	\$8,617	\$8,617	100.0%
Rehoboth, Williamsport	Michael Bennett	\$65,595	\$65,595	100.0%
Salem, Keedysville	Elizabeth LeMaster	\$9,564	\$9,564	100.0%
Salem, Myersville	Robert Snyder	\$14,276	\$14,276	100.0%
Shaft, Midland	Daniel Montague	\$5,352	\$5,352	100.0%
Shiloh, Hagerstown	Kenneth Fizer	\$12,188	\$12,188	100.0%
St Andrews, Hagerstown	Mike Henning	\$15,547	\$15,547	100.0%
St Matthews, Hagerstown	Jerry Lowans	\$7,743	\$7,742	100.0%
Sulphur Springs, Oldtown	William Piper	\$1,779	\$1,779	100.0%
Trinity, Cumberland	Richard Jewell	\$5,389	\$5,389	100.0%
Trinity-Asbury, Berkeley Springs	Charles Bergen	\$13,017	\$13,017	100.0%
Union Chapel, Berkeley Springs	Michael Leedom	\$16,033	\$16,033	100.0%
Vale Summit, Frostburg	George Harpold	\$2,565	\$2,565	100.0%
Washington Square, Hagerstown	Jerry Lowans	\$15,004	\$15,004	100.0%
Wesley Chapel, Berkeley Springs	Charles Bergen	\$8,299	\$8,299	100.0%
Westernport, Westernport	Carl Cowan	\$3,040	\$3,040	100.0%
Williamsport, Williamsport	Susan Boehl	\$35,888	\$35,888	100.0%
Zion, Cumberland	Rebecca Jane Vardiman	\$4,313	\$4,313	100.0%
Cresaptown, Cresaptown	Harold Atkins	\$18,850	\$10,671	56.6%
Centre Street, Cumberland	Thomas Young	\$40,418	\$21,209	52.5%

