

Former United Methodist Missionary to Lead United Methodist Committee on Relief

By Melissa Hinnen



The Rev. Honeycutt served as director of Global Ministries, including serving on UMCOR's board for eight years. She says, "Everything that UMCOR does is possible because of the faithfulness of people in the local church." Honeycutt will head up the agency's relief and development unit on an interim basis, effective September 16.

Courtesy of the Rev. Dr. Denise Honeycutt

The Rev. Dr. Denise Honeycutt, a pastor from Virginia and former Global Ministries missionary who has a background in the local church, global mission, and theological education has been nominated by the personnel com-

mittee of the General Board of Global Ministries to serve as the new deputy general secretary of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

The action is subject to the affirmative vote of the full board of directors at the end of October. In the meantime, Honeycutt has been appointed by Thomas Kemper, the general secretary (chief executive) of Global Ministries to head up the agency's relief and development unit on an interim basis, effective September 16.

Noting her eight years as a director of Global Ministries, including serving on the UMCOR board, Kemper said, "I have known Denise for many years, since the time she served as a missionary in Nigeria, sharing the simple life of the community in Bambari. I am excited to have her on our leadership team at Global Ministries as we work to be an expression of the worldwide mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church."

UMCOR is a major Protestant disaster relief and development organization and is part of the General Board of Global Ministries. It is well known for staying on the scene of disasters to help with long-term restoration of lives and communities. UMCOR, which operates internationally, often remains in a disaster area after most other humanitarian organizations have gone. In the United States, much of its efforts are

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The Battle to End Malaria Deaths in Africa by 2015

Every minute, malaria claims a life in Africa; but, malaria mortality rates are falling. Just a few short years ago, statistics showed a child died every 30 seconds of the mosquito-borne disease.

Malaria's impact has been cut in half. Insecticide-treated bed nets and community education are helping to reduce the incidence of malaria. Early diagnosis and treatment are helping to prevent deaths from the killer disease. Efforts to raise awareness are producing life-saving results. Still, the battle is only half won.

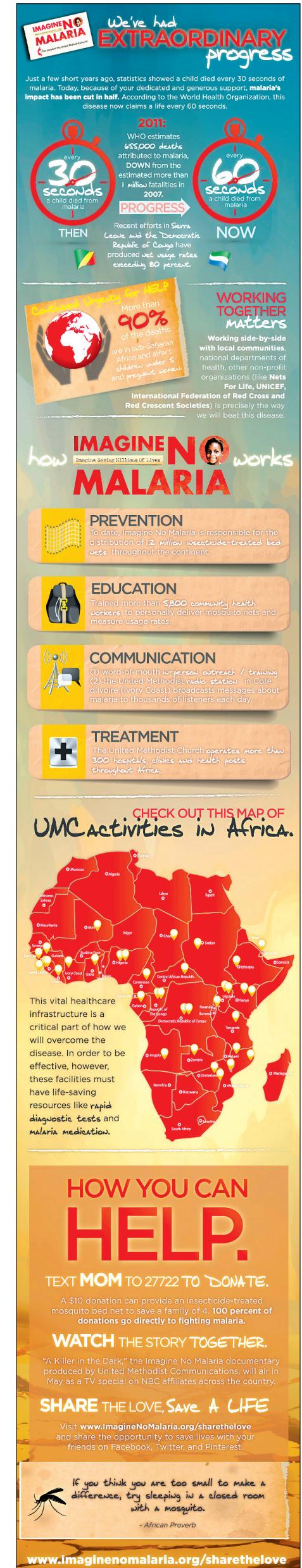
Imagine No Malaria, a campaign of The United Methodist Church, is dedicated to reducing death and suffering from this preventable and treatable disease by 2015. So far, we have raised more than \$31.2 million, trained more than 5,800 community health workers and distributed more than 1.2 million mosquito nets in Africa.

Let's take a closer look at the progress that has been made in the fight against this needless killer that takes about 655,000 lives each year. To put it into perspective, malaria claims populations larger than the size of U.S. cities like Boston, Seattle, Baltimore, Denver, Seattle and Washington, D.C. every year. Together, we can stop it.

Rev. Larry Hollon

United Methodist Communications

See a breakdown of progress and learn how to get involved by viewing the full infographic right.



We've had **EXTRAORDINARY** progress

Just a few short years ago, statistics showed a child died every 30 seconds of malaria. Today, because of your dedicated and generous support, malaria's impact has been cut in half. According to the World Health Organization, this disease now claims a life every 60 seconds.

2011: WHO estimates 655,000 deaths attributed to malaria, DOWN from the estimated more than 1 million fatalities in 2007. PROGRESS →

THEN Every 30 seconds a child died from malaria! **NOW** Every 60 seconds a child died from malaria!

Recent efforts in Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of Congo have produced net usage rates exceeding 80 percent.

WORKING TOGETHER matters

Working side-by-side with local communities, national departments of health, other non-profit organizations (like Nets For Life, UNICEF, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) is precisely the way we will beat this disease.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

PREVENTION To date, Imagine No Malaria is responsible for the distribution of 1.2 million insecticide-treated bed nets throughout the continent.

EDUCATION Trained more than 5,800 community health workers to personally deliver mosquito nets and measure usage rates.

COMMUNICATION (1) word-of-mouth interpersonal outreach / training (2) The United Methodist radio station in Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) broadcasts messages about malaria to thousands of listeners each day.

TREATMENT The United Methodist Church operates more than 300 hospitals, clinics and health posts throughout Africa.

