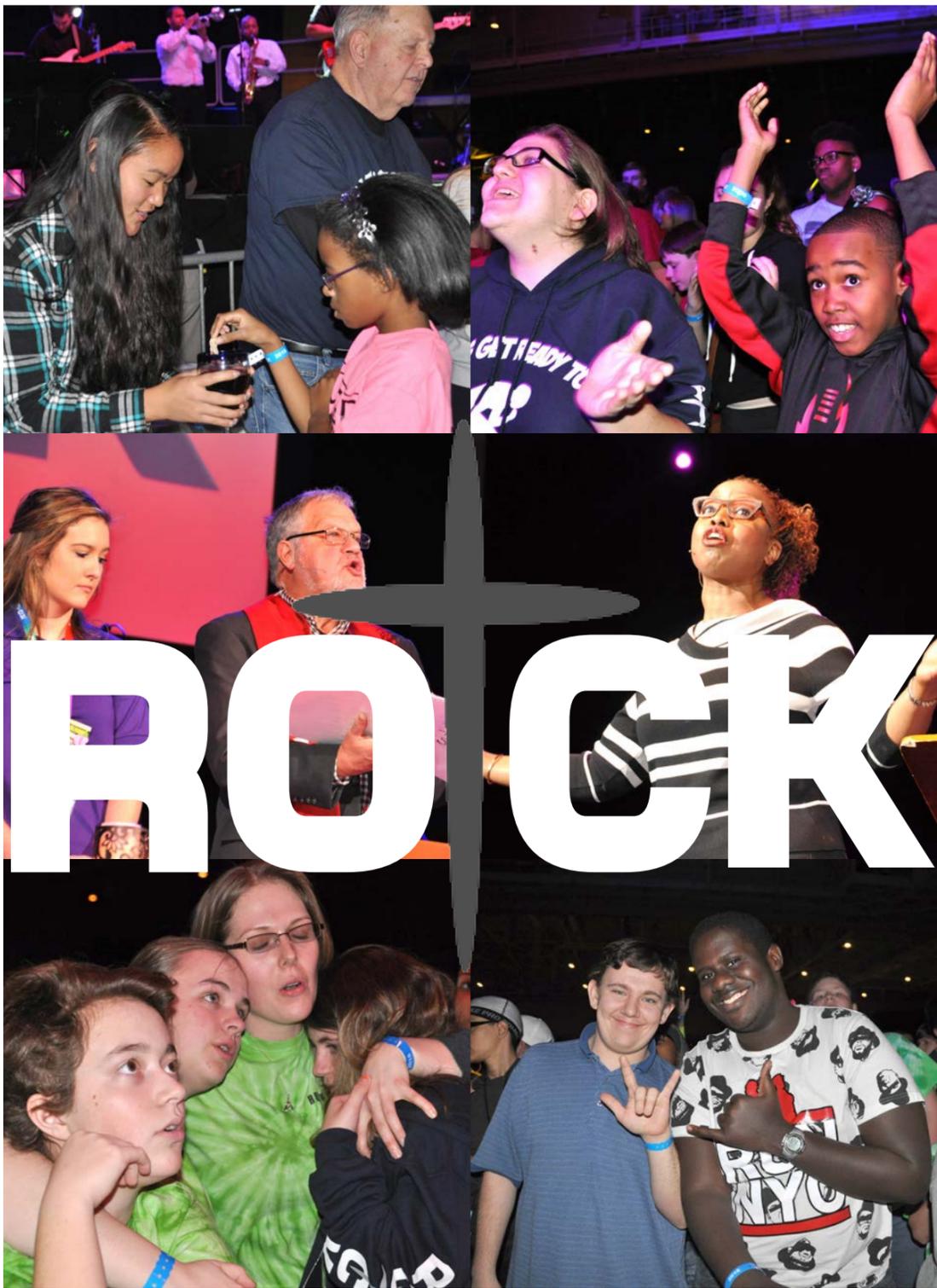




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◀▲ More than 5,000 youth, young adults, and their leaders gathered in Ocean City, Md., in early February for the annual ROCK retreat. Our coverage continues on page 12, and we have posted dozens of images from ROCK on the BWC Facebook page, www.facebook.com/bwcumc.

BWC giving reaches 91.7%; 15-year high

By MELISSA LAUBER
UMConnection Staff

“91.66 PERCENT!” The Council on Finance and Administration meeting are usually serious times of reporting and reflection. However, in the recent meeting on apportionment giving in 2015, the numbers danced. They literally twirled in the PowerPoint presentation.

91.7 percent is the highest collection rate for apportionment giving in 15 years, as congregations gave money to fund ministries beyond their local churches. “This is definitely cause for celebration,” said Baltimore-Washington Conference Treasurer Paul Eichelberger.

Eichelberger singled out the Cumberland-Hagerstown District for its faithfulness in paying 98.4 percent of its apportionments. Eighty of its 83 churches paid 100 percent. He also praised the Greater Washington District, which had its highest collection rates in five years and the Baltimore Suburban District, which rose from 89.1 percent in 2014 to 96.3 percent in 2015.

He also lifted up seven local churches who gave significantly more than they originally projected they would be able to. The churches that gave more than \$5,000 than they initially reported they might include Sharp Street Memorial UMC in Baltimore; Ellerslie – St. Andrews in Baltimore; Calvary in Mt. Airy; Cresaptown UMC, Lincoln Park UMC in Washington; Emanuel in Catonsville and Francis Asbury National Korean in Rockville.

While there was much cause for celebration, it was noted that the annual conference members voted to set the collection rate at 92 percent when they adopted the \$17,331,386 budget. The collection rate of 91.7 brought the budget within \$52,000 of its goal.

In 2014, the churches paid only 90.77 percent of their apportionments, causing a \$264,000 shortfall.

This year’s giving really is a great news story, Eichelberger said. “It acknowledges the great capacity of our conference.”

A church-by-church report on 2015 apportionment giving is on pages 8-11 of this issue.

Lent begins with call to prayer and action

By MELISSA LAUBER
UMConnection Staff

DURING THE SEASON of Lent, Bishop Marcus Matthews is calling upon the people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference to enter to a spirit of repentance, prayer, self-reflection and bold ministry.

This year, Bishop Matthews spent Ash Wednesday at a Board of Directors meeting at Africa University in Zimbabwe. There, his heart was moved by the nationally declared disaster caused by severe drought. Official estimates are that 2.4 million people, a quarter of the country’s population, currently need food aid.

“The people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference have a covenant partnership with the people of the Zimbabwe Episcopal Area. I hope you will join me in praying for our partners and for an alleviation of the

suffering brought on by the drought,” he wrote in an Ash Wednesday letter to the Conference.

“This Lent, I encourage you to let God empower you to make a difference in the lives of others every day. Cast away the fears that may be keeping you from stepping out into bold ministry and mission. Claim hope. Claim Christ, and then act in a way that serves your loved ones, your community and the world,” he wrote.

“Lent is a season of confession and repentance,” the bishop said. “It is also a time to claim the power and potential that God grants each of us and put it to work in the church and the world. God is calling out for us to go deeper to use our minds, our imaginations, our passions and our deepest yearnings to make a difference in our ever-changing world.”

PHOTOS BY MELISSA LAUBER

... well said

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

BY MANDY SAYERS
Pastor, Covenant UMC, Gaithersburg

“LOVE LIFTED ME! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, love lifted me!”

The hymn writer uses the image of lifting to describe Jesus' rescuing him from sin and the quagmire of life when left to his own devices. Psalm 40 talks about a God who lifted the psalmist out of the miry clay and set his feet upon a rock.

Perhaps you have known the feeling, either in your spiritual life or in your personal life, where you have needed a “hand up,” or a “lift” from where you are to where God is calling you to go. Sometimes God's hand comes through a person who provides the lift that is needed.

It is in these spaces, where need meets love, that we see the wonder of grace, giving love we didn't earn, lifting us when we are least able to help ourselves. When I went off to college, my parents got smarter in my eyes very quickly, as I began to see what they had done for me, the sacrifices they had made for my education and as an investment in God's future for me. I said to Daddy one day, “I... I... will never be able to pay you back for all you have done for me.” His response was, “Oh honey, of course not. That's not how love works. One day, your child will have that same look on her face, and you will explain to her about grace and extravagant love.”

This Lent, what is God calling you to do to show God's extravagant love? Perhaps God is calling you into a prayer life more focused on gratitude and less on complaining. Perhaps God is calling you to “lift” someone through visiting the lonely, or feeding the hungry, or writing a note to someone who has “lifted” you.

Maybe God is calling you to “lift” someone in love through a gift to Africa University, where you will invest in someone you may have never met, but whom God knows and loves intimately.

I know very well how it feels to be able to say, “Love lifted me!” Lent is a time to share God's gifts and love to lift others. May you observe a holy, and breathtaking, Lent.

... well said

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

THE WORD “LIFT” has always had a magical meaning for me. No matter what the context was, there was never a time that “lift” meant something bad.

As a member of the football team, a couple times a week, we would all go lift. We'd head to the gym and workout and try to get bigger and stronger in preparation for the big game. We would lift for hours trying to get better.

When we turned 16, we were all waiting for someone to get a car and then we would be able to get a lift anywhere we wanted to go. As opposed to taking the bus or the train, we'd now be able to get a lift.

You see, lifting always makes things better. No matter if it is lifting weights to increase body strength, or giving someone a lift to get from a less desirable place to a more desirable one, when lifting takes place things get better.

Think of the things we try to lift. We want to lift people out of lives of poverty. We encourage people to lift their sights to higher heights. Psalm 121, one of my personal favorites, tells us, “I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence comes my help?” In all cases and in all things, lifting leads to better things.

The question you have to ask yourself is: What are you willing to lift in this season of life?

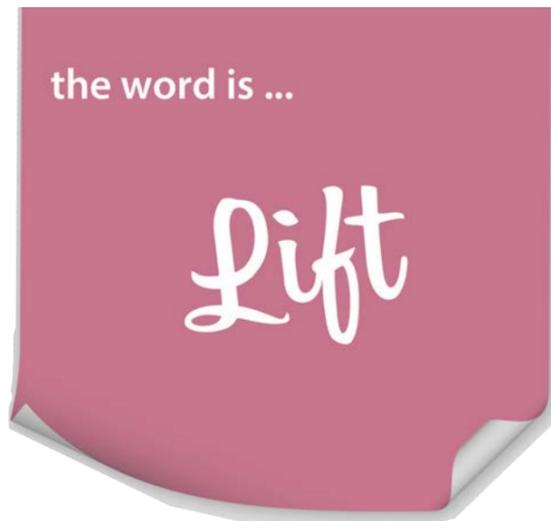
Maybe it is time to lift your sights. Lifting your sights allows you to begin to look for the bigger, better and greater out of life.

Maybe it is time for you to lift your spirits. Lifting your spirits gets you out of the doldrums, ends pity-parties and sets you closer to God.

Finally, maybe it is time to lift someone else. When we take the time to lift someone else we get the benefit of seeing them become closer to who God would have them to be combined with the joy of helping them to get there.

No matter if it is for you, or for someone else, its time to get or give a lift.

... well said



LEARN. LIFT. LEAD. A love offering to celebrate the ministry of Bishop Marcus Matthews

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- Feb. 27 - “Guiding Today's Disciples to Become Tomorrow's Servant Leaders,” Western Region
- March 5 - “Dare to Lead,” Washington Region
- March 5 - Baltimore Region

Bishop's Farewell Gatherings

United Methodists across the conference will have the opportunity to honor Bishop Marcus Matthews this spring as he plans to retire in September. Regional gatherings will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on:

- Baltimore Region:** April 9 at Epworth Chapel UMC in Baltimore;
- Frederick Region:** April 10 at Middletown UMC near Frederick;
- Southern Region:** April 16 at Westphalia UMC in Upper Marlboro;
- Washington Region:** April 17 at Asbury UMC in Washington, D.C.

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March 6

Resources at www.umcgiving.org.

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The BWC is accepting applications for college scholarships. To learn more, visit <http://bwcumc.org/finance/scholarships/>

Be Bold and the Growth Will Be Told Leadership Training

March 11 (7-9:30 p.m.) and March 12 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

BWC United Methodist Men will host this leadership training event at First UMC in Hyattsville. The guest speaker will be Bishop James. E. Swanson. Cost is \$30. Register at www.ummgathering.com. More information at 888-413-8251.

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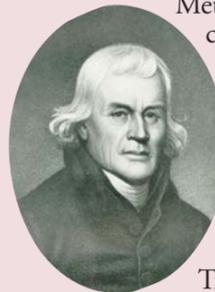
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Churches are advised to budget for attendance for their clergy and lay members. The cost for a three-night stay, including registration and parking but not including meals, is \$833. Breakfast at the hotel is \$26; lunch is \$35, and dinner is \$45. The Pre-Conference Session is scheduled for April 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at First UMC in Hyattsville.

ASBURY BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

It was 200 years ago this spring that Francis Asbury, the first bishop of the Methodist Church, died. His life and legacy will be celebrated Sunday, April 3. The observance begins at Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore, where the Rev. Fred Day of the General Commission on Archives and History will preach.



Later in the day, there will be a pilgrimage to the Bishop's Lot at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Baltimore. To mark this historic remembrance, the BWC Board of Trustees and Historical Society are creating a new monument to Methodism's first bishop.

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Married lesbian recommended as Provisional Deacon by BoOM

By ERIK ALSGAARD
UMConnection Staff

THE BOARD OF Ordained Ministry of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, meeting last month, recommended Tara “T.C.” Morrow for commissioning as a Provisional Deacon. Morrow is a woman married to another woman.

The Board is making public what is normally a confidential personnel matter in an effort to be as transparent and open as possible, according to its chair, the Rev. Charles Parker.

Both Parker and the Board are fully aware that the 2012 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church states that “self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve” in the church (§304.3).

The church further states in §2702.1(b) that being a “self-avowed practicing homosexual” is a chargeable offense that could result in a clergy person being placed on trial and losing their credentials.

“Two people of the same gender being married or living together is a basis for investigation,” Parker said, “not a basis for a decision,” citing ruling 1263 of the Judicial Council — the church’s version of the United States Supreme Court.

“Self-avowed” is defined by the Book of Discipline (footnote 1 for §304.3) where a person has “openly acknowledged to a bishop, district superintendent, district committee on ordained ministry, Board of Ordained Ministry, or clergy session that the person is a practicing homosexual.”