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Grace, Berkeley Springs	Theodore Daniel Marsh	\$4,882	\$1,627	33.3%
St Paul, Big Pool	Ian Grant Spong	\$4,945	\$1,255	25.4%
St Paul's, Smithsburg	Mary L Ricketts	\$13,264	\$2,687	20.2%
Cumberland-Hagerstown District Summary		\$1,052,976	\$1,008,065	95.7%
<div><div>FR</div><div>FREDERICK DISTRICT</div><div>FR</div></div>				
Arden, Martinsburg	Sarah Schlieckert	\$19,072	\$19,072	100.0%
Asbury, Charles Town	Duane Jensen	\$39,751	\$39,751	100.0%
Asbury, Frederick	LaDelle Brooks	\$25,404	\$25,404	100.0%
Asbury, Shepherdstown	Rudolph Bropneh	\$39,832	\$39,832	100.0%
Bedington, Martinsburg	John Rudisill	\$31,658	\$31,658	100.0%
Berkeley Place, Martinsburg	John Brooks	\$1,874	\$1,874	100.0%
Bethel, Bakerton	Scott Sassaman	\$2,700	\$2,700	100.0%
Bethesda, Shepherdstown	Parker Hinzman	\$4,424	\$4,424	100.0%
Bethesda, Sykesville	Ernest Thayil	\$7,121	\$7,120	100.0%
Blairton, Martinsburg	Russell McClatchey	\$6,893	\$6,893	100.0%
Bolivar, Harpers Ferry	John Unger	\$2,822	\$2,822	100.0%
Brandenburg, Sykesville	John Bragg	\$5,673	\$5,673	100.0%
Brook Hill, Frederick	Wade Martin	\$93,871	\$93,871	100.0%
Buckeystown Rt 85, Buckeystown	Cynthia Caldwell	\$18,840	\$18,840	100.0%
Bunker Hill, Bunker Hill	C. Wayne Frum	\$17,212	\$17,212	100.0%
Butlers Chapel, Martinsburg	Forrest Cummings	\$3,881	\$3,881	100.0%
Calvary, Finksburg	Douglas Hoffman	\$27,272	\$27,272	100.0%
Calvary, Frederick	Alice Ford	\$89,453	\$89,453	100.0%
Calvary, Martinsburg	Robert Brennan	\$39,465	\$39,465	100.0%
Camp Hill-Wesley, Harpers Ferry	Luther Osment	\$8,362	\$8,362	100.0%
Catocin, Thurmont	Terry Orrence	\$4,928	\$4,928	100.0%
Centennial Memorial, Frederick	Helen Smith	\$13,263	\$13,263	100.0%
Chestnut Hill , Harpers Ferry	Dennis Crolley	\$8,804	\$8,804	100.0%
Darkesville, Inwood	Thomas Sigler	\$17,919	\$17,919	100.0%
Deer Park, Westminster	Patricia Dols	\$23,805	\$23,805	100.0%
Deerfield, Sabillasville	Ray Dudley	\$3,721	\$3,721	100.0%
Engle, Harpers Ferry	Luther Osment	\$3,041	\$3,041	100.0%
Friendship, Hedgesville	John Brooks	\$2,418	\$2,418	100.0%
Ganotown, Martinsburg	No Current Appointment	\$1,117	\$1,117	100.0%
Gerrardstown , Gerrardstown	Gary Sieglein	\$8,687	\$8,687	100.0%
Greensburg, Martinsburg	G. Edward Grove	\$6,413	\$6,413	100.0%
Harmony, Falling Waters	Terri Cofell	\$23,710	\$23,710	100.0%
Hedgesville, Hedgesville	Dennis Jackman	\$20,265	\$20,265	100.0%
Hopehill, Frederick	Joyce Hall	\$5,815	\$5,815	100.0%
Inwood, Inwood	Charles Henry	\$3,393	\$3,393	100.0%
Jackson Chapel, Frederick	Rex Bowens	\$20,773	\$20,773	100.0%
Jefferson, Jefferson	James Ridout	\$12,526	\$12,526	100.0%
Johnsville, Sykesville	Thomas Cook	\$2,573	\$2,573	100.0%
