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More than 5,000 youth and their leaders, from churches throughout the Baltimore-Washington Conference, gathered Jan. 26-28 at the Convention Center in Ocean City for a time of worship, learning, music, fellowship and fun.

## Bishop calls youth to STAND

By ERIK ALSGAARD  
UMConnection Staff

“STAY TRUE AND never deviate.”

If you make an acronym out of that sentence, you get “STAND.”

And that’s exactly what Bishop LaTrelle Easterling told the nearly 5,000 youth and adult chaperones at ROCK to do, Jan. 26 through 28, in Ocean City.

Now in its 24th year, ROCK is a youth retreat that emphasizes a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as a way of finding one’s purpose in life.

“God loves us and has a plan for us,” Bishop Easterling said in her opening talk. “Don’t let anyone take you off the path God has for you. Stay true and never deviate. God loves you. I want you to stand.”

Bishop Easterling – the first woman bishop of the BWC – spoke four times over the course of the three days, using dramatic and inspiring true-life stories to connect with the youth.

For example, when she was in grade school, Bishop

Easterling said, she wanted to fit in. “I didn’t see what my teachers, pastors and parents said they saw in me. So I began looking for affirmation in the wrong places.”

That search led her to join with other kids “on the edge,” she said. At one point, the group decided it was okay to start bullying other kids, and wanted the young LaTrelle to join in.

“I almost did,” she said, “but I heard that still small voice say, ‘LaTrelle: don’t do it.’ Beloved, I want you to know that our choices matter.”

Because she wouldn’t join in with the group, the group started bullying her, throwing rocks at her and spitting on her. It hurt worse than a knife, she said, because it was cutting her on the inside.

“When we are looking outside of ourselves for confirmation and affirmation, all we are is diminished,” the bishop said. “I hope you know your worth. I hope you know you are precious in God’s sight.”

On Saturday morning, the bishop related the poignant

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## BWC celebrates record giving

By ERIK ALSGAARD  
UMConnection Staff

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER record.

For the second year in a row, United Methodists throughout the Baltimore-Washington Conference showed their generosity and stewardship by contributing a record percentage of apportionment payments. According to Paul Eichelberger, BWC’s treasurer, churches contributed 92.45 percent of apportionments in 2017, breaking the record of 92.1 percent, set in 2016.

The 92.45 percent beat the 2017 apportionment goal, which was set at 92 percent by CFA and the 2016 Annual Conference Session. In terms of actual dollars, Eichelberger said it means the BWC received \$69,686 more than what was budgeted.

“It is by far the best that we show on record,” Eichelberger said, “and the records go back at least 25 years.”

The numbers show \$15,455,352 as the budget collectable in 2017. Churches contributed \$14,288,609.

The 92.45 collection rate, when compared to just a few years ago when it was in the high 80’s, means an almost \$450,000 difference in actual dollars, Eichelberger said. That amount, he said, is enough to fund the conference’s Leadership Development program for one year.

“That’s what fundamentally has been done by the increased participation,” Eichelberger said. “We’ve been able to fund a significant ministry department simply by that increase in the collection rate without asking for an additional dollar from the average church.”

Eichelberger and Pier McPayten, BWC’s Controller, were quick to praise the 635 churches and their leadership for seeing the importance of apportionments as a way to share mission and ministry around the corner and around the world. They also credited the Conference Council on Finance and Administration for working on containing costs through the BWC, especially in a time of increasing prices in many key areas.

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## Church seeks ‘beloved community’

By ERIK ALSGAARD  
UMConnection Staff

“LOOK AT THIS,” said the Rev. Rod Miller, hands outstretched. “Look at this! This is how it’s supposed to be!”

Miller, the interim senior pastor at Glen Mar UMC, was standing just outside the church’s Spirit Center as hundreds of volunteers prepared bags of meals inside. “This is what Christ would want us to do,” Miller said, “loving our neighbors.”

People of all ages and walks of life were gathered around tables, pouring into plastic bags measured portions of rice, textured vegetable protein, powdered vitamins and spices. The bags were then heat-sealed and placed 36 in a box, to be used by Terps Against Hunger in

their mission to end hunger.

The Day of Service was started four years ago by the laity of Glen Mar, Miller said. In partnership with Ames UMC in Baltimore and St. John Baptist Church in Columbia on this day, the number of volunteers has grown by more than 150 each year since the start.

“Martin Luther King wanted a beloved community, composed of all different races and nationalities, to serve,” said the Rev. Rodney Hudson, pastor at Ames UMC in the Sandtown neighborhood of Baltimore. “We’re commemorating his death by serving humanity.”

He said it was great to see members of his church giving back to the community.

“Coming here, it gives you hope, that there’s hope for

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By MANDY SAYERS  
Pastor, Covenant UMC, Gaithersburg

THINK IT’S A cruel twist of linguistic fate that the word for this month is “exercise.” Because by February, most New Year’s resolutions are shot and the gym parking lot is not quite so crowded.

However, February seems like a good month to be reminded that so much of what we think of as nouns in the Christian faith are verbs as we practice them.

Love, for example, is a noun and a verb. But in the church, it’s surely a verb first, an action word. And if it is a verb, we can practice it. We can exercise it. We can build that muscle, with practice and dedication. We can get better at it.

I’ve often thought I’d change the sign outside my church to “Come to church and we’ll make you a better lover,” but I think my SPRC wouldn’t get my sense of humor.

Service comes from “serve,” a verb. We can get better at serving, through practice and prayer and dedication. Pray, heal, forgive, grow — all “action words” to a church whose mission is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ” and through them, “transform the world.” So much action, so many verbs.

I wonder if we could take a few nouns and make them into verbs, just for fun. Like a nominalization in reverse. For instance, we treat “faith” like a porcelain heirloom, like the good china we never use. What if faith were an action word? Something to be exercised and used.

What if we treated spiritual disciplines like the “exercises” they are? After all, the more we pray, the better we get at prayer. The more we search the Scriptures, the more we make our heart their home. The more we take the Lord’s Supper, the hungrier we get for it.

We can exercise all these muscles this month, as we start Lent on Valentine’s Day this year. The heart is a muscle too, you know.

Time to hit the spiritual gym and get serious about building a little muscle for Jesus. We have important things to do, so we need to be in shape. Work out your salvation. Put your faith to work. Exercise.

*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

ONE OF MY favorite rituals is the annual “back-to-the-gym” routine. After the holidays, everybody decides that they are going to get back into shape. People spend money on all the new accoutrement, dust off that old gym membership and they hit the gym to get their exercise in and get back into shape. For a little while the gym is full, parking is sparse, and you have to wait on your preferred machine because everyone is ready to exercise.

Then, a strange thing happens, after two weeks or so, all the new people disappear and you are just left with the regulars who were exercising before the beginning of the year.

People have theorized that this happens because people only hold up their New Year’s resolutions for so long before they go back to normal. I have a different theory: I think it happens because exercise is hard.

Exercise requires that you do something that you would not normally do, for an extended duration of time, in order to make your muscles work until they are tired. Then, after that, you wind up sore and wondering why you did this in the first place. If you do that for a couple weeks and don’t see any results, it only makes sense that you would stop doing it because it is simply easier to sleep in and not exercise.

The problem is, rarely in life do good things come easily. To get what you want, you will have to do things that you have never done, that are uncomfortable to do, and do them long enough to see results. This process doesn’t only apply to physical exercise; it also applies to the spiritual undertaking of exercising your faith.

My friends, in order to have a life that is pleasing to God and truly enjoyable by you, you have to exercise your faith. You have to believe hard even when you don’t feel like it. You have to take steps forward in faith even when it doesn’t seem like it is working.

Just like with physical exercise, when you exercise your faith, you will become tired, you will become sore but if you hang in there you will see the results.

So keep that New Years’ resolution and take some time every day to exercise ... your faith.

# EXERCISE

EVENTS

**Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day**

Feb. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Asbury UMC in Annapolis**

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women and the BWC Board of Church and Society, participants will learn advocacy techniques and put them in to action with state legislators. Cost is \$10.

**Junius Dotson at Leadership Day**

March 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Southern High School, Harwood**

The Southern Region invites you to hear the Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries, at their Leadership Day. Learn more and register at [www.bwcumc.org/event/1048687-2018-03-03-junius-dotson-at-leadership-days](http://www.bwcumc.org/event/1048687-2018-03-03-junius-dotson-at-leadership-days).

**UMM Prayer Breakfast**

March 17, 8:30 a.m.

**Mount Olive UMC, Randallstown**

The theme of the BWC’s United Methodist Men’s prayer breakfast is “Kingdom-Minded Men.” Tickets are \$20. Visit [bwcumm.org](http://bwcumm.org).

**Five Things Your Visitors are Thinking But Won’t Ask**

March 23, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**BWC Mission Center**

At this workshop, Jason Moore identifies

the most pressing issues for visitors and how to address them and grow. \$35. Learn more and register at [www.bwcumc.org/event/1036033-2018-03-23-five-things-your-visitors-are-thinking-but-wont-ask/](http://www.bwcumc.org/event/1036033-2018-03-23-five-things-your-visitors-are-thinking-but-wont-ask/)

**Pre-Conference Briefing**

Saturday, April 21

**Jackson Chapel UMC, Frederick**

**St. John’s United Church, Columbia**

All lay and clergy members attending the 2018 Annual Conference Session in May should attend on of the two Pre-Conference Briefings to learn about and discuss issues coming before annual conferenece. The sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Jackson Chapel and from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John’s United Church at the Wildlike Interfaith Center in Columbia. No registration is required. For more information visit, [www.bwcumc.org/events/annual-conference](http://www.bwcumc.org/events/annual-conference).

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# BWC to gather in May – as one, beneath the cross

BY ERIK ALSGAARD  
UMConnection Staff



“WE ARE ONE: Beneath the Cross,” will be the theme that guides the more than 1,200 members of the Baltimore-Washington Conference when they gather for their annual session Wednesday, May 30, through Friday, June 1, at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore.

Online registration for this time of holy conferencing opens at noon Feb. 28 on the conference website at [www.bwcumc.org](http://www.bwcumc.org).

This year, a Pre-Conference Briefing will be held Saturday, April 21, to allow participants the opportunity to become well-acquainted with issues coming before the May gathering. The first session will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Jackson Chapel UMC in Frederick. The second, will be at St. John’s at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center in Columbia from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The contents of both sessions will be similar. Lay and clergy members are invited to attend whichever location is most convenient. No registration is required.

Guided by Ephesians, 4:1-7, 11-16, this year’s session will focus more on celebrating discipleship and missional excellence and building ways to more faithfully live and serve as the body of Christ.

The conference begins with separate clergy and laity sessions beginning in the afternoon May 30. The presiding bishop, LaTrelle Easterling, will preach at opening worship that evening. A retiree luncheon and several workshops will also be held that day.

Ordination will be held in the evening on Thursday, May 31. Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey of the Louisiana Conference will preach. The Memorial Service, to honor those who have died in the previous year,

will be June 1. The Rev. Craig McLaughlin, of Mt. Zion UMC in Bel Air, will preach.

The Rev. Shively T.J. Smith, professor the New Testament at Wesley Theological Seminary, will lead two Bible study sessions.

Throughout the conference, in a series of plenary sessions, members are expected to vote on the 2018 budget, learn about a new committee structure that will transform the BWC’s potential for equipping leaders and local churches for ministry, and consider several resolutions.

The resolutions will address a proposed new mission statement for the conference, respond to questions about the relationship between Africa University and the government of Zimbabwe, amend the BWC moving policy, consider gun violence, and address homosexuality and inclusion in The United Methodist Church.

Leaders of the BWC’s delegation to General Conference are also expected to give a report on the work of the Commission on the Way Forward and the

Council of Bishops and the 2019 called session of General Conference, which will address the denomination’s stance on homosexuality.

For those who register between Feb. 28 and March 14, the early-bird cost to attend is \$129; the regular registration fee, for those who register between March 15 and May 2, is \$139; and late registration is \$189.

Those who register for meals, will note that the cost of meals at the session have gone down significantly with the move back to Baltimore. Breakfast is \$22, lunch is \$30 and dinner is \$40.

On May 30, there will be a luncheon to honor retiring clergy and a dinner for those clergy serving in extension ministries.

During the registration process there will be a schedule of special meals participants can attend, including a Thursday lunch sponsored by the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women, a Thursday dinner sponsored by Baltimore Washington Area Reconciling Ministries and the Methodist Federation for Social Action, a Friday breakfast sponsored by Wesley Nexus and a Friday lunch hosted by Black Methodists for Church Renewal.

The last day to register and pay for special meals is May 2.

For those who wish to stay at the hotel, located at 700 Aliceanna Street in Baltimore, reservations can be made through the Marriott. The price of rooms has also gone down this year to \$168 a night.

Parking at the hotel is \$26 a day for self-parking and \$46 for valet. The conference will be offering buses to the session.

As additional information unfolds about the 234th annual session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, it will be shared at [www.bwcumc.org/events/annual-conference](http://www.bwcumc.org/events/annual-conference).