“Practicing,” Parker said, according to Judicial Council rulings 1027 and 980, is understood to mean “genital sex” with a person of the same gender.

In the case of Morrow, he said, “we all know that she is married. We can make assumptions, but we don’t tend to question candidates on their specific sexual practices whether they are hetero or homosexual.” Parker said that he believes the Board is on “solid disciplinary grounds.”

A statement from the Board notes that they, the annual conference, and The United Methodist Church “are not of one mind on the issue of ordination of LGBTQ individuals,

and that our Judicial Council has issued multiple rulings regarding ordination and the definition of ‘self-avowed, practicing homosexuals’ that create further ambiguity. We therefore affirm the right and responsibility of all Board members to engage in holy conferencing during deliberations and to vote their conscience following a fair examination of all candidates.” (See BoOM’s full statement in the article at the bottom of this page.)

Parker, who serves as senior pastor at Metropolitan Memorial UMC in Washington, D.C., said that the Board engaged in a process with and for Morrow that sought to rid itself of the denomination’s “unhealthy ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ model,” and create a spirit of openness and honesty in the Board’s deliberations. “We have sought to be faithful to a more Wesleyan model of what it means to be church, in which people of differing opinions can be open and faithful in their process of Holy Conferencing,” Parker said.

In January, Morrow came forward for her Board of Ordained Ministry exam. To get to that point, she first had to be approved by her District Board of Ordained Ministry. Morrow is a member of Foundry UMC on the Greater Washington District and employed by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, based in Washington.

The BWC Board of Ordained Ministry consists of 54 people, both clergy and lay. Members of the Board are appointed by the bishop to serve four-year terms; members may serve no more than two terms. The Board elects its own officers.

As with all candidates, Morrow had to submit a Bible study, a sermon and other written materials. Board members read each candidate’s materials and create a “profile” of each candidate, Parker said. That profile is compiled by a member of the Board.

Morrow’s “profiler” was the Rev. Janet Craswell, chair of the Order of Deacons for the BWC and on staff at Metropolitan Memorial UMC. It is only after the profile is considered that a candidate is invited to the full Board exam, Craswell said, and not every candidate who comes forward is invited for an exam.

During the exam, Parker said, leadership was clear that Morrow was married to another woman. This was an effort, Parker said, to again be “honest and transparent with one another.”



Janet Craswell

“We didn’t ignore the Book of Discipline,” Parker said. “We had meaty conversations. Our board has differing feelings about homosexuality. What our Board did was a wonderful combination of respecting the authority we have and harkening back to what Wesleyan theological debate looks like.

“People of good faith should be able to differ,” Parker added.

With same-gender marriage a civil right across the country, Parker said the Board knew that one day they would have LGBTQ candidates come forward who were married. With that in mind, and knowing that Morrow was in the candidacy process, the Board brought in JustPeace to facilitate conversations about homosexuality and the Discipline before she arrived. That full-day conversation took place last November.

“That conversation was actually extremely holy,” Parker said, noting that people with differing viewpoints felt heard and acknowledged. “We felt a lot of the Holy Spirit work happening.”

JustPeace, the Center for Mediation and Conflict Transformation of The United Methodist Church, began in May 1999 as an off-shoot of the General Council on Finance and Administration. Based in Washington, it acts as third-party facilitators for resolving conflict.

In order for a candidate to be recommended by BoOM to the full clergy session, that person must receive at least 75 percent of the vote. Parker did not reveal the exact vote in favor of recommendation.

The board’s recommendation will go forward to the clergy executive session meeting on June 1, during the Annual Conference Session. Bishop Marcus Matthews chairs the clergy executive session, but does not have a vote. He can only rule on the suitability of a candidate if a question is raised during the clergy session or during Annual Conference.

“I hope the vote will be favorable,” Parker said. “I hope every clergy member will vote their conscience.”



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Board of Ordained Ministry statement on recommendation

FROM ITS BEGINNING, Methodism has had a rich appreciation for theological diversity. John Wesley recognized what sociologists are now beginning to measure with great precision: organizational systems that intentionally foster and celebrate diversity of all sorts are healthier and more stable systems. Wesley preached and wrote frequently on our call to honor the conscience of each other and respect differing viewpoints. “On all opinions that do not strike at the heart of Christianity,” he wrote, “we think and let think.”

This respect was lived out in the process of “holy conferencing,” a means of grace through which the Holy Spirit’s will becomes clear through our healthy discourse. For the past several years, the Baltimore-Washington Conference has been employing this means of grace around issues of human sexuality. We have experienced dialogue groups, panel discussions, listening sessions, and circles of grace to allow us to hear, see and understand one another more deeply, and thus discern where the Holy Spirit is moving.

In a similar way, the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Baltimore-Washington Conference has been intentionally engaged in holy conferencing around issues of human sexuality. With same-gender marriage now a civil right in every part of our conference and throughout the United States, the Board deliberately sought to have a broader discussion of the issue, in an effort to be better prepared for the diversity of candidates who come before us.

To facilitate holy conferencing around the issue, the BOOM invited Stephanie Hixson from JustPeace — the United Methodist center for mediation and conflict resolution — to lead our conversation. The Board began this process by talking about our values as a Board, and how we want to faithfully embody these values. There was a great deal of conversation about the importance of honesty and openness, as well as accountability and integrity. Following the conversation on values, members were encouraged to share with one another the key biblical insights and theological principles that guide them on issues of human sexuality. The Board also examined both the language of the Book of Discipline and the pertinent Judicial Council rulings to explore where there was room for people

to vote their consciences on this issue. The conversation was rich, honest, respectful and — dare we say — holy.

In the end, the Board of Ordained Ministry adopted a policy that would allow all candidates to be examined fairly, regardless of their sexual orientation, and that each individual Board member would be encouraged to vote his or her conscience. The policy affirms: As a Board, we recognize that our BoOM, our annual conference, and the United Methodist Church are not of one mind on the issue of ordination of LGBTQ individuals, and that our Judicial Council has issued multiple rulings regarding ordination and the definition of “self-avowed, practicing homosexuals” that create further ambiguity. We therefore affirm the right and responsibility of all Board members to engage in holy conferencing during deliberations and to vote their conscience following a fair examination of all candidates.

In an effort to live out on a conference level what we are trying to practice on a Board level — transparency, honesty, and respect for diversity of opinion — we want to share some information from our most recent provisional member exam:

At the provisional member examination in January, the BoOM voted to recommend Tara (T.C.) Morrow for provisional membership as a deacon in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Ms. Morrow articulates a call to ministry that has been affirmed by many people, and she has faith, fire, and fruit in the area of social justice, a deep passion for and longstanding commitment to the United Methodist Church, and is currently on staff at the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. While T.C.’s credentials, love of the church, and performance at the exam are similar to other candidates the BoOM voted to recommend for provisional membership, T.C. is different in that she is married to a woman.

All candidates recommended for provisional or full membership will be presented and voted on during the clergy executive session of Annual Conference on Wednesday, June 1. Just as at the Board of Ordained Ministry, all clergy attending this session have the right and responsibility to engage in holy conferencing and to faithfully vote their conscience.

We live in a nation and a denomination that is highly

polarized and where dialogue is often uncivil. Our lack of ability to engage in healthy, holy conferencing weakens us as a people of God. What the Board has done is to be faithful to a profoundly Wesleyan call to create a culture where openness and honesty prevail, and where faithful people who may disagree with one another can work together in discerning God’s call on people’s lives. We are keenly aware that our church is of many minds on the nature and morality of homosexuality; but we believe for that very reason that we should give each other the right to discern the will of the Spirit.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our discussions, that our conversations will continue to be holy and respectful, and that the decisions we make will glorify God and reflect God’s love and justice into the world.

Gracious God, help us to see what you are doing in the world around us and enable us to be a part of it.

Full Text of BoOM motion:

We will move forward with evaluating all candidates solely on the disciplinary requirements and previously adopted requirements of the BWC. Regardless of sexual orientation, married candidates will be expected to affirm fidelity in marriage and single candidates will be expected to affirm celibacy in singleness.

As a Board, we recognize that our BoOM, our annual conference, and The United Methodist Church are not of one mind on the issue of ordination of LGBTQ individuals, and that our Judicial Council has issued multiple rulings regarding ordination and the definition of “self-avowed, practicing homosexuals” that create further ambiguity. We therefore affirm the right and responsibility of all Board members to engage in holy conferencing during deliberations and to vote their conscience following a fair examination of all candidates.

Pertinent BoD paragraphs: 140, 161(F), 162(J), 304.3, 341.6, 2702.1
Pertinent BoR Resolutions: 2041, 2042
Pertinent Judicial Council rulings: 1263, 1262, 1244, 1218, 1027, 980, 944, 920,

Briefing outlines 2016 General Conference plans

By MELISSA LAUBER
UMConnection Staff

IN PREPARATION FOR the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, 400 denominational leaders gathered in Portland, Ore., Jan. 20-23, for a preview of the quadrennial event at which the church will shape its future.

A report on the new, global nature of the church that suggests possibilities for re-structuring the Book of Discipline; a guide, called Plan UMC, for restructuring church agencies; a ministry report reconsidering ordination and the “provisional status” of clergy; recommendations to significantly revise the Social Principles; the creation of a new customizable, cloud-based hymnal; and the draft of “Wonder, Love and Praise,” a study that defines what it is to be United Methodist, are all on the agenda for the delegates. However, the majority of these issues, with the exception of Plan UMC, will be finalized at the 2020 General Conference.

For many in Portland, the focus of the preview was on how the church will address issues of human sexuality when 864 delegates meet May 10-20 at the Oregon Convention Center.

Of the 1,044 resolutions received for the delegates to vote on, 99 of them center on issues concerning the LGBT community. Among these, much of the focus is on the denomination’s current stance against the marriage of same-gender couples, the ordination of gays and lesbians, and the statement in Para. 304.3 of the Discipline that “homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.”

To address these issues, some groups, like the Baltimore-Washington Conference, have sent resolutions calling for the striking of language and practice that discriminates against the LGBT community from the Book of Discipline.

Others are proposing what’s called a “Covenantal Unity Plan” that calls for full accountability for pastors who violate the letter of the law outlined in the Book of Discipline and provides a way for those who object to current church law to “disaffiliate without the loss of property and in a ministry-affirming way.”

The Connectional Table, the denominational body charged with overseeing the vision and mission of the church, has proposed “The Third Way.” This resolution grants individual clergy the authority to decide whether or not to perform a same-gender marriage within their

ministry context if civil law allows it. This resolution also gives each annual conference the authority to decide whether or not to ordain gay and lesbian candidates.

A proposal, developed by the Commission on the General Conference, will come before the delegates to allow them to consider these resolutions in an alternative process that moves beyond Robert’s Rules of Order and focuses on the United Methodist spiritual discipline of holy conferencing.

Dubbed “Rule 44,” this process, if adopted by the delegates, would divide the delegates into circles of no more than 15 people who would participate in Christian conferencing to discuss questions concerning the spirit of the resolutions concerning LGBT people. A written record of their conversations would be made.

A writing team would then sift through these conversations, discerning if any consensus had been reached on an issue. If a consensus is achieved, it would be adopted as the official stance of the denomination. (See pages 93-101 on the Group Discernment Process and Discussion Guidelines, in the Advance Daily Christian Advocate at http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/

delegates, legislation will be considered in the traditional fashion, using Robert’s Rules of Order.

In addition to dealing with ministry, mission and administration, the General Conference will be voting on a \$611.4 million budget to support apportioned general funds for 2017-2020, a 1.4 percent increase over this quadrennium. However, with projected inflation, said GCFA General Secretary Moses Kumar, that budget actually represents a 7.2 percent spending decrease in real dollars.

Local churches pay this money, said Kumar. Of every dollar put into the collection plate, 85 cents stays in the local church. Of the remaining 15 cents, less than 3 cents find their way to general agencies.

One interesting note for those in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, which is currently slated to lose a bishop in the next quadrennium: this reduction is expected to save \$1.3 million over four years.

This session of General Conference is expected to cost more than \$10,533,000. The changing global nature of the denomination and the growing number of members in Africa account for some of the expense. Approximately \$2.3 million will be spent on language translation and

interpretation. The average travel cost per U.S. delegate in 2012 was \$493, while the average cost for Central Conference delegates was approximately \$3,000 each.

In 2016, 504 delegates will be from the U.S. and 350 will come from the Central Conferences. (Ten are concordat members.) The Baltimore-Washington Conference will send six clergy delegates and six lay delegates.

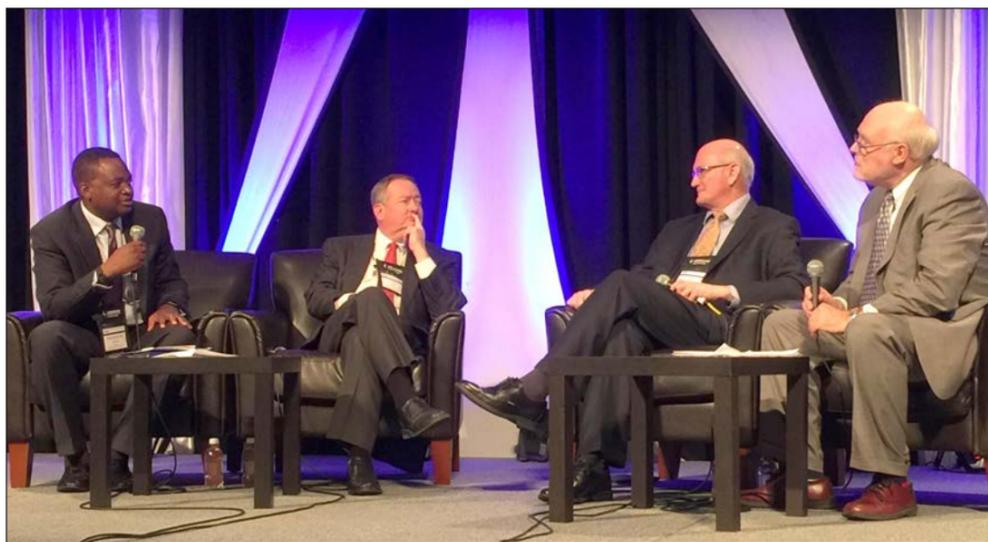
This year, there is a resolution that would ask United Methodists from the Central Conferences to begin paying \$4.24 per member in apportionments toward the Episcopal and General Administration funds.

In addition to the business of General Conference, the delegates will celebrate the completion of a successful Imagine No Malaria campaign, observe the 200th anniversary of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the

200th anniversary of the death of Francis Asbury, the first Methodist bishop. They will also hear a report on the Sand Creek Massacre of 1874.