Johnsville, Union Bridge	Margaret Moon	\$5,186	\$5,186	100.0%
Kabletown, Rippon	Sharon Kay Bourgeois	\$6,843	\$6,843	100.0%
Leetown, Kearneysville	Joanna Marceron	\$8,246	\$8,246	100.0%
Lewistown, Thurmont	Arthe' "Taysie" Phillips	\$14,140	\$14,140	100.0%
Liberty Central, Libertytown	Jerry Cline	\$9,919	\$9,919	100.0%
Linganore, Union Bridge	David Coakley	\$16,628	\$16,628	100.0%
Marvin Chapel, Martinsburg	Joanna Marceron	\$5,194	\$5,194	100.0%
Memorial, Summit Point	Mary Jo Sims	\$8,999	\$8,999	100.0%
Middleburg, Westminster	Bill Warehime	\$2,473	\$2,472	100.0%
Middletown, Middletown	Susan Halse	\$54,582	\$54,581	100.0%
Middleway, Kearneysville	Owen Womack	\$11,304	\$11,304	100.0%
Mount Carmel, Frederick	Jennifer Smith	\$28,869	\$28,869	100.0%
Mount Pleasant, Frederick	Richard Baker	\$11,207	\$11,207	100.0%
Mount Wesley, Shepherdstown	G. Edward Grove	\$7,221	\$7,221	100.0%
Mount Zion, Frederick	Richard Baker	\$4,355	\$4,355	100.0%
Mount Zion, Martinsburg	Edward Hall	\$13,002	\$13,002	100.0%
Murrill Hill, Harpers Ferry	Donnie Jane Cardwell	\$2,666	\$2,666	100.0%
New Hope of New Windsor, New Windsor	Mary Buzby	\$4,586	\$4,586	100.0%
New Hope of Greater Brunswick, Brunswick	Kathryn Bishop	\$24,057	\$24,057	100.0%
New Market, New Market	Scott Clawson	\$16,999	\$16,999	100.0%
Oakland, Sykesville	Donna Renn	\$15,677	\$15,677	100.0%
Otterbein, Martinsburg	Mark Mooney	\$36,521	\$36,521	100.0%
Paynes Chapel, Bunker Hill	Gary Gourley	\$6,617	\$6,617	100.0%
Pikeside, Martinsburg	Richard Broome	\$18,599	\$18,599	100.0%
Pleasant View, Adamstown	Tonia Brown	\$2,727	\$2,727	100.0%
Salem, Martinsburg	Marshall Light	\$792	\$792	100.0%
Sandy Hook, Knoxville	Marshall Douglas Fraim	\$2,177	\$2,177	100.0%
Sandy Mount, Finksburg	Robert Wellman	\$39,291	\$39,291	100.0%
Shenandoah Memorial, Harpers Ferry	Marshall Douglas Fraim	\$2,155	\$2,155	100.0%
Silver Grove, Harpers Ferry	John Lewis	\$2,922	\$2,922	100.0%
St James @ Dennings, Westminster	Kenneth Dunnington	\$4,030	\$4,030	100.0%
St Lukes, Martinsburg	John Yost	\$37,111	\$37,111	100.0%
St Paul, New Windsor	Colin Phillips	\$17,658	\$17,658	100.0%
Stone Chapel, New Windsor	Chris Suerdieck	\$21,207	\$21,207	100.0%
Strawbridge, New Windsor	Blango Ross	\$8,145	\$8,145	100.0%
Taylorsville, Mount Airy	Sarah Dorrance	\$18,065	\$18,065	100.0%
Thurmont, Thurmont	Robert Hunter, III	\$27,324	\$27,324	100.0%
Tom's Creek, Emmitsburg	Heath Wilson	\$13,403	\$13,403	100.0%
Trinity, Emmitsburg	Colin Phillips	\$17,111	\$17,111	100.0%
Trinity, Martinsburg	Kenneth Walker	\$59,674	\$59,674	100.0%
Union Bridge, Union Bridge	Sue Bowen	\$4,005	\$4,005	100.0%

67 churches increased their giving in 2014 over 2013!