CHECK OUT THIS MAP OF UMC Activities in Africa.

This vital healthcare infrastructure is a critical part of what we will overcome the disease. In order to be effective, however, these facilities must have life-saving resources like rapid diagnostic tests and malaria medication.

HOW YOU CAN HELP.

TEXT MOM TO 27722 TO DONATE. A \$10 donation can provide an insecticide-treated mosquito bed net to save a family of 4. 100 percent of donations go directly to fighting malaria.

WATCH THE STORY TOGETHER. "A Killer in the Dark," the Imagine No Malaria documentary produced by United Methodist Communications, will air in May as a TV special on NBC affiliates across the country.

SHARE THE LOVE, SAVE A LIFE Visit www.ImagineNoMalaria.org/sharethelove and share the opportunity to save lives with your friends on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito. - African Proverb

www.ImagineNoMalaria.org/sharethelove

Students of Respond, Inc. Volunteer Time and Talents at Bay Head Bistro

Throughout the turmoil and destruction of Superstorm Sandy, St. Paul's Church in Bay Head, New Jersey has seen its Bay Head Bistro become a staple to the community that it serves. Even as the greater population begins to move forward in repairs and rebuilding, the Bay Head Bistro and its volunteers are still serving meals daily to all those in need.

When Dr. Wilbert Mitchell, Executive Director of Respond, Inc. in Camden, New Jersey heard of the needs in the communities affected by Sandy, he knew his students could help. According to its website, "Respond, Inc. is a voluntary, not for profit (501) (c) (3) agency created by community residents to enhance and promote the economic independence and general welfare of individuals and families residing in Camden City and county." One of the many training programs offered is in the field of culinary arts. Experienced chefs teach a small group of students everything they need to know about the food service industry, giving



Bishop John Schol and Dr. Wilbert Mitchell standing with volunteer servers at the Bay Head Bistro.

them the skills needed to have successful culinary careers.

Dr. Mitchell and his staff also emphasize the need to give back to the community through their programs. When asked why he wanted to bring his students, Dr. Mitchell replied, "It's important that they understand what it is to give back to the people in need. They've been given an opportunity and they need to know what it feels like to be the ones giving back to others."

So, on Saturday, April 13th, Dr. Mitchell brought his students and teachers to the Bay Head Bistro to serve dinner. Bishop John Schol joined diners at the special meal, giving the blessing and then sitting to eat and hear the stories of those still trying to find their way in the relief and recovery process of Superstorm Sandy. Students had made an assortment of gourmet food and desserts, ranging from meatloaf to pasta to delicious chocolate chip cookies. They paid special attention to everyone who came through the buffet line, making sure they had everything they needed to enjoy the special meal prepared for them. The diners all said how wonderful the food was and even more so, how delightful the young chefs in training were to interact with.



A warm smile is on the menu as those in need are served a nutritious meal.

UM Committee on Relief

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coordinated through United Methodist annual conference disaster networks.

A Heart for Connectional Mission

A number of years after being ordained in the Virginia Annual Conference, Honeycutt and her husband, the Rev. Pat Watkins, answered a call to missionary service. They were appointed to a remote village in Bambar, Nigeria, where Honeycutt taught Biblical studies and theology at Banyam Theological Seminary and Watkins taught vocational training for mechanics.

Recalling their service as the "hardest best years of our lives," Honeycutt says that as the only missionaries in the immediate area, they were able to truly become part of the community. "I learned so much from the people about what it means to be financially impoverished but spiritually rich." She continued, "One of the gifts of the United Methodist connection is that mission doesn't just go one way. The community in Bambar filled our lives with so much love and joy."

Explaining the impact of UMCOR kits, Honeycutt told the story of sitting on her porch one evening in Bambar. She heard people chanting and realized they were saying, "The kits are coming. The kits are coming." The next day a big truck pulled up to the elementary school and each child received a school kit.

"I had always been part of putting kits together in the local church," Honeycutt said. "But this was the first time I experienced the joy of what it meant for a child to receive one. The children were amazed — so thrilled to have their own schoolbag, full of supplies."

One Mission: God's Mission

After training one of the local seminary students to replace her position in Nigeria, Honeycutt and Watkins returned to the US. In her role as a mission interpreter in residence for the Southeastern Jurisdiction and later as the director of mission and global justice for the Virginia Annual Conference, Honeycutt continued to engage in connecting missionaries with local churches and sharing the work that United Methodists are doing through UMCOR.

"Everything that UMCOR does is possible because of the faithfulness of people in the local church," Honeycutt said. "United Methodists in Virginia, Nebraska, California, and around the world love Jesus, give to the One Great Hour of Sharing, and create kits to distribute in disasters. UMCOR and Global Ministries are extensions of the work they are doing to live out God's mission."

Kemper expressed appreciation for her connectional experience and expertise saying, "Denise brings the experience of the worldwide church, both as a missionary and a conference leader for mission and global justice, and comes to us now as the lead pas-

tor of a large church in the Virginia Annual Conference."

Honeycutt's current appointment is at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Fairfax, VA, a church, she said, that has a wonderful congregation that loves mission. While she was not looking for a reason to leave, Honeycutt told her congregation, "When I was in college I put an index card on my mirror with the word 'yes,' which represented my stance in life toward God." This openness, she said, has freed her to be available for how God will use her. "It is amazing how God uses ordinary people to do God's good work. Every day I pray that I will live today so that I'll be ready for whatever comes tomorrow."

