

Salisbury District ENews

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Encouragement from REVDRNANA

Dear Fellow Servants in Christ,

The apostle Paul said in Ephesians that “In, (Jesus Christ), we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight.” (Ephesians 1:7-8) I pray that as you forge ahead into this New Year that you feel God’s redemptive work in your lives and the forgiveness of your trespasses. And I especially hope you can grasp, even in the gray cold days of winter, that God has **lavished** his grace upon you. In an economy that speaks of little else but scarcity and cut backs it is a wonderful image to realize that God doesn’t run out of grace for us; God doesn’t cut back on his love for us.

He **lavishes** us with his grace. Feels almost embarrassing doesn’t it? Our culture sometimes

frowns on lavish gestures of extravagance. In terms of God, put such restraints behind and open yourself to experience our lavish God. It just might change your whole perspective.

In Christ, God’s most lavish gift,

Nancy B. Raskin



District Clergy Meeting

Jan. 30th-, 9:30am—lunch
China Grove 1st UMC
110 W. Church Street, China Grove

Vital churches have members and people from their surrounding communities who can give testimonies to the life-transforming witness and ministries of their church.

Leader: Rev. Jamie Hamrick, Senior Pastor of Rocky Mount in Troutman, recent recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award

Vitality Toolbox

Sunday, January 29
2:00pm— 5:00pm
Jackson Park UMC, Kannapolis

- 1) **The Vital Work of Trustees**, led by Rev. Dan Gobble, Chair—District Committee on Church Location and Building.
 - Details on How to Incorporate
 - Inexpensive Ideas for Updating Your Building
 - Looking towards a 7-Day-A-Week Church
 - Using the church as a Tool for Hospitality
- 2) **Relational Evangelism**, led by Carole Price and Susan Brower, Blair Road UMC
 - The Goal of this workshop is to share practices of radical hospitality through relational evangelism.
- 3) **Vitality in Worship**, led by Rev. Lee Zeigler, Worship Pastor, University City UMC & Pat Kluttz, North Kannapolis UMC
 - Would include break-out sessions in areas such as liturgical dance, worship leadership, accompanists, drama, technology, using instruments during worship, etc.
 - Discerning additional worship services for your church
 - Discussion of Blended Worship (pros and cons)
- 4) **Faithfully Introducing Technology into the Worship Service**, led by Rev. Anita Sain, Asbury UMC
 - Includes a discussion of lighting and visuals
 - Resources and Training for Technology Assistants
 - Building Consensus about technology updates
 - Real-life witnesses from our district churches
- 5) **Called to More... But What?**, led by Rev. Jonathan Coppedge-Henley, First UMC, Charlotte
 - Next steps for laity who feel called to their next level of service.
 - Includes discussion of Stephen Ministry, Certified Lay Speakers, Emmaus, Roles of Deacon and Elder, lay ministries, etc.
 - Theological underpinning of calling
 - “Remember your call. Nurture the call of others.”

6) **A Vital Prayer Ministry**, leader Martha Barden

- Role of Prayer in the worship service and in meetings
- Role of Prayer Groups—do's and don'ts
- Establishing a Prayer Room or Prayer Wall in your church.
- Studies on Prayer
- Praying for Your Pastor



7) **A More Vital Youth Program**, leader Daniel Wilson, Assistant Pastor and Youth Ministry, Central UMC, Concord

- Learn to move towards a more CONNECTED Youth Group—connected to parents, connected to the congregation, connected to the Conference.
- Increase the “Five Practices of “Fruitful Congregations” in Youth Ministry.

8) **A More Vital Children’s Ministry**, leader Linda Hood (& Friends), Kerr Street UMC

- Increase the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” in Children’s Ministry.
- Course leaders will share their “Kerr Kids” format, which reaches neighborhood children each Thursday evening as a continuous outreach into the lives and needs of children.

9) **Vital Care for Your Vital People**, leader Rev. Bev Copley, First UMC, Landis

- Assessing your congregation’s needs for Intentional Faith Development among adults.
- Caring for your “Feeders and Leaders” - a guide to providing vital care for those who are in teaching and helping ministries themselves.
- Caring for the Spiritual Lives of Leaders and using Spiritual Gifts with vital Leaders.
- Praying with and for Leaders.