Church, City	Pastor	2014 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
Uniontown, Westminster	Bill Warehime	\$3,139	\$3,139	100.0%
Uvilla, Shepherdstown	Parker Hinzman	\$3,448	\$3,448	100.0%
Walkersville, Walkersville	Richard Baker	\$45,078	\$45,078	100.0%
Westminster, Westminster	Mark Smiley	\$70,822	\$70,822	100.0%
Williams Memorial, Shepherdstown	Parker Hinzman	\$5,401	\$5,401	100.0%
Zion, Westminster	David Carter-Rimbach	\$10,047	\$10,047	100.0%
Doubs-Epworth, Adamstown	James Ridout	\$5,222	\$3,916	75.0%
Trinity, Frederick	Eliezer Valentin-Castanon	\$68,483	\$37,948	55.4%
New Street, Shepherdstown	Geri Dee-Ann Dixon	\$19,126	\$10,406	54.4%
Messiah, Taneytown	Brenda Shields	\$14,690	\$7,345	50.0%
Weller, Thurmont	Robert E. Kells, Jr.	\$23,419	\$9,250	39.5%
Union Street, Westminster	Daryl Foster	\$9,475	\$3,158	33.3%
Oakland, Charles Town	H. Kent Tice	\$37,377	\$6,230	16.7%
Frederick District Summary		\$1,596,161	\$1,496,620	93.8%

GW	GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT			GW
Ager Road, Hyattsville	Samson Yebuah Nortey	\$16,996	\$16,996	100.0%
Bells, Camp Springs	Johnsie Cogman	\$17,579	\$17,579	100.0%
Bethesda, Bethesda	Jenny Cannon	\$119,522	\$119,522	100.0%
Brightwood Park, Washington	Gerald L. Elston	\$17,624	\$17,624	100.0%
Cabin John, Cabin John	Ek Ching Hii	\$14,393	\$14,393	100.0%
Capitol Hill, Washington	Alisa Linn Lasater	\$41,917	\$41,917	100.0%
Centenary, Flatts FL BX	Richard Stetler	\$11,383	\$11,383	100.0%
Cheverly, Cheverly	Saroj Sangha	\$29,119	\$29,119	100.0%
Christ, Washington	Adrienne Terry	\$22,448	\$22,448	100.0%
Church of The Redeemer, Temple Hills	Ronald Fleming-Triplett	\$24,384	\$24,384	100.0%
Colesville, Silver Spring	Michael Armstrong	\$60,061	\$60,061	100.0%
College Park, College Park	Fay Lundin	\$14,256	\$14,256	100.0%
Community, Washington	Jalene Chase-Sands	\$11,160	\$11,160	100.0%
Dumbarton, Washington	Marty Kay Totty	\$34,879	\$34,879	100.0%
Emmanuel, Laurel	Stephanie Vader	\$61,708	\$61,708	100.0%
Emory, Washington	Joe Daniels	\$68,004	\$68,004	100.0%
Faith, Rockville	Kathryn Woodrow	\$90,256	\$90,256	100.0%
First, Hyattsville	Joan Carter-Rimbach	\$76,127	\$76,127	100.0%
Foundry, Washington	Ginger Gaines-Cirelli	\$272,968	\$272,968	100.0%
Franklin P Nash, Washington	R. David Hall	\$10,377	\$10,377	100.0%
Gethsemane, Capitol Heights	G. Sylvester Gaines	\$55,974	\$55,974	100.0%
Glenmont, Silver Spring	Lee Brewer	\$47,216	\$47,216	100.0%
Good Hope Union, Silver Spring	Stacey Cole Wilson	\$35,674	\$35,674	100.0%
Good Shepherd, Silver Spring	Joye Jones	\$46,603	\$46,603	100.0%
Hughes Memorial, Washington	Paul Johnson	\$36,098	\$36,098	100.0%
Hughes, Wheaton	Kenneth Hawes	\$64,180	\$64,180	100.0%
Jerusalem-Mt Pleasant, Rockville	Hattie Jean Johnson-Holmes	\$19,675	\$19,675	100.0%
Liberty Grove, Burtonsville	Rodney Smothers	\$71,800	\$71,800	100.0%
McKendree-Simms-Brookland, Washington	R. David Hall	\$55,244	\$55,244	100.0%
Memorial First India, Silver Spring	Samuel Honnappa	\$29,898	\$29,898	100.0%
Metropolitan Memorial, Washington	Charles Parker	\$329,850	\$329,850	100.0%
Mizo, Rockville	Biak Chhunga	\$5,000	\$5,000	100.0%
Mount Vernon Place, Washington	Donna Sokol	\$81,439	\$81,439	100.0%
Mount Zion, Washington	Johnsie Cogman	\$26,288	\$26,288	100.0%
Mowatt Memorial, Greenbelt	Fay Lundin	\$7,861	\$7,861	100.0%
North Bethesda, Bethesda	Jeffrey Jones	\$53,631	\$53,631	100.0%
Potomac, Potomac	Ann Laprade	\$95,624	\$95,624	100.0%
Randall Memorial, Washington	Brian Jackson	\$25,300	\$25,300	100.0%
Rockville, Rockville	Martha Meredith	\$40,102	\$40,102	100.0%
St Paul's, Kensington	Adam Snell	\$123,348	\$123,348	100.0%
United, Washington	William Federici	\$21,254	\$21,254	100.0%
University, College Park	Sherri Wood-Powe	\$43,803	\$43,803	100.0%
Van Buren, Washington	Alexis F Brown	\$4,654	\$4,654	100.0%
Concord-St Andrews, Bethesda	Susan Brown	\$49,917	\$47,587	95.3%
Grace, Takoma Park	Samson Yebuah Nortey	\$18,210	\$16,691	91.6%
Silver Spring, Silver Spring	Rachel Cornwell	\$106,167	\$96,100	90.5%
Millian Memorial, Rockville	Miguel Balderas	\$55,712	\$46,427	83.3%
Petworth, Washington	Sherwyn Benjamin	\$17,697	\$14,748	83.3%
Mount Vernon, Washington	Armon Nelson	\$11,239	\$8,429	75.0%
Asbury, Washington	Ianther Mills	\$127,490	\$89,251	70.0%
Simpson-Hamline, Washington	Yvonne Mercer-Staten	\$29,604	\$19,736	66.7%
Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase	Kirkland Reynolds	\$93,291	\$60,642	65.0%
Ryland-Epworth, Washington	R. David Hall	\$11,199	\$6,016	53.7%
St Paul, Chevy Chase	John McCauley	\$20,001	\$10,334	51.7%
Marsden First, Smith	Joseph Whalen	\$19,360	\$8,820	45.6%
Ebenezer, Washington	B. Kevin Smalls	\$23,030	\$9,000	39.1%
Albright Memorial, Washington	Gerald Elston	\$13,415	\$5,000	37.3%
Oak Chapel, Silver Spring	Saundra Rector	\$35,821	\$12,985	36.2%
Jones Memorial, Washington	Loretta Ewell Johnson	\$25,997	\$8,331	32.0%
Lincoln Park, Washington	Diane Dixon-Proctor	\$30,155	\$7,539	25.0%
Brighter Day, Washington	Ernest Lyles	\$59,966	\$13,997	23.3%
Forest Memorial, Forestville	Tyrone Blackwell	\$26,596	\$5,011	18.8%
Bradbury Heights, Washington	R. David Hall	\$10,971	\$1,829	16.7%
Grace, Fairmount Heights	Robert Starkey	\$3,652	\$600	16.4%
Douglas Memorial, Washington	Helen Fleming	\$23,277	\$1,500	6.4%
Francis Asbury National Korean, Rockville	Seung-Woo Lee	\$36,741	\$0	0.0%
Greater Washington District Summary		\$3,185,183	\$2,826,246	88.7%