Passionate, Enthusiastic, Follower of Jesus Christ

The granddaughter and great granddaughter of Baptist pastors in North Carolina, Honeycutt first felt called to mission at nine years old. She knew she wanted to give her whole life to God and made a covenant that if God "kept the joy and excitement for ministry alive in me, then I would take that as a sign that God wanted me to continue working for God's mission, grounded in Christ, lived out in relationships." And she noted, "Joy has been a constant companion in my ministry."

After receiving a bachelor of arts in religion and education from Campbell University, Honeycutt studied at the University of Wales, where she earned a bachelor of divinity and for the first time met a woman pastor.

While she had been ordained in the Baptist Church, there was no place for her to serve as a pastor, and she felt "theologically called to a new church home." It was through her experience as a hospital chaplain at Duke University Medical Center that she began to immerse herself in The United Methodist Church.

She was ordained as a United Methodist deacon in 1989 and an elder in 1991 in the Virginia Annual Conference. Her husband, Pat is also a United Methodist pastor and currently is a United Methodist Church and Community worker serving as executive director of Caretakers of God's Creation.

In 2007, Honeycutt received a doctor of ministries from Wesley Seminary. Her dissertation was on the topic of "Transformational Mission, Biblical Hospitality, and the Evacuees of Hurricane Katrina."

A district superintendent once introduced Honeycutt as a passionate, enthusiastic, follower of Jesus Christ. UMCOR President Bishop Hee-Soo Jung of Wisconsin agrees. "Her enthusiasm for mission is contagious, and she will be a wonderful face and voice for UMCOR in the United States and around the world."

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CUMAC Staff Grows

This summer CUMAC will add two exceptional candidates to its executive staff, Rev. Jonathan Campbell as Operations Director and Deaconess Mollie James Vickery as Outreach Specialist. Both will complement CUMAC's mission by bringing, along with diverse and impressive backgrounds, a deep commitment to service in action and helping those most in need.

Vickery began her professional life in Mississippi as a special education teacher, using her Master's of Education degree to instruct children with physical and intellectual disabilities. After twelve years of teaching, she moved on to nonprofit work, becoming the Executive Director of the Edwards Street Fellowship Center in Mississippi. Similar to CUMAC, the organization serves vulnerable individuals living in an impoverished community. There, she supervised the operations of a pantry and community garden and even opened up a Thrift Store to supplement the center's funds. When Vickery came across CUMAC's job listing on the New Jersey Annual Conference Website she said that she felt CUMAC would be a perfect fit, explaining that as a United Methodist Deaconess, she has, "a unique calling to ministries of love, justice, and service to those who live on the margins of society." She contin-

ued that she feels "particularly called to work with social justice issues surrounding hunger and food insecurity."

Encouraging affordable housing options, workforce development and advocating for rights for those with disabilities have been concerns of Campbell's since graduating with honors from Princeton Theological Seminary with Master's Degrees in Divinity and Theology. He is an ordained elder in the GNJAC and says he, "believes strongly that Christ has called his followers to work with those in poverty and work to build up the Kingdom of God," and that, "the Church is called to create communities founded on the principles of Acts 4." Not only is Campbell excited to support and grow CUMAC's mission of feeding people and changing lives in Paterson and beyond, he said he also hopes to help members of GNJAC become involved in CUMAC's work, further strengthening themselves as disciples.

Just completing a record breaking 5 months, where over 15,000 hungry individuals were fed, CUMAC's staff is eager to get to know and work with these two emerging leaders. Vickery and Campbell will be instrumental in widening CUMAC's capacity to minister to the growing needs of the poor and hungry.

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Did you know the communications coordinator published the GNJ Digest, an electronic newsletter, several times each week? Each week there are multiple editions full of Announcements, Events, Celebrations, National News and Conference Calendar Updates. There are also special letters from the Bishop and notifications of deaths among members of the Annual Conference. If you are not currently on our e-mail list and would like to be, please send your request to join our list to communications@gnjumc.org.

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Civil rights icon joins Mississippi church to remember

DUMAS, Miss. (UMNS) — Mount Zion United Methodist Church members gathered recently to recognize the 49th anniversary of the slaying of three civil right workers who went to Mississippi in 1964 to help African Americans register to vote. The three young men went to the church to talk with local community members who had been attacked by the Ku Klux Klan. The three were reported missing soon after. James Meredith, the first African American to attend the University of Mississippi, joined the anniversary gathering.

United Methodist student loans available

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMNS) — The United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry is now accepting applications for student loans for the fall 2013 semester. Discounts are available for those attending United Methodist-related colleges and universities.

'Happy Birthday' song has Methodist connection

WASHINGTON (UMNS) — Just about everyone knows the song "Happy Birthday," but you rarely hear it on TV shows. That's because the song still is under copyright protection. A federal lawsuit is trying to change that, and a key piece of evidence in the case is a 1911 version of the song published by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Call for logo submissions

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (UMNS) — Calling all people with an artistic bent. The World Methodist Council is accepting submissions for the official logo for the 21st World Methodist Conference, which will be in September 2016 in Houston. The winning entry will receive \$500. The conference theme is "One." All entries must be received by July 22 this year.

Insurance for VIMS transitioning

NEW YORK (UMNS) — Mission Volunteers and the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries strongly urge that no UMVIM group or individual, regardless of the type of volunteer work they do, engage in any domestic or international mission volunteer work without securing insurance coverage. The board's Mission Volunteers Office has offered accident insurance for many years but, effective January 2014, the office will transition all insurance to three jurisdictional offices.