The theme of the General Conference session is “Therefore Go,” which builds on Jesus’ words in the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20.

The Rev. Steven Lewis, an Oregon pastor, preached at the opening session. “We are the incarnational realities of God. We are United Methodists, let us live that way,” he said. “Few will read what we write, but millions will watch what we do.”



The Rev. Maidstone Mulenga, BWC’s director of Connectional Ministries and assistant to the bishop, left, leads a panel discussion at the PreConference Briefing in Portland.

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This process is tailored to avoid a “winners and losers” approach to decision-making and focus more on creating a spiritual setting for discernment. This new alternative to the legislative process requires trust, said Gere Reist, the General Conference secretary.

At the plenary session, where the process outlined in Rule 44 was tested, Reist acknowledged that the delegates might not be comfortable with trusting some of the other delegates, nor fully on-board with the process.

It the process is not approved by a majority vote of the

General Conference considers broad range of issues

By MELISSA LAUBER
UMConnection Staff

Members to General Conference will consider more than 1,000 resolutions on a broad range of issues that will shape the denomination.

- Church restructuring is one of the principle issues coming before the session. Among the most well-known proposals is Plan UMC, which was passed by almost 60 percent in 2012, but was ruled unconstitutional by the church’s Judicial Council. The factors that made it unconstitutional are revised for 2016. This plan gives the Connectional Table power to elect and evaluate top executives, eliminates the General Commission on Archives and History and moves its functions to the General Council on Finance and Administration, and eliminates the commissions on Religion and Race and the Status and Role of Women and creates a committee, under the Connectional Table, called the UM Committee on Inclusiveness.
- The General Board of Global Ministries is proposing the creation of a Southeast Asia and Mongolia Provisional Central Conference.
- The Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders is proposing legislation to empower annual conferences to determine their own structures.

- The Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters is working with other groups to develop a truly global Book of Discipline.
- The General Board of Church and Society is revising the denomination’s Social Principles to better speak to the human issues in the contemporary world.
- The Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders is calling for limited tenure for bishops. Bishops worldwide would be elected for eight years and could run again for another eight-year term.
- The 2013-2016 Ministry Study Commission is proposing reshaping the ordination process by moving ordination to the front end of the process – at the time a candidate is elected to provisional membership.
- Discipleship Ministries is proposing a new, first-of-its-kind hymnal that would use digital technology to provide music and worship resources.
- Several petitions ask The United Methodist Church to withdraw from membership in the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.
- Several petitions ask the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits to divest from investments in fossil fuels and investments from companies involved in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- In total, delegates will consider more than 70 social justice petitions ranging from climate change to human trafficking.

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A downloadable, 1,488-page copy of the Advanced Daily Christian Advocate is available online at: http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/general-conference/2016/documents/gc2016-advance-daily-christian-advocate-full-english.pdf

“Study on Ministry”: ministriestudy.org

“60-days-of-prayer” devotional, which runs from March 31 through May 29: 60daysofprayer.org

“A Call to Covenantal Unity”: <http://covenantalunity.org/>

The Connectional Table’s, “A Third Way”: http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/connectional-table/documents/A-Third-Way-Values-and-Context-revised.pdf

“Wonder, Love and Praise: Sharing a Vision of the Church”: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/wonder-love-and-praise-sharing-a-vision-of-the-church>

Trinity Brass to play for General Conference

By ERIK ALSGAARD
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THERE ARE MANY DOORS through which a person may enter a church. At Trinity UMC in Frederick, one of those doors has been a long-standing brass ensemble that plays at worship once a month.

Created in 1990, the Trinity Brass features the usual arrangement of a brass quintet: two trumpets, a French horn, trombone and tuba. After playing in dozens of venues from Annual Conferences to nursing homes, Trinity Brass is about to add one more feather to its cap: performing at General Conference.

The group formed after several players were asked to accompany hymns for a Christmas service, said Hal Grau, who plays the French horn.

"I knew there were several brass players in the congregation," Grau said, "so I asked them to come in and play. Most of us hadn't picked up an instrument since high school."

Grau, at the time, was a school teacher and he was able to borrow some music. They were on their way.

After playing Christmas services for two years, the group thought they could expand and play during other worship services, Grau said.

None of the group is a professional musician. Grau is a retired school teacher, Matt Stegle (trombone) is recently retired from an insurance company, Clint Wright (trumpet) is a senior manager in a corporate accounting department, Anthony Makusky (tuba) is a college student, and Mike Boyd (trumpet), one of the original members of the group, is a Program Manager for Business and Workforce Development, Hagerstown Community College.

Stegle had the idea several months ago that perhaps the group could play at General Conference in May. General Conference is held every four years and is the highest legislative body in the denomination.

"I happened to be looking at a United Methodist

website, and there was a press release saying that the director of worship for the 2016 General Conference was looking for musical groups to participate," Stegle said. The release outlined audition procedures along with other information.

Stegle talked with the group and they all said it would be worth a shot, he said.

The group put together a video of themselves playing "Jesus Loves Me," submitted it on YouTube, and waited.

In early 2015, Stegle said, they learned that they had been selected to perform. They know now that they will be playing on Friday, May 13, during the morning worship service and also during a lunch break in the Exhibition Hall. The group will fly out to Portland, Ore., on May 11. Total cost of the trip is expected to be between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

One of the questions facing Anthony Makusky is how,



Three of the five members of Trinity Brass (l-r): Anthony Makusky, Matthew Stegle, Hal Grau.

or if, to ship his tuba. A member of the group for five years and a student at Shepherd University, he doesn't trust the airlines with something as big and as costly as his \$6,000 instrument. He may end up borrowing a tuba in Portland.

Clint Wright, one of the trumpeters, says that it is a big honor for the group to go to General Conference. "It's a large group of people to play for," he said. "I hope we'll do our best."

Wright has been a member of the group for more than 20 years, about the same length of time he's been going to church at Trinity.

One of the reasons Stegle is a member of the church is because of the brass ensemble. "I learned about the brass group and I hadn't played in many, many years," he said. "This was a hook for me."

The mixture of younger and older players has been intentional and wonderful, said Grau, noting that two of his own children played in the group over the years. "It's been a good program as far as us being able to share music with our kids," he said.

"Over the years, we've had the opportunities to play in several different venues both outside and inside the church," said Stegle. "For some of those performances, we've received donations. Over the years, we've put aside money."

Last year, at the church's annual talent show, all of the proceeds went to the Trinity Brass to help them pay for the trip. The March 2016 talent show is expected to do the same, Stegle said. "We're very appreciative of all their donations," he said.

The group is fundraising, Stegle said, and available to perform in a concert setting at churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Funds raised, either through direct donation or through a free-will offering, will be used to help finance the group's expenses associated with its performance at General Conference. You can contact Stegle through Trinity UMC (Frederick) at 301-662-2895, or tumc@trinityfrederick.org.

"It's going to be very exciting," said Grau. "We've played at Annual Conferences in Baltimore and in Washington, so we've done some big events before, but nothing like this."

Bishop's love offering continues as tributes roll in

By ERIK ALSGAARD
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ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1975, at approximately 9:30 p.m., a young Marcus Matthews knelt before Bishop James K. Matthews in the nave of the majestic Washington National Cathedral and was ordained an Elder in The United Methodist Church. The Bible he placed his hands on that night belonged to none other than John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

Exactly 10,640 days later, on Wednesday, July 14, 2004, the Rev. Marcus Matthews was elected on the first ballot as a bishop in The United Methodist Church at the Northeast Jurisdictional Conference in Syracuse, N.Y. He was consecrated as a bishop on July 16 and appointed to the Philadelphia Area.

As Bishop Matthews prepares to retire at the end of August, the Baltimore-Washington Conference is preparing a love offering to honor his ministry.

That offering will go to build a health and sports facility on the campus of Africa University, located in Zimbabwe. (Donate online at bwcumc.org/about/our-bishop/bishop-matthews-love-offering/.) Bishop Matthews carries a love and passion for Africa University, so it is only fitting the conference honor him in this way.

Over the years, Matthews has had a significant impact on the lives of thousands of people in the Baltimore-Washington Conference and beyond.

Bishop Joe Yeakel has known Bishop Matthews since 1984. Bishop Matthews was serving as the pastor at Epworth Chapel UMC in Washington, D.C., when Bishop Yeakel came for a "welcome to the conference" gathering.

Bishop Yeakel appointed Matthews as a district superintendent in 1986, and then Conference Council Director in 1991. He was also present in Syracuse when Bishop Matthews was elected. In short, he's seen the bishop from start to finish. Even though his ministry setting has changed, Bishop Yeakel said, Bishop Matthews' character has not.

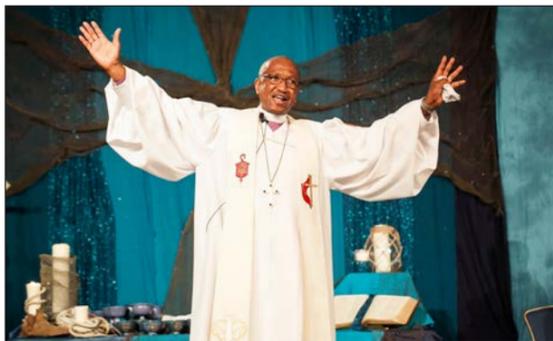
"Bishop Matthews is very special to me," said Bishop Yeakel. "He is a man totally committed to the ministry of Jesus Christ. He's alert to the dynamics of the church in an ever-changing world, and an affirmer of persons for who and what they are. He wants to see people be as effective as they can be."

Conference lay leader, Delores Martin, takes great pride in how her relationship with Bishop Matthews has evolved over the years. Since joining the church in 1990, Martin said, she has enjoyed the journey with him.

"I was a delegate the year we sent him forward as a candidate for bishop," she said. "This was bittersweet for me because although I was happy for him to move forward, I selfishly wanted him to remain my district superintendent."

Martin notes that the bishop has always had a genuine concern for everyone in the conference, lay and clergy. "He is so loved by so many that when I am with my Lay Leader colleagues across the Jurisdiction, we all claim him as 'our' bishop. We will all miss him in this role."

Charlie Moore, a member of Community UMC in



Bishop Marcus Matthews

Crofton, said that he has seen the notion of "transforming the world" – part of the church's overall mission statement – in Bishop Matthews.

"Bishop Matthews' ministry over these many years has known no geographic or spiritual boundaries," Moore said. "His heart and compassion have touched every continent, but none greater than Africa and no greater place than his beloved Africa University."

Moore said that when the decision was made last year to honor the bishop's retirement with a love offering to construct a new health and fitness center at Africa University, he knew he had to contribute.

"Through our participation in this offering of love," he said, "Carol (my wife) and I are answering the call to assist in the 'making of disciples' and the education of future leaders who will be transforming Africa for years to come."

The Rev. Don Stewart, a retired Elder in the BWC, served with Bishop Matthews in a variety of settings. They first met in the mid-70s when Stewart was the associate pastor at Foundry UMC in Washington, D.C., and Matthews was associate pastor at Asbury UMC, also in Washington.

"We discovered that we had many common experiences in our ministry," he said, "and we found strength in our sharing."

Both the bishop and Stewart served together in BWC leadership in the 1990s: Stewart was Conference Director of Connectional Ministries and the bishop was a district superintendent.

"I knew Marcus as a person of great integrity who cared about the pastors and the people in his district," he said. "In those early years of the founding of Africa University, his travels to the new university and his passion for raising awareness were very instrumental in helping Africa University become the excellent institution that it is today."

Stewart sees two threads running through the bishop's ministry: compassion and encouragement. "Our appreciation and support of those threads can weave a strong support for the construction of a new sports facility at Africa University," he said.

The Rev. Allen Stewart (no relation to Don Stewart) met Bishop Matthews in the early 1970s when they were both students at Wesley Theological Seminary. The duo ended up serving together in the then Washington Central District following graduation and became part of the organizing pastors of the BWC chapter of Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR).

"As neighboring pastors," he said, "we soon realized that we never took our Sabbath day off. We covenanted together to job, play tennis and have lunch every Monday. Marcus being a graduate of South Carolina State University, and me being a Howard University graduate, we never missed a Howard/SC State football game when they played in Washington, D.C."



bwcumc.org/about/our-bishop/bishop-matthews-love-offering/

Finding your place in God's story: Seminar

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Dr. Sondra Wheeler grew up knowing Scripture by heart. Today, she helps her students know the heart of Scripture.

In 1974, Wheeler was in college and took a course with Stephen Crites, a well-known theologian. Later in her life, while caring for children and an aging father-in-law, she got the urge to go back to school for a Master's Degree. The closest schools would give her degrees in either forestry or theology. Allergic to bees, she opted for studying religion.

Upon graduating, she found she still had questions, and so went on to pursue a doctorate.

During the course of her academic pursuits, she studied with about a third of the scholars from "the Yale School," who contributed strands of thought to what would become known as narrative theology.

"It was like attending Sunday school with the apostles," she said.

On her bookshelf, she still has a copy of Hans Frei's "The Eclipse of Narrative," which she calls a "world-changing tome."

In January, Wheeler taught the seven Doctor of Ministry (DMin) students in Wesley Seminary's Spirituality and Story program. While her academic specialty is as a Christian ethicist, her love of language, story and thought made for a lively week-long class, providing a foundation in narrative theology to enrich the faith and practice of pastors.

During the course, the students read essays by Crites, Frei, H. Richard Niebuhr, Stanley Hauerwas, Alasdair MacIntyre, David Ford, Johann Metz, and Gerard Laughlin and more. At the core of the reading was the understanding that up until the 16th century, the Bible was considered the framework through which life and culture was measured.

People read the Bible, Wheeler said, as "a story within which human beings found and interpreted their own stories," and as "a narrative arc within which the world-story had its place." However, with evolving science, philosophy, economics and politics, they began reading the Bible either as history, which could be true or false, or as religion, which might be meaningful or not to modern people.

Canon literally means "measure," she explained. The biblical canon was the measure of all things. Today, people tend to read the biblical story according to how it fits the story humanity is telling about itself. There is a tendency to fit our story into God's story, instead of the other way around.

Narrative theology challenges Christians to recover the Bible's narrative character and the interpretation of the text and to find themselves reflected in, and shaped by, God's story.