## Glen Mar: Partnerships enable ‘audacious’ mission

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America,” Hudson said. “In light of all the negativity that we see every day, to come to a place like Glen Mar and you see people of different hues, colors and nationalities who come together for one common cause – to serve humanity – it gives us hope that America is that kind of place and that we’re moving closer and closer each day to what Martin Luther King, Jr. declared as ‘The Beloved Community.’”

Terps Against Hunger is a student-run organization at the University of Maryland that organizes and conducts food-packing events with student groups and community organizations. Its current president is Cherveer Singh.

“We were founded in 2013,” Singh said. “Since then, we have packaged just over 2 million meals, and this school year we are attempting to package 750,000 alone.”

The idea behind the packaged meals, Singh said, is that anyone can make one using only hot water and a bowl.

“They’re not bad,” Singh said, who admitted that he’s tried a few. “They basically taste like a casserole. I like adding paprika. It tastes pretty good.”

The board overseeing Terps Against Hunger is made up of 12 University of Maryland students. Singh, a junior, has been president since last December. He said that Target and Toyota are two corporate sponsors who help fund the work.

D.C. Veale, Minister of Missions at Glen Mar, was overseeing the Day of Service. Clad in a hunter orange vest and a dreaded Pittsburgh Penguins cap, Veale had spent countless hours preparing for the onslaught

of volunteers.

“I’m the chief cat-herder today,” he joked. “I’m the guy trying to answer all the questions.”

This fourth annual Day of Service, he said, was an effort to serve around the corner and around the world.

“Glen Mar’s mission statement is ‘Praising God, Growing Disciples, and Serving the World,’” he said. “This is the day where we take the opportunity to do the best we can to serve the world.”

The goal of packaging 90,000 meals on one day was audacious, Veale said. It was double what they did last year. Over the course of the day, which ran from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., more than a thousand volunteers – many from outside the church – would help.

“We actually have a couple of goals with this event,” Veale said. “One, we want to engage the community; we don’t want it to be just Glen Mar. The other thing: families want to volunteer together, and they are not able to find those opportunities in the community. We try to provide those that are appropriate for people 5-years old to 105-years old.”

Several politicians took the opportunity of the Day of Service to pitch in. Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman said he came to Glen Mar to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr., and his call for service.

“To hear that there are a thousand people here today is amazing,” he said, “and to be able to do such a variety of things really warms the heart on such a cold day.”

Kittleman said he’s tried to visit different service agencies on MLK Day over the years,

but came to Glen Mar this year because of the diverse community members present.

“Thinking about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and this year will be the 50th year since his untimely and tragic passing, let’s just continue to honor him by serving.”

“It’s great to be here with people of all ages, all races, working together to put faith into action,” said Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), who toured the church before preparing meals. “This is what Dr. King would want us to do. He had a great dream, but he was a person of action, translating the idea of building a better world and better society.”

The way to do that, Van Hollen said, is to have people come together and work in the community.

“Dr. King put his dream into action,” the senator said. “People have to join hands to

make a more beloved community.”

Councilman Calvin Ball, representing District 2 in Howard County, also came to help.

“I’m here not only because it is important to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King, but also to live it and to serve,” Ball said. “This needed to not only be a day off, but a day on.”

Ball said that many people’s perception of Howard County is that it is affluent and lacking in any needs. That’s not the case, he said.

“There are a lot of people fighting homelessness and food insecurity,” Ball said. “So many of our churches, like Glen Mar, are partnering to do what they can. Us coming together and serving our brothers and sisters is really what Dr. King would have wanted and what this day is all about.”



Faith communities gathered at Glen Mar UMC to package 90,000 meals as part of a day of service honoring the legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.


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## hymns

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### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

#### New member takes vows to heart

HAVRE DE GRACE - When Ridge Pilcher joined Havre de Grace UMC six years ago, at the age of 78, she was especially taken with John Wesley’s call to service. “Being active in your church means you do, you don’t just say,” she said.

She signed up to help provide meals for the homeless. Then she became site coordinator for the emergency rotating shelter for the homeless in the winter. Those who came seeking shelter were often people with alcohol or drug additions, and Pilcher found her first job was “convincing church members not to be afraid of the homeless.”

“When we have an opportunity to know people who live these lives, we are not able to pretend we don’t know and we must do what we can to change the situations,” she said.

As she’s met the homeless people, some have become friends with whom she stays in touch. “They’re us,” she said. We’re together. We connect. And that, for me, is what Jesus did. He didn’t have ‘those’ and ‘us.’ He had ‘we.’ ”

#### R.O.C.K.S helps grandparents raise kids

BEL AIR - Dave Panowitz, a longtime member of Bel Air UMC, is the chairperson for Raising Our Children’s Kids Successfully (R.O.C.K.S), a grandparent support group. To become a care-giver of grandkids is a culture shock for both the grandparent and the children, especially when children are struggling with emotional issues.

To respond and help support the caregiving grandparents, Panowitz started the support group about five years ago. About 10 to 20 people – child-raising grandparents – meet

#### Book helps people claim their stories

MIDDLETOWN – The Rev. Sarah Dorrance, pastor of Middletown UMC, just published a new book, “Sharing Your God Story: Empowering Pastors and Small Group Leaders through Relational Evangelism.” The book is designed for congregational use and works for small groups as well.

For seven weeks, the study teaches and leads on how to talk about God outside of church walls using relational evangelism. Each week includes a sermon outline, suggested liturgy and songs and a small group leader’s study. A separate publication of daily devotionals goes along with the book.

#### All ages pack food bags for the hungry

BETHESDA – The fellowship hall at Bethesda UMC filled with adults and children on Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, when Rise Against Hunger sounded the gong at 10 a.m. to begin packing the food bags.

Bethesda and Chevy Chase UMCs, pastored by wife and husband the Revs. Jenny Cannon and Kirkland Reynolds, respectively, provided the space and volunteers; Rise Against Hunger, which rebranded in 2017 from Stop Hunger Now, provided the ingredients for the meals and will distribute the filled meal bags.

Children as young as toddlers participated in the activity, and as one grandparent said, “it’s an opportunity to teach them about helping others, that’s what the church does.”

After two hours of activity, the volunteers had filled 20,088 bags with nutritional non-perishable food (rice, soy, dried vegetables and a vitamin pack) that were loaded on a truck to Rise Against Hunger’s warehouse in Ashburn, Va., where the cartons filled with 36 bags each would be put on a ship for Peru.



**Members of Bethesda and Chevy Chase UMCs “rise against hunger.”**



# Faith and science come together at WesleyNexus event

By LINDA WORTHINGTON  
UMConnection Staff

“FAITH, SCIENCE AND Ministry: Where Faith and Science Meet” was the topic for a daylong program held at Oakdale UMC in Olney Jan. 20. It was sponsored by WesleyNexus ([www.WesleyNexus.org](http://www.WesleyNexus.org)) of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, a group that was formed by five United Methodists but is not an official entity of the church.

The Convocation was presented by Bishop Sharma Lewis of the Virginia United Methodist Conference and the Fox Endowment, the first time in the denomination a bishop has hosted a convocation on faith, science and ministry. Bishop LaTrelle Easterling encouraged pastors and lay people to attend the collaborative “first of its kind event.”

Live-streamed from the Virginia Conference Center in Glen Allen, Va., some 200 pastors and laypersons at five satellite stations in the Baltimore-Washington and Virginia Conferences participated in real time. At Oakdale UMC, which hosted one of the Maryland locations, they sat around tables in the fellowship hall.

Bishop Lewis stated the convocation’s purpose and the ministry issue concern across the denomination as “we are losing too many young people and young adults.”

“Sixty percent of our young people will not take the Christian faith into adult lives significantly because of perceptions of conflict between science and faith,” the introductory brochure stated, raising the importance of the topic for clergy and lay people alike.

Much of Bishop Lewis’ opening presentation focused on that message. As they go off to college, young adults encounter the disciplines of modern science – physics, biology, astronomy and the courses leading to careers in medicine, she said. With her own background in biology, chemistry and theology, she said she is often asked, “How do you believe in God with your background?”

One of her replies is that “Faith gives us proof of what we cannot see.”

Dr. April Maskiewicz Cordero brought the plenary address, “The Coexistence of Evolution and Christianity.” A professor of biology at Point Loma Nazarene University, she was raised in the evangelical faith tradition but seeks to develop more effective approaches to teaching ecology and evolution that help students use biological ways of thinking and reasoning about the living world.

“I came to realize that most of the Bible is not written as a science text, and is written for people in a specific time,” she said, as she grappled with the perceived conflicts between faith and evolution. “Most students come in believing you must choose between evolution and the Bible.”

Cordero uses her position as a Christian biologist to investigate science students’ perceptions of the relationship between scientific issues that evoke controversy (i.e. origins of life, evolution, human origins) and Christian faith, including the current debates on creationism vs. evolution.

She says that many students have a faith background, but

lose their faith “when their pastors speak against evolution.”

Sixty-four percent of young adults have never received training in faith and science, she said. A way to help with understanding is to acknowledge and verbalize the misunderstandings – evolution is without a creator, thus rejects God, but is evident in the diversity of species, which have developed from earlier forms.

But, “science cannot answer the question, why are we here,” she said. “Nor just because we can’t explain it in scientific terms does not mean God does not exist.”

The conflict between the Bible and evolution “is only in our interpretation,” she said.

“Everything biology studies points to God,” Cordero said, “The more I study, find out, the stronger is my relationship to God.”

In a dialog between Cordero and the bishop, they were asked by a youth pastor how to help today’s youth talk about evolution.

“Growing up, we wanted to talk about evolution,” Bishop Lewis said, “but we never talked about it in our churches.”

Cordero suggested that the youth pastor bring in others to help, to speak about creation and evolution, and provide more than one perspective.

“Have a debate/panel on what we all agree on, then discuss the differences with love for each other. Use videos,” she said.

The first of three workshops was led by Jennifer Secki Shields, a WesleyNexus Board member and founder and director of Discovery & Faith. For 16 years, she was director of Christian Education in the Arlington District (Va.). Her topic, “Stumbling Blocks & Building Blocks,” focused on teaching younger children in Church Schools about “How to Follow Jesus in a Science-Shaped Culture.”

“Our children are ‘consuming’ science,” she said and illustrated her points with a child’s book, “Quantum Physics for Babies,” which is actually “consumed” sometimes by toddlers.

The work of Discovery & Faith is based on the real “rubber meets the road” challenges for discipleship and evangelism in a culture that is strongly impacted by science, she said. “If faith is to have cultural relevance, it must include science.”

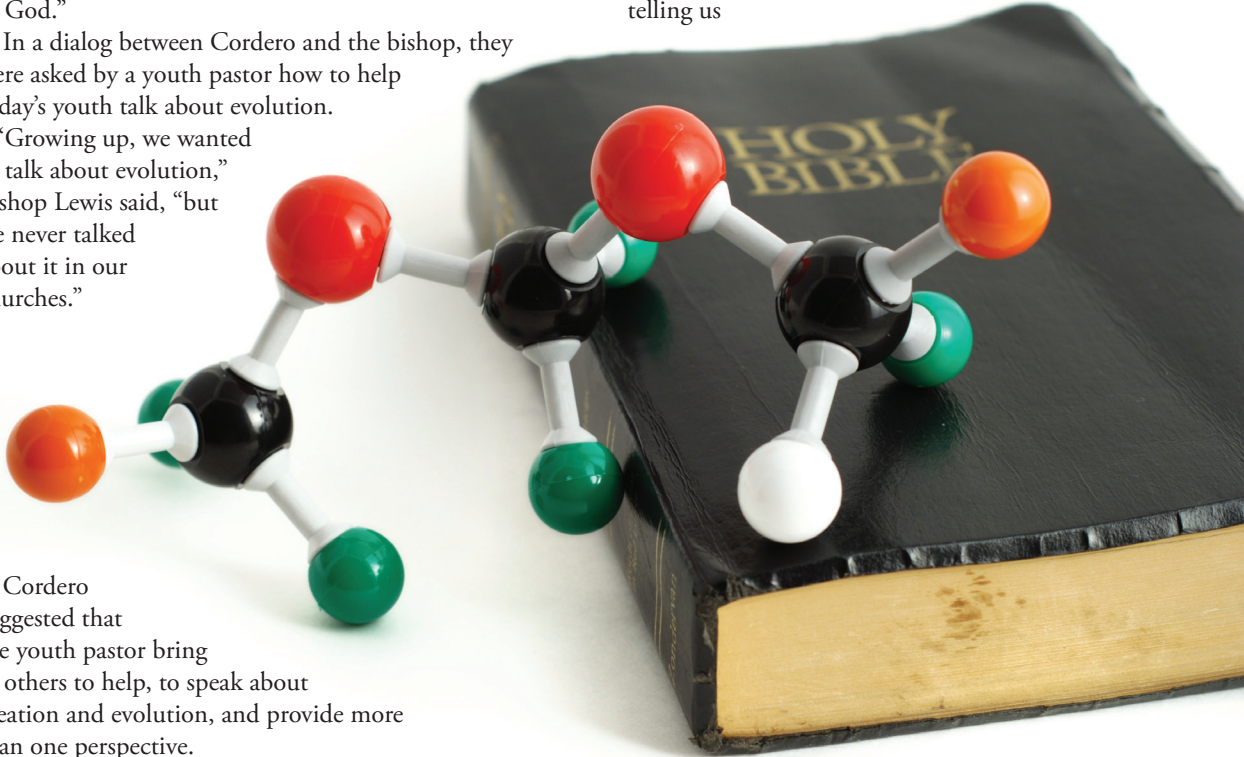
Even four-year-olds raise questions about science.