Heifer offers United Methodist resources

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UMNS) — Heifer International, a global nonprofit leader of sustainable agricultural development, is strengthening its connection with United Methodist congregations. New online resources include church bulletins, posters, program curriculum, ideas for alternative mission trips and contact information for Heifer's regional staff.

Methodist schools group to meet in Hiroshima

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMNS) — The International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges and Universities will meet at Hiroshima University in Japan May 24-28, 2014. "Peace, Justice and Human Rights" will be the conference theme, says Young Min Paik, general education director, Asian Office, Methodist Global Education Fund for Leadership Development.

'Moral Mondays' in North Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (UMNS) — Both United Methodist bishops in North Carolina have signed a joint statement with Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic leaders urging the state legislature not to make drastic cuts in programs, such as Medicaid, that help the most vulnerable in society. People have been gathering on Monday evenings in the state's capital to offer witness.

Faith leaders to lobby for immigration reform

WASHINGTON (UMNS) — Pastors, nuns, rabbis and lay leaders from 16 states gathered for an interfaith prayer service at 9 a.m. June 18 on the West Front Lawn of the U.S. Capitol to call on the Senate to pass immigration reform bill S.744. "We are here in Washington, D.C., to ensure the final bill is consistent with the American values of freedom, opportunity and compassion for all," said the Rev. Dean Reed of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Arlington, Texas. Reed, executive director of Justice For Our Neighbors in Dallas, spoke at the event.

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The mission of the *United Methodist Relay* is to provide print communication to the leadership and membership, clergy and lay, of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. It shall be a vehicle to tell the church's story and a forum for the exchange of ideas regarding Christian Faith and Practice.

In fulfillment of this mission, its purpose is:

- to inform the readership of events and resources at local, district conference, area and denominational levels
- to promote the mission of the annual conference, the area, and the general church
- to invite discussion of and response to important and controversial key issues facing the church
- to encourage readers to grow in their commitment to diversity and inclusiveness in church and society
- to inspire readers to grow in their faith and commitment to Christ and the Church

In pursuit of this mission and purpose, we will endeavor to be:
Accurate * Informative * Interesting * Stimulating * Motivating * And sometimes, Provocative.

Stewardship Stories

By Rich Hendrickson
Coordinator of Stewardship Education
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Don't Be Shy...

Pat Springle, in her essay, *The Genesis of Generosity*, makes the observation that "a growing number of church leaders today are taking bold steps to help their people become truly generous." Leaders that teach, preach, celebrate, and model the idea that giving is much more than financial stewardship and tithing. As these leaders preach, teach, and model generosity as a way of life in their ministry setting changes are happening in the churches, agencies, and institutions to which they are connected. Churches that are becoming known for their generosity are moving away from a campaign mentality that focuses on giving primarily in response to needs like building programs or church budgets. Instead they are creating an atmosphere or culture which stewardship is not a program they run but rather, an honest expression of who they are as the church of Jesus Christ.

Senior Pastor Brian Tome, of Crossroads Church in Cincinnati, OH puts it this way, "By not talking about God's perspective on money and possessions, we condition people to become consumers instead of givers. We wanted to communicate with our parishioners that we're not here just to fund our local church ministry. We're part of a revolution God initiated to change the world." Friends, the "revolution" begins with each and every one of us being a blessing to the people around us — and eventually, being a blessing to people around the world. Generosity is not a program — it's a way of life. Being a blessing should be a passion that inspires everything we are, everything we say, and everything we do. Pastor Brian works with this theology, "We unapologetically present giving opportunities to our congregation. We're happy to give everybody the opportunity to have an impact on the world."



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Skylands Emmaus Community to Sponsor 2nd Spanish Walk to Emmaus

In the month of September 2013, Hispanics/Latinos in the GNJAC will have, once again, an opportunity to participate in the Walk to Emmaus retreat in Spanish right at home in New Jersey. The retreat, which will take place during the weekends of September 5-8 (men) and September 19-22 (women), is being organized by the emerging Hispanic/Latino Emmaus community in New Jersey, with the sponsorship and support of the Skylands Emmaus Community of New Jersey and the support of the Hispanic/Latino Committee of the conference.

"We are excited about the opportunity to provide this discipleship tool to our Hispanic/Latino community in the conference," said Waleska Trinidad, Lay Director of the emerging Hispanic Community. "The Walk to Emmaus experience is transformative. After the weekend retreat, participants are empowered to live out their faith in their local churches and communities with a renewed sense of God's grace and mission for the church," she added.

The first Spanish language Walk to Emmaus in New Jersey was made possible last fall, thanks to a joint effort of the Garden State and Skylands Emmaus communities and the GNJAC Hispanic/Latino Committee. Today, more than 50 Hispanic/Latinos are part of the emerging community and it is already having a positive impact in local churches and other conference ministries. "The Emmaus experience provides a unique space for people to explore their faith, grow in their understanding of God's grace and the beauty of living a purposeful discipleship life through service and ministry in the local congregation," explained Rev. Manuel Sardiñas, Spiritual Director of the emerging community. "The stories of transformation have not stopped since the first walk. During our follow up gatherings, people express the positive impact the Walk to Emmaus retreat has had in their journeys as disciples of Jesus Christ," Pastor Sardiñas added.