Three points and prayer

- Experience is not what happens, experience is the story we tell ourselves about what happens. We are makers of story. Every culture makes sense of itself through music, language and story.
- Bible stories can are often best read in the first person. When we join a community, its history becomes our history, its stories, ours. That is why, during Passover, a Jewish boy living in Washington, D.C. can claim "I was a wandering Aramean."
- Christian creeds and doctrines are stories, set among an understanding of a God who acts in history. We must wrestle with the biblical stories and grapple with their meaning and status in a world full of stories.

Lord, help me to live the story I say I believe. Amen.

As a seminary, in the heart of the nation's capital, Wesley draws students from a variety of faith traditions. In the Theology as Story class, there was only one United Methodist pastor, Rebecca Collison, who serves Wesley UMC in Georgetown, Del. The mother of four sons, "thing one, thing two, thing three and four," she jokes, she is "the Mother of all Things."

This was only their second class together. But as is the case with most of the DMin cohorts, the group of clergy bonded quickly. They included a visual artist with a heart for mission who once worked for the U.S. State Department; a dancer who writes and revels in thoughts of the glory of God; a former soldier and police officer who is a devoted father to a young boy; a pastor with deep passions who was struggling with how to heal a damaged congregation; a pastoral counselor with a love for literature; and an Episcopal priest from India who had moved to the United States only months ago.

One afternoon, seated in a circle, the members of the groups each memorized a segment of the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. The text came to life in new ways, as they told it to one another, and the students began to see themselves and their lives woven in among the characters of the story.

Later, they mined the psalms of lament, finding their story interwoven with the ancient poetry.

"Story is an invitation to find yourself as a character, or to see yourself in a way you might not have expected," Wheeler said. "Stories are powerful. Stories are truth-bearing. Be a critical interpreter of the story and of your life in light of the story."

Three more points and a prayer

- There is a sacred story that cannot be narrated, but is enacted. The sacred story is God's; it is the source of the world. Myth and the stories of the Bible mediate the space between the sacred story and the stories of our lives.
- Memory and anticipation shape the present. The complex relationship between the past, present and future is the source of drama.
- Story can be looked at as a means of grace. It is one of the ways God communicates God's self to us. How we interpret that story is essential. Three different cancer patients can see the reasons for their disease differently and, as a result, respond to their illness differently.

Story-teller God, let us be certain that you hold our lives. Amen.

At Wesley Seminary, there is a refectory where the doctoral students share lunch each day. On most days, the school's president, the Rev. David McAllister-Wilson, is present. He finds satisfaction in the way the seminary creates an atmosphere, and shapes pastors in ways where deep and profound learning is connected and adheres to mission and ministry in the world.

Inscribed into one of the seminary's cornerstones is a quote from John Wesley, Methodism's founder. It says, "Let us unite the two so long divided, knowledge and vital piety."



ry offers insights into narrative theology

At Wesley, both the thoughts and the faith are profound, and when asked about this, McAllister-Wilson finds himself thinking about Oliver Wendell Holmes' quote: "I would not give a fig for the simplicity on this side of complexity, but I would give my life for the simplicity on the other side of complexity."

He leaves it at that.

Three final points and closing prayer

- Through liturgy, God's story is inscribed onto people. It is not enough for the story to be read, it must be conjured into the world. In the end, theology is not what we say; ultimately, it's what we do.
- Tradition is more than a shared text, more than a common storied world; it is a communally authorized reading (and continual re-reading) of that story and a communally authored and affirmed performance of it in ritual and action.
- The church not only tells the story of Jesus Christ, it continues it. The book of Acts goes on through the lived lives of the church in community.

**Dearest God, help me to live so that
others may enter your story.**

Amen.

As the course drew to a close, members of the class shared stories with one another. Summarizing it all wasn't easy. Together, they had learned that "the many threads of narrative theology highlight the way in which human experience and the witness of the church are fundamentally storied and that to recover and inhabit this tradition of received narrative is to enter into the story that can make sense of our lives together."

In short, they began to understand that story offers the possibility of a new horizon. It is a doorway into an understanding of the divine, a gateway into the Kingdom of God. But it is not just story for story's sake, Wheeler said. "The point of being in God's story is that we can carry it on and invite others into it."

The Asides

During the course, Dr. Sondra Wheeler shared lessons that extended beyond *Theology and Story*.

- A rabbi once told his student that he might only preach for as long as he could stand on one foot. ... What would be your one sentence that tells the story of the Gospel?
- Of course, the story is true, although it might not have happened that way.
- One scholar's definition of history: "It's just one damn thing after another."
- The history of the church is really the history of a conversation of who said what and who responded how.
- Pastors: It's your job to be eloquent. God has to be evoked by the beauty of what you say. Your calling is to speak of the Gospel in words that get people to fall in love.
- "What is going on here," is the most basic question that a philosophy, a faith, or even a church, can ask.
- Be careful what you pray for. We only learn patience when we're irritated.
- Wanting to be transformed without change is like wanting to be a duck without getting wet.
- Memory is the foundation of hope. Hope cannot depend on you diverting your gaze.
- Truth is the gateway to any possibility.
- If we have to look good to go to worship, then woe to the lost and broken.
- The church needs to reclaim its biblical tradition of lament and protest, including protests against God, and come to see them as confessions of faith.
- The difference between believers and non-believers is that we know who to holler at, and to whom to take our deepest despair.
- It's not what you're free from, it's what you're free for.
- I have a friend who talks about the difference between prayer and giving God advice.
- Sometimes, tears and silence may be what ministry looks like.
- Every life inhabits a story.



2015 APPORTIONMENT REPORT

CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP

In a year marked by unprecedented and faithful giving, the churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference contributed \$14,127,898, or 91.66 percent in apportionments. Apportionments allow local churches to participate in "connectional giving," doing ministry and mission together beyond the church walls. From providing healthcare to retired clergy and their families and educating tomorrow's leaders in Africa, to disaster relief and creating new faith communities throughout the area, apportionment dollars make a difference. Thank you and thanks be to God.

Church, City	Pastor	2015 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT				
Adams, Lothian	Mabel Smith	\$9,198	\$9,198	100%
Asbury, Annapolis	Carletta Allen	\$50,374	\$50,374	100%
Asbury, Arnold	Jennifer Karsner	\$38,164	\$38,164	100%
Asbury, Jessup	Gay Green-Carden	\$14,804	\$14,804	100%
Asbury Town Neck, Severna Park	James A. Bishop	\$42,688	\$42,688	100%
Asbury-Broadneck, Annapolis	Stephen Tillett	\$44,269	\$44,269	100%
Baldwin Memorial, Millersville	Phillip Tocknell	\$36,444	\$36,444	100%
Calvary, Annapolis	Harold Wright II	\$121,921	\$121,921	100%
Cape St Claire, Annapolis	Lysbeth B. Cockrell	\$20,997	\$20,997	100%
Carters, Tracys Landing	Brenda Joyce Mack	\$10,170	\$10,170	100%
Cecil Memorial, Annapolis	Reginald Tarpley	\$19,396	\$19,396	100%
Cedar Grove-Oakland, Deale	Glen Arnold	\$33,781	\$33,781	100%
Centenary, Shady Side	Kyle Durbin	\$16,475	\$16,475	100%
Chews Memorial, Edgewater	Brenda Joyce Mack	\$12,158	\$12,158	100%
Community, Crofton	Stan Cardwell	\$60,488	\$60,488	100%
Community, Laurel	Selena M. Johnson	\$13,291	\$13,291	100%
Davidsonville, Davidsonville	Lisa Marie Bandel	\$51,961	\$51,961	100%
Delmont, Severn	Wendy Van Vliet	\$5,232	\$5,232	100%
Dorsey Emmanuel, Elkridge	Richard C. Oursler	\$6,922	\$6,922	100%
Eastport, Annapolis	Michelle Mejia	\$30,123	\$30,123	100%
Edgewater, Edgewater	Gerald Snyder	\$4,856	\$4,856	100%
Faith, Pasadena	John E. Taylor, Sr.	\$3,986	\$3,986	100%
Ferndale, Glen Burnie	Brian A. Berger	\$19,160	\$19,160	100%
First, Laurel	Ramon McDonald II	\$47,969	\$47,969	100%
Fowler, Annapolis	Patricia Johnson	\$9,130	\$9,130	100%
Friendship, Friendship	Wayne Chung	\$44,882	\$44,882	100%
Glen Burnie, Glen Burnie	Robert Barnes Jr.	\$60,715	\$60,715	100%
Hall, Glen Burnie	Harry Smith Jr.	\$14,814	\$14,814	100%
Harwood Park, Elkridge	Richard Duncan	\$7,726	\$7,726	100%
Hope Memorial St Mark, Edgewater	Eddie Smith	\$13,801	\$13,801	100%
John Wesley, Annapolis	S. Jerry Colbert	\$13,953	\$13,953	100%
John Wesley, Glen Burnie	Lena Marie Dennis	\$23,925	\$23,925	100%
John Wesley-Waterbury, Crownsville	Frederick Douglas Price, Jr.	\$8,397	\$8,397	100%
Linthicum Heights, Linthicum	David A. Shank	\$52,092	\$52,092	100%
Macedonia, Odenton	Louis Shockley	\$10,196	\$10,196	100%
Magothy, Pasadena	Reg Barss	\$25,325	\$25,325	100%
Magothy Church of the Deaf, Pasadena	Sandra Johnson	\$1,084	\$1,084	100%
Marley, Glen Burnie	Stephanie Bekhor	\$7,622	\$7,622	100%
Mayo, Edgewater	Kathy L. Altman	\$25,042	\$25,042	100%
Melville Chapel, Elkridge	Richard Duncan	\$10,675	\$10,675	100%
Messiah, Glen Burnie	Gail L. Button	\$13,593	\$13,593	100%
Metropolitan, Severn	Frances Stewart	\$29,360	\$29,360	100%
Mount Calvary, Arnold	Reginald Tarpley	\$12,331	\$12,331	100%
Mount Carmel, Pasadena	Michael Fauconnet	\$31,088	\$31,088	100%
Mount Tabor, Crownsville	Charles Simms Sr.	\$7,162	\$7,162	100%
Mount Zion, Laurel	Karen Weaver	\$17,563	\$17,562	100%
Mount Zion, Lothian	William (Bill) Herche	\$51,853	\$51,853	100%
Mount Zion, Pasadena	Robert Walker Jr	\$33,719	\$33,719	100%
Mount Zion -Ark Road, Lothian	John M. Blanchard Jr.	\$12,050	\$12,050	100%
Nichols-Bethel, Odenton	Clark Carr	\$58,550	\$58,550	100%
Pasadena, Pasadena	Sherrin Marshall	\$41,957	\$41,957	100%
Severn, Severn	Wendy Van Vliet	\$15,036	\$15,036	100%
Severna Park, Severna Park	Ronald K. Foster	\$156,620	\$156,620	100%
Sollers, Lothian	Richard Lindsay	\$11,049	\$11,049	100%
Solley, Glen Burnie	Gail L. Button	\$6,518	\$6,518	100%
St Andrews of Annapolis, Edgewater	David Thayer	\$42,478	\$42,478	100%
St Mark, Hanover	Herbert Watson Jr.	\$71,793	\$71,793	100%
St Mark's, Laurel	Sonia King	\$25,108	\$25,108	100%
St Matthews, Shady Side	Roberta Matthews	\$17,371	\$17,371	100%
The Everlasting Love, Glen Burnie	Jonghui Park	\$7,820	\$7,820	100%
Trinity, Annapolis	Christopher D. Owens	\$61,669	\$61,669	100%
Trinity, Odenton	Carissa Surber	\$3,318	\$3,318	100%
Union, Lothian	Thomas Long, Sr.	\$3,708	\$3,708	100%
Union Memorial, Davidsonville	Paulette Jones	\$9,041	\$9,041	100%
Wesley Chapel, Jessup	Richard C. Oursler	\$3,180	\$3,180	100%
Wesley Chapel, Lothian	Walter Middlebrooks	\$9,244	\$9,244	100%
Wesley Grove, Hanover	Ingrid Wang	\$17,716	\$17,716	100%
Galesville, Galesville	Patricia Sebring	\$18,357	\$14,717	80%
Franklin, Churchton	Alhassan C. K. Macaulay	\$18,472	\$13,854	75%
Community, Pasadena	L. Katherine Moore	\$36,701	\$16,111	44%
Mount Zion, Annapolis	Patricia Johnson	\$12,498	\$2,083	17%
Wilson Memorial, Gambrills	Gregory Jonathan McNeil	\$13,336	\$2,223	17%
Annapolis District Summary		\$1,914,465	\$1,864,088	97.4%