“Children worldwide, by age 11, perceive the conflict between faith and science,” she claimed. “And three of five young Christians disconnect from faith by age 15.”

The Rev. Bill Maisch, pastor of Memorial UMC in Poolesville in the Baltimore-Washington Conference, presented on bringing science to bear in sermons, worship and ministry.

Maisch has worked with Scouts, as well as young adults, especially when he was a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force. He suggests bringing a variety of methods to understanding God and evolution, including the Wesleyan Quadrilateral of experience, tradition, reason and Scripture.

“What might these be telling us



about God?” he asked.

Whether one looks at Scripture as infallible or simply inspired by God is a starting point for a good conversation that can lead to greater understanding of what truth really is, he said.

The last presentation built on the earlier ones. “Creation care and end-of-life medical ethics.” It was led by Michael Wriston, PhD. He stressed the importance of clearing out clutter and letting your heirs know your wishes before the date of your demise.

He said, “I make a point to speak of God every day in my ongoing activity (work).”

The audience at Oakdale UMC and the four other locations, following each presentation, interacted with the professionals. The day at Oakdale ended with small group discussions of how to apply the lessons presented throughout the day.

# Giving: 516 Churches demonstrate financial leadership

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Inside the numbers, Eichelberger said that the picture is even stronger. That’s because when the Annual Conference budget is set, it is projecting up to 2 years in the future and assumes that a certain number of churches will be contributing. Over the course of those years, a handful of churches close, reducing the amount of apportionment contributions.

However, when looking at only the

churches that were open at the end of the calendar year 2017, the apportionment receipts came in at 92.8 percent, Eichelberger said.

Further breaking down of the numbers, Eichelberger said that 516 churches contributed 100 percent of apportionments, or 82 percent of the churches in the conference. That percentage is down from 84 percent in 2016, Eichelberger said, “but it still represents a real strength for the

conference.”

“For me, the bigger point this year is that we’ve been very focused, and districts have had good relationships with the churches,” Eichelberger said. “We’ve been working the system where churches, if they’re not at 100 percent, the conversation allows them to understand what it will take to get them back up to 100 percent, and that conversation has allowed us to identify goals for churches.”

Those goals, he added, may not mean reaching 100 percent in the immediate future, but they do signify reaching a higher percentage than the year before.

Eichelberger noted that the BWC’s apportionment budget has stayed flat for the past six years. That, he said, is another reason for a higher percentage as the capacity for giving in some churches has increased in that time.

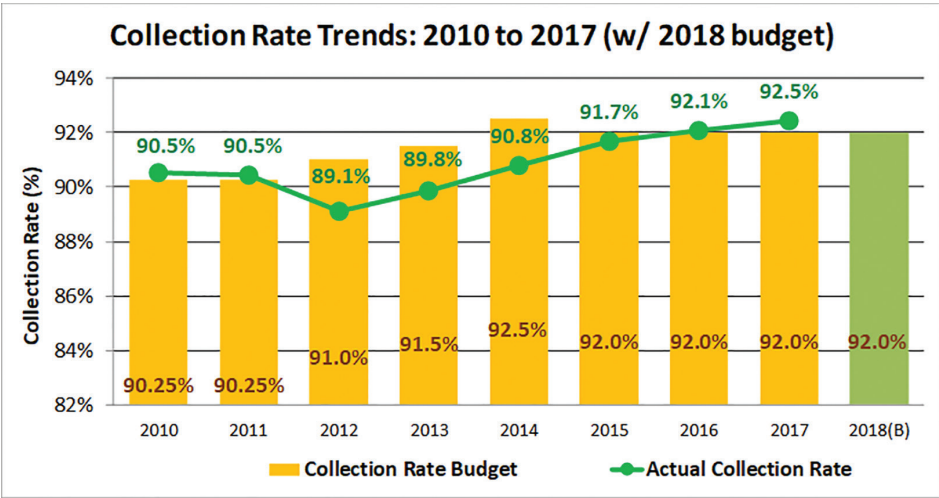
“I think that the churches themselves are paying more consistently,” said McPayten. “They’re understanding their budget, they’re understanding their financial impact, that this is something they’re paying on a monthly basis versus paying at the end of the year.”

McPayten said that more churches are understanding better how their apportionments are calculated and where the money is going. She said that if there is a question about the calculation, church leaders should contact their district first. They can also contact the finance office at 800-492-2525.

McPayten credited the move by more congregations to online giving – and online payments to the conference – for a 3-year trend whereby a large influx of cash to the BWC at the end of a calendar year is dropping. Setting up regular, monthly payments helps churches reach their apportionment, or mission share, goals and in reaching 100 percent, she said.

Eichelberger expects 2018 to be another strong year in stewardship and giving for the BWC.

“The strength of the connection is being shown through the participation of more churches across all districts,” he said. “Congregations are wanting to set good goals for themselves that challenge them and show continuous improvement, even if they’re not at 100 percent.”







Silence and Solitude

**For you:** In Psalm 46:10 God commands us, “Be still and know that I am God.” Just as Jesus withdrew from the crowd, we are called to regularly escape the noise and busy-ness of our lives to rest in silence and solitude. Create a place and time of quiet to listen for that “still small voice” of God. When we’re not overwhelmed by the clamor of technology, it’s easier to rediscover our true selves and reflect on the holy.

**Your church:** Even though it might seem to evoke a sense of discomfort for some, provide for more time for silent prayer and reflection in worship; or offer your sanctuary or some other sacred space to hold a silent retreat for an evening.



Practice Gratitude

**For you:** This spiritual practice might best be described by the theologian Henri Nouwen: “Gratitude goes beyond the ‘mine’ and ‘thine’ and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy.”

**Your church:** In the prayer list in the bulletin, or during the sharing of joys and concerns, solicit and include prayers of gratitude. In Sunday School classes, encourage the children and youth to create gratitude journals and to recognize and count their blessings together.

# Spiritual Disciplines

## Awakening to life

### Leaders practice disciplines

Church leaders must have, more than other traits, a deep and abiding commitment to spiritual disciplines, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, the bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, often stresses when she speaks at churches. This commitment is not to show how holy these leaders are. Rather, God uses these disciplines to lead them into life and awaken new insights into discipleship. The reason we practice spiritual disciplines, the bishop said, is to be awakened to God and conformed to the image of Christ. A rich practice of spiritual disciplines is not something to be squeezed into one’s busy life. Rather they are central, forming habits of grace that will shape how we encounter the world and how the world encounter us.

What are spiritual disciplines? They have their foundation in the Spirit, *ruach* in the Old Testament, *pneuma* in New, which calls people to respond to the presence, call and rhythms of God within us. The mystic Brother Lawrence refers to spirituality and “the practice of the presence of God.”

Disciplines can feel like a more antiquated word. It refers to practices, things we do with rigor because we believe they are sacred, things we allow to govern our thinking and actions.

There are several biblical spiritual disciplines: fasting, prayer, sabbath-keeping, worship, tithing and others. But there are also practices created by groups and individuals that perform a similar purpose to draw the practitioners into the presence and promise of God.

Clergy are called for set-apart ministry, and, as part of their ordination, answer 19 historic questions whose answers help shape a determination to employ all their time in the work of God. In United Methodist churches, the laity are not volunteers “doing” ministry. Rather they are disciples, called by their vows to support the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Together, both groups are called to work in partnership with one another to create communities of faith in which people can grow deeper in their discipleship and go out to serve and transform their communities and world.

### Fasting for the heart of God

This Lent, in the 40 days leading up to Easter, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling and Cabinet are calling upon the people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference to fast one day a week.

Fasting is biblical, cited time and again as a practice used by people in any number of circumstances to align themselves with the will of God. Jesus fasted and called upon his disciples to fast.. Throughout time and tradition, fasting is the most universally applied discipline.

John Wesley believed so strongly in the spiritual power of fasting that he refused to ordain anyone into Methodist ministry who did not fast on Wednesdays and Fridays.

For those who are new to fasting, it is important to note this practice is always accompanied by prayer. It is an exercise of penitence and sacrifice that builds self-control and demonstrates our reliance on God.

“Man cannot live on bread alone, but by every word spoken by God,” Jesus said. Fasting draws people into the heart of that statement.

While abstaining from food and drink, except for water, from sunrise to sundown is a traditional method of fasting, there are many variations on this practice. Some people add juice, others revise the time period, some fast from things other than food – like television or spending money. It is also possible to adjust a fast to, for example, eat only one meal per day; or eat a limited diet abstaining from animal products, alcohol and sweets; or from sugar or snacking.

When we fast, we reorient ourselves away from the things that distract us and place our focus on God. The intention of fasting is not deprivation, but to place our hearts in alignment with God’s will. As David wrote in Psalm 69:10, “I humbled my soul with fasting.”

For anyone with any health concerns, it is always necessary to consult a doctor before fasting. This Lent, the intention of the conference-wide fast is to take people out of the realm of the physical to focus their attention on God and to shift attention from the immediate things that demand our energy and attention to who and what God is calling us to be.

Lectio Divina

**For you:** With a spirit of wisdom and play, choose a passage of Scripture. Study it in four phases:

1. **Lectio:** read it slowly, aloud, two or three times, savoring each word and phrase.
2. **Meditatio:** reflect upon what you read, moving into the text, experiencing it also.
3. **Oratio:** respond to the text, talking with others or journaling your response to how it speaks to you.
4. **Contemplatio:** deeply contemplate the text and explore how it can be applied in your life.

**Your church:** Gather a group to share together in *lectio divina*. Broaden the focus to explore *imago divina*, using the same process to consider images and pictures that stir the soul. You might want to also consider creating a *florilegium* – literally a little book of flowers – with Bible verses that have struck your group and a word or two about how they are meaningful. The *florilegium* could be used as a devotional piece for the congregation.

Breath Prayer

**For you:** Based on the book, “The Way of a Pilgrim,” the Breath prayer joins your inhalation and exhalation with a simple phrase. “Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.” Breathe in saying a name of God that means something to you. Breathe out saying three or four words you wish to share with God. The Breath prayer can be used when you’re alone or in a group. It can also be used with prayer beads or kneeling.

**Your church:** Take time during worship to teach the Breath prayer, and incorporate it into the liturgy. Use the Breath prayer as a study to explore, as the Pilgrim did, what it means to follow Jesus.



# Disciplines



## Wesleyan Means of Grace

Courageous and forward-leaning mission congregations practice spiritual disciplines. John Wesley, Methodism’s founder, taught that God’s grace is unearned and that we were not to be idle waiting to experience grace but we are to engage in the means of grace. The means of grace are ways God works invisibly in disciples, hastening, strengthening; and confirming faith so that God’s grace pervades in and through disciples. These means of grace can be divided into works of piety and the works of mercy for individuals and communities.

Works of piety include:

- Individual Practices – reading, meditating and studying Scripture, prayer, fasting, regularly attending worship, healthy living and sharing our faith with others; and
- Communal Practices – regularly share in the sacraments, Christian conferencing (accountability to one another), and Bible study.

Works of mercy include:

- Individual Practices – doing good works, visiting the sick, visiting those in prison, feeding the hungry, and giving generously to the needs of others; and
- Communal Practices – seeking justice, ending oppression and discrimination (for instance Wesley challenged Methodists to end slavery), and addressing the needs of the poor.

Making disciples, growing faith communities and transforming the world is part of a spiritual adventure that is empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit as churches engage in the means of grace. Spiritual goals are accomplished by connecting the means of grace with proven vibrant church practices such as planning, strategic direction, prioritization, clear focus, alignment and developed discipleship systems.



## A Few Other Spiritual Disciplines

- Find a spiritual director who will provide you with disinterested loving attention as you share your soul in deep and authentic conversation.
- Spend time serving others. With Christ in mind, put your love into action.
- Tithe, faithfully giving a percentage of your income to God’s work through the local church.
- Practice small and unexpected acts of kindness.
- Grab your smart phone and go on a photo safari, taking photos of where you see the sacred in things.
- Each time you wash your hands, remember your baptism.
- Use your body in prayer – kneel, lie prostrate, dance, raise your arms and carry yourself into the presence of God.
- Walk the Stations of the Cross, or if you are feeling creative, using art or writing, design pieces to illustrate each of the 14 stations and use these in a time of contemplation. Learn more at [www.criovoice.org/stations.html](http://www.criovoice.org/stations.html) or [www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php](http://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php)
- Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Sabbath comes from the Hebrew word *shabbat*, which means to cease.
- Practice patience.
- Embrace simplicity throughout your home and life. Discover what is essential.