Church, City	Pastor	2014 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
WE	WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT			WE
Alexandria Chapel, Indian Head	Kermit Moore	\$7,053	\$7,053	100.0%
Asbury , Brandywine	Gladman Kapfumvuti	\$25,777	\$25,777	100.0%
Bethel, Upper Marlboro	Kenneth Valentine	\$14,249	\$14,249	100.0%
Bethesda, Valley Lee	Irvin Eugene Beverly	\$7,721	\$7,721	100.0%
Bowie, Bowie	Margaret Clemons	\$16,594	\$16,594	100.0%
Brookfield, Brandywine	Marianne Christofferson	\$6,546	\$6,546	100.0%
Brooks, Saint Leonard	Jason Lawrence Robinson	\$40,429	\$40,429	100.0%
Calvary, Waldorf	Robert Carter	\$25,727	\$25,727	100.0%
Carroll-Western, Prince Frederick	Roland Barnes	\$15,233	\$15,233	100.0%
Cheltenham, Cheltenham	Denise M. Millett	\$17,060	\$17,060	100.0%
Chicamuxen, La Plata	Edward Voorhaar	\$6,462	\$6,461	100.0%
Clinton, Clinton	Dorothea Stroman	\$30,030	\$30,030	100.0%
Coopers, Dunkirk	Sandra Smith	\$6,585	\$6,585	100.0%
Corkran Memorial, Temple Hills	Ronald Fleming-Triplett	\$11,071	\$11,071	100.0%
Eastern, Lusby	Marvin Wamble	\$5,328	\$5,328	100.0%
Ebenezer, Lanham	Mark Venson	\$35,108	\$35,108	100.0%
Emmanuel, Beltsville	Jacob Young	\$46,033	\$46,033	100.0%
Emmanuel, Huntingtown	Melvin Grover	\$17,198	\$17,198	100.0%
Faith, Accokeek	George Aist	\$13,188	\$13,188	100.0%
First Saints Community Church, Leonardtown	John Wunderlich	\$92,328	\$92,328	100.0%
Glenn Dale, Glenn Dale	Moses Sangha	\$21,163	\$21,163	100.0%
Good Shepherd, Waldorf	Laurie Gates-Ward	\$48,036	\$48,036	100.0%
Grace, Fort Washington	Robert Slade	\$50,882	\$50,882	100.0%
Hollywood, Hollywood	Sheldon Reese	\$34,369	\$34,369	100.0%
Huntingtown, Huntingtown	Keith Schukraft	\$49,279	\$49,279	100.0%
Immanuel, Brandywine	Marianne Christofferson	\$11,336	\$11,336	100.0%
Indian Head, Indian Head	Jacques Banks	\$9,840	\$9,840	100.0%
La Plata, La Plata	Bruce Jones	\$62,938	\$62,938	100.0%
Lanham, Lanham	DaeHwa Park	\$27,458	\$27,458	100.0%
Lexington Park, Lexington Park	Douglas Hays	\$51,183	\$51,183	100.0%
Metropolitan, Indian Head	George Hackey	\$34,505	\$34,505	100.0%
Mount Calvary, Charlotte Hall	Jerome Jones, Sr.	\$10,804	\$10,804	100.0%
Mount Harmony-Lower Marlboro, Owings	Faith Lewis	\$32,323	\$32,323	100.0%
Mount Hope, Sunderland	Roosevelt Oliver	\$9,934	\$9,934	100.0%
Mount Olive, Prince Frederick	Dana Jones	\$11,867	\$11,867	100.0%
Mount Zion, Mechanicsville	Ann T Strickler	\$43,043	\$43,043	100.0%
Mount Zion, Saint Inigoes	Derrick Walton	\$6,657	\$6,657	100.0%
Olivet, Lusby	Linda Motter	\$14,207	\$14,207	100.0%
Patuxent, Huntingtown	Bryan Keith Fleet	\$14,614	\$14,614	100.0%
Peters, Dunkirk	Robert Johnson	\$8,762	\$8,762	100.0%
Pisgah, Marbury	Jeanne Parr	\$5,845	\$5,845	100.0%
Plum Point, Huntingtown	Bryan Keith Fleet	\$15,407	\$15,406	100.0%
Providence-Fort Washington, Ft Washington	Stephen Ricketts	\$31,695	\$31,694	100.0%
Savage, Savage	DaeHwa Park	\$16,100	\$16,100	100.0%
Shiloh Community, Newburg	Richard Black	\$16,178	\$16,178	100.0%
Smith Chapel, Marbury	George DeFord	\$8,624	\$8,624	100.0%
Smithville, Dunkirk	Walter Beaudwin	\$24,605	\$24,605	100.0%
Solomons, Solomons	Meredith Wilkins-Arnold	\$25,199	\$25,199	100.0%
St Edmond's, Chesapeake Beach	Joan Jones	\$14,400	\$14,400	100.0%
St John, Lusby	Marvin Wamble	\$15,195	\$15,195	100.0%
St Luke, Scotland	Leroy Boldley	\$4,635	\$4,635	100.0%
St Matthews, Bowie	Daniel Mejia	\$83,947	\$83,947	100.0%
St Matthews, La Plata	Kevin Brooks	\$3,566	\$3,566	100.0%
St Paul, Lusby	David Graves	\$57,950	\$57,950	100.0%
St Paul, Oxon Hill	Daryl Williams	\$66,410	\$66,410	100.0%
The Journey of Faith Church, Waldorf	Robbie Morganfield	\$30,706	\$30,706	100.0%
Trinity, Prince Frederick	James Swecker	\$84,442	\$84,442	100.0%
Union, Upper Marlboro	Kendrick Weaver	\$31,650	\$31,650	100.0%
Wards Memorial, Owings	Eloise Newman	\$7,970	\$7,970	100.0%
Waters Memorial, Saint Leonard	Sherri Comer-Cox	\$13,823	\$13,823	100.0%
Westphalia, Upper Marlboro	Timothy West	\$55,843	\$55,843	100.0%
Zion, Lexington Park	Kenneth Moore	\$31,320	\$31,320	100.0%
Zion Wesley, Waldorf	Gladman Kapfumvuti	\$13,972	\$12,808	91.7%
Christ, Aquasco	Constance Smith	\$18,058	\$15,220	84.3%
Oxon Hill, Oxon Hill	Harry Smith	\$39,114	\$26,076	66.7%
Nottingham-Myers, Upper Marlboro	Constance Smith	\$22,379	\$6,595	29.5%
Shiloh, Bryans Road	Cindy Banks	\$6,165	\$1,541	25.0%
Mount Oak, Mitchellville	Gerald Grace	\$79,461	\$19,000	23.9%
Queens Chapel, Beltsville	B. Kevin Smalls	\$41,190	\$4,119	10.0%
Washington East District Summary		\$1,858,766	\$1,723,783	92.7%