10) **Vital Local Missions**, leader Rev. Roxane Almond, Boger’s Chapel UMC

- Implement stories from Boger’s Chapel Trinity UMC and Opportunity House.
- Facilitated by representatives of churches who are doing a GREAT job in missions! Share their energy.
- May also include visits from local ministries such as CCM, RHM and MSM.

11) **Vitality in Your Staff-Parish Committee**, led by Dr. Nancy Rankin

- Address evaluation process, appointive process, role of the committee in the calling of members into ministry.
- “Vital Approaches to Conflict” - “When Church Families Fight”
- How to run and participate in a vital SPRC meeting.

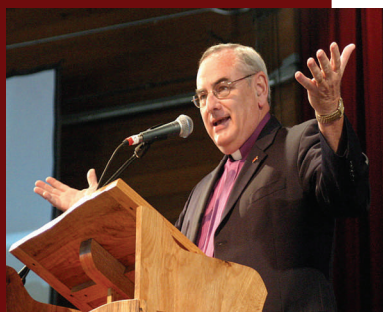
12) **Vitality in Finance and Stewardship**, leader Rev. Andy Langford, Central UMC, Concord

- Leader will share new materials, “Pyramid of Christian Generosity”.
- The Audit Process
- New “Extravagant Generosity” materials for Bishop Schnase.



Statistical System
Open and Available
for Input...

*Important Due
Dates to
remember
regarding the
Appointment
Making Process...*



Statistical Reporting

The GCFA / Western NC Conference statistical system is open and available for input. All statistical information must be entered and complete by January 31, 2012.

As you begin to access the system, you will note several differences from last year's system, including... the GCFA has renamed the statistical system from Eagle to Ezra (denoting

the prophet of wisdom and organization.) Also, the header and menu of the system has been updated. It is easier to access.

While changes to the system will be noticeable as you access it, these have not dramatically changed how the system operates nor how you will enter your statistical information in Tables I, II and III.

Once you have accessed

the system, a Church User's Guide and Instructions for each of the lines of the Tables can be found on the Reports page under the WNCC section... These are EXTREMELY helpful, please utilize them.

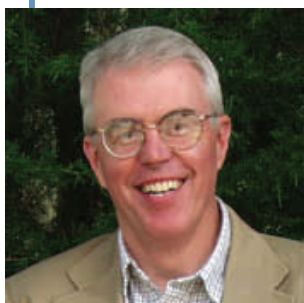
An email with the basic login information has been sent to clergy. If you have questions, please give the district office a call... We'll be glad to help!

Clergy & Church Profiles

CLERGY PROFILES are due by **January 15, 2012**. All clergy under appointment should review and edit / update their clergy profiles. This can be done on the Administrative Website www.wnccadmin.org

Please note that annual profiles of pastors are required regardless of an anticipated change in your appointment.

CHURCH PROFILES are due to be updated online by **January 31, 2012**. This can be done on the Administrative Website as well.



Paul Nickerson



February 25-26, 2012

Children's Home

1001 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem

Paul Nickerson, a senior associate of Griffith Coaching, offers a variety of consulting services for your Middle Judicatory or local congregation. Paul has more than 29 years of experience as a local pastor, judicatory leader and church consultant.

How to Get More Members for Your Church (also known as the Turn-Around Boot Camp) is an event designed for the Senior Pastor or Pastor-in-Charge of a church and three to nine lay leaders in the church. It provides practical help about the best practices of healthy, growing churches. You will come away from this event with an action plan about how to bring new people into your church in new and fruitful ways..

Register at: <https://www.cvent.com/events/how-to-get-more-members-for-your-church-turn-around-boot-camp-/registration>

How to Develop Tippers Into Tithers

Also led by Paul Nickerson, this workshop is for church teams of pastors and 3 members of finance and stewardship. **February 4, 2012, 2pm—5:30pm, Assurance UMC, Huntersville.**

This workshop will help church teams learn principles in giving, re-thinking motives for giving, re-thinking the Stewardship Letter and helping people grow in their giving.

Registration costs \$100 per **church team of 4.**

Cost includes all materials and a copy of "Turning Tippers into Tithers." Deadline to register is January 20.