## Daily Themes for Lenten Fast

For those who need a focal point in their fasts, the following daily themes are suggested. The first focuses on a social concern, and the second on a ministry area.

For example, if you pray on Tuesday, read Tuesday’s focus and pray about one or more of the things, let it enter your thoughts; during mealtimes, devote time to reflecting on this; and when you’re hungry, lift these things to God’s attention and ponder how they might influence your daily life and ministry.

United Methodists do not fast on Sundays during Lent. Rather, they look upon Sundays as mini-Easters and celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

**Monday** – Immigration. Pioneering new faith communities – for our churches, for expressions of the Gospel being lived out in people’s lives, for new beginnings, and for the places where God’s presence is keenly needed or felt.

**Tuesday** – The Opioid Epidemic. Advocating and acting – for those who are hurting, in need or facing trials; for the places where darkness has overcome the light; for immigrants; for justice and God’s shalom.

**Wednesday** – Homelessness. Building Generational Bridges – for children, youth and young adults experiencing joys and challenge; to find meaning, a sense of community and love in every season.

**Thursday** – Gun Violence. Living Abundantly – for those who are sick or tired in body, mind or spirit; for hope to be born or rekindled; for health and wholeness; for people to thrive and live in the abundance of God.

**Friday** – Racism. Leading Boldly – for those in leadership in the church and world, for our communities, nation and global community; that people may be fully alive in all that God calls them to be.

**Saturday** – The Future of the Church. Awakening Faith – for the heart of each person, that they may more fully know God; for our churches and a revival of discipleship; that we each may become living prayers.

### Prayer

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to teach everyone how to pray with their y. Use sermons, conversations, art or Bible it it means to “pray without ceasing.”

### Ignatian Examen

**For you:** Created by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Examen is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. Set aside about 15 minutes for reflection and consider the following:

1. Ask God for light; looking at the day with God’s eyes and not just your own.
2. Give thanks for the day and review it while guided by the Holy Spirit.
3. Face your shortcomings, in your life and yourself.
4. Look forward to the day to come and invite God to be present.

**Your church:** Create a small group that can share, in Ignatius’ words, their “consolations and desolations” – or moments of the enlivening and stifling of God’s spirit. Pray for one another. Follow Ignatius’ other remarks: “Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God,” then, “Go forth and set the world on fire.”



2017 MISSION SHARE REPORT

GREATEST GIVING IN 25 YEARS

On these next four pages, you will find an alphabetical listing of every church in the Baltimore-Washington Conference and their apportionment giving through the end of 2017. Last year, 635 churches contributed 92.45% of mission shares, the highest rate in more than 25 years. As a connection, they contributed \$14,288,609 to mission and ministry.

Church, City	Pastor	2017 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
ANANNAPOLIS DISTRICTAN				
Adams, Lothian	Marilyn Lewis	\$7,833	\$7,833	100%
Asbury, Annapolis	Carletta Allen	\$46,404	\$46,404	100%
Asbury, Arnold	Jennifer Karsner	\$38,131	\$38,131	100%
Asbury, Jessup	Gay Green-Carden	\$13,390	\$13,390	100%
Asbury Town Neck, Severna Park	James Bishop, Sr.	\$43,769	\$43,769	100%
Asbury-Broadneck, Annapolis	Stephen Tillett	\$47,549	\$47,549	100%
Baldwin Memorial, Millersville	Philip Tocknell	\$42,328	\$42,328	100%
Calvary, Annapolis	Meredith Wilkins-Arnold	\$127,466	\$127,466	100%
Cape St. Claire, Annapolis	Christopher Broadwell	\$23,305	\$23,305	100%
Carters, Tracys Landing	Valerie Barnes	\$9,133	\$9,133	100%
Cedar Grove-Oakland, Deale	Glen Arnold	\$29,740	\$29,740	100%
Centenary, Shady Side	Taysie Phillips	\$16,521	\$16,521	100%
Chews Memorial, Edgewater	Valerie Barnes	\$10,888	\$10,888	100%
Community, Crofton	Stan Cardwell	\$55,739	\$55,739	100%
Community, Laurel	Ramon McDonald, II	\$14,650	\$14,650	100%
Community, Pasadena	Alison DeLeo	\$26,526	\$26,526	100%
Davidsonville, Davidsonville	Wendy van Vliet	\$49,995	\$49,995	100%
Delmont, Severn	Daryl Foster	\$6,578	\$6,578	100%
Dorsey Emmanuel, Elkridge	John Oursler	\$6,627	\$6,627	100%
Eastport, Annapolis	Michelle Mejia	\$31,279	\$31,279	100%
Edgewater, Edgewater	Gerald Snyder	\$5,293	\$5,293	100%
Faith, Pasadena	Alison DeLeo	\$3,856	\$3,856	100%
Ferndale, Glen Burnie	Brian Berger	\$15,846	\$15,846	100%
First, Laurel	Ramon McDonald, II	\$46,834	\$46,834	100%
Fowler, Annapolis	Patricia Johnson	\$9,755	\$9,755	100%
Franklin, Churchton	Alhassan Macaulay	\$18,613	\$18,613	100%
Friendship, Friendship	Wayne Chung	\$52,905	\$52,905	100%
Galesville, Galesville	Joanna Marceron	\$14,584	\$14,584	100%
Glen Burnie, Glen Burnie	Kenneth McDonald	\$51,727	\$51,727	100%
Hall, Glen Burnie	Harry Smith, Jr.	\$15,955	\$15,955	100%
Harwood Park, Elkridge	Cynthia Belt	\$6,359	\$6,359	100%
Hope Memorial St. Mark, Edgewater	Eddie Smith	\$13,801	\$13,801	100%
John Wesley, Annapolis	Jerry Colbert	\$14,708	\$14,708	100%
John Wesley, Glen Burnie	Lena Marie Dennis	\$31,807	\$31,807	100%
John Wesley-Waterbury, Crownsville	Frederick Price, Jr.	\$8,199	\$8,199	100%
Linthicum Heights, Linthicum	David Shank	\$55,366	\$55,366	100%
Macedonia, Odenton	Louis Shockley	\$11,402	\$11,402	100%
Magothy, Pasadena	Reg Barss	\$25,067	\$25,067	100%
Magothy Church of the Deaf, Pasadena	Sandi Johnson	\$438	\$438	100%
Marley, Glen Burnie	Stephanie Bekhor	\$7,812	\$7,812	100%
Mayo, Edgewater	Kathy Altman	\$32,568	\$32,568	100%
Melville Chapel, Elkridge	Sarah Schlieckert	\$9,041	\$9,041	100%
Metropolitan, Severn	Frances Stewart	\$33,617	\$33,617	100%
Mount Calvary, Arnold	Patricia Turnage	\$15,694	\$15,694	100%
Mount Carmel, Pasadena	Michael Fauconnet	\$32,728	\$32,728	100%
Mount Tabor, Crownsville	Karen Weaver	\$7,326	\$7,326	100%
Mount Zion, Annapolis	Patricia Johnson	\$14,371	\$14,371	100%
Mount Zion, Laurel	Cynthia Belt	\$21,703	\$21,703	100%
Mount Zion, Lothian	Steven Cochran	\$51,949	\$51,949	100%
Mount Zion, Pasadena	Robert Walker, Jr.	\$34,891	\$34,891	100%
Mount Zion -Ark Road, Lothian	Alhassan Macaulay	\$13,126	\$13,126	100%
Nichols-Bethel, Odenton	Clark Carr	\$65,854	\$65,854	100%
Pasadena, Pasadena	Mernie Crane	\$38,607	\$38,607	100%
Severna Park, Severna Park	Ron Foster	\$160,030	\$160,030	100%
Sollers, Lothian	Marvin Wamble	\$11,115	\$11,115	100%
Solley, Glen Burnie	Gail Button	\$7,201	\$7,201	100%
St. Andrews of Annapolis, Edgewater	Dave Thayer	\$38,392	\$38,392	100%
St. Mark, Hanover	Herbert Watson, Jr.	\$67,354	\$67,354	100%
St. Mark's, Laurel	Sonia King	\$24,474	\$24,474	100%
St. Matthews, Shady Side	Marvin Wamble	\$16,286	\$16,286	100%
The Everlasting Love, Glen Burnie	Jonghui Park	\$9,134	\$9,134	100%
Trinity, Annapolis	Chris Owens	\$52,345	\$52,345	100%
Trinity, Odenton	Stan Cardwell	\$4,317	\$4,317	100%
Union, Lothian	Thomas Long, Sr.	\$3,715	\$3,715	100%
Union Memorial, Davidsonville	Paulette Jones	\$10,092	\$10,092	100%
Wesley Chapel, Jessup	John Oursler	\$2,355	\$2,355	100%
Wesley Chapel, Lothian	Walter Middlebrooks	\$8,484	\$8,484	100%
Wesley Grove, Hanover	Marion Easterling, Jr.	\$13,559	\$13,559	100%
Wilson Memorial, Gambrells	Gregory McNeil	\$9,375	\$9,375	100%
Messiah, Glen Burnie	Gail Button	\$14,902	\$11,176	75%
Cecil Memorial, Annapolis	Patricia Turnage	\$14,960	\$7,480	50%
Savage, Savage	DaeHwa Park	\$17,606	\$8,803	50%
Severn, Severn	Daryl Foster	\$15,016	\$7,508	50%
Annapolis District Summary	Evan Young	\$1,930,365	\$1,902,848	98.57%