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed through other believers. Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. For more information on the upcoming Spanish Walk, or to register, contact Waleska Trinidad via email at: WaleskaTrinidad@aol.com

Awards Celebrated at Annual Conference

During Friday's Celebration Luncheon, nine awards were presented to honor the recipients for outstanding ministry.

Each year at Annual Conference Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns presents two awards in recognition of outstanding service to those who strive to partner with persons of faith who are not United Methodists and participate in interfaith ministry. The 2013 recipients of the Christian Unity Awards are: Litsa Binder from Sparta United Methodist Church and Rev. Linda Applegate of Lacey United Methodist Church.

The Denman Awards are a part of the Foundation for Evangelism. Each year the awards are presented to one adult clergy, one adult laity and one youth who have demonstrated outstanding evangelism ministry. This year's recipients are:

Clergy Award: Rev. Han Seung Koh of First Korean Church of Cherry Hill, NJ

Youth Award: Brooke Ann Boetticher of Hurdtown United Methodist Church, Lake Hopatcong, NJ

The Laity Award was awarded to Nicole Troast of Central United Methodist Church, Linwood, NJ

The Francis Asbury Award was

given to Rev. Myung Sun Han of the United Methodist Church of Gladstone. According to the nomination form, the award is given to someone who "has made a significant contribution to fostering the church's ministries in higher education at the local, district, or annual conference level of the church."

The Harry A. Seese Memorial Scholarship was presented to Rev. James A. Keeton, Jr. of Parkside United Methodist Church, Camden, NJ. This award is given to a pastor "whose plans for continuing education have led to strengthening his/her ministry in the local church." The scholarship is in

honor of Rev. Harry A. Seese, is guided by his widow, Rose Seese, and supported by ongoing gifts.

The Robert B. Steelman Methodist History Award was awarded to Little Falls United Methodist Church, accepted by Rev. Donnie Mitchell and Mr. Peter Dewes. This award is presented by the GNJ Commission on Archives and History for outstanding local church histories.

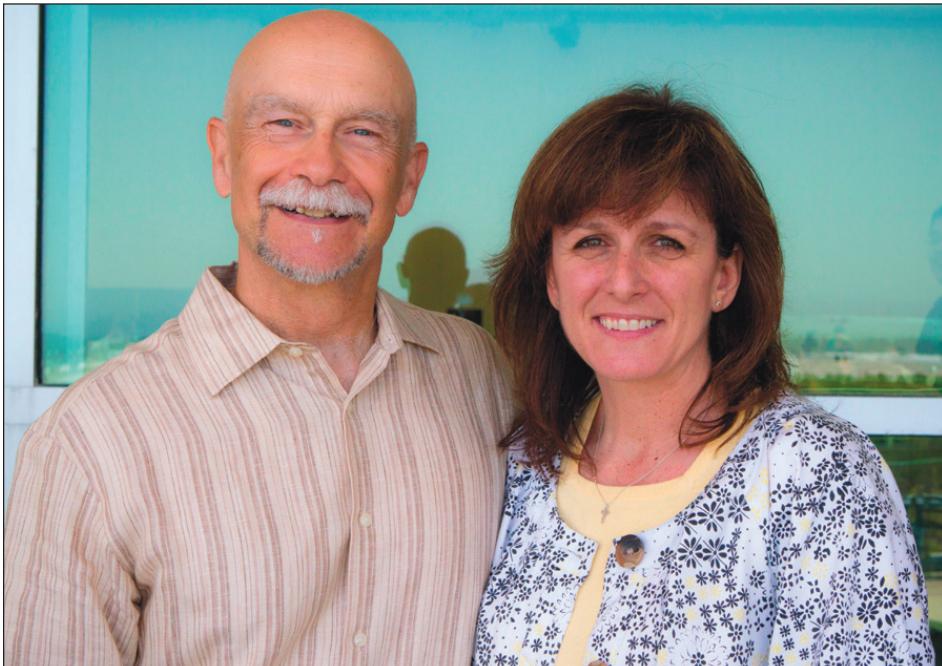
Look for the announcement of deadlines for nominations and applications for all of these awards throughout the upcoming year in *The Relay*, the GNJ Digest, and online at www.gnjumc.org.



Linda Applegate of the Lacey Church in the Northern Shore District
~ 2013 Christian Unity Award for Clergy ~



Litsa Binder of the Sparta Church in the Skylands District
~ 2013 Christian Unity Award for Laity ~



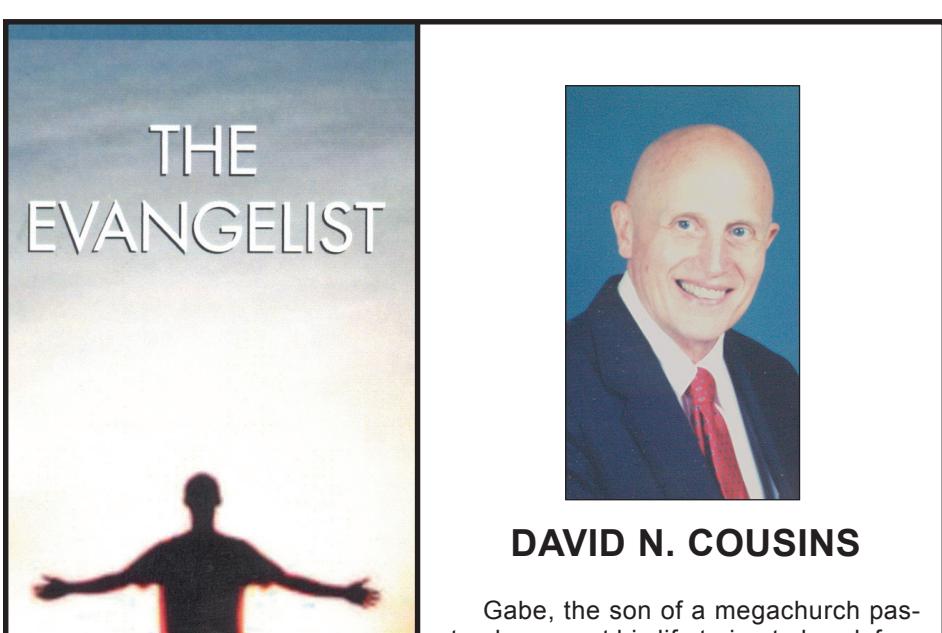
Nicole Troast of the Central United Methodist Church in the Cape Atlantic District
~ 2013 Denman Evangelism Award for Laity ~