Register at <http://bit.ly/nf/dy2t>



*"We are
the Dream."*



**WNCC Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
"We Are the Dream"
Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Charlotte, N.C., Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 - The Office of Discipleship Ministry, in partnership with the WNCC Black Methodists for Church Renewal, invite youth and adults from all walks of life, as well as different backgrounds, to celebrate the life and achievements of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who shared his "dream" with the world. Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster is the featured speaker.

The celebration will be held in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel at [Bennett College for Women](#), 900 E. Washington St., Greensboro. In addition to worship, special music, cultural presentations and Holy Communion, this event features a Youth Essay Contest (submission deadline has passed). Group/Individual registration deadline: Jan. 11. Lunch will be provided and a donation of \$5/person will be collected during check-in. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 11.
[PDFs: [Flier](#) | [Bulletin Insert](#)]

Registration

Each participant/group must register and may use [online registration](#) or e-mail [Barbara Rouse](#).

Youth Essay Contest

It has been almost 50 years since Dr. King gave his famous "I have a dream" sermon, in 1963. All youth are encouraged to submit an original essay using the event theme, "We Are the Dream," as their subject. The submission deadline was Dec. 31.

First place winners will present their essays during the celebration on Jan. 14. All participants will receive certificates.



Annie
Merner
Pfeiffer
Chapel

Lands of the Bible Cruise



Bishop Larry Goodpaster will lead a 13-day faith-based cruise, "Lands of the Bible", with departure on November 9, 2012. We invite you to join pastors and laity from sister churches throughout Western North Carolina for this exciting adventure. With only a year left before departure, a number of persons have already indicated their plans to participate. Let us know of your interest and a descriptive brochure will be sent to you detailing the cruise and land excursions. After our flight to Rome, we

Norwegian Jade Cruise Ship

will board the Norwegian Jade, a 2400 passenger, fully equipped cruise ship. As we trace a number of our biblical roots, shore explorations will include Alanya and Perga, Turkey; Limassol, Cyprus; the Galilee and Jerusalem regions of Israel; Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt. Pre and Post-tours are available to Rome and additional sites in Italy. Land travel will be by deluxe motor coach. Qualified and experienced guides will lead these excursions. In addition to a large number of shipboard activities, passengers will have the opportunity to attend lectures by both Bishop Larry

Goodpaster and Dr. Bob Tuttle. Prices begin at \$3596 from Charlotte (Asheville, Atlanta and Greensboro departures slightly higher). This all-inclusive price includes: international air fare, air fuel surcharges, cruise ship cabin and meals, guided shore excursions, port charges/taxes and administration fees. Trip insurance is available at additional cost for any who wish to purchase it. Brochures with complete details are available by contacting your district office or from Dr. Thomas R. Sigmon, project coordinator (704-362-2398 or trsigmon@carolina.rr.com)

"We invite pastors and laity from WNCC to join the Bishop on a faith-based cruise."

Standard Mileage

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2012 standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes. The WNCC follows these

guidelines in determining rates.

- 55.5 cents per mile for business miles driven.
- 23 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- 14 cents per mile driven

in service of charitable organizations. The rate for business miles driven is unchanged. The medical and moving rate has been



2012 Standard Mileage Rate

Volunteers in Mission



Guatemala Stove and Water Filter project

“The WNCC was one of the pioneers in the VIM movement.”

The Volunteers in Mission Building Teams Program of the WNCC is providing opportunities for person to offer their building skills and talents to be used for Christian service in a variety of locations throughout the world. The Volunteers in Mission Building Teams Program is well suited to enable committed Christian persons to share their love and talent to help meet urgent needs in many places and in various circumstances. The program meets the needs of those persons who want “hands-on” involvement—the kind that gives a direct, personal involvement and participation in mission work. The WNCC was one of the pioneers in the VIM movement, sending its first team of lay and clergy to San Juan, Puerto Rico in order to build a church, in 1963. In the current year,

hundreds of persons went on dozens of teams to many countries in order to be faithful witnesses of Christ and The United Methodist Church.