Church, City	Pastor	2017 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
BMBALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICTBM				
Arlington-Lewin, Baltimore	Eugene Matthews	\$14,872	\$14,872	100%
Arnolia, Baltimore	Mary Ellen Glorioso	\$29,967	\$29,967	100%
Back River, Essex	Donna Nelson	\$13,267	\$13,267	100%
Brooklyn Community, Baltimore	Kimberly Brown-Whale	\$20,717	\$20,717	100%
Catonsville, Catonsville	Mark Waddell	\$88,238	\$88,238	100%
Chase, Middle River	Walter Jackson, III	\$19,881	\$19,881	100%
Christ, Baltimore	Twanda Prioleau	\$40,905	\$40,905	100%
Christ Church of Baltimore County, Baltimore	Richard Keller	\$11,777	\$11,777	100%
Christ Church of the Deaf, Baltimore	Sandi Johnson	\$8,563	\$8,563	100%
Elderslie-St. Andrews, Baltimore	Terry McCain	\$18,688	\$18,688	100%
Emanuel, Catonsville	Kelly Grimes	\$11,424	\$11,424	100%
Epworth Chapel, Baltimore	Tony Hunt	\$55,946	\$55,946	100%
Essex, Essex	Mary Robinson	\$23,650	\$23,650	100%
Good Shepherd, Baltimore	Bonnie McCubbin	\$34,317	\$34,317	100%
Grace, Baltimore	Amy McCullough	\$94,616	\$94,616	100%
Hampden, Baltimore	James McSavaney	\$9,085	\$9,085	100%
Hiss, Baltimore	Timothy Dowell	\$51,959	\$51,959	100%
Lansdowne, Baltimore	David Jacobson	\$17,978	\$17,978	100%
Loch Raven, Baltimore	George Winkfield	\$40,978	\$40,978	100%
Lodge Forest, Baltimore	Katie Grover	\$13,541	\$13,541	100%
Martin Luther King Memorial, Baltimore	James Gosnell	\$11,215	\$11,215	100%
Mount Washington-Aldersgate, Baltimore	Vera Mallett	\$13,186	\$13,186	100%
Mount Winans, Baltimore	Curtis King	\$6,111	\$6,111	100%
Northwood-Appold, Baltimore	Cecil Gray	\$28,848	\$28,848	100%
Old Otterbein, Baltimore	Jessica Hayden	\$13,441	\$13,441	100%
Orems, Baltimore	Christopher Dembeck	\$25,089	\$25,089	100%
Patapsco, Dundalk	Katie Grover	\$15,958	\$15,958	100%
Piney Grove, Middle River	Christine Kumar	\$8,677	\$8,677	100%
Salem-Hebbsville, Baltimore	LaTaska Nelson	\$9,575	\$9,575	100%
Sharp Street Memorial, Baltimore	Cary James, Jr.	\$19,635	\$19,635	100%
St. Johns, Baltimore	Irance Reddix	\$13,819	\$13,819	100%
Towson, Towson	Mark Johnson	\$113,731	\$113,731	100%
Trinity, Catonsville	David Carter-Rimbach	\$17,951	\$17,951	100%
Union Memorial, Baltimore	Jason Jordan-Griffin	\$34,917	\$34,917	100%
Violetville, Baltimore	Nathaniel Green	\$7,453	\$7,453	100%
West Baltimore, Baltimore	Anthony Forman	\$13,134	\$13,134	100%
Emmarts, Baltimore	Isaiah Redd, Sr.	\$19,912	\$18,593	93%
Bethesda, Baltimore	Arthur D. Gleckler	\$14,614	\$13,396	92%
Lovely Lane, Baltimore	Patricia Sebring	\$38,314	\$34,420	90%
Dundalk, Baltimore	Daniel Kutrick	\$17,497	\$14,589	83%
New Covenant Worship Center, Baltimore	Clarence Davis	\$17,706	\$14,500	82%
John Wesley, Baltimore	Joan Carter-Rimbach	\$51,028	\$39,519	77%
Cherry Hill, Baltimore	Ashley Hoover	\$12,108	\$9,200	76%
Arbutus, Baltimore	Ira Barr, Jr.	\$35,896	\$26,922	75%
St. John, Baltimore	Helen Fleming	\$22,309	\$14,873	67%
St. Matthews, Baltimore	Charlie Taylor	\$2,574	\$1,716	67%
Faith Community, Baltimore	Ronald Dodson, Sr.	\$16,138	\$9,525	59%
Graceland, Baltimore	Daniel Kutrick	\$8,416	\$4,909	58%
St. Paul Praise and Worship Center, Pikesville	Denise Norfleet-Walker	\$10,168	\$5,931	58%
St. Lukes, Baltimore	Dellyne Hinton	\$7,020	\$4,000	57%
New Waverly, Baltimore	Kevin Slayton	\$21,416	\$9,823	46%
Eastern, Baltimore	Jay Blake	\$22,514	\$9,381	42%
Eden Korean, Baltimore	Yo-Seop Shin	\$15,921	\$6,400	40%
St. Matthews-New Life, Baltimore	Andre Briscoe, Jr.	\$17,133	\$6,638	39%
Salem-Baltimore Hispanic, Baltimore	Carmen Rodriguez	\$7,773	\$2,809	36%
St. Luke, Baltimore	Alfreda Wiggins	\$10,993	\$4,000	36%
Mount Zion, Baltimore	Kelly Grimes	\$31,738	\$10,579	33%
Ames, Baltimore	Rodney Hudson	\$18,762	\$4,691	25%
Metropolitan, Baltimore	Howard Hinson	\$19,122	\$4,781	25%
Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore	Laura Kigweba	\$37,427	\$6,000	16%
Gwynn Oak, Baltimore	Dellyne Hinton	\$25,417	\$3,600	14%
St. Matthews, Baltimore	Kay Albury	\$29,216	\$3,935	13%
Beechfield, Baltimore	Joel Holmes	\$22,271	\$1,856	8%
Cowenton, White Marsh	Christine Kumar	\$10,331	\$100	1%
Halethorpe-Relay, Halethorpe	Lys Cockrell	\$24,224	\$250	1%
Govans-Boundary, Baltimore	Terry McCain	\$14,555	\$-	0%
Homestead, Baltimore	Zelda Childs	\$9,583	\$-	0%
Orangeville, Baltimore	Charlie Taylor	\$1,970	\$-	0%
St. James, Baltimore	Curtis King	\$16,905	\$-	0%
Unity, Baltimore	Melvin Bond, Sr.	\$7,229	\$-	0%
Baltimore Metropolitan District Summary	Wanda Duckett	\$1,611,309	\$1,260,045	78.20%
BSBALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICTBS				
Ames, Bel Air	Marlon Tilghman	\$22,496	\$22,496	100%
Asbury, White Marsh	Herman Randall	\$2,576	\$2,576	100%
Ayres Chapel, White Hall	Nick Bufano	\$6,571	\$6,571	100%
Bel Air, Bel Air	Byron Brought	\$170,139	\$170,139	100%
Bentley Springs, Parkton	Fred Sipes	\$3,004	\$3,004	100%
Bixlers, Manchester	Arthur Thomas, Jr.	\$4,170	\$4,170	100%
Boring, Boring	Anissa Johnson	\$2,036	\$2,036	100%
Bosley, Sparks	Kathleen Cheyney	\$3,625	\$3,625	100%
Camp Chapel, Perry Hall	Richard Brown-Whale	\$34,043	\$34,043	100%
Cedar Grove, Monkton	Fred Sipes	\$5,209	\$5,209	100%



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Church, City	Pastor	2017 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
Centre, Forest Hill	Mark Gorman	\$14,866	\$14,866	100%
Chesaco, Baltimore	George Weitzel	\$6,840	\$6,840	100%
Clarks Chapel, Bel Air	James Hamilton	\$14,808	\$14,808	100%
Clynmalira, Phoenix	John Dailey	\$12,825	\$12,825	100%
Cokesbury, Abingdon	Brenda Lewis	\$16,776	\$16,776	100%
Cranberry, Perryman	Tiffany Patterson	\$6,241	\$6,241	100%
Darlington, Darlington	Linda Yarrow	\$5,197	\$5,197	100%
Deer Creek, Forest Hill	Craig Little	\$3,778	\$3,778	100%
Deer Park, Reisterstown	Jerry Gautcher, III	\$6,131	\$6,131	100%
Dublin, Street	Linda Yarrow	\$12,627	\$12,627	100%
Ebenezer, Fallston	Ken Fizer, Jr.	\$7,516	\$7,516	100%
Edgewood, Lutherville	Buster Lievers	\$5,571	\$5,571	100%
Emory, Upperco	Peggy Click	\$11,097	\$11,097	100%
Epworth, Cockeysville	Kate Payton	\$41,950	\$41,950	100%
Fairview, Phoenix	Frances Dailey	\$8,174	\$8,174	100%
Fallston, Fallston	Karin Walker	\$57,815	\$57,815	100%
Fork, Fork	Daniel Montague, III	\$10,653	\$10,653	100%
Frames Memorial, Cockeysville	Paul Papp	\$2,465	\$2,465	100%
Glyndon, Glyndon	Dawn Stewart	\$33,583	\$33,583	100%
Gough, Cockeysville	Winnie Griffin	\$3,169	\$3,169	100%
Grace, Aberdeen	Robert Clipp	\$43,382	\$43,382	100%
Grace, Upperco	Melissa Rudolph	\$11,638	\$11,638	100%
Greenmount, Hampstead	Melissa Rudolph	\$12,627	\$12,627	100%
Greenspring, Owings Mills	Buster Lievers	\$4,555	\$4,555	100%
Havre De Grace, Havre De Grace	Norman Obenshain	\$42,237	\$42,237	100%
Hereford, Monkton	Bill Thomas	\$34,296	\$34,296	100%
Hopewell, Havre de Grace	Sarah Elliott	\$14,714	\$14,714	100%
Hunt's Memorial, Riderwood	Travis Knoll	\$47,470	\$47,470	100%
Idlewyld, Baltimore	Carol Pazdersky	\$6,891	\$6,891	100%
Jarrettsville, Jarrettsville	Nick Bufano	\$15,724	\$15,724	100%
John Wesley, Abingdon	Darius Butler, Sr.	\$7,721	\$7,721	100%
Maryland Line, Maryland Line	Dennis Schulze	\$1,367	\$1,367	100%
Mays Chapel, Timonium	Laurie Tingley	\$32,973	\$32,973	100%
Milford Mill, Pikesville	Cecil Mudede	\$32,513	\$32,513	100%
Millers, Manchester	Arthur Thomas, Jr.	\$9,601	\$9,601	100%
Monkton, Monkton	Jack Bussard, Jr.	\$7,989	\$7,989	100%
Mount Gilead, Reisterstown	Anissa Johnson	\$2,363	\$2,363	100%
Mount Olive, Randallstown	Sheridan Allmond	\$29,736	\$29,736	100%
Mount Tabor, Bel Air	Craig Little	\$4,456	\$4,456	100%
Mount Zion, Bel Air	Craig McLaughlin	\$148,776	\$148,776	100%
Mount Zion, Parkton	Dennis Schulze	\$1,322	\$1,322	100%
Mount Zion, Upperco	John Mayden, Jr.	\$6,042	\$6,042	100%
Mount Zion, Finksburg	Lou Piel	\$9,459	\$9,459	100%
New Beginings Christian Fellowship	Ernest Gayles	\$4,385	\$4,385	100%
Norrisville, White Hall	Melissa McDade	\$12,587	\$12,587	100%
Parke Memorial, Parkton	Dennis Schulze	\$8,360	\$8,360	100%
Patapsco, Finksburg	Barbara Allen	\$3,852	\$3,852	100%
Perry Hall, Baltimore	Victor Harner	\$34,617	\$34,617	100%
Pine Grove, Parkton	Andrew Greenwood	\$13,932	\$13,932	100%
Piney Grove, Reisterstown	Anissa Johnson	\$1,599	\$1,599	100%
Pleasant Grove, Reisterstown	Dick Harden	\$11,367	\$11,367	100%
Pleasant Hill, Owings Mills	Shawn Wilson	\$24,330	\$24,330	100%
Poplar Grove, Cockeysville	Paul Papp	\$4,403	\$4,403	100%
Presbury, Edgewood	Tiffany Patterson	\$10,434	\$10,434	100%
Providence, Towson	Jackson Day	\$8,118	\$8,118	100%
Reisterstown, Reisterstown	Vivian McCarthy	\$64,549	\$64,549	100%
Rock Run, Darlington	Paul Simmons	\$5,543	\$5,543	100%
Salem, Hampstead	Jarrett Wicklein	\$12,607	\$12,607	100%
Salem, Upper Falls	Jay DeMent	\$31,151	\$31,151	100%
Shiloh, Hampstead	Barbara Allen	\$6,331	\$6,331	100%
Smiths Chapel, Churchville	David Roberts	\$4,873	\$4,873	100%
St. Johns, Hampstead	Melissa Rudolph	\$21,714	\$21,714	100%
St. Johns, Lutherville	Carol Pazdersky	\$10,802	\$10,802	100%
St. Luke, Monkton	Winnie Griffin	\$1,515	\$1,515	100%
St. Paul, White Hall	Melissa McDade	\$7,914	\$7,914	100%
Stablers, Parkton	Fred Sipes	\$2,140	\$2,140	100%
Texas, Cockeysville	Paul Papp	\$5,307	\$5,307	100%
Timonium, Timonium	Frances Dailey	\$61,195	\$61,195	100%
Union, Aberdeen	James Hamilton	\$9,473	\$9,473	100%
Union, Baldwin	Jennifer Kokoski	\$5,274	\$5,274	100%
Union Chapel, Joppa	David Coakley	\$24,682	\$24,682	100%
Vernon, White Hall	Dennis Schulze	\$3,572	\$3,572	100%
Wards Chapel, Randallstown	Lisa Bandel	\$32,311	\$32,311	100%
Waugh, Glen Arm	Daniel Montague, III	\$9,079	\$9,079	100%
Wesley, Hampstead	Amy Lewis-Rill	\$33,097	\$33,097	100%
Wesleyan Chapel, Aberdeen	Sarah Elliott	\$8,448	\$8,448	100%
West Liberty, White Hall	Kathleen Cheyney	\$4,395	\$4,395	100%
William Watters Memorial, Jarrettsville	Ken Fizer, Jr.	\$12,063	\$12,063	100%
Wiseburg, White Hall	Ron Gompf	\$6,026	\$6,026	100%
Falls Road, Sparks	Scott Shumaker	\$2,309	\$2,294	99%
Emory, Street	Steve Smith	\$21,071	\$19,315	92%
Linden Heights, Parkville	Alicia Vanisko	\$20,375	\$17,319	85%
Union Chapel, Monkton	Winnie Griffin	\$1,822	\$1,000	55%
Mount Carmel, Parkton	Scott Shumaker	\$12,661	\$6,000	47%
Mount Vernon, Whiteford	Riccardo Jefferson	\$6,264	\$2,610	42%