BWC Summary (Budget Goal & Received)	Budget Goal	Received	%
Grand Total	\$15,295,088	\$13,880,343	90.75%



Where does your money go?

For every \$100 put in a collection plate, \$89 stays with your local church. The remaining \$11 supports ministries beyond the local church. About \$2.50 of that apportionment goes to support the General Church, which is global in its membership, mission and ministry.

Eucharist: Campbell brings two traditions ‘closer to God’

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help people “live their lives at a full stretch before God.” That idea of living full out, instead of in a “holy hunch or huddle,” was given to her by her former professor, the Rev. Don Saliers, of Emory University, who was present at the Jan. 25 service.

“It’s easy for a congregation or a person to live in holy hunch, constricted, with a caved-in posture. But stretching opens your heart, body and spirit. Stretching out before God creates a spaciousness of spirit through which the grace of God can move and that makes you different,” Campbell said,

“In the sharing of the Eucharist, two faiths are stretching toward a greater faithfulness. It just happens to be me that’s standing there,” Campbell said.

But the Rev. Kim Cape, General Secretary of the Commission on Higher Education and Ministry, who preached at the Communion service, said she believed it was not an accident that Campbell was the one who was able to take the lead in the Interim Eucharistic Sharing Agreement. She pointed out that the founder of Methodism John Wesley and his brother Charles had no intention of creating a new church, but simply wanted to reform the Church of England.

“You gave us two of your best voices,” she told the Episcopalians gathered. “Today we give you one of our best as well.”

Both Cape and Campbell, friends from their early days in the ordained ministry, acknowledge that there are differences between the two faiths: Episcopalians hold right-thinking in high esteem; United Methodists hold warmed hearts in high esteem, said Campbell.

“But those things that bind us together are stronger than those things that pull us apart. Sharing at the table is at the heart of who we are,” Cape said. She applauded those present for acting together to mend a long division. “As Episcopalians and United Methodists we

center. “When we move closer to one another, we’re moving closer to God, and when we move closer to God, we move closer to one another,” she said. “What we’re doing here today is drawing us closer to God and one another.”



The Rev. Gina Campbell, a United Methodist Elder and Canon Precentor at the National Cathedral, officiates at Communion, celebrating the Interim Eucharistic Sharing Agreement between the United Methodist and Episcopal churches.

remember who we’re kin to and celebrate our family tree and common roots in Christ.”

During her sermon from the Canterbury pulpit, Cape used the analogy of spokes on a wheel with God in the

Watch a video of the Jan. 25 worship and celebration of the Interim Eucharistic Sharing Agreement at the cathedral’s website at www.cathedral.org.

Sharp Street UMC serves as home to unfolding black history

By ERIK ALSGAARD
UMConnection Staff

AS THE UNITED States commemorates Black History Month in February, people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference do not have far to look to find significant reminders of African-American history in their midst.

At the Mother Church of African-American Methodism in the United States, Sharp Street Memorial UMC in Baltimore, history combines with the present to showcase Black History Month, parts of which many may not be aware.

That’s because Sharp Street Memorial UMC has seen more than its fair share of famous visitors and members since its beginning in 1787. It’s also the Mother Church to three Methodist and United Methodist bishops: William Alfred Carroll Hughes (elected 1940); Edward G. Carroll (elected 1972); and Forrest Stith (elected 1984), and home of the current District Superintendent of the Baltimore Metropolitan District, the Rev. Cynthia Moore-Koikoi.

According to Sharp Street’s church historian, Dorothy Dougherty, “From the heritage of a humble beginning as the first church built in Baltimore for an African-American congregation, this historic church has served the Black community. Today, our legacy reveals our contributions to black history and Methodism through our ministry and mission.”

For the Rev. Cary James, the church’s pastor since 2012, serving at the church is both awe-inspiring and motivational.

“It is an honor and privilege to serve here,” he said. “We honor our heritage and continue to look for unique ways that we can further our DNA in the 21st century.”

That DNA includes purchasing 35 acres of land in 1868 to own and operate Mount Auburn Cemetery, the oldest African-American cemetery in Baltimore City; establishing the Rev. Nathaniel Monroe Carroll Home for the Aged in 1872 in the Lafayette Square section of Baltimore; and building the Community House at Sharp Street Memorial in 1920 for activities such as a community center, Vocational Bible School, gymnasium recreation, Boy Scouts, sewing bees, employment agency, cafeteria, urban gardening and a boarding home for young employed women.

A strong part of the DNA he wants to pass along, said James, is the truth that all people are created equal. “Everyone should have the same rights within the Kingdom of God,” James said. “We know in the church that there are no Jews or Greeks, males or females, as Paul tells us, but that we are all one in Christ. As a leader in social

justice for 227 years, we continue to be a voice for the voiceless, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to visit the incarcerated and to give hope to the hopeless.”

Sharp Street Memorial’s congregation has included a number of prominent names. Abolitionist Fredrick Douglass was a faithful member in the 1830s and sang in the choir. Just over 150 years ago, in November 1864, Douglass came to the church to deliver his “Friendly Letter to the People of Maryland” speech. In that speech, Douglass challenged the State of Maryland to free its slaves, even though it was a “southern state” at the time. He also reminded his audience that all people were created equal and that all people deserve dignity and respect, said James.

More recently, the congregation included Lillie Carroll Jackson, who led the Baltimore Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for more than two decades, and her daughter and son-in-law, Civil Rights Activist Juanita Jackson Mitchell and her husband, NAACP lobbyist Clarence Mitchell Jr.

According to James, “the NAACP held many of their meetings at Sharp Street Memorial. The 27th national convention of the NAACP, with 530 delegates registered, held at Sharp Street Memorial’s Community House from June 29 through July 5, 1936, was the largest-ever NAACP convention.”

Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American justice of the Supreme Court, attended church there, too. His grandfather, Thorney Good Marshall was a trustee at Sharp Street Memorial.