Church, City	Pastor	2015 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT				
Arbutus, Baltimore	Ira Barr Jr.	\$36,930	\$36,930	100%
Arlington-Lewin, Baltimore	Eugene Matthews	\$16,065	\$16,065	100%
Arnolia, Baltimore	Mary Ellen Glorioso	\$28,815	\$28,815	100%
Back River, Essex	Donna Nelson	\$13,146	\$13,146	100%
Bethesda, Baltimore	Gerard Jameson	\$13,968	\$13,968	100%
Brooklyn Community, Baltimore	Stephen Smith	\$19,867	\$19,867	100%
Catonsville, Catonsville	Mark Waddell	\$83,392	\$83,392	100%
Chase, Middle River	Cynthia Burkert	\$19,066	\$19,066	100%
Christ, Baltimore	Twanda Prioleau	\$41,668	\$41,668	100%
Christ Church of Baltimore County, Baltimore	Richard Keller	\$9,884	\$9,884	100%
Christ Church of the Deaf, Baltimore	Sandra Johnson	\$6,419	\$6,419	100%
Cowenton, White Marsh	Heather Olson	\$9,112	\$9,112	100%
Dundalk, Baltimore	Daniel Kutrick	\$19,030	\$19,030	100%
Elderslie-St Andrews, Baltimore	Terry McCain	\$19,155	\$19,155	100%
Emanuel, Catonsville	Kelly Grimes	\$11,465	\$11,465	100%
Emmarts, Baltimore	George Winkfield	\$17,457	\$17,457	100%
Epworth Chapel, Baltimore	C. Anthony Hunt	\$46,550	\$46,550	100%
Good Shepherd, Baltimore	Bonnie McCubbin	\$36,049	\$36,049	100%
Grace, Baltimore	Amy McCullough	\$82,813	\$82,813	100%
Graceland, Baltimore	Daniel Kutrick	\$8,037	\$8,037	100%
Halethorpe-Relay, Halethorpe	Claire Fiedler	\$26,195	\$26,195	100%
Hiss, Baltimore	Timothy Andrew Dowell	\$51,874	\$51,874	100%
Hopkins, Highland	Sheridan Allmond	\$16,239	\$16,239	100%
Lansdowne, Baltimore	Karen Davis	\$16,232	\$16,232	100%
Loch Raven, Baltimore	Clifford Webner	\$46,097	\$46,097	100%
Lodge Forest, Baltimore	Katie Grover	\$10,260	\$10,260	100%
Lovely Lane, Baltimore	Travis Knoll	\$36,159	\$36,159	100%
Martin Luther King Memorial, Baltimore	James Gosnell	\$12,567	\$12,567	100%
Mount Olivet, Catonsville	Sheridan Allmond	\$7,764	\$7,764	100%
Mount Washington-Aldersgate, Baltimore	Juliana Bateman	\$16,295	\$16,295	100%
New Covenant Worship Center, Baltimore	Clarence Davis	\$16,286	\$16,286	100%
Northwood-Appold, Baltimore	Cecil Conteen Gray	\$28,776	\$28,776	100%
Old Otterbein, Baltimore	Jessica Hayden	\$13,415	\$13,414	100%
Orems, Baltimore	Christopher Dembeck	\$22,722	\$22,722	100%
Sharp Street Memorial, Baltimore	Raphael Koikoi	\$25,327	\$25,327	100%
St Johns, Baltimore	Amy McCullough	\$12,326	\$12,326	100%
Towson, Towson	Roderick Miller	\$128,372	\$128,372	100%
Trinity, Catonsville	Kelly Grimes	\$18,228	\$18,228	100%
Union Memorial, Baltimore	William Edward Butler	\$33,353	\$33,353	100%
Unity, Baltimore	Melvin Bond Sr.	\$7,555	\$7,555	100%
Violetville, Baltimore	Nathaniel Green	\$7,867	\$7,867	100%
West Baltimore, Baltimore	Eric I. King	\$16,866	\$16,866	100%
St. Paul Praise and Worship Center, Pikesville	Denise Norfleet-Walker	\$12,631	\$11,583	92%
Essex, Essex	Kimberly Brown-Whale	\$23,469	\$19,558	83%
Eastern, Baltimore	Thomas Blake	\$24,765	\$18,806	76%
St John, Baltimore	Jason Jordan-Griffin	\$27,494	\$18,329	67%
Salem -Hebville, Baltimore	Helen Armiger	\$10,036	\$6,000	60%
Eden Korean, Baltimore	Yo-Seop Shin	\$15,471	\$9,025	58%
St Luke, Baltimore	Alfreda Wiggins	\$10,603	\$6,200	58%
St Matthews, Baltimore	Kay Albury	\$22,883	\$12,392	54%
Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore	Laura Kigweba	\$35,453	\$18,706	53%
New Waverly, Baltimore	Kevin Slayton	\$21,526	\$11,386	53%
Patapsco, Dundalk	Katie Grover	\$18,054	\$9,100	50%
Gwynn Oak, Baltimore	Dellyne Hinton	\$24,561	\$12,000	49%
Cherry Hill, Baltimore	Ashley Hoover	\$18,348	\$8,027	44%
Metropolitan, Baltimore	Eric I. King	\$22,811	\$9,504	42%
St Matthews, Baltimore	Walter Jackson, III	\$3,053	\$1,272	42%
John Wesley, Baltimore	LaReesa Smith-Horn	\$70,693	\$26,309	37%
St James, Baltimore	Iris Farabee-Lewis	\$14,601	\$4,927	34%
Hampden, Baltimore	Jessica Hayden	\$11,282	\$3,100	27%
Ames, Baltimore	Rodney Hudson	\$21,553	\$5,588	26%
Piney Grove, Middle River	Heather Olson	\$9,760	\$1,985	20%
Salem-Baltimore Hispanic, Baltimore	Leo Rodriguez	\$9,471	\$1,895	20%
Orangeville, Baltimore	Walter Jackson, III	\$2,734	\$456	17%
Mount Zion, Baltimore	Wanda Duckett	\$30,617	\$3,551	12%
St. Matthews-New Life, Baltimore	Andre Briscoe	\$22,570	\$2,615	12%
Faith Community, Baltimore	Jacquelyn McLellan	\$16,592	\$1,659	10%
Homestead, Baltimore	Zelda Childs	\$8,869	\$700	8%
Beechfield, Baltimore	Valerie Barnes	\$21,104	\$881	4%
Centennial-Caroline, Baltimore	Cynthia Belt	\$16,966	\$-	0%
Govans-Boundary, Baltimore	Terry McCain	\$16,508	\$-	0%
Mount Winans, Baltimore	Iris Farabee-Lewis	\$9,426	\$-	0%
Overlea Chapel, Baltimore	Gerard Jameson	\$11,736	\$-	0%
Rodgers Forge, Baltimore	Raphael Koikoi	\$11,717	\$-	0%
St Lukes, Baltimore	Karen Davis	\$8,067	\$-	0%
Baltimore Metropolitan District Summary		\$1,715,087	\$1,335,216	77.9%
BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT				
Ames, Bel Air	Michael Parker	\$25,373	\$25,373	100%
Ayres Chapel, White Hall	Nicholas Bufano	\$8,626	\$8,626	100%
Bel Air, Bel Air	Byron Edward Brought	\$158,894	\$158,894	100%
Bixlers, Manchester	Arthur Thomas Jr.	\$4,456	\$4,456	100%
BORING, BORING	LILLIAN BOYD	\$2,696	\$2,696	100%

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Church, City	Pastor	2015 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
Bosley , Sparks	Darryl Gill	\$4,559	\$4,559	100%
Camp Chapel , Perry Hall	Richard Brown-Whale	\$35,913	\$35,913	100%
Cedar Grove , Monkton	Fred Sipes	\$4,978	\$4,978	100%
Centre , Forest Hill	Mark Gorman	\$13,869	\$13,869	100%
Chesaco , Baltimore	Tracy Perry	\$8,006	\$8,006	100%
Clarks Chapel , Bel Air	Mark Groover	\$17,752	\$17,752	100%
Clynmalira , Phoenix	John Dailey	\$13,494	\$13,494	100%
Cokesbury , Abingdon	Brenda Lewis	\$19,295	\$19,295	100%
Cranberry , Perryman	Glenn Barrick	\$6,381	\$6,381	100%
Darlington , Darlington	James Johnson	\$5,821	\$5,821	100%
Deer Creek , Forest Hill	Craig Little	\$2,751	\$2,751	100%
Deer Park , Reisterstown	Gerald Gautcher III	\$6,239	\$6,239	100%
Dublin , Street	James Johnson	\$15,642	\$15,642	100%
Ebenezer , Fallston	Barry Hidey	\$6,927	\$6,927	100%
Emory , Upperco	Arthe' (Taysie) Phillips	\$15,649	\$15,649	100%
Epworth , Cockeysville	Patricia Watson	\$40,253	\$40,253	100%
Fairview , Phoenix	Robert Pearson	\$4,403	\$4,403	100%
Falls Road , Sparks	Scott Dale Shumaker	\$2,427	\$2,427	100%
Fallston , Fallston	Karin Walker	\$46,816	\$46,816	100%
Fork , Fork	H. Michael Cantley	\$15,007	\$15,007	100%
Frames Memorial , Cockeysville	Paul Papp	\$2,550	\$2,550	100%
Glyndon , Glyndon	Dawn Stewart	\$35,833	\$35,833	100%
Gough , Cockeysville	Winifred Griffin	\$3,424	\$3,424	100%
Grace , Aberdeen	Robert Clipp	\$51,084	\$51,084	100%
Grace , Upperco	John & Melissa Rudolph	\$10,121	\$10,121	100%
Greenmount , Hampstead	John & Melissa Rudolph	\$11,883	\$11,883	100%
Greenspring , Owings Mills	Ernest Lievers	\$3,639	\$3,639	100%
Havre De Grace , Havre De Grace	Norman Obenshain	\$46,614	\$46,614	100%
Hereford , Monkton	William Thomas	\$33,406	\$33,406	100%
Hopewell , Havre de Grace	Corey Scott Sharpe	\$15,393	\$15,393	100%
Hunt's Memorial , Riderwood	Gary Sheffield-James	\$48,672	\$48,672	100%
Idlewyld , Baltimore	Carol Pazdersky	\$7,422	\$7,422	100%
Jarrettsville , Jarrettsville	Nicholas Bufano	\$17,059	\$17,059	100%
John Wesley , Abingdon	Darius K. Butler, Sr.	\$9,297	\$9,297	100%
Mays Chapel , Timonium	Laurie Tingley	\$30,459	\$30,459	100%
Millers , Bethesda	Arthur Thomas Jr.	\$9,473	\$9,473	100%
Monkton , Monkton	William Jack Bussard Jr.	\$9,826	\$9,826	100%
Mount Carmel , Parkton	Scott Dale Shumaker	\$12,898	\$12,898	100%
Mount Gilead , Reisterstown	Lillian Boyd	\$5,685	\$5,685	100%
Mount Olive , Randallstown	Mark Johnson	\$32,589	\$32,588	100%
Mount Tabor , Bel Air	Craig Little	\$4,229	\$4,229	100%
Mount Zion , Bel Air	Craig McLaughlin	\$135,686	\$135,686	100%
Mount Zion , Parkton	R. Dennis Schulze	\$2,414	\$2,414	100%
Mount Zion , Upperco	John Mayden Jr	\$5,392	\$5,392	100%
Mount Zion -Finksburg, Finksburg	Wm. Louis Piel	\$9,776	\$9,776	100%
Norrisville , White Hall	Melissa McDade	\$13,357	\$13,357	100%
Patapsco , Finksburg	Barbara Allen	\$5,525	\$5,525	100%
Perry Hall , Baltimore	Victor Harner	\$38,300	\$38,300	100%
Pine Grove , Parkton	Andrew Greenwood	\$13,929	\$13,929	100%
Pine Grove , White Hall	Winifred Griffin	\$2,465	\$2,465	100%
Piney Grove , Reisterstown	Lillian Boyd	\$2,356	\$2,356	100%
Pleasant Grove , Reisterstown	William Harden	\$11,163	\$11,163	100%
Pleasant Hill , Owings Mills	Jeffrey Allen Paulson	\$20,381	\$20,381	100%
Poplar Grove , Cockeysville	Paul Papp	\$4,603	\$4,603	100%
Presbury , Edgewood	Shannon Sullivan	\$13,582	\$13,582	100%
Providence , Towson	Jackson Day	\$11,419	\$11,419	100%
Reisterstown , Reisterstown	Vivian McCarthy	\$73,851	\$73,851	100%
Rock Run , Darlington	Paul Simmons	\$4,035	\$4,035	100%
Salem , Hampstead	Jarrett Wicklein	\$12,329	\$12,329	100%
Salem , Upper Falls	James (Jay) DeMent	\$28,782	\$28,782	100%
Shiloh , Hampstead	Barbara Allen	\$8,215	\$8,215	100%
Smiths Chapel , Churchville	J. David Roberts	\$8,131	\$8,131	100%
St Johns , Hampstead	John & Melissa Rudolph	\$16,942	\$16,942	100%
St Johns , Lutherville	Carol Pazdersky	\$10,769	\$10,769	100%
St Luke , Monkton	Winifred Griffin	\$1,854	\$1,854	100%
St Paul , White Hall	Melissa McDade	\$7,660	\$7,660	100%
Stablers , Parkton	Darryl Zoller	\$2,225	\$2,225	100%
TEXAS , COCKEYSVILLE	Paul Papp	\$6,853	\$6,853	100%
Timonium , Timonium	Frances Dailey	\$60,487	\$60,487	100%
Union , Aberdeen	Granderson Jones Jr.	\$9,973	\$9,973	100%
Union , Baldwin	Jennifer Lynn Kokoski	\$6,201	\$6,201	100%
Union Chapel , Joppa	Stephen Humphrey	\$25,804	\$25,804	100%
Union Chapel , Monkton	Winifred Griffin	\$2,925	\$2,925	100%
Vernon , White Hall	R. Dennis Schulze	\$2,765	\$2,765	100%
Wards Chapel , Randallstown	John William Nupp	\$31,240	\$31,240	100%
Wesley , Hampstead	Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill	\$28,103	\$28,103	100%
Wesleyan Chapel , Aberdeen	Corey Scott Sharpe	\$7,912	\$7,912	100%
West Liberty , White Hall	R. Dennis Schulze	\$7,549	\$7,549	100%
William Watters Memorial , Jarrettsville	Barry Hidey	\$15,066	\$15,066	100%
Wiseburg , White Hall	Ronald Gompf	\$6,113	\$6,113	100%
Asbury , White Marsh	Hermann Randall	\$5,274	\$4,835	92%
Bentley Springs , Parkton	Darryl Zoller	\$2,973	\$2,725	92%
Edgewood , Lutherville	Ernest Lievers	\$5,712	\$5,236	92%
Milford Mill , Pikesville	Marlon Tilghman	\$29,075	\$24,798	85%
Parke Memorial , Parkton	R. Dennis Schulze	\$9,388	\$6,195	66%

