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2010 SHARED MINISTRIES APPORTIONMENT PAYOUT (FINAL)

I want to thank everyone who worked hard in our district to help us meet our shared ministry obligations.

Shared Ministry Apportionment Payout			2010 Conference Apportionment Payout by District		
	%	Inc.	District	Percent	Increase
• District Budget Apportionment Payout:	99.0%	+2%	Southwest	95.2%	4.2%
• Our District Churches Percent Paid of Conference Apportionment:	93.5%	+1%	North	95.2%	0.6%
			Southeast	93.5%	0.8%
			Northwest	92.5%	-2.0%
			South Central	92.1%	-0.9%
			Northeast	89.7%	-1.3%
			Conf. Total	89.2%	-0.8%
			North Central	87.5%	4.5%
			Central	83.5%	-8.0%
			West	79.3%	3.7%

BEAR CREEK CAMP UPDATE

Only Four Cabins Remain in Need of Renovation Sponsors!

Last year the camp trustees used funds to renovate two cabins and let us see how wonderful the improvements were. At District Conference the superintendent challenged, individuals, churches, or clusters of churches to sponsor the renovations of a cabin. Each cabin needs at least \$5,000 to provide new bunks, mattresses, and floor.

- The superintendent and spouse sponsored a cabin.
- Pine Bluff, First met the challenge.
- First Church, Brinkley came forward with a generous check.
- An anonymous donor from Arkansas County accepted the challenge!

Six cabins down, just four more cabins to go! Can you help?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
WINTER EXECUTIVE MEETING AND OFFICER TRAINING

Good Faith-Carr United Methodist Church
I-530 and Highway 79 South (Exit 39)
Pine Bluff, AR 71603
Saturday, February 5th, 2011
9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Registration and Fellowship	9:30 am
Call to Order	10:00 am
Officer Training	11:15 am
Lunch	12:30 pm

Please encourage all local unit officers to attend so they can meet with their district counterparts. Updated information and reporting forms will be shared during the officer training.

Local Unit Presidents, please bring a report of your unit's plan for 2011 (two copies please). If you have not previously turned in a list of your officers, please bring two copies of that also.

A nursery will be provided if you RSVP that one is needed.

We need to know how many lunches to prepare, if childcare is needed, and how many will attend officer training. PLEASE RSVP to CAROLYN WEBB at 870-267-7174 (leave a message on the recorder if Carolyn does not answer) or harold-webb@sbcglobal.net with this information:

Do you plan to attend?
Do you need childcare? How many? What age?
Which local unit office do you hold?

2011 VERITAS
(Conference Youth Event)

Date: February 25 - February 27
Location: Hot Springs Convention Center

Veritas 2011, an event sponsored by the Arkansas Conference and the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries (ACCYM), is open to all youth entering grades 7-12 for the upcoming school year.

To register online go to www.arumc.org/register. To print a registration form and medical release forms go to www.arumc.org/veritas. For more information, contact Michelle Moore (501) 329-3801 ext. 235 or mmoore@conwayfumc.org.

Registration: \$55.00

**ARKANSAS COURSE OF STUDY
AT HENDRIX COLLEGE
Spring 2011 Session**

Registration deadline: Must be in our office
no later than February 4th.

Dates: March 12, April 9, May 21
Registration Fee: \$50.00 (paid by District)



**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

8 Carolyn Doering
15 Bill Ferguson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CLERGY SPOUSE RETREAT

March 25, 2011– March 27, 2011
Mount Eagle Retreat Center

Yes, our superintendent's spouse, Denise, is already registered and excited about attending. This event is for all spouses of Arkansas Conference clergy members. Join special guest Sister Macrina Weidekehr as she leads Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully through the Hours of the Day. For more information and to register, click on the following link: [SpouseRetreat2011.pdf](#) or contact Lu Harding at Mount Eagle Retreat Center.

CONFIRMATION DAY WITH THE BISHOP

CONFIRMATION DAY with Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield will be
Saturday, March 12, 2011.

MCGEHEE FIRST UMC SEEKING MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST

First United Methodist Church of McGehee is now accepting resumes for church music director/organist. Instrument is a two manual Rodgers electronic organ; duties include choral rehearsal, Sunday worship, and seasonal services. Contact Michael Littlefield at 870-222-3400 or email littlefieldm@yahoo.com.

VITAL SIGNS - 2011

Focus on Imagine Ministry with Additional Workshops

April 16, 2011
1st United Methodist Church - North Little Rock

Training for Pastors and Local Church Leaders; Keynote Speaker Dr. Gil Rendle. Please mark this date on your calendar. Brochures and registration forms were handed out to each pastor at their consultation with the District Superintendent. For more information or brochures, please contact the district office.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR AT-LARGE DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our District Leadership Team will meet near the end of February to select the At-Large Delegates that each district is required to send to Annual Conference in June. If you would like to nominate names for any of these positions, please contact the district office by February 15th with their name, contact information and the category at which they are being nominated for. We will take those that are nominated to the district leadership team meeting and select from them first. We will contact any who are chosen directly to see if they are willing and able to serve.

This year we need to appoint eleven (11) delegates:

- 9 can be of any age, race or gender;
- 1 youth between the age of 12-17; and
- 1 young adult between the age of 18-30.

Cost Consideration: The district will provide up to \$250.00 per at-large delegate to help offset the cost of annual conference. Since annual conference costs more than what the district can reimburse that may be a factor in who you choose to nominate.

Year End Reports

Thanks to all Churches for their diligence in sending in their end of the year reports by the deadline imposed by the Annual Conference. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

APPOINTMENT MATTERS!

Yes, our appointments do matter. It is that time of the year when clergy and churches consult with the superintendents about gifts, abilities, needs, and effectiveness. It is a time when rumors are half way around the world before the truth can get its pants on. A few thoughts as we near March Madness:

- The bishop and cabinet do not see themselves as “clergy agents” who find jobs for clergy. We see ourselves increasingly as “matchmakers” for the kingdom. We do not represent the pastor or the church, yet we want the best for both. Naturally, we strongly desire with God’s help to put pastors and churches together with the right chemistry to “share Christ, grow disciples, and heal hurts.”
- If you are generally happy with your appointments from year to year, you are likely to be happy the next one as well. Conversely, if you have generally been unhappy with your appointments...
- If your hobby is the Kitchen Cabinet, and you like to speculate on appointments, remember that you are playing with matches. People sometimes get burned with rumors. On the cabinet we are very aware that careers and families and congregations are at stake. Do not call someone and tell them you heard they might be going to First Church Big Town. It only sets them up for a huge let down. If they are going, I am sure that will let you know as soon as they can, without your prompting!