Thurgood’s father,



The Rev. Cary James stands with a bust of Frederick Douglass.

William Marshall’s side of the family, were longtime members of Sharp Street Memorial and his mother, Norma Williams Marshall, was an Episcopalian, said James. One Sunday they would go to the father’s church; the next Sunday to the mother’s. Marshall participated in numerous debates at Sharp Street.

James’ office is the same office that Bishop Love used, he said.

“I look back on what they left me as a legacy,” he said.

“I want to leave a legacy for those who come behind me. In that regard, it’s motivating me, encouraging me, empowering me to leave the world better than I found it.”

When the Washington Conference was created 150 years ago as a racially segregated Methodist institution, its roots were in Sharp Street. Rev. Benjamin Brown and other black pastors at that time, said James, kept petitioning the General Conference for equal rights and representation. It took four attempts, but finally the denomination developed the Washington Conference under the auspices of giving black people their own governance and their own church. In fact, the organizational meeting, Oct. 27-31, 1864, was held at Sharp Street (Station) Church.

The current church, built in 1898, is not located at 112-116 Sharp Street anymore. Located at the intersection of Dolphin and Etting in Baltimore’s Upton neighborhood, the church building was the first erected specifically for an African-American congregation in the city.

Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley, a Certified Lay Minister and part of the History Committee at Sharp Street today, is the newly elected president of the Baltimore-Washington Conference’s United Methodist Women. She said that it is truly wonderful to stand on the shoulders of so many giants.

“To know that they had the courage and perseverance to move mission forward; to make room for black people who did not have the opportunities to even preach or to share their spiritual life, or to be able to go to school” is amazing, she said. “These pioneers fought through Civil Rights to make all this possible. It just makes me so humble to be in their presence.”

Sharp Street also gave birth to the Centeneray Biblical Institute, which became Morgan State University and began classes in the church’s lecture rooms in 1867 for the purposes of training preachers and community leaders. According to the school’s website, it was renamed Morgan College in 1890 “in honor of the Rev. Lyttleton Morgan, the first chairman of its Board of Trustees, who donated land to the college.” In 1915, Andrew Carnegie granted the school \$50,000 on the condition that it find a new location for the school and that it name one of its new buildings after him. Today, the public university sits on 143 acres and boasts more than 7,900 students.

UMs in Washington share faith agenda with the new mayor

By ERIK ALSGAARD
UMConnection Staff

ON JAN. 2, Muriel Bowser took the oath of office and became the second woman to serve as mayor of Washington, D.C. Within days of her inauguration, Bowser spent time with pastors and laity of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) at a meeting at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

In attendance at the meeting were dozens of United Methodists, including pastors representing churches involved in WIN.

At the standing-room-only meeting, Bowser pledged to re-start the city's efforts on ending homelessness. "I'm committed to doing this by the end of 2016," said the mayor. "Can we do it? I'm here today to tell you: roll up your sleeves, it's time to get to work."



Washington, D.C., mayor, Muriel Bowser speaks at WIN.

Bowser expressed concern at the cost of housing in the District, noting that it takes a very good job to be able to afford a decent residence.

"We have good jobs in DC," said Bowser, "but two-thirds of the 30,000 D.C. workers don't live in D.C. They can't afford to."

To address this and other housing issues, Mayor

Bowser said that her administration would commit \$100 million to help city residents get work and better paying jobs through education and training programs.

The mayor also praised WIN for its advocacy in preserving affordable housing in the city.

"WIN recognizes the truth that few recognize," she said. "We must preserve the units that we have, be they rental housing or other units."

The Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, pastor at Foundry UMC, was present at the meeting along with at least 50 members of the church. Ending homelessness remains among the top missional priorities for Foundry, she said, which is in harmony with WIN's issue platform.

"In a recent 'Holy Conversation' in which I engaged the congregation around the question, 'What breaks your heart in our city?' homelessness was at the top of the list of responses," Gaines-Cirelli said. As part of WIN, Foundry hopes to influence public policy to develop strategies for ending chronic homelessness in the District.

WIN was organized in 1996 and counts 48 dues-paying congregations and organizations, representing more than 25,000 families in Washington, D.C. Foundry has been a dues-paying congregation since WIN began.

"My hope is that the mayor will do what she has said she is going to do," said Gaines-Cirelli, "to reclaim the Housing First model and begin moving folks off the streets and out of shelters into supportive housing. I also fervently hope that the families living in the DC General shelter will be high on the priority list. Mayor Bowser asked us to stand with her on these things. If she does them, Foundry will most certainly stand with her."

Another United Methodist church present at the meeting — and another founding member of WIN — was Metropolitan Memorial UMC. Its senior pastor is the Rev. Charles Parker.

"Our church gets involved in a number of specific

ways," Parker said. "Ending homelessness is a huge priority for our church, and that manifests itself in our three shelters and much of our anti-hunger work. We work very closely with the Community Council for the Homeless (which manages a lot of supportive housing, particularly for veterans, benefitting from the money that WIN helps the city to allocate), on moving our residents through our three shelters into permanent housing."