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Maryland Line , Maryland Line	R. Dennis Schulze	\$11,458	\$6,910	60%
Linden Heights , Parkville	Alicia Vanisko	\$20,714	\$10,357	50%
Emory , Street	Kathleen Sarah Lossau	\$18,860	\$6,287	33%
St Luke , Reisterstown	Charles Stevenson	\$16,995	\$5,665	33%
Mount Vernon , Whiteford	Arthur Justice	\$9,827	\$2,000	20%
Waugh , Glen Arm	H. Michael Cantley	\$9,973	\$1,700	17%
Baltimore Suburban District Summary		\$1,704,164	\$1,640,621	96.3%
CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT				
Alberta Gary Memorial , Columbia	Marilyn Cheryl Newhouse	\$9,539	\$9,539	100%
Araby , Frederick	Debra Linton	\$11,017	\$11,007	100%
Ashton , Ashton	Emily Berkowitz	\$48,339	\$48,339	100%
Bethany , Ellicott City	Andrew Cooney	\$123,946	\$123,946	100%
Bethesda , Damascus	Henry Butler Jr.	\$36,359	\$36,359	100%
Calvary , Mount Airy	Stephen Larsen	\$87,372	\$87,372	100%
Christ , Columbia	Marilyn Cheryl Newhouse	\$8,213	\$8,213	100%
Covenant , Montgomery Village	E. Amanda (Mandy) Sayers	\$41,296	\$41,296	100%
Damascus , Damascus	David Cooney	\$131,085	\$131,085	100%
Dickerson , Dickerson	Patricia Abell	\$3,812	\$3,812	100%
Ebenezer , Sykesville	Judith Emerson	\$26,615	\$26,615	100%
Ellicott City Korean Mission,	Dae Sung Park	\$231	\$231	100%
Emory , Ellicott City	Sam Moore Sr.	\$12,136	\$12,136	100%
Emory Grove , Gaithersburg	Timothy Warner	\$22,647	\$22,647	100%
Epworth , Gaithersburg	Jennifer Fenner	\$62,511	\$62,511	100%
Fairhaven , Gaithersburg	Esther Holimon	\$36,411	\$36,411	100%
Fairview , Sykesville	Don Levrony	\$2,909	\$2,909	100%
FaithPoint , Monrovia	Christopher Bishop	\$19,941	\$19,941	100%
Flint Hill , Adamstown	Robert Ruggieri	\$4,553	\$4,553	100%
Flohrville , Sykesville	NaRae Kim	\$3,470	\$3,470	100%
Forest Grove , Tuscarora	Patricia Abell	\$3,469	\$3,469	100%
Gaither , Sykesville	Terri Rae Chattin	\$10,706	\$10,706	100%
Gary Memorial , Ellicott City	Douglas Fox	\$12,934	\$12,934	100%
Glen Mar , Ellicott City	D. Matthew Poole	\$191,334	\$191,334	100%
Glenelg , Glenelg	Alice Ford	\$41,415	\$41,415	100%
Goshen , Gaithersburg	Shawn Wilson	\$54,406	\$54,406	100%
Grace , Gaithersburg	James Miller	\$105,203	\$105,203	100%
Howard Chapel-Ridgeville , Mount Airy	Phillip Ayers	\$13,588	\$13,588	100%
Hyattstown , Clarksburg	David Hodsdon	\$9,590	\$9,590	100%
Ijamsville , Ijamsville	Robert Ruggieri	\$6,342	\$6,342	100%
Jennings Chapel , Woodbine	Robert Cook	\$9,051	\$9,051	100%
Linden-Linthicum , Clarksville	Gayle Annis-Forder	\$67,048	\$67,048	100%
Locust , Columbia	Jane Elizabeth Wood	\$21,361	\$21,361	100%
Marvin Chapel , Mount Airy	Earl Mason	\$6,219	\$6,219	100%
Memorial , Poolesville	William Maisch	\$30,300	\$30,300	100%
Mill Creek Parish , Rockville	Deborah Lynn Scott	\$55,588	\$55,588	100%
Montgomery , Damascus	Kenneth McDonald	\$62,730	\$62,730	100%
Mount Carmel , Brookeville	James Pugh	\$5,181	\$5,181	100%
Mount Gregory , Glenwood	Christopher Nassamba Serufusa	\$9,410	\$9,410	100%
Mount Olive , Mount Airy	Lynne Humphries-Russ	\$5,519	\$5,519	100%
Mount Tabor , Damascus	Linda Yarrow	\$8,835	\$8,835	100%
Mount Zion , Highland	Joan Carter-Rimbach	\$75,994	\$75,994	100%
Oakdale Emory , Olney	Kevin Baker	\$175,873	\$175,873	100%
Pleasant Grove , Ijamsville	Myungha Baek	\$7,160	\$7,160	100%
Poplar Springs , Woodbine	Robert Cook	\$7,339	\$7,339	100%
Prospect , Mount Airy	Earl Mason	\$9,950	\$9,950	100%
Providence , Monrovia	Dauba (DD) Adams	\$17,464	\$17,464	100%
Rockland , Ellicott City	Katharine (Katie) Saari	\$12,775	\$12,775	100%
Salem , Brookeville	Sue Shorb-Sterling	\$38,316	\$38,316	100%
Sharp Street , Sandy Spring	Kecia Ford	\$24,259	\$24,259	100%
Simpson , Mount Airy	R. Lorraine Brown	\$1,616	\$1,616	100%
St James , Marriottsville	Katharine (Katie) Saari	\$21,573	\$21,573	100%
St John United Church, Columbia	Mary Ka Kanahan	\$9,207	\$9,207	100%
St Paul , Laytonsville	James Pugh	\$15,304	\$15,304	100%
St Paul's , Sykesville	Terri Rae Chattin	\$45,870	\$45,870	100%
Wesley Chapel , Frederick	Sandra Phillips	\$11,904	\$11,904	100%
Wesley Freedom , Eldersburg	William Brown	\$106,549	\$106,549	100%
Wesley Grove , Gaithersburg	Linda Yarrow	\$16,321	\$16,321	100%
West Liberty , Marriottsville	Barbara Sands	\$4,681	\$4,681	100%
West Montgomery , Dickerson	Bernadette Armwood	\$10,007	\$10,007	100%
Clarksburg , Clarksburg	David Hodsdon	\$9,080	\$8,811	97%
Mountain View , Damascus	Myungha Baek	\$7,250	\$6,438	89%
Asbury , Germantown	Sidney Morris	\$5,452	\$4,543	83%
Friendship , Damascus	Samuel Holdbrook-Smith	\$12,622	\$9,466	75%
St Luke , Sykesville	R. Lorraine Brown	\$9,780	\$7,297	75%
Trinity , Germantown	Bonnie Scott	\$45,786	\$27,760	61%
Washington Grove , Washington Grove	EunJoung Joo	\$12,962	\$6,600	51%
Mount Zion , Olney	Christopher Nassamba Serufusa	\$8,301	\$4,151	50%
Community of Faith , Clarksburg	Samuel Holdbrook-Smith	\$17,670	\$6,750	38%
Lisbon , Lisbon	Yu Jung Hwang	\$22,524	\$7,508	33%
St Marks , Boyds	Bernadette Armwood	\$4,684	\$1,171	25%
Morgan Chapel , Woodbine	Lynne Humphries-Russ	\$4,373	\$600	14%
Mount Zion , Ellicott City	Wilhelmina Street	\$6,962	\$700	10%
Daisy , Lisbon	Christopher Nassamba Serufusa	\$4,672	\$-	0%
Ebenezer , Ijamsville	Vivian Louise Jones	\$3,790	\$-	0%
Salem , Germantown	Linda Yarrow	\$7,244	\$-	0%
Central Maryland District Summary		\$2,217,945	\$2,126,578	95.9%

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Church, City	Pastor	2015 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
CUMBERLAND-HAGERSTOWN DISTRICT				
Allegany , Frostburg	George Harpold	\$1,774	\$1,774	100%
Alpine , Berkeley Springs	Kenneth J Mason	\$1,684	\$1,684	100%
Asbury , Hagerstown	Sharon Gibson	\$5,729	\$5,729	100%
Barton , Barton	Carl Cowan	\$7,556	\$7,556	100%
Benevola , Boonsboro	John Dean	\$23,846	\$23,846	100%
Bethel , Chewsville	Linda Warehime	\$26,753	\$26,753	100%
Bethel , Rohrsersville	John Schildt	\$5,639	\$5,639	100%
Calvary , Great Cacapon	Phillip (Phil) A King	\$3,456	\$3,456	100%
Calvary , Ridgeley	Richard Jewell	\$8,694	\$8,694	100%
Carlos , Frostburg	George Harpold	\$1,357	\$1,357	100%
Catalpa , Hancock	John Close	\$940	\$940	100%
Centenary , Cumberland	Rebecca Jane Vardiman	\$3,396	\$3,396	100%
Cherry Run , Berkeley Springs	Theodore Daniel Marsh Jr.	\$3,909	\$3,909	100%
Christ , Cumberland	Harold McClay, Jr.	\$8,850	\$8,850	100%
Cresaptown , Cresaptown	Harold Atkins	\$19,353	\$19,353	100%
Davis Memorial , Cumberland	W. Scott Summers	\$13,615	\$13,615	100%
Dawson , Rawlings	Patrick Buhrman	\$6,555	\$6,555	100%
Eckhart , Frostburg	George Harpold	\$4,149	\$4,149	100%
Ellerslie , Ellerslie	Sandra Hetz Burchell	\$11,658	\$11,658	100%
Emmanuel , Cumberland	Richard Jewell	\$14,706	\$14,706	100%
Emmanuel , Hagerstown	Randall Reid	\$31,868	\$31,868	100%
Fairview Avenue , Cumberland	Daniel Gordon Taylor	\$3,065	\$3,065	100%
First , Berkeley Springs	Douglas Hoffman	\$63,681	\$63,681	100%
First , Lonaconing	Frederick Iser	\$10,096	\$10,096	100%
Flintstone , Flintstone	Patricia Bittner	\$3,821	\$3,821	100%
Frostburg , Frostburg	Jennifer Webber	\$27,909	\$27,909	100%
Garfield , Smithsburg	Mary Ricketts	\$12,622	\$12,622	100%
Grace , Berkeley Springs	Theodore Daniel Marsh Jr.	\$4,217	\$4,217	100%
Grace , Hagerstown	Curtis Ehrgott	\$33,403	\$33,403	100%
Grace , Midland	Daniel Montague III	\$7,455	\$7,455	100%
Greenwood , Berkeley Springs	Lloyd McCanna	\$5,025	\$5,025	100%
Hancock , Hancock	Michael Bynum	\$30,378	\$30,378	100%
Highland , Berkeley Springs	Kenneth J. Mason	\$3,080	\$3,080	100%
Holy Cross , Ridgeley	Thomas Young Jr	\$11,930	\$11,930	100%
John Wesley , Hagerstown	L. Patrick Ricker	\$43,326	\$43,326	100%
LaVale , LaVale	Frankie Revell	\$37,474	\$37,474	100%
Mc Kendree of Potomac Park, Cumberland	Lisa Boone	\$5,955	\$5,955	100%
Melvin , Cumberland	Daniel Gordon Taylor	\$8,814	\$8,814	100%
Michaels , Berkeley Springs	Charles Bergen	\$3,075	\$3,075	100%
Mount Bethel , Smithsburg	Ronald Kurtz	\$8,779	\$8,779	100%
Mount Carmel , Big Pool	Ian Grant Spong	\$4,656	\$4,656	100%
Mount Carmel , Rohrsersville	John Schildt	\$2,497	\$2,497	100%
Mount Hermon , Flintstone	Patricia Bittner	\$2,985	\$2,985	100%
Mount Lena , Boonsboro	Ronald Kurtz	\$8,455	\$8,455	100%
Mount Nebo , Boonsboro	Ray Roberson	\$28,683	\$28,683	100%
Mount Olivet , Berkeley Springs	Lloyd McCanna	\$4,665	\$4,665	100%
Mount Pleasant , Berkeley Springs	Kenneth J. Mason	\$1,341	\$1,341	100%
Mount Savage , Mount Savage	Sandra Hetz Burchell	\$10,901	\$10,901	100%
Mount Tabor , Oldtown	Charles Riggelman	\$4,449	\$4,449	100%
Mount Zion , Berkeley Springs	Theodore Daniel Marsh Jr.	\$4,645	\$4,645	100%
Mount Zion , Great Cacapon	Richard Voorhaar	\$3,136	\$3,136	100%
Mount Zion , Myersville	Michael Beiber	\$19,994	\$19,994	100%
Mount Zion , Sabillasville	Albert Deal	\$4,016	\$4,016	100%
Murleys Branch , Flintstone	Patricia Bittner	\$2,166	\$2,166	100%
New Covenant , Cumberland	Christopher Scott Gobrecht	\$18,863	\$18,863	100%
Oldtown , Oldtown	Charles Riggelman	\$4,225	\$4,225	100%
Oliver's Grove , Oldtown	Charles Riggelman	\$3,868	\$3,868	100%
Otterbein , Hagerstown	Stephen Robison	\$60,536	\$60,536	100%
Park Place , Lavale	Vicki Cabbage	\$8,234	\$8,234	100%
Parkhead , Big Pool	Ian Grant Spong	\$5,709	\$5,709	100%
Paw Paw , Paw Paw	Darlene Powers	\$3,938	\$3,938	100%
Piney Plains , Little Orleans	John Close	\$3,062	\$3,062	100%
Pleasant Walk , Hagerstown	Nancy Lorraine Green	\$3,961	\$3,961	100%
Prosperity , Flintstone	Patricia Bittner	\$4,886	\$4,886	100%
Rawlings , Rawlings	Patrick Buhrman	\$8,834	\$8,834	100%
Rehoboth , Williamsport	Michael Bennett	\$60,330	\$60,330	100%
Salem , Keedysville	Albert Deal	\$11,909	\$11,909	100%
Salem , Myersville	Robert Snyder	\$14,565	\$14,565	100%
Shaft , Midland	Daniel Montague III	\$5,955	\$5,955	100%
Shiloh , Hagerstown	Kenneth Fizer Jr.	\$13,732	\$13,732	100%
St Andrews , Hagerstown	Mike Henning	\$16,873	\$16,873	100%
St Matthews , Hagerstown (Closed 7-1-2015)	Jerry Lowans	\$4,232	\$4,232	100%
St Paul's , Smithsburg	Mary Ricketts	\$5,233	\$5,233	100%
Sulphur Springs , Oldtown	William Piper	\$1,358	\$1,358	100%
Trinity , Cumberland	Mary George	\$5,823	\$5,823	100%
Trinity-Asbury , Berkeley Springs	Charles Bergen	\$11,377	\$11,377	100%
Union Chapel , Berkeley Springs	Michael Leedom	\$15,661	\$15,661	100%
Vale Summit , Frostburg	George Harpold	\$2,590	\$2,590	100%
Washington Square , Hagerstown	Jerry Lowans	\$16,522	\$16,522	100%
Wesley Chapel , Berkeley Springs	Charles Bergen	\$8,925	\$8,925	100%
Westernport , Westernport	Carl Cowan	\$3,952	\$3,952	100%
Williamsport , Williamsport	Susan Boehl	\$36,496	\$36,496	100%
Zion , Cumberland	Rebecca Jane Vardiman	\$4,796	\$4,796	100%