Rev. Han Seung Koh of the First Korean Church in the Gateway South District
~ 2013 Denman Evangelism Clergy Award ~



Brooke Ann Boetticher of the Hurdtown United Methodist Church in the Skylands District
~ 2013 Denman Evangelism Youth Award ~



DAVID N. COUSINS

Gabe, the son of a megachurch pastor, has spent his life trying to break free from his father's expectation to be his successor. Through a twist of fate, Gabe finds himself hurled into a world of technology fraught with dangers that no one foresees. Robots are now in control and plot to destroy mankind and rule the world. His tekkie friend Ernie believes that Gabe is the only one to stop the madness. Ernie unwittingly traps Gabe in a series of catastrophic events that could destroy him and the world itself. Through this maelstrom of insanity, Gabe undergoes a spiritual transformation and discovers a depth of love he had always longed for, thanks to his mother's unwavering spirit.

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Rev. James Keeton, Jr. of the Parkside United Methodist Church in the Gateway South District
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DAVID N. COUSINS

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Lawnside Women Hold Transformational Retreat



The keynote speaker on Friday evening: Rev. Telley L. Gadson from St. Mark United Methodist Church in Sumter, SC.

The Mt. Zion Church, in Lawnside, hosted their Women's Fellowship Ministry's first Women's Conference on April 26 and 27, at Chews Church in Glendora. Two days of praise and worship, workshops, a keynote speaker and a guest pastor led to a rousing celebration on Sunday, April 28th at Mt. Zion.

The design team, consisting of five women, began meeting in September, 2012 to organize the event to support and encourage women. The theme of the conference, "A Women's Moment: A Time to Renew Spirit and Transform Mind and Body" seemed to say it all and fit perfectly with the text scripture, Romans 12:1-2. A few months later, a subcommittee was developed with a focus on praise and worship, altar ministry, promotion and publicity, hospitality and décor, registration, food services, sponsors and vendors. Said one member, "It was an amazing experience to see God's hand in every stage of the process."

Spirit-filled praise and worship was led by Selah, Harold O. Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA and a praise team from Mt. Zion.

All attendees were scheduled to participate in four workshops which were theme based: Spiritual Growth with Rev. Renee L. McCleary, former District Superintendent of the Skylands District; Financial and Debt Management with Rev. Spencer R. Rogers, Solid Rock Worship Center in Voorhees; Educational Development with Stephanie Duckworth, Director of the Educational Leadership Foundation of New Jersey; and Personal Development with Tiffany Rae Reid, author, radio show host and community educator.

The keynote speaker for the Saturday plenary was Rev. Sandy Callahan, of the Friendship Church in Monroeville, who amazed us with her responsiveness and rendering to the authority and prompting of the Holy Spirit, as she put aside her prepared message and followed His lead in bringing a relevant and inspirational message filled with energy and enthusiasm.

Rev. Telley L. Gadson, St. Mark Church, Sumter, South Carolina, delivered the first plenary, "My Place in God's Grace," on Friday evening and engaged all in a powerful, Spirit-filled healing and anointing service. On Saturday, in her own unique style, Rev. Gadson treated the attendees to another inspiring sermon: "Where You At?". Sunday found us in worship at Mt. Zion with Pastor Telley, our guest pastor, putting the finishing touch on an exciting and rejuvenating weekend experience with a reminder, "Don't Forget to Worship".

A summary of the evaluation surveys indicated spiritual, physical and emotional benefits with recommendations that the design team plan for future conferences. The planning has begun and the team looks forward to their next conference on April 25 and 26, 2014.

The design team offers many thanks and much appreciation to Pastor Douglas A. Goldsborough, Sr., Mt. Zion Church for all of his help, support and encouragement; Pastor Bill Wilson and Chews Church for sharing their facilities and staff, and all sponsors and vendors, especially Carolyn Dandridge, GBOD and Dr. Fred Allen, National Director SB-21, GBOD.



Conference Planning Team: Stephanie Fisher, Michele Bennett, Belinda Hall, First Lady Joann Goldsborough.

Westmont/Audubon Churches Hold Retreat

The fifth Annual Women's Retreat for the Westmont and Audubon churches was held on April 19th ~ April 21st at the Double Tree Resort (Willow Valley) in Lancaster, PA. This year's theme was, "Going Deeper and Rooted in Christ". Thirty one members and friends from both churches attended. Laity from each church led sessions with mini-messages & worship.