Parker said the church's Brighter Day partnership has focused a lot of time working with the city on the Parkway Overlook re-development that Mayor Bowser spoke about at the meeting.

"The development is right around the corner from AP Shaw UMC, and we held a major rally and worship service for the community to draw attention to that property a couple years ago," Parker said. "I got to preach to the mayor that day."

The Rev. Adam Briddell, a pastor at Asbury UMC in the District, was also at the meeting. He recalled after the meeting about a drive-by shooting that happened last August just across the street from his church, located on 11th Street.

"I called 911 in the immediate aftermath of the incident," Briddell said, "while the injured man was still running for safety. It took DCMPSD almost 30 minutes to arrive on the scene and take my statement, even though we are six blocks from the White House."

Gun violence is also a major piece of the WIN platform, as it is for Briddell and the mayor.

"You have a mayor who hates guns," said Bowser to hearty applause. "I will support the Constitution of the United States but in the most restrictive way possible." The mayor challenged WIN by saying that when the going got tough, "I need you there."

For more information on WIN, visit <http://www.windc-iaf.org/>.

Clergy get big payoff at new Financial Leadership Academy

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MONEY HAS A deep and profound effect on how pastors do the work Christ calls them to do, the Rev. Phil Jamieson told the 62 clergy embarking on a two-year learning experience through the Financial Leadership Academy. The way the church thinks about and addresses money will transform its future — for better or for worse.

"You're at the launching pad of something transformative," said Jack Brooks, who leads the United Methodist MidAtlantic Foundation, which sponsors the Academy. "This is a unique approach to get to change within the church."

The pastors were primarily from the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula Delaware annual conferences that make up the Foundation.

They each paid \$1,125 to participate in six learning sessions with financial and church experts and regularly scheduled small group meetings with coach-facilitators. The Foundation underwrote most of the expense for the participants, explained the Rev. Andy Lunt, who serves at the Dean of the Academy.

At the first session at Simpson UMC in Wilmington, Del., Jamieson and his wife, Janet, spoke about stewardship and personal finances.

Janet, a certified public accountant, assisted clergy with complex tax, salary and benefit issues. She also helped them to develop a deeper understanding of stewardship.

Thirty percent of self-identified United Methodists report giving nothing to the church, she said. Sixty percent of contributions given to the church are given by five percent of its members.

"If those who attended United Methodist churches regularly tithed," she said, "and less committed Christians gave half a tithe, we would be able to generate \$133 billion more. You could solve the problems of the world."

Janet Jamieson also pointed out that as far back as 2005, American Christians who went to church earned more than \$2 trillion, making them the seventh largest economy in the world. "It's not that we don't have," she said. "It's that we don't give."

The first session of the Academy dealt with personal giving issues for pastors because people tend not to follow those who don't lead from example, Lunt said.

"It's about getting our own houses in order, first," said Brooks.

When he served at Glen Mar UMC in Ellicott City before retiring in 2010, Lunt announced each year what his salary was and the precise dollar amount he intended to give to the church. People like being informed and tended to be inspired, he said. Many worked to match his generosity.

In talking about tithing, Rich Jamieson warned about becoming legalistic about the percentages pastors preached to their congregation. Rather, people need to realize that God has provided them with all they have and need.

"If all you have and all you are belongs to Jesus Christ, your giving should be that amount that's necessary to reflect that your life is no longer your own," Phil Jamieson said. Giving is a spiritual discipline and tithing, he said, or any giving, is not an end in itself but a means to a transformed life.

Jamieson urged the participants to ponder: if they belong to Christ, how does their giving become a witness to that? "Increasingly, my life reflects the reality of who I belong to," he said. "Our giving should reflect God's giving."

When working with congregations, asking for 10 percent or some other proportional figure has the danger of becoming legalistic, ignoring the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Traditionally, Jamieson said, only about 35 percent of

Americans think they have enough money. Most tend to think their needs could be satisfied if they only earned 20 percent more, but when they earn that, with fading horizons, they still feel compelled to need more.

Leading people to understand that God is not a vending machine and helping them to give their wallets to God, is not an easy task.

However, "the Financial Leadership Academy has the potential to be a transformative action for participating clergy, and through them, other pastors and each annual



conference, said the Rev. Conrad Link, superintendent of the Cumberland-Hagerstown District who attended the event.

"The newly formed academy challenged its first group of participants to understand the theology of money with a radical notion that money does not have to have the power over us as individuals, the church or society that we give it," Link said. "It is a false power because of the sense of sacredness and secrecy we often imply it has."

Following the three-day seminar, participants were tasked with creating an action plan for their own church setting as well as their personal financial situations. Link said he believes "remembering that giving is a spiritual matter, these actions have the potential to be spiritually and professionally transforming."

The transformation will continue in April when author Clif Christopher speaks, and in October when strategist Gil Rendle addresses the group. Next year, General Secretary of the denomination's Council on Finance and Administration, Moses Kumar, and Ken Sloan of the General Board of Discipleship are scheduled to teach at the Academy.

"Money is central to our faith," Brooks said. "Money is a spiritual matter."



Jack Brooks addresses the Financial Leadership Academy.