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Pine Grove, White Hall	Winnie Griffin	\$1,992	\$830	42%
St. Luke, Reisterstown	Michael Carrington, Jr.	\$9,310	\$2,127	23%
New Hope Christian Fellowship, Edgewood	James Hamilton	\$-	\$-	0%
Baltimore Suburban District Summary	Ann Laprade	\$1,661,652	\$1,637,343	98.54%
CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT				
Alberta Gary Memorial, Columbia	Shawn Vollmerhausen	\$8,797	\$8,797	100%
Araby, Frederick	TJ Mount	\$10,871	\$10,871	100%
Asbury, Germantown	John Ampiah-Addison	\$8,200	\$8,200	100%
Ashton, Ashton	Emily Berkowitz	\$49,779	\$49,779	100%
Bethany, Ellicott City	Andrew Cooney	\$106,836	\$106,836	100%
Bethesda, Damascus	Henry Butler, Jr.	\$38,957	\$38,957	100%
Calvary, Mount Airy	Debbie Scott	\$82,982	\$82,982	100%
Christ, Columbia	Keith Loudermill	\$7,874	\$7,874	100%
Clarksburg, Clarksburg	David Hodsdon	\$10,463	\$10,463	100%
Covenant, Montgomery Village	Mandy Sayers	\$50,888	\$50,888	100%
Damascus, Damascus	David Cooney	\$126,719	\$126,719	100%
Dickerson, Dickerson	Yu Jung Hwang	\$4,472	\$4,472	100%
Ebenezer, Ijamsville	Vivian Martin-Jones	\$2,840	\$2,840	100%
Ebenezer, Sykesville	Judith Emerson	\$29,918	\$29,918	100%
Ellicott City Korean Mission	Dae Sung Park	\$7,633	\$7,633	100%
Emory, Ellicott City	Sam Moore, Sr.	\$13,647	\$13,647	100%
Emory Grove, Gaithersburg	Timothy Warner	\$33,256	\$33,256	100%
Epworth, Gaithersburg	Jennifer Fenner	\$69,525	\$69,525	100%
Fairhaven, Gaithersburg	Esther Holimon	\$38,954	\$38,954	100%
Fairview, Sykesville	Daphne Fraser	\$3,946	\$3,946	100%
FaithPoint, Monrovia	Chris Bishop	\$19,837	\$19,837	100%
Flint Hill, Adamstown	Bob Ruggieri	\$4,458	\$4,458	100%
Flohrville, Sykesville	Keystone Lee	\$3,832	\$3,832	100%
Forest Grove, Tuscarora	Yu Jung Hwang	\$3,393	\$3,393	100%
Gaither, Sykesville	Terri Chattin	\$11,711	\$11,711	100%
Gary Memorial, Ellicott City	Douglas Fox	\$14,066	\$14,066	100%
Glen Mar, Ellicott City	Matt Poole	\$199,563	\$199,563	100%
Glenelg, Glenelg	Alice Ford	\$46,606	\$46,606	100%
Goshen, Gaithersburg	Eric King, Sr.	\$58,391	\$58,391	100%
Grace, Gaithersburg	Jim Miller	\$103,960	\$103,960	100%
Hopkins, Highland	Andrea Middleton King	\$17,027	\$17,027	100%
Howard Chapel-Ridgeville, Mount Airy	Phillip Ayers	\$15,212	\$15,212	100%
Hyattstown, Clarksburg	David Hodsdon	\$8,721	\$8,721	100%
Ijamsville, Ijamsville	Bob Ruggieri	\$6,581	\$6,581	100%
Jennings Chapel, Woodbine	Robert Cook	\$9,788	\$9,788	100%
Linden-Linthicum, Clarksville	Gayle Annis-Forder	\$72,368	\$72,368	100%
Locust, Columbia	Jane Wood	\$23,751	\$23,751	100%
Marvin Chapel, Mount Airy	R. Lorraine Brown	\$6,652	\$6,652	100%
Memorial, Poolesville	Bill Maisch	\$38,051	\$38,051	100%
Mill Creek Parish, Rockville	Timothy Warner	\$59,873	\$59,873	100%
Mount Gregory, Glenwood	Christopher Serufusa	\$5,946	\$5,946	100%
Mount Olive, Mount Airy	Lynne Humphries-Russ	\$6,238	\$6,238	100%
Mount Olivet, Catonsville	Andrea Middleton King	\$6,587	\$6,587	100%
Mount Tabor, Damascus	Karen Davis	\$9,236	\$9,236	100%
Mount Zion, Highland	Gary Sheffield-James	\$85,389	\$85,389	100%
Mount Zion, Olney	Christopher Serufusa	\$7,006	\$7,006	100%
Oakdale Emory, Olney	Kevin Baker	\$164,667	\$164,667	100%
Pleasant Grove, Ijamsville	Myung-Ha Baek	\$6,973	\$6,973	100%
Poplar Springs, Woodbine	Robert Cook	\$6,828	\$6,828	100%
Prospect, Mount Airy	R. Lorraine Brown	\$9,779	\$9,779	100%
Providence, Monrovia	DD Adams	\$19,644	\$19,644	100%
Rockland, Ellicott City	Patricia Abell	\$13,295	\$13,295	100%
Salem, Brookeville	Sue Shorb-Sterling	\$28,227	\$28,227	100%
Salem, Germantown	Karen Davis	\$7,385	\$7,385	100%
St. James, Marriottsville	Patricia Abell	\$18,980	\$18,980	100%
St. John United Church, Columbia	Mary Ka Kananan	\$13,883	\$13,883	100%
St. Luke, Sykesville	Ronald Young	\$8,427	\$8,427	100%
St. Paul, Laytonsville	Jean Lee	\$14,403	\$14,403	100%
St. Paul's, Sykesville	Terri Chattin	\$49,387	\$49,387	100%
Wesley Chapel, Frederick	Sandi Phillips	\$14,159	\$14,159	100%
Wesley Freedom, Eldersburg	Bill Brown	\$101,314	\$101,314	100%
Wesley Grove, Gaithersburg	Karen Davis	\$16,259	\$16,259	100%
West Liberty, Marriottsville	Barbara Sands	\$5,042	\$5,042	100%
Simpson, Mount Airy	Ronald Young	\$3,257	\$2,995	92%
Friendship, Damascus	Samuel Holdbrook-Smith	\$11,037	\$8,278	75%
Mountain View, Damascus	Myung-Ha Baek	\$7,538	\$5,452	72%
Trinity, Germantown	Bonnie Scott	\$48,244	\$34,356	71%
Mount Zion, Ellicott City	Wilhelmina Street	\$6,001	\$3,356	56%
Daisy, Lisbon	Gertie Williams	\$4,637	\$2,318	50%
Montgomery, Damascus	John Rudisill, Jr.	\$68,325	\$34,194	50%
Washington Grove, Washington Grove	EunJoung Joo	\$10,824	\$5,460	50%
St. Marks, Boyds	Bernadette Armwood	\$5,239	\$2,183	42%
Mount Carmel, Brookeville	Jean Lee	\$5,773	\$2,000	35%
West Montgomery, Dickerson	Bernadette Armwood	\$10,902	\$3,634	33%
Community of Faith, Clarksburg	Samuel Holdbrook-Smith	\$16,709	\$5,250	31%
Lisbon, Lisbon	Heather Olson	\$20,358	\$6,107	30%
Sharp Street, Sandy Spring	Kecia Ford	\$22,392	\$4,000	18%
Morgan Chapel, Woodbine	Lynne Humphries-Russ	\$2,939	\$500	17%
Central Marland District Summary	JW Park	\$2,293,627	\$2,169,535	94.59%



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Church, City	Pastor	2017 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
<div><div>CH</div>CUMBERLAND-HAGERSTOWN DISTRICT<div>CH</div></div>				
Allegany, Frostburg	George Harpold	\$1,572	\$1,572	100%
Alpine, Berkeley Springs	Kenny Mason	\$4,131	\$4,131	100%
Barton, Barton	Sandy Cowan	\$6,324	\$6,324	100%
Benevola, Boonsboro	Cindy Caldwell	\$25,357	\$25,357	100%
Bethel, Chewsville	Jim Johnson	\$29,545	\$29,545	100%
Bethel, Rohrsersville	John Schildt	\$6,481	\$6,481	100%
Calvary, Great Cacapon	Phil King	\$4,416	\$4,416	100%
Calvary, Ridgeley	Rick Jewell	\$8,540	\$8,540	100%
Carlos, Frostburg	George Harpold	\$1,349	\$1,349	100%
Catalpa, Hancock	Joshua Rider	\$884	\$884	100%
Centenary, Cumberland	Marjorie Hurder	\$4,455	\$4,455	100%
Centre Street, Cumberland	Tom Young, Jr.	\$27,950	\$27,950	100%
Cherry Run, Berkeley Springs	Ted Marsh, Jr.	\$3,113	\$3,113	100%
Christ, Cumberland	Harold McClay, Jr.	\$8,619	\$8,619	100%
Cresaptown, Cresaptown	Hal Atkins	\$19,395	\$19,395	100%
Davis Memorial, Cumberland	Rob Pierson	\$11,659	\$11,659	100%
Dawson, Rawlings	Patrick Buhman	\$6,448	\$6,448	100%
Eckhart, Frostburg	George Harpold	\$3,545	\$3,545	100%
Ellerslie, Ellerslie	Sandy Burchell	\$8,205	\$8,205	100%
Emmanuel, Cumberland	Rob Pierson	\$12,034	\$12,034	100%
Emmanuel, Hagerstown	Randy Reid	\$32,300	\$32,300	100%
Fairview Avenue, Cumberland	Dan Taylor	\$3,316	\$3,316	100%
First, Berkeley Springs	Doug Hoffman	\$57,466	\$57,466	100%
First, Lonaconing	Heerak Kim	\$10,933	\$10,933	100%
Flintstone, Flintstone	Trish Bittner	\$3,073	\$3,073	100%
Frostburg, Frostburg	Kyle Durbin	\$34,948	\$34,948	100%
Garfield, Smithsburg	Mary Ricketts	\$8,190	\$8,190	100%
Grace, Hagerstown	Curtis Ehrgott	\$32,486	\$32,486	100%
Grace, Midland	Heerak Kim	\$8,071	\$8,071	100%
Greenwood, Berkeley Springs	Lloyd McCanna	\$5,364	\$5,364	100%
Hancock, Hancock	Mike Bynum	\$25,766	\$25,766	100%
Highland, Berkeley Springs	Kenny Mason	\$3,453	\$3,453	100%
Holy Cross, Ridgeley	Tom Young, Jr.	\$12,491	\$12,491	100%
John Wesley, Hagerstown	Katie O'Hern	\$41,096	\$41,096	100%
La Vale, Lavale	Frankie Revell	\$39,337	\$39,337	100%
McKendree of Potomac Park, Cumberland	Lisa Boone	\$4,437	\$4,437	100%
Melvin, Cumberland	Dan Taylor	\$9,192	\$9,192	100%
Michaels, Berkeley Springs	Barbara Suffecool	\$2,568	\$2,568	100%
Mount Bethel, Smithsburg	Ron Kurtz	\$8,838	\$8,838	100%
Mount Carmel, Big Pool	Grant Spong	\$4,541	\$4,541	100%
Mount Carmel, Rohrsersville	John Schildt	\$2,523	\$2,523	100%
Mount Hermon, Flintstone	Trish Bittner	\$3,488	\$3,488	100%
Mount Lena, Boonsboro	Ron Kurtz	\$7,972	\$7,972	100%
Mount Olivet, Berkeley Springs	Lloyd McCanna	\$4,327	\$4,327	100%
Mount Pleasant, Berkeley Springs	Kenny Mason	\$2,203	\$2,203	100%
Mount Savage, Mount Savage	Sandy Burchell	\$10,486	\$10,486	100%
Mount Tabor, Oldtown	Charlie Rigglesman	\$4,305	\$4,305	100%
Mount Zion, Berkeley Springs	Ted Marsh, Jr.	\$3,697	\$3,697	100%
Mount Zion, Great Cacapon	Richard Voorhaar	\$3,074	\$3,074	100%
Mount Zion, Myersville	Mike Beiber	\$19,976	\$19,976	100%
Mount Zion, Sabillasville	Lisa Wirkus	\$2,019	\$2,019	100%
Murleys Branch, Flintstone	Trish Bittner	\$2,198	\$2,198	100%
New Covenant, Cumberland	Chris Gobrecht	\$22,371	\$22,371	100%
Oldtown, Oldtown	Charlie Rigglesman	\$4,214	\$4,214	100%
Oliver's Grove, Oldtown	Charlie Rigglesman	\$3,989	\$3,989	100%
Otterbein, Hagerstown	Elizabeth Jackson	\$65,092	\$65,092	100%
Park Place, Lavale	Vicki Cabbage	\$7,860	\$7,860	100%
Parkhead, Big Pool	Grant Spong	\$5,124	\$5,124	100%
Paw Paw, Paw Paw	Darlene Powers	\$3,509	\$3,509	100%
Piney Plains, Little Orleans	Joshua Rider	\$3,530	\$3,530	100%
Pleasant Walk, Hagerstown	Lisa Wirkus	\$3,905	\$3,905	100%
Prosperity, Flintstone	Trish Bittner	\$4,492	\$4,492	100%
Rawlings, Rawlings	Patrick Buhrman	\$7,549	\$7,549	100%
Rehoboth, Williamsport	Michael Bennett	\$55,621	\$55,621	100%
Salem, Keedysville	Al Deal	\$10,240	\$10,240	100%
Salem, Myersville	Bob Snyder	\$15,066	\$15,066	100%
Shaft, Midland	Heerak Kim	\$6,855	\$6,855	100%
Shiloh, Hagerstown	Dionne Osuji	\$14,895	\$14,895	100%
St. Andrews, Hagerstown	Mike Henning	\$18,004	\$18,004	100%
St. Paul's, Smithsburg	Mary Ricketts	\$6,245	\$6,245	100%
Sulphur Springs, Oldtown	Barney Piper	\$1,637	\$1,637	100%
Trinity, Cumberland	Mary George	\$3,532	\$3,532	100%
Trinity-Asbury, Berkeley Springs	Chuck Bergen	\$12,021	\$12,021	100%
Union Chapel, Berkeley Springs	Mike Leedom	\$17,025	\$17,025	100%
Vale Summit, Frostburg	George Harpold	\$2,698	\$2,698	100%
Washington Square, Hagerstown	Jerry Lowans	\$18,859	\$18,859	100%
Westernport, Westernport	Sandy Cowan	\$3,638	\$3,638	100%
Williamsport, Williamsport	Susan Boehl	\$37,316	\$37,316	100%
Zion, Cumberland	Marjorie Hurder	\$4,852	\$4,852	100%
Asbury, Hagerstown	Sharon Gibson	\$6,238	\$5,198	83%
Wesley Chapel, Berkeley Springs	Chuck Bergen	\$7,793	\$6,445	83%
Mount Nebo, Boonsboro	Ray Roberson	\$29,036	\$19,357	67%
St. Paul, Big Pool	Grant Spong	\$4,971	\$2,071	42%
Central, Cumberland	Lee Brotemarkle	\$5,976	\$1,750	29%