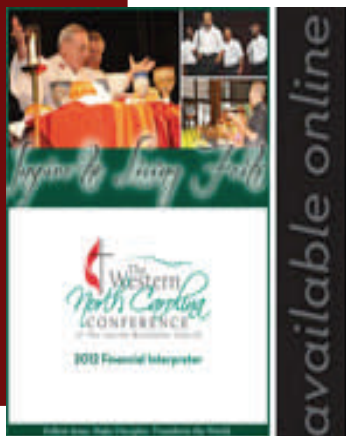
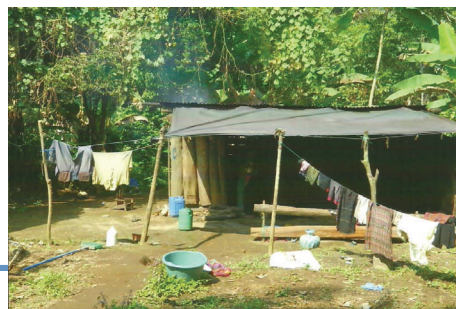
The Building Teams program used some of the funds provided through the conference to encourage and support local church teams. Those teams provided concrete floors in the kitchens, whitewashed kitchen walls, stoves, water filters, de-wormer and multivitamins to 150 Guatemalan families. The teams need \$300 per Guatemalan family served. They raise money by asking for family sponsorships. To make it personal the team presents the Guatemalan family with a picture of the sponsor and brings back a picture of the Guatemalan

family for the sponsor.

Life is difficult in these villages in Guatemala. The people are warm and loving. They are appreciative for all of those responding to God’s call to serve, whether serving on teams, donating funds or offering prayers. .

To learn more about the Guatemala stove and water filter project (as depicted in the photos) please go to <http://oakridgeumc.org/outreach/ministries/120-changing-lives-in-guatemala.html>.

To learn more about VIM Building Teams, please go to www.wnccumc.org/vim/bgt-BuildingTeams.html



Financial Interpreter Available Online

Financial Interpreter

The 2012 *Financial Interpreter* is now available online. This valuable tool, produced annually by the Office of Treasury and Administrative Services, will assist congregations in understanding the 2012 Annual Conference Budget, as well as connecting their ministry to larger picture of our connectional church.

[Jennifer Burton](#) is Conference Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services, 704.535.2260 or 800.562.7929 x127.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

PREACHER'S KID WEEKEND

join us at Camp Carolwood in Lenoir for
WNCC's PK Weekend

A time for you to...

- ...meet other preacher's kids**
- ...ask all your unanswered questions**
- ...meet the Bishop**
- ...have fun & be yourself**
- ...learn things about the church**

2 Weekends this year

FEBRUARY 19-21, 2012

For preacher's kids grades 9-12

FEBRUARY 24-26, 2012

For preacher's kids Ages 10 - 8th Grade

just for preacher's kids

Questions? **(704) 873-6162**



Annual Conference

June 20-24, 2012

General Conference 2012

April 24 - May 4, 2012

Website:

www.gc2012.umc.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/gc2012

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www.twitter.com/gc2012

The United Methodist Church:

www.umc.org



WNCC Conference Offerings

January 15	Human Relations Day
March 18	One Great Hour of Sharing
April 22	Native American Awareness
June 3	Peace with Justice
October 7	World Communion Sunday
November 25	UM Student Day

Sundays

General Church Offerings

April 15	Project Agape
Choice	Golden Cross
May 13	Mother's Day Offering
June 17	UMAR
August 26	Disciple Bible
Sept 16	Children Home

Special

Calendar

January

- 17-20 DS Consultation, St. Simon's Island, GA
- 25 Superintendency Committee meeting with Bishop, 6:30pm
- 28 Connectional Table Meeting
- 29 DLC Vitality Rally, Jackson Park UMC, 2pm—5pm
- 30 District Clergy Meeting, China Grove 1st UMC, 9:30am—lunch
- 31 Statistical Reports due to be completed online

February

- 6-8 Cabinet, St. Simon's Island
- 9 Mission to Ministers, Myers Park UMC, Charlotte
- 10 Conference Committee on Nominations, Conf Office
- 13 Local Pastor Gathering, District Office, 7pm
- 20 District Committee Ordained Ministry Interviews, Dist Office, 8:30am
- 27 District Committee Ordained Ministry Interviews, Dist Office, 8:30am

March

- 5-7 Spirited Life Workshop, Ridgecrest
- 12-16 Cabinet Meeting, Gastonia
- 19 Clergy Meeting, China Grove 1st UMC, 9:30am—lunch
- 24 Lay Speaker Training, (First Session) Trinity UMC, Kannapolis, 9am—4pm
- 25 Lay Speaker Training, (Second Session) Trinity UMC, Kannapolis, 9am—4pm