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Centre Street , Cumberland	Thomas Young Jr	\$42,739	\$32,054	75%
Central , Cumberland	C. Lee Brotemarkle	\$5,720	\$2,860	50%
St Paul , Big Pool	Ian Grant Spong	\$5,379	\$1,778	33%
Cumberland-Hagerstown District Summary		\$1,052,464	\$1,035,318	98.4%
FREDERICK DISTRICT				
Arden , Martinsburg	Sarah Schlieckert	\$19,587	\$19,587	100%
Asbury , Charles Town	Duane Jensen	\$41,203	\$41,203	100%
Asbury , Frederick	LaDelle Brooks	\$26,054	\$26,054	100%
Asbury , Shepherdstown	Rudolph Bropleh	\$46,707	\$46,707	100%
Bedington , Martinsburg	John Rudisill Jr.	\$30,964	\$30,964	100%
Berkeley Place , Martinsburg	John Brooks	\$2,309	\$2,309	100%
Bethel , Bakerton	Dennis Crolley	\$3,554	\$3,554	100%
Bethesda , Shepherdstown	Parker Hinzman	\$4,170	\$4,170	100%
Bethesda , Sykesville	Ernest Thayil	\$7,436	\$7,436	100%
Blairton , Martinsburg	Gary Gourley Sr.	\$6,969	\$6,969	100%
Bolivar , Harpers Ferry	John Unger	\$2,510	\$2,510	100%
Brandenburg , Sykesville	John Bragg Sr.	\$5,907	\$5,907	100%
Brook Hill , Frederick	Wade Martin	\$103,389	\$103,389	100%
Buckeystown Rt.80 , Buckeystown	David Parrish	\$1,560	\$1,560	100%
Bunker Hill , Bunker Hill	C. Wayne Frum	\$16,200	\$16,200	100%
Butlers Chapel , Martinsburg	Forrest Cummings	\$4,188	\$4,188	100%
Calvary , Finksburg	Martin Brooks	\$27,498	\$27,498	100%
Calvary , Frederick	David Simpson	\$92,058	\$92,058	100%
Calvary , Martinsburg	Robert Brennan Jr.	\$37,413	\$37,413	100%
Camp Hill-Wesley , Harpers Ferry	John Lewis	\$6,185	\$6,185	100%
Catocin , Thurmont	Terry Orrence	\$4,851	\$4,851	100%
Centennial Memorial , Frederick	Helen Smith	\$15,006	\$15,006	100%
Chestnut Hill , Harpers Ferry	Dennis Crolley	\$8,208	\$8,208	100%
Darkeville , Inwood	Thomas Sigler	\$20,471	\$20,471	100%
Deer Park , Westminster	Patricia Dols	\$22,411	\$22,411	100%
Deerfield , Sabillasville	Ray Dudley	\$3,886	\$3,886	100%
Engle , Harpers Ferry	John Lewis	\$2,906	\$2,906	100%
Friendship , Hedgesville	John Brooks	\$2,803	\$2,803	100%
Ganotown , Martinsburg	Forrest Cummings	\$1,111	\$1,110	100%
Gerrardstown , Gerrardstown	Gary Sieglein	\$8,905	\$8,905	100%
Greensburg , Martinsburg	G. Edward Grove	\$6,840	\$6,840	100%
Harmony , Falling Waters	Terri Cofell	\$24,280	\$24,280	100%
Hedgesville , Hedgesville	Dennis Jackman	\$20,191	\$20,191	100%
Hopehill , Frederick	Joyce E.B. Hall	\$6,440	\$6,440	100%
Inwood , Inwood	Charles Henry	\$3,791	\$3,791	100%
Jackson Chapel , Frederick	Rex Bowens Sr.	\$15,700	\$15,700	100%
Johnsville , Sykesville	Thomas Cook	\$1,871	\$1,871	100%
Johnsville , Union Bridge	Margaret Moon	\$7,793	\$7,793	100%
Lewistown , Thurmont	Vicki Oliver	\$16,042	\$16,042	100%
Liberty Central , Libertytown	Jerry Cline	\$10,600	\$10,600	100%
Linganore , Union Bridge	David Coakley	\$16,837	\$16,837	100%
Marvin Chapel , Inwood	Joanna Marceron	\$5,189	\$5,189	100%
Middleburg , Westminster	Darrell Davis	\$2,428	\$2,428	100%
Middletown , Middletown	Sarah Dorrance	\$61,132	\$61,132	100%
Middleway , Kearneysville	Owen B. Womack	\$11,749	\$11,749	100%
Mount Carmel , Frederick	Jennifer Smith	\$29,846	\$29,846	100%
Mount Pleasant , Frederick	Richard Baker	\$10,936	\$10,936	100%
Mount Wesley , Shepherdstown	G. Edward Grove	\$7,631	\$7,631	100%
Mount Zion , Frederick	Richard Baker	\$4,579	\$4,579	100%
Murrill Hill , Harpers Ferry	Donnie Jane Cardwell	\$4,177	\$4,177	100%
New Hope of Greater Brunswick , Brunswick	Kathryn Bishop	\$22,357	\$22,357	100%
New Hope of New Windsor , New Windsor	Mary Buzby	\$4,054	\$4,054	100%
New Market , New Market	Scott Clawson	\$19,515	\$19,515	100%
Oakland , Sykesville	Donna Renn	\$17,176	\$17,176	100%
Otterbein , Martinsburg	Mark Mooney	\$36,227	\$36,227	100%
Paynes Chapel , Bunker Hill	Dawn Reidy	\$7,512	\$7,512	100%
Pikeside , Martinsburg	Richard Broome	\$19,712	\$19,712	100%
Pleasant View , Adamstown	Tonia Brown	\$2,036	\$2,036	100%
Salem , Martinsburg	Marshall Light	\$1,438	\$1,438	100%
Sandy Hook , Knoxville	Marshall Douglas Fraim	\$2,159	\$2,159	100%
Sandy Mount , Finksburg	Robert Wellman	\$38,907	\$38,907	100%
Shenandoah Memorial , Harpers Ferry	Marshall Douglas Fraim	\$2,154	\$2,154	100%
Silver Grove , Harpers Ferry	John Lewis	\$2,923	\$2,914	100%
St James @ Dennings , Westminster	Kenneth Dunnington	\$5,445	\$5,445	100%
St Lukes , Martinsburg	John Yost	\$39,873	\$39,873	100%
St Paul , New Windsor	Colin Phillips	\$13,020	\$13,020	100%
Stone Chapel , New Windsor	Steven Sunghwan Cho	\$20,069	\$20,069	100%
Strawbridge , New Windsor	Blango Ross Jr.	\$8,471	\$8,471	100%
Taylorville , Mount Airy	Sherri Comer-Cox	\$19,474	\$19,474	100%
Thurmont , Thurmont	Robert Hunter, III	\$28,368	\$28,368	100%
Tom's Creek , Emmitsburg	Heath Wilson	\$16,912	\$16,912	100%
Trinity , Emmitsburg	Colin Phillips	\$15,465	\$15,465	100%
Trinity , Martinsburg	Kenneth Walker	\$62,701	\$62,701	100%
Union Bridge , Union Bridge	Sue Bowen	\$4,066	\$4,066	100%
Uniontown , Westminster	Darrell Davis	\$3,055	\$3,055	100%
Uvilla , Shepherdstown	Parker Hinzman	\$3,605	\$3,605	100%
Walkersville , Walkersville	Richard Baker	\$52,341	\$52,341	100%
Westminster , Westminster	Malcolm Stranathan	\$70,868	\$70,868	100%
Williams Memorial , Shepherdstown	Parker Hinzman	\$6,763	\$6,763	100%

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Church, City	Pastor	2015 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
Zion, Westminster	David Carter-Rimbach	\$8,725	\$8,725	100%
Leetown, Kearneysville	Joanna Marceron	\$9,840	\$8,246	84%
Mount Zion, Martinsburg	Edward Hall	\$13,588	\$11,323	83%
Kabletown, Rippon	Sharon Kay Bourgeois	\$7,342	\$5,506	75%
Union Street, Westminster	Daryl Foster	\$8,511	\$5,949	70%
Buckeystown Rt 85, Buckeystown	Cynthia Caldwell	\$17,278	\$11,519	67%
New Street, Shepherdstown	Geri Dee-Ann Dixon	\$20,818	\$13,000	62%
Weller, Thurmont	Robert E. Kells, Jr.	\$21,710	\$11,000	51%
Trinity, Frederick	Eliezer Valentin-Castanon	\$72,448	\$30,187	42%
Memorial, Summit Point	Scott Sassaman	\$7,921	\$2,583	33%
Jefferson, Jefferson	William Carpenter	\$13,232	\$2,205	17%
Messiah, Taneytown	Brenda Shields	\$14,820	\$1,235	8%
Doubs-Epworth, Adamstown	William Carpenter	\$5,309	\$-	0%
Oakland, Charles Town	H. Kent Tice	\$38,942	\$-	0%
Frederick District Summary		\$1,651,620	\$1,502,605	91.0%

GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT				
Church, City	Pastor	2015 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
Ager Road, Hyattsville	Samson Yebuah Nortey	\$20,283	\$20,283	100%
Asbury, Washington	Dr. Ianther Mills	\$133,373	\$133,373	100%
Bells, Camp Springs	Johnsie Cogman	\$17,607	\$17,607	100%
Bethesda, Bethesda	Jenny Cannon	\$109,211	\$109,039	100%
Bradbury Heights, Washington	R. David Hall	\$7,425	\$7,425	100%
Brightwood Park, Washington	Gerald L. Elston Sr.	\$19,120	\$19,120	100%
Cabin John, Cabin John	Ek Ching Hii	\$14,008	\$14,008	100%
Capitol Hill, Washington	Alisa Linn Lasater	\$45,736	\$45,736	100%
Centenary, Flatts FL BX	Richard Stetler	\$12,574	\$12,574	100%
Cheverly, Cheverly	Theresa S. Thames	\$29,694	\$29,694	100%
Christ, Washington	Adrienne Terry	\$23,211	\$23,211	100%
Church of The Redeemer, Temple Hills	Ronald E.F. Triplett	\$24,131	\$24,131	100%
Colesville, Silver Spring	Michael Armstrong	\$59,244	\$59,244	100%
College Park, College Park	Fay Lundin	\$15,522	\$15,522	100%
Community, Washington	Jalene Chase-Sands	\$11,307	\$11,307	100%
Concord-St Andrews, Bethesda	Susan Brown	\$54,776	\$54,776	100%
Dumbarton, Washington	Mary Kay Totty	\$38,009	\$38,009	100%
Emmanuel, Laurel	Stephanie Vader	\$62,004	\$62,004	100%
Emory, Washington	Joseph Daniels Jr.	\$72,875	\$72,875	100%
Faith, Rockville	Kathryn Woodrow	\$93,607	\$93,607	100%
First, Hyattsville	Yvonne Wallace-Penn	\$62,003	\$62,003	100%
Foundry, Washington	Ginger Gaines-Cirelli	\$227,515	\$227,515	100%
Franklin P Nash, Washington	R. David Hall	\$6,253	\$6,253	100%
Gethsemane, Capitol Heights	G. Sylvester Gaines	\$51,992	\$51,992	100%
Glenmont, Silver Spring	Saroj Sangha	\$52,553	\$52,553	100%
Good Hope Union, Silver Spring	Stacey Cole Wilson	\$41,039	\$41,039	100%
Good Shepherd, Silver Spring	Joye Jones	\$45,681	\$45,681	100%
Grace, Takoma Park	Samson Yebuah Nortey	\$21,738	\$21,738	100%
Hughes, Wheaton	Kenneth Hawes	\$68,199	\$68,199	100%
Hughes Memorial, Washington	Paul Johnson	\$36,456	\$36,456	100%
Jerusalem-Mt Pleasant, Rockville	Hattie Jean Johnson-Holmes	\$20,306	\$20,306	100%
Liberty Grove, Burtonsville	Rodney Smothers	\$71,900	\$71,900	100%
McKendree-Simms-Brookland, Washington	R. David Hall	\$57,446	\$57,446	100%
Memorial First India, Silver Spring	Samuel Honnappa	\$33,712	\$33,712	100%
Metropolitan Memorial, Washington	Charles Parker	\$361,154	\$361,154	100%
Mount Vernon Place, Washington	Donna Sokol	\$83,674	\$83,674	100%
Mount Zion, Washington	Johnsie Cogman	\$26,100	\$26,100	100%
Mowatt Memorial, Greenbelt	Fay Lundin	\$9,342	\$9,342	100%
North Bethesda, Bethesda	Jeffrey Jones	\$54,063	\$54,063	100%
Petworth, Washington	Sherwyn Benjamin	\$18,542	\$18,542	100%
Potomac, Potomac	Ann Laprade	\$95,960	\$95,960	100%
Rockville, Rockville	Martha Meredith	\$35,630	\$35,630	100%
Ryland-Epworth, Washington	R. David Hall	\$12,784	\$12,784	100%
Silver Spring, Silver Spring	Rachel Cornwell	\$96,100	\$96,100	100%
Simpson-Hamline, Washington	Yvonne Mercer-Staten	\$33,226	\$33,226	100%
St Paul, Chevy Chase	John McCauley	\$21,921	\$21,921	100%
St Paul's, Kensington	Adam Snell	\$125,577	\$125,577	100%
United, Washington	William Federici	\$21,608	\$21,608	100%
University, College Park	Sherril Wood-Powe	\$43,059	\$43,059	100%
Van Buren, Washington	Alexis F Brown	\$6,350	\$6,350	100%
Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase	Kirkland Reynolds	\$82,656	\$66,125	80%
Millian Memorial, Rockville	Miguel Balderas	\$58,125	\$43,594	75%
Ebenezer, Washington	B. Kevin Smalls	\$24,535	\$15,210	62%
Randall Memorial, Washington	Brian Jackson	\$27,858	\$15,965	57%
Jones Memorial, Washington	Loretta Ewell Johnson	\$22,491	\$11,500	51%
Brighter Day, Washington	Ernest Lyles	\$60,092	\$30,046	50%
Albright Memorial, Washington	Gerald L. Elston Sr.	\$14,345	\$5,000	35%
Lincoln Park, Washington	Diane Dixon-Proctor	\$29,629	\$9,876	33%
Grace, Fairmount Heights	Robert Starkey	\$3,852	\$800	21%
Douglas Memorial, Washington	Helen Fleming	\$19,771	\$3,000	15%
Francis Asbury National Korean, Rockville	Seung-Woo Lee	\$34,258	\$5,000	15%
Forest Memorial, Forestville	Tyrone Blackwell	\$24,289	\$2,525	10%
Mount Vernon, Washington	Armon Nelson	\$10,915	\$1,100	10%
Marsden First, Smith	Joseph Whalen Jr.	\$23,075	\$2,060	9%
Oak Chapel, Silver Spring	Saundra Rector	\$35,315	\$2,000	6%
Greater Washington District Summary		\$3,176,806	\$2,919,229	91.9%

WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT				
Church, City	Pastor	2015 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
Alexandria Chapel, Indian Head	Kermit Moore	\$7,121	\$7,121	100%
Asbury, Brandywine	Gladman Kapfumvuti	\$15,271	\$15,271	100%
Bethel, Upper Marlboro	Kenneth Valentine	\$13,295	\$13,295	100%
Bethesda, Valley Lee	Irvin Eugene Beverly	\$6,905	\$6,905	100%
Bowie, Bowie	Margaret Clemons	\$17,787	\$17,787	100%
Brookfield, Brandywine	Marianne Brown	\$6,161	\$6,161	100%
Brooks, Saint Leonard	Jason Lawrence Robinson	\$43,281	\$43,281	100%
Calvary, Waldorf	Robert Carter	\$26,092	\$26,092	100%
Carroll-Western, Prince Frederick	Roland Barnes	\$14,542	\$14,542	100%
Cheltenham, Cheltenham	Denise M. Millett	\$17,804	\$17,804	100%
Chicamuxen, La Plata	Edward Voorhaar	\$6,682	\$6,682	100%
Christ, Aquasco	Constance Smith	\$18,198	\$18,198	100%
Clinton, Clinton	Dorothea Stroman	\$29,126	\$29,126	100%
Ebenezer, Lanham	Mark Venson	\$38,040	\$38,040	100%
Emmanuel, Beltsville	Jacob Young	\$43,975	\$43,975	100%
Emmanuel, Huntingtown	Mel Grover	\$16,552	\$16,552	100%
Faith, Accokeek	Charles Michael Blakeley	\$12,217	\$12,217	100%
First Saints Community Church, Leonardtown	John Wunderlich III	\$98,565	\$98,565	100%
Glenn Dale, Glenn Dale	Moses Sangha	\$21,175	\$21,175	100%
Grace, Fort Washington	Robert Slade	\$43,027	\$43,027	100%
Hollywood, Hollywood	Sheldon Reese	\$37,239	\$37,239	100%
Huntingtown, Huntingtown	Keith Schukraft	\$54,540	\$54,540	100%
Immanuel, Brandywine	Marianne Brown	\$12,872	\$12,872	100%
Indian Head, Indian Head	Jacques Banks	\$6,341	\$6,341	100%
La Plata, La Plata	Bruce Jones	\$65,266	\$65,266	100%
Lexington Park, Lexington Park	Lori Hoffman Hays	\$54,490	\$54,490	100%
Metropolitan, Indian Head	George Hackey Jr.	\$34,823	\$34,823	100%
Mount Calvary, Charlotte Hall	Jerome Jones, Sr.	\$10,863	\$10,863	100%
Mount Harmony-Lower Marlboro, Owings	Faith Lewis	\$36,760	\$36,760	100%
Mount Hope, Sunderland	Roosevelt Oliver	\$10,746	\$10,746	100%
Mount Olive, Prince Frederick	Dana Jones	\$12,856	\$12,856	100%
Mount Zion, Mechanicsville	Ann T Strickler	\$44,994	\$44,994	100%
Mount Zion, Saint Inigoes	Derrick Walton	\$6,657	\$6,657	100%
Olivet, Lusby	Linda Motter	\$15,790	\$15,790	100%
Patuxent, Huntingtown	Bryan Keith Fleet	\$15,416	\$15,416	100%
Peters, Dunkirk	Doris Rothwell	\$9,784	\$9,784	100%
Pisgah, Marbury	Jeanne Parr	\$6,405	\$6,405	100%
Plum Point, Huntingtown	Bryan Keith Fleet	\$15,490	\$15,490	100%
Savage, Savage	DaeHwa Park	\$17,472	\$17,472	100%
Shiloh Community, Newburg	Richard Black	\$14,215	\$14,215	100%
Smith Chapel, Marbury	George DeFord	\$10,703	\$10,703	100%
Smithville, Dunkirk	Jeannie Marsh	\$24,466	\$24,466	100%
St Edmond's, Chesapeake Beach	Joan Jones	\$13,686	\$13,686	100%
St John, Lusby	Marvin Wamble	\$12,597	\$12,597	100%
St Luke, Scotland	Leroy Boldley	\$4,881	\$4,881	100%
St Matthews, Bowie	Daniel Mejia	\$88,918	\$88,918	100%
St Matthews, La Plata	Kevin Brooks	\$4,753	\$4,753	100%
St Paul, Lusby	Walter Beaudwin	\$62,439	\$62,439	100%
St Paul, Oxon Hill	Daryl Williams	\$59,202	\$59,202	100%
Trinity, Prince Frederick	James Swecker	\$84,007	\$84,007	100%
Union, Upper Marlboro	Kendrick Weaver	\$32,701	\$32,701	100%
Wards Memorial, Owings	Eloise Newman	\$12,053	\$12,053	100%
Waters Memorial, Saint Leonard	Mi Ja Cho	\$12,305	\$12,305	100%
Westphalia, Upper Marlboro	Timothy West	\$55,804	\$55,804	100%
Zion UMC, Lexington Park	Kenneth Moore	\$32,019	\$32,019	100%
Zion Wesley, Waldorf	Gladman Kapfumvuti	\$12,916	\$12,916	100%
Good Shepherd, Waldorf	Laurie Gates-Ward	\$54,428	\$42,428	78%
Solomons, Solomons	Meredith Wilkins-Arnold	\$24,751	\$18,563	75%
Eastern, Lusby	Marvin Wamble	\$9,025	\$6,561	73%
Queens Chapel, Beltsville	B. Kevin Smalls	\$36,335	\$24,886	68%
Corkran Memorial, Temple Hills	Ronald E.F. Triplett	\$12,484	\$7,582	61%
Coopers, Dunkirk	Sandra Smith	\$7,920	\$3,995	50%
Mount Oak, Mitchellville	Gerald Grace	\$70,562	\$35,281	50%
Providence-Fort Washington, Ft Wash	Stephen Ricketts	\$33,962	\$16,955	50%
Oxon Hill, Oxon Hill	Patricia Allen	\$38,641	\$13,220	34%
Lanham, Lanham	DaeHwa Park	\$23,940	\$6,500	27%
Nottingham-Myers, Upper Marlboro	Constance Smith	\$22,864	\$5,716	25%
Shiloh, Bryans Road	Cindy Banks	\$5,761	\$1,440	25%
Journey of Faith Church;The, Waldorf	Robbie Morganfield	\$38,274	\$6,379	17%
Washington East District Summary		\$1,881,231	\$1,691,792	89.9%

BWC Summary (Budget Goal & Received)	Budget Goal	Received	%
	\$15,413,373	\$14,127,898	91.66%



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.

ROCK brings 5,000 youth together at annual retreat

By ERIK ALSGAARD
UMConnection Staff

More than 5,000 youth, young adults and their leaders gathered in Ocean City, Md., the first weekend of February, for the annual ROCK retreat. It is the largest gathering of United Methodists each year in the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

With the theme "Let's Get Ready to Humble," those in attendance were treated to lively music, entertaining performers and a thought-provoking Bible study on the book of Jonah.

Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil led the Bible study. She is an Associate Professor of Reconciliation Studies in the School of Theology at Seattle Pacific University, where she also directs the Reconciliation Studies Minor program, according to her website.

"My main point was to talk about a real person in Scripture," she said in an interview. "He led a real life with ups and downs so that we, as God's people, could relate to that and understand that we don't have to be perfect."

Salter McNeil added that in the telling of the Jonah story, she hoped her audience would find that their story intersects with God's story. "And when God does intersect with our story," she said, "it's not for punishment, it's to push us towards our destiny."

Salter McNeil said her message for ROCK was that every person is born with a purpose.

"Like Jonah, we can get off our purpose, we can get detoured," she said. "We've seen Jonah as a story of God getting mad? I think it's God wanting us to reach our full potential."

David John, an 11th grader from Trinity UMC in Germantown, was a first-timer at ROCK. "I like how we can all come together and praise God," he said. He added that Salter McNeil's messages spoke to him. "I can relate to them. I had never heard the story of Jonah before."

Violett Akpona, also from Trinity, said that in this, her second time at ROCK, it was nice to hear different speakers. "ROCK keeps bringing different kinds of people together," said the 9th grader, "and it forms a connection no matter how different we are."

Akpona said that Salter McNeil's Bible study was lively and animated, and helped

bring the story to life for her.

Justin Violette, another Trinity member, was at his fifth ROCK.

"The message that she's been giving is a really good message," he said. "This year's ROCK has been better than most."

He said he keeps coming back to ROCK because they are good learning experiences about his faith and the Bible. "And," he said, "it's fun."

Simon Lee, was at his third ROCK. "All three of them have been emotional and touching," he said. "This one has been good because everyone can relate to what the speaker has been saying."

His favorite time at ROCK, though, was found outside the Convention Center. Free time, he said, where group members "see each other's faces for a long time, and actually get to know each other," were the best.

The BWC's Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) was at ROCK, offering participants a chance to "Ask the Y Guy."

Nathan Jones, an 8th grader from Epworth UMC in the

Baltimore Suburban District, dressed head-to-toe in white to play the part of the Y Guy (see photo and story below).

"In the CCYM symbol, the 'Y' looks like a guy, and he's our symbol for stress less, to help reduce stress in teenagers across the conference. I'm the mascot," Jones said.

People were stopping by CCYM's booth in the ROCK Shop area, asking questions of the Y Guy and posting notes on a board. Jones said it was all in an effort to raise awareness about CCYM and how it can make a difference throughout the conference.

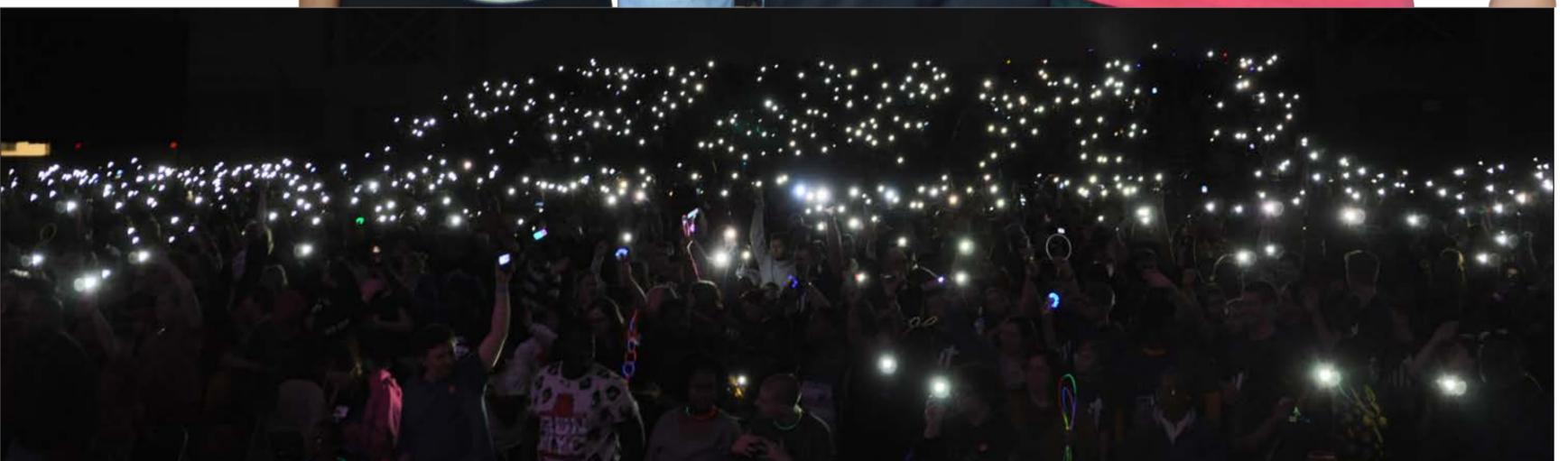
Erich Wildberger, in 11th grade, supported Jones by being the Y Guy's body guard, he said. "I make sure he can see properly," he said, noting that Jones' costume – which covered his face – allowed him to only see six inches. CCYM, he said, was there to help connect youth to each other and to the annual conference, and vice versa.

The offering taken Sunday morning raised \$9,377.00, designated by ROCK to go towards the love offering for Bishop Marcus Matthews. That love offering is earmarked to build a health and sports facility on the campus of

Africa University. The bishop was not able to be at ROCK this year; instead, he was enroute to Africa University for a meeting of their Board of Directors.



From L to R:
Violett Akpona,
David John,
Justin Violette,
and Simon Lee



The Conference Council on Youth Ministries was at ROCK 2016 and explored the topic of stress with the youth that were present. Lots of people talked to the "Ask the CCYM 'Y' Guy," and we had conversations with the youth as they flowed back and forth in front of our booth, asking them a few questions.

What are your top three stresses?

Mikayla Rath from CUMC said, "Depression, ADHD, graduating." Faith Weber from Heggsville UMC said, "School (grades), friends (fighting), and family issues."

Why is Stress so profound in youth?

Keberly McGuire from Union UMC told us, "We are trying to figure out where we are, everything [is] happening at once." Alex Willar from Park School stated, "Everything [is made bigger] than it actually is."

What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word "stress"?

Brandon Low from Hereford UMC blurted out, "Grey hair!" Ellie Harbin from Life Point was quick to say "The song 'Stressed Out' by 21 Pilots!"

What do you want adults to know about youth? Makayla mulled and said, "High expectations run us further into the ground." Brandon said, "They should 'speak to youths' interests."



We even managed to flag down a few adults to gather their thoughts.

What do you worry about most with youth inside and outside of the church? Or with your youth group? The Rev. Wanda Duckett from Mt. Zion UMC in Baltimore is concerned that "they won't meet [the] authentic Jesus." Michael Stewart from Christ UMC in Baltimore is worried that they might be, "going in the wrong direction as a [youth] group, losing out to negativity." The Rev. Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, the Baltimore-Metropolitan District Superintendent, fears youth might, "be getting bored and/or disenchanted with church."

We will be talking all of that feedback, as well as the feedback from the post-it notes stuck to our "CCYM 'Y' Guy", to help further CCYM's research on youth stress.

We, the CCYM, gained a lot of information by the end of ROCK and had tons of fun along the way. We are thankful to the youth who participated and to the adults who are taking the time to talk about stress with their youth. We invite you to become involved with CCYM. For more information, contact Pam Bowen at pbowen@bwcumc.org.

– Written by Lydia Ditzenberger, president of the Baltimore-Washington Conference Council on Youth Ministry, and Michaela Creel, CCYM's communications director.