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Grace, Berkeley Springs	Ted Marsh, Jr.	\$3,375	\$-	0%
Cumberland Hagerstown District Summary	Conrad Link	\$1,025,684	\$1,003,116	97.80%
<div><div>FR</div>FREDERICK DISTRICT<div>FR</div></div>				
Arden, Martinsburg	Mary Jo Sims	\$21,662	\$21,662	100%
Asbury, Charles Town	Duane Jensen	\$38,297	\$38,297	100%
Asbury, Frederick	Mark Groover	\$24,652	\$24,652	100%
Asbury, Shepherdstown	Rudolph Bropleh	\$56,531	\$56,531	100%
Bedington, Martinsburg	Scott Summers	\$32,482	\$32,482	100%
Berkeley Place, Martinsburg	Lisa Franzen	\$2,826	\$2,826	100%
Bethel, Bakerton	Bill Rowley	\$3,529	\$3,529	100%
Bethesda, Shepherdstown	Parker Hinzman	\$3,576	\$3,576	100%
Bethesda, Sykesville	Ernest Thayil	\$6,203	\$6,203	100%
Blairton, Martinsburg	Gary Gourley, Sr.	\$7,201	\$7,201	100%
Bolivar, Harpers Ferry	Samuel Tryon	\$3,782	\$3,782	100%
Brandenburg, Sykesville	John Bragg, Sr.	\$6,425	\$6,425	100%
Brook Hill, Frederick	Wade Martin	\$96,041	\$96,041	100%
Buckeystown Rt. 85, Buckeystown	Charles Rice	\$19,208	\$19,208	100%
Buckeystown Rt. 80, Buckeystown (Limited)	Limited Service	\$1,560	\$1,560	100%
Bunker Hill, Bunker Hill	Danny Breidenbaugh	\$16,901	\$16,901	100%
Butlers Chapel, Martinsburg	Forrest Cummings	\$3,871	\$3,871	100%
Calvary, Finksburg	Martin Brooks	\$25,706	\$25,706	100%
Calvary, Frederick	Stephen Larsen	\$82,708	\$82,708	100%
Calvary, Martinsburg	Lynn Wilson	\$35,841	\$35,841	100%
Camp Hill-Wesley, Harpers Ferry	John Unger	\$5,881	\$5,881	100%
Catoctin, Thurmont	Terry Orrence, Jr.	\$5,936	\$5,936	100%
Centennial Memorial, Frederick	Debra Linton	\$17,625	\$17,625	100%
Chestnut Hill, Harpers Ferry	Bill Rowley	\$8,406	\$8,406	100%
Darkesville, Inwood	Thomas Sigler	\$12,864	\$12,864	100%
Deer Park, Westminster	John Dean	\$23,428	\$23,428	100%
Deerfield, Sabillasville	Ray Dudley	\$4,358	\$4,358	100%
Doubs-Epworth, Adamstown	William Carpenter	\$3,782	\$3,782	100%
Engle, Harpers Ferry	Samuel Tryon	\$2,811	\$2,811	100%
Friendship, Hedgesville	Lisa Franzen	\$2,934	\$2,934	100%
Ganotown, Martinsburg	Richard Shuman, II	\$584	\$584	100%
Gerrardstown, Gerrardstown	Gary Sieglein	\$8,771	\$8,771	100%
Harmony, Falling Waters	Terri Cofell	\$25,528	\$25,528	100%
Hopehill, Frederick	Joyce Hall	\$4,141	\$4,141	100%
Inwood, Inwood	Charles Henry	\$3,521	\$3,521	100%
Jackson Chapel, Frederick	Rex Bowens, Sr.	\$22,527	\$22,527	100%
Jefferson, Jefferson	William Carpenter	\$9,681	\$9,681	100%
Johnsville, Sykesville	Thomas Cook	\$1,482	\$1,482	100%
Johnsville, Union Bridge	Margaret Moon	\$7,997	\$7,997	100%
Leetown, Kearneysville	John Lewis	\$6,683	\$6,683	100%
Lewistown, Thurmont	Linda Warehime	\$11,491	\$11,491	100%
Liberty Central, Libertytown	Jerry Cline	\$10,768	\$10,768	100%
Linganore, Union Bridge	Stephen Ricketts	\$15,638	\$15,638	100%
Marvin Chapel, Inwood	John Lewis	\$5,016	\$5,016	100%
Messiah, Taneytown	Pat Dols	\$14,279	\$14,279	100%
Middleburg, Westminster	Darrell Davis	\$2,076	\$2,076	100%
Middletown, Middletown	Sarah Dorrance	\$67,549	\$67,549	100%
Middleway, Kearneysville	Scott Sassaman	\$10,705	\$10,705	100%
Mount Carmel, Frederick	Jenny Smith	\$29,075	\$29,075	100%
Mount Pleasant, Frederick	Richard Gibbs	\$3,932	\$3,932	100%
Mount Wesley, Shepherdstown	Ed Grove	\$7,665	\$7,665	100%
Mount Zion, Frederick	Richard Baker	\$3,270	\$3,270	100%
Murrill Hill, Harpers Ferry	Donnie Cardwell	\$2,856	\$2,856	100%
New Hope of Greater Brunswick, Brunswick	Katie Bishop	\$21,164	\$21,164	100%
New Hope of New Windsor, New Windsor	Mary Buzby	\$5,078	\$5,078	100%
New Market, New Market	Scott Clawson	\$19,993	\$19,993	100%
Oakland, Sykesville	Donna Renn	\$18,314	\$18,314	100%
Paynes Chapel, Bunker Hill	Dawn Reidy	\$7,586	\$7,586	100%
Pikeside, Martinsburg	Richard Broome	\$20,956	\$20,956	100%
Pleasant View, Adamstown	Tonia Brown	\$2,809	\$2,809	100%
Salem, Martinsburg	Marshall Light	\$833	\$833	100%
Sandy Hook, Knoxville	Katie Bishop	\$2,164	\$2,164	100%
Sandy Mount, Finksburg	Robert Wellman	\$42,930	\$42,930	100%
Shenandoah Memorial, Harpers Ferry	Bill Rowley	\$2,145	\$2,145	100%
Silver Grove, Harpers Ferry	Mike Lida	\$2,814	\$2,814	100%
St. Lukes, Martinsburg	Mike Cantley	\$48,164	\$48,164	100%
St. Paul, New Windsor	Shari McCourt	\$14,279	\$14,279	100%
Stone Chapel, New Windsor	Steven Cho	\$18,235	\$18,235	100%
Strawbridge, New Windsor	Blango Ross, Jr.	\$10,296	\$10,296	100%
Taylorsville, Mount Airy	Sherri Comer-Cox	\$19,332	\$19,332	100%
Thurmont, Thurmont	Bob Hunter, III	\$30,020	\$30,020	100%
Tom's Creek, Emmitsburg	Heath Wilson	\$20,341	\$20,341	100%
Trinity, Emmitsburg	Andrew Peck-McClain	\$12,308	\$12,308	100%
Trinity, Frederick	Eliezer Valentin-Castanon	\$68,638	\$68,638	100%
Trinity, Martinsburg	Ken Walker	\$64,333	\$64,333	100%
Uniontown, Westminster	Darrell Davis	\$3,887	\$3,887	100%
Uvilla, Shepherdstown	Parker Hinzman	\$3,027	\$3,027	100%
Walkersville, Walkersville	Richard Baker	\$53,682	\$53,682	100%
Westminster, Westminster	Malcolm Stranathan	\$71,971	\$71,971	100%
Williams Memorial, Shepherdstown	Parker Hinzman	\$3,946	\$3,946	100%
Zion, Westminster	Steven Cho	\$9,277	\$9,277	100%
St. James at Dennings, Westminster	Mary Buzby	\$6,367	\$5,836	92%



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Church, City	Pastor	2017 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
Weller, Thurmont	Robert Kells, Jr.	\$20,593	\$18,000	87%
Otterbein, Martinsburg	Mark Mooney	\$35,668	\$28,534	80%
Greensburg, Martinsburg	Ed Grove	\$6,928	\$5,196	75%
Hedgesville, Hedgesville	Dennis Jackman	\$19,149	\$14,409	75%
Union Street, Westminster	Richard Lindsay	\$7,538	\$5,259	70%
New Street, Shepherdstown	Dee-Ann Dixon	\$21,058	\$10,514	50%
Mount Zion, Martinsburg	Ed Hall	\$15,764	\$5,255	33%
Memorial, Summit Point	Richard Shuman, II	\$8,396	\$2,300	27%
Oakland, Charles Town	Kent Tice	\$39,328	\$-	0%
Union Bridge, Union Bridge (CLOSED)	CLOSED	\$-	\$-	0%
Frederick District Summary	Edgardo Rivera	\$1,631,573	\$1,546,087	94.76%
GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT				
Asbury, Washington	Ianther Mills	\$132,572	\$132,572	100%
Bells, Camp Springs	Crystal Davis Jones	\$14,132	\$14,132	100%
Bethesda, Bethesda	Jenny Cannon	\$110,066	\$110,066	100%
Bradbury Heights, Washington	R. David Hall	\$8,202	\$8,202	100%
Brighter Day, Washington	Tommy Murray	\$16,686	\$16,686	100%
Brightwood Park, Washington	Gerald Elston, Sr.	\$17,948	\$17,948	100%
Cabin John, Cabin John	Ek Hii	\$14,007	\$14,007	100%
Capitol Hill, Washington	Alisa Lasater	\$56,510	\$56,510	100%
Centenary, Bermuda	Dick Stetler	\$16,321	\$16,321	100%
Cheverly, Cheverly	Lillian Smith	\$32,725	\$32,725	100%
Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase	Kirkland Reynolds	\$69,197	\$69,197	100%
Christ, Washington	Monica Raines	\$26,824	\$26,824	100%
Church of The Redeemer, Temple Hills	Jerome Jones, Sr.	\$25,026	\$25,026	100%
Colesville, Silver Spring	Michael Armstrong	\$61,217	\$61,217	100%
College Park, College Park	Fay Lundin	\$15,571	\$15,571	100%
Concord-St. Andrews, Bethesda	Sue Brown	\$36,050	\$36,050	100%
Dumbarton, Washington	Mary Kay Totty	\$37,718	\$37,718	100%
Ebenezer, Washington	Breseau Jenkins	\$23,651	\$23,651	100%
Emmanuel, Laurel	Stephanie Vader	\$58,239	\$58,239	100%
Emory, Washington	Joe Daniels, Jr.	\$71,932	\$71,932	100%
Faith, Rockville	Kathryn Woodrow	\$88,512	\$88,512	100%
First, Hyattsville	Yvonne Wallace-Penn	\$89,710	\$89,710	100%
Foundry, Washington	Ginger Gaines-Cirelli	\$232,562	\$232,562	100%
Franklin P. Nash, Washington	R. David Hall	\$5,855	\$5,855	100%
Gethsemane, Capitol Heights	Ronald Triplett	\$52,734	\$52,734	100%
Glenmont, Silver Spring	Saroj Sangha	\$46,063	\$46,063	100%
Good Hope Union, Silver Spring	Tori Butler	\$41,694	\$41,694	100%
Good Shepherd, Silver Spring	Kathleen Lossau	\$45,809	\$45,809	100%
Hughes, Wheaton	Ken Hawes	\$70,832	\$70,832	100%
Hughes Memorial, Washington	Paul Johnson	\$38,246	\$38,246	100%
Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant, Rockville	Herbert Brisbon, III	\$21,195	\$21,195	100%
Liberty Grove, Burtonsville	Jeff Paulson	\$67,615	\$67,615	100%
McKendree-Simms-Brookland, Washington	R. David Hall	\$61,385	\$61,385	100%
Memorial First India, Silver Spring	Samuel Honnappa	\$32,110	\$32,110	100%
Metropolitan Memorial, Washington	Charles Parker	\$346,597	\$346,597	100%
Mizo, Rockville	Biak Chhunga	\$11,473	\$11,473	100%
Mount Vernon Place, Washington	Donna Claycomb Sokol	\$93,722	\$93,722	100%
Mount Zion, Washington	Johnsie Cogman	\$26,466	\$26,466	100%
Mowatt Memorial, Greenbelt	Fay Lundin	\$7,972	\$7,972	100%
North Bethesda, Bethesda	Jeff Jones	\$56,899	\$56,899	100%
Potomac, Potomac	Laura Easto	\$100,323	\$100,323	100%
Randall Memorial, Washington	Brian Jackson	\$25,054	\$25,054	100%
Rockville, Rockville	Martha Meredith	\$54,062	\$54,062	100%
Ryland-Epworth, Washington	R. David Hall	\$10,686	\$10,686	100%
Silver Spring, Silver Spring	Angela Flanagan	\$114,075	\$114,075	100%
Simpson-Hamline, Washington	Yvonne Mercer-Staten	\$34,814	\$34,814	100%
St. Paul, Chevy Chase	John McCauley	\$22,114	\$22,114	100%
St. Paul's, Kensington	Adam Snell	\$133,871	\$133,871	100%
United, Washington	William Federici	\$24,255	\$24,255	100%
University, College Park	Sherri Wood-Powe	\$42,225	\$42,225	100%
Van Buren, Washington	Lucinda Kent	\$7,794	\$7,794	100%
Jones Memorial, Washington	Loretta Johnson	\$21,251	\$18,900	89%
Grace, Takoma Park	Samson Nortey	\$19,848	\$14,886	75%
Ager Road, Hyattsville	Samson Nortey	\$16,267	\$9,489	58%
Petworth, Washington	Sherwyn Benjamin	\$15,083	\$8,798	58%
Albright Memorial, Washington	Gerald Elston, Sr.	\$14,967	\$7,484	50%
Millian Memorial, Rockville	Miguel Balderas	\$57,500	\$26,356	46%
Grace, Fairmount Heights	Robert Starkey	\$3,852	\$750	19%
Mount Vernon, Washington	Armon Nelson	\$17,124	\$2,000	12%
Forest Memorial, Forestville	Ty Blackwell	\$26,754	\$3,023	11%
Lincoln Park, Washington	Richard Black	\$24,090	\$2,690	11%
Marsden First, Bermuda	Joseph Whalen, Jr.	\$31,998	\$2,000	6%
Oak Chapel, Silver Spring	Selena Johnson	\$31,233	\$1,562	5%
Francis Asbury National Korean, Rockville	Seung-Woo Lee	\$30,298	\$1,000	3%
Community, Washington	Jalene Chase-Sands	\$11,362	\$-	0%
Douglas Memorial, Washington	Jalene Chase-Sands	\$16,747	\$-	0%
Greater Washington District Summary	Gerry Green	\$3,189,692	\$2,950,256	92.49%

MORE ON APPORTIONMENTS

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Church, City	Pastor	2017 Goal	\$ Paid	% Paid
WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT				
Asbury, Brandywine	Gladman Kapfumvuti	\$15,579	\$15,579	100%
Bethel, Upper Marlboro	Ken Valentine	\$14,569	\$14,569	100%
Bethesda, Valley Lee	Irvin Beverly	\$6,833	\$6,833	100%
Bowie, Bowie	Margaret Clemons	\$15,090	\$15,090	100%
Brookfield, Brandywine	Marianne Brown	\$7,240	\$7,240	100%
Brooks, Saint Leonard	Jason Robinson	\$52,604	\$52,604	100%
Carroll-Western, Prince Frederick	Roland Barnes	\$16,239	\$16,239	100%
Cheltenham, Cheltenham	Denise Millet	\$17,037	\$17,037	100%
Chicamuxen, La Plata	Edward Voorhaar	\$4,969	\$4,969	100%
Christ, Aquasco	Constance Smith	\$18,351	\$18,351	100%
Clinton, Clinton	Dorothea Stroman	\$27,885	\$27,885	100%
Community with a Cause, Lexington Park	Donald Geller	\$3,222	\$3,222	100%
Coopers, Dunkirk	Sandra Smith	\$6,914	\$6,914	100%
Eastern, Lusby	Brenda Mcilwain	\$10,139	\$10,139	100%
Ebenezer, Lanham	Mark Venson	\$40,419	\$40,419	100%
Emmanuel, Huntingtown	Matthew Tate	\$15,938	\$15,938	100%
Faith, Accokeek	Michael Blakeley	\$13,297	\$13,297	100%
Glenn Dale, Glenn Dale	Moses Sangha	\$20,749	\$20,749	100%
Grace, Fort Washington	Robert Slade	\$44,711	\$44,711	100%
Hollywood, Hollywood	Katie Paul	\$37,751	\$37,751	100%
Huntingtown, Huntingtown	Corey Sharpe	\$57,534	\$57,534	100%
Immanuel, Brandywine	Marianne Brown	\$11,498	\$11,498	100%
Indian Head, Indian Head	Jacques Banks	\$3,830	\$3,830	100%
La Plata, La Plata	Bruce Jones	\$72,958	\$72,958	100%
Lanham, Lanham	DaeHwa Park	\$18,740	\$18,740	100%
Lexington Park, Lexington Park	Douglas Hays	\$64,231	\$64,231	100%
Metropolitan, Indian Head	George Hackey, Jr.	\$33,830	\$33,830	100%
Mount Calvary, Charlotte Hall	Kevin Brooks	\$11,767	\$11,767	100%
Mount Harmony-Lower Marlboro, Owings	Juli Lewis	\$30,802	\$30,802	100%
Mount Hope, Sunderland	Roosevelt Oliver	\$9,872	\$9,872	100%
Mount Olive, Prince Frederick	Dana Jones	\$16,729	\$16,729	100%
Mount Zion, Mechanicsville	Steve Humphrey	\$42,655	\$42,655	100%
Mount Zion, Saint Inigoes	Derrick Walton	\$3,879	\$3,879	100%
Olivet, Lusby	Linda Motter	\$17,258	\$17,258	100%
Oxon Hill, Oxon Hill	Patricia Allen	\$35,455	\$35,455	100%
Patuxent, Huntingtown	BK Fleet	\$16,194	\$16,194	100%
Peters, Dunkirk	Doris Rothwell	\$9,411	\$9,411	100%
Pisgah, Marbury	Jeanne Parr	\$6,422	\$6,422	100%
Plum Point, Huntingtown	BK Fleet	\$19,100	\$19,100	100%
Providence-Fort Washington, Fort Washington	Kermit Moore	\$32,888	\$32,888	100%
Queens Chapel, Beltsville	William Butler	\$53,215	\$53,215	100%
Shiloh Community, Newburg	Mae Harrison	\$15,506	\$15,505	100%
Smith Chapel, Marbury	George DeFord	\$12,877	\$12,877	100%
Smithville, Dunkirk	Jeannie Marsh	\$25,232	\$25,232	100%
St. Edmond's, Chesapeake Beach	Joan Jones	\$15,201	\$15,201	100%
St. John, Lusby	Brenda Mcilwain	\$14,819	\$14,819	100%
St. Luke, Scotland	Delonta Hicks	\$5,784	\$5,784	100%
St. Matthews, Bowie	Daniel Mejia	\$100,451	\$100,451	100%
St. Matthews, La Plata	Kevin Brooks	\$4,199	\$4,199	100%
St. Paul, Oxon Hill	Daryl Williams	\$68,247	\$68,247	100%
Trinity, Prince Frederick	Jim Swecker	\$77,606	\$77,606	100%
Union, Upper Marlboro	Kendrick Weaver	\$39,203	\$39,203	100%
Wards Memorial, Owings	Eloise Newman	\$12,072	\$12,072	100%
Waters Memorial, Saint Leonard	Mi Cho	\$12,167	\$12,167	100%
Westphalia, Upper Marlboro	Timothy West	\$64,789	\$64,789	100%
Zion UMC, Lexington Park	Kenneth Moore	\$30,534	\$30,534	100%
Zion Wesley, Waldorf	Gladman Kapfumvuti	\$8,793	\$8,793	100%
Journey of Faith Church; The, Waldorf	Reginald Tarpley	\$42,434	\$38,898	92%
Solomons, Solomons	Dottie Yunger	\$25,748	\$21,553	84%
St. Paul, Lusby	Walter Beaudwin	\$64,418	\$53,013	82%
Alexandria Chapel, Indian Head	Sonja Penny	\$7,482	\$5,612	75%
Calvary, Waldorf	Robert Carter	\$27,924	\$20,943	75%
First Saints Community Church, Leonar-dtown	John Wunderlich, III	\$108,846	\$70,353	65%
Mount Oak, Mitchellville	Robert Barnes, Jr.	\$69,649	\$43,531	63%
Corkran Memorial, Temple Hills	Lesley Newman-Sewell	\$12,553	\$6,876	55%
Good Shepherd, Waldorf	Laurie Gates-Ward	\$51,887	\$25,000	48%
Emmanuel, Beltsville	Jacob Young	\$37,087	\$5,541	15%
Nottingham-Myers, Upper Marlboro	Constance Smith	\$22,146	\$-	0%
Shiloh, Bryans Road	Cindy Banks	\$5,148	\$-	0%
Washington East District Summary	Rebecca Iannicelli	\$1,940,606	\$1,756,603	90.52%
BWC Summary (Budget Goal & Received)		Budget	Received	%
BWC Grand Total		\$15,455,352	\$14,288,609	92.45%



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 \$2.90 of that apportionment goes to support the General Church, which is global in its membership, mission and ministry.



# ROCK: Thousands of youth explore God's calling

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story of her father's death and how it affected her in profound ways. When she was 17, her father had a stroke. That was in August; by November, he was dead.

"My father was my protector, my biggest supporter, my source of strength," Bishop Easterling said. "My father was my rock."

After the funeral, driving home from the cemetery, the bishop said she remembers looking out the car window and seeing people walking and talking, going on about

youth and young adults die of suicide than cancer, heart disease, accidents and illness combined, the bishop said, "If we don't speak to it, (suicide) if we ignore it, we might not catch it in time."

On Saturday night, Bishop Easterling told the youth, "You have a decision to make. You have the opportunity to give your life to Christ."

Noting that people make thousands of decisions every day, the bishop said this one would be the most important one of your life.



**In addition to fellowship, worship and learning, several workshops were offered at ROCK, including one that drew a crowd for Zumba.**

their life. "Don't they know my daddy died?" she remembered thinking.

She also shared how, if her daddy wasn't here anymore, then maybe she didn't want to be here anymore either.

"If it was okay for my daddy to go see Jesus, maybe it was okay for me to go see

"This decision will change how you walk and talk and act and think, but for the better."

The decision, she said, is to give your life back to God. And the bishop related how she, herself, gave her life to Christ at a young age. She was at a revival, she said.

"It was as if the spirit scooped me up from the back pew and brought me down the aisle," she said. "I gave the minister my hand, but I was really giving my hand back to God."

The bishop added that the opportunity before the youth and young adults was to be a witness for God, and "we need witnesses today. We need you to stand on Christ the solid rock."

Bishop Easterling offered prayer for the hundreds of kids who came forward to the stage.

"God, these young people have come, believing that you have a calling on their lives," she prayed. "Make plain the

direction they are to take. Help them to understand that if nobody else gets it, you get it. If nobody else is celebrating, the angels in heaven are celebrating right now. ... Hallelujah!"

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LLC, in conjunction with the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Tom and Becki Price have spearheaded the event for the past 21 years.

"God showed up in many amazing ways at ROCK," said Becki Price after ROCK ended Sunday at noon. "With nearly 5,000 youth and youth leaders of all colors, genders and background coming together to praise God. It's a glimpse of heaven."

Jesus," she said. "It was one of the darkest periods of my life."

But when she was about to give up, she heard a still small voice: "Yes, your father loved you, but I love you more. Your father held you, but I'll hold you forever."

"Some of you might be upset that I began to think about committing suicide," the bishop said. "There are people here today, at ROCK, wondering if their life is still worth living. This is one of the reasons the church today is so irrelevant: we try to act like everything's okay. It's all right to say, 'Everything is not all right.'"

Noting that more



**Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, center, introduces the BWC's 24-Carat Cabinet, who danced at the ROCK retreat in Ocean City Jan. 26.**



**Hundreds of youth came forward at ROCK, answering the bishop's altar call to give their lives to Christ and grow in their relationships with God.**

Price said that the movement of the Holy Spirit was palpable and, at times overwhelming, during ROCK.

"The messages brought by Bishop Easterling were incredibly dynamic and Spirit-filled," she said. "As always, the Saturday night call to accept Jesus was the most moving and inspiring time of the weekend. The ROCK team leadership and all the volunteers work together as a family, keeping God and the youth as the focus. We are grateful to God to be a part of such an amazing team. To God be the glory!"

The offering at ROCK was more than \$14,000, Becki Price said. The money will all go to support UMCOR – the United Methodist Committee on Relief – in its disaster relief ministry.



**More than 5,000 youth and their leaders worship together during ROCK 2018.**



**Jeremy Sorensen, the lead singer of Sorensen, encourages the youth at ROCK to "Let Your Light Shine."**



**Bishop LaTrelle Easterling shares part of her life story and prays for the youth of the Conference.**