Rev. Anna E. Wright from the Westmont church led the main sessions that included times of deep discussion and reflection. Time was also allotted for leisure activities on Saturday afternoon. With the Holy Spirit as their guide, the participants once again had a wonderful and meaningful retreat. The women are anxious to return for their sixth annual retreat in April, 2014.

South Seaville Groundbreaking



The official one with: From Left to right - Jim Lindemon our architect, Jim Pickering the Chair of our Trustees, Dottie Wood our Lay Leader, Pastor Tom Perry, Mark Gibson the Chair of the rebuilding committee, Nick with Archetto Construction, our builder.

The South Seaville Church recently celebrated their groundbreaking two years after a fire burned the congregation's historic church to the ground. They are grateful for everyone's prayers and support. Pastor Tom Perry said, "We still need to raise about 10% of the total cost to build but with the Lord's help we will meet this goal and have our church construction paid off in time for our dedication on August 17th, 2014."



Some of the children in the church joining in the groundbreaking.

Haddonfield Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement

by Norma Whitcraft



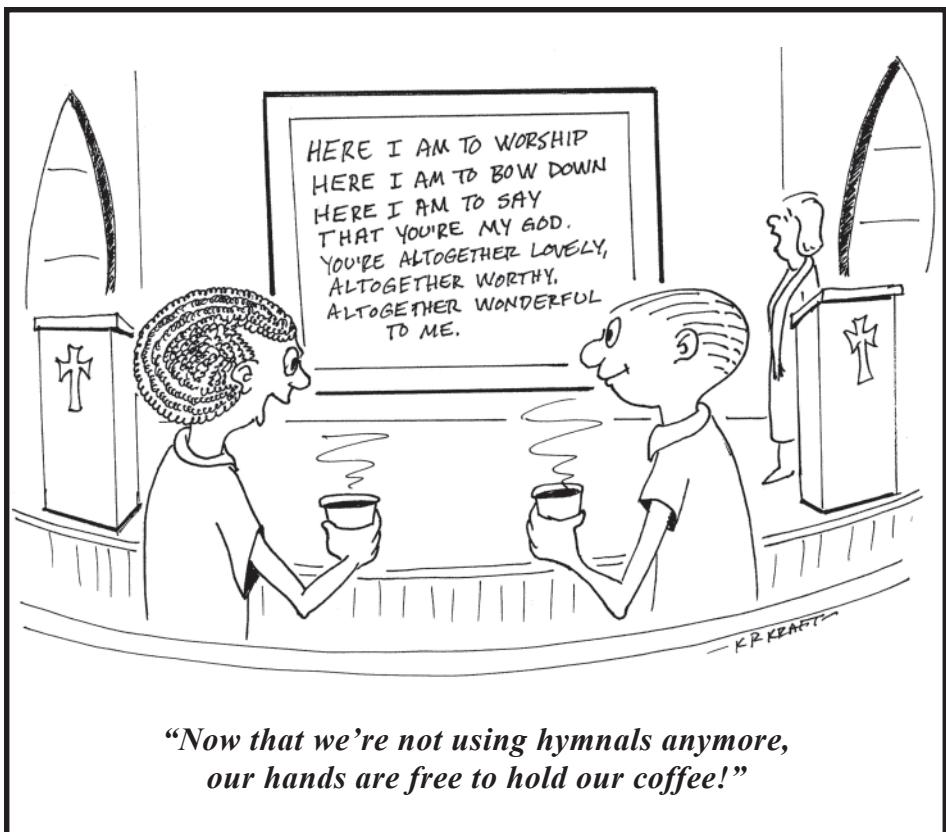
Two members of the Haddonfield team repair the soffit of a home near the Henderson Settlement.

From May 6th to the 10th, a team of twelve volunteers from the Haddonfield Church, traveled for the seventh time to Frakes KY, to do mission work at the Henderson Settlement. Team members had the opportunity to work in the greenhouse, library, thrift store, MIHOW, and the food pantry. In their time at Frakes, the team worked with the seniors and women's group, put up a new ceiling, remodeled a bathroom, screened in a porch and cut, counted and sorted Campbell Soup UPC's and box tops for education. "We were busy but it was not all work. We had morning devotions every day with all of the other work teams and evening programs three nights" said Norma Whitcraft, team organizer. "Rev. Bob Smyth led the communion service at closing worship," she added.

The mission team also had time to explore the area and visit local museums, and restaurants, and time to enjoy the beautiful scenery. One evening the ladies put on a silly fashion show for the husbands in the group. They borrowed clothes from the Thrift Store and let their imaginations flow to put together very creative outfits.

The opportunity also allowed the team from New Jersey to reconnect with other mission groups from Michigan and Ohio. They met a youth group from Michigan that expressed their desire to come to New Jersey to help people still struggling with the aftermath of Sandy – by the time the mission week was over they were already connected with the Conference's Sandy Relief team.

Henderson Settlement is a mission agency related to the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church within the Red Bird Missionary Conference. Reverend Hiram Frakes started a school there in 1925 to serve the children in the surrounding communities. Over the years the settlement has grown into a community center that provides resources to meet the basic needs of the families in the area. They have a farming area with cattle, greenhouses, gardens, and goats. Other ministries help with medical transportation, work on homes, young mothers with babies, youth programs, senior citizen programs, food pantry and a library. They depend on churches, volunteers and work camp teams to provide the labor and resources needed to support families in the area. To learn more about the ministries taking place at the Settlement visit online www.hendersonsettlement.com.



**THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE
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Frenchtown Lunch Program Raises Relief Funds

The Frenchtown Church's "**Tuesday Lunch Bunch**" has finished another successful year, providing more than 500 hot meals and raising nearly \$1500 for Sandy Relief, the Red Cross and more. Led by church members Debby Goff and Amy Hunt, volunteers prepare a hot lunch for area seniors on the first Tuesday of each month beginning in

October and running through June. Nearly all of the Frenchtown members participate as well as Marybeth Porter of the Pattenburg Church and Nancy Serrone of the Alexandria Presbyterian Church. While there is no charge for the lunch, donations are accepted and given to local non-profits.



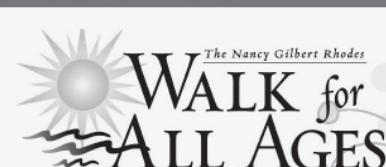
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Ask for the new 2013 catalogue of all Marcia's available music. Copies of all the music can be seen and purchased at the Hub. Larger orders will be quickly processed and, mailed to you or picked up at a later date.

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Historic Campmeeting Celebrates Milestone

Join the South Seaville Camp Meeting in its celebration of its 150th anniversary beginning Sunday, July 14, through Sunday, July 28 2013.

Members of the public are welcome to join the campers during two weeks of events to honor the founders and those who have given so much of themselves to maintain the South Seaville Camp Meeting since its inception in 1863.

Many events have been planned for the celebration, including daily bible studies, spiritual group exercise sessions, a renewal of wedding vows ceremony, hymn sings, special music performances and programs for youth through high school. A full day of women's activities is planned for July 25, featuring an arts and crafts festival, cottage tours, and shopping at the Little Acorn Shoppe. Child care will be provided for all events.

Evening services begin each night at 7:30 p.m. and will be led by various renowned pastors, including:

- Rev. Ted Osler, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Cape May Court House
- Rev. Robert Williams, general secretary of the general commission on archives and history for the United Methodist Church
- Rev. Michael Smith, pastor of the Tabernacle United Methodist Church in Erma, N.J.
- Jim Hughes, well known for bringing God's message in drama and song
- Rev. Rudy Sheptock, senior pastor of the Lighthouse Church of Cape May County
- Rev. Don Polk, senior pastor of Aldine United Methodist Church
- Rev. Dave Bailey, founder of Ranch Hope

Of special note, on July 19, an anniversary dinner will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo. Tony Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. Campolo is also one of the founders of the Red Letter Christian Movement.

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September 8 – Walk for All Ages

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OBITUARIES

PEDRO LEGUILLOW, husband of the Reverend Kathryn Avery, Full Elder of the Greater New Jersey Conference, died on Friday, June 14 in Burnet, Texas. Funeral arrangements are private. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Avery, PO Box 1135, Burnet, TX 78611-7135. Gifts may be sent to the A.S.P.C.A., 424 E. 92nd St., New York, NY 10128-6804, in Mr. Leguillow's memory.

ALMA JEAN CURTIN, wife of retired Greater New Jersey Conference Elder, the Reverend Carlton J. Curtin, died on Wednesday, May 8 in Maricopa, Arizona.

There will be a Memorial Service for her on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. in the Harmony Hill United Methodist Church (Stillwater), 919 Fairview Lake Road, Newton, NJ 07860.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Reverend Curtin, 46053 West Windmill Drive, Maricopa, AZ 85139-7082.

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Sandy Relief

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Working together we will build a future with hope as we repair homes and rebuild communities

7 Million



Imagine No Malaria

In Africa, a superstorm of malaria is ending the life of one person, usually a child, every sixty seconds. This epidemic is changing the social and faith landscape of the African continent. Death by malaria ended in the United States long ago and can be eliminated in Africa as well if we work together. Our efforts through Nothing But Nets, and with our global partners have already reduced the mortality rate but there is still much work to be done.

Working together we will build a future with hope as we help bring an end to deaths by malaria.

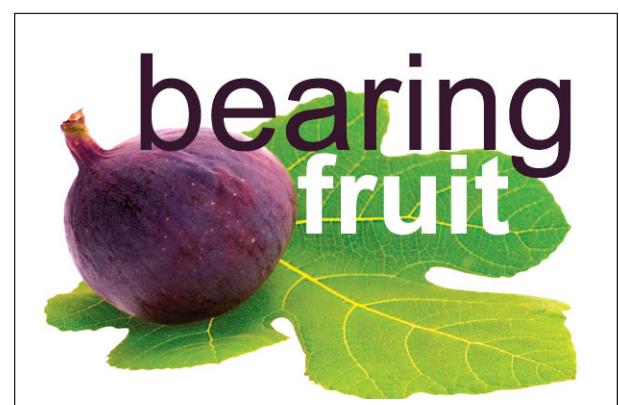
2 Million

Congregational Development

The numbers tell of another superstorm in our midst: the stiff winds of church decline. In the last ten years we have lost 20% of worshippers, and are making 34% less disciples. This is an unsustainable path that we must turn around. The good news is that we have many congregations throughout GNJ that are growing and many more that are right on the verge of growing. How will we help encourage, empower, and equip growth now and for the future?

Working together we will build a future with hope as we grow vital congregations across the GNJAC.

3 Million



What will we accomplish?

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- Train congregational leaders in the area of stewardship, small group leadership, Bible study, faith sharing, and mission engagement in the community.
- Assist congregations to grow worship, professions of faith, small groups, outreach, and giving to the community.
- Grow the number of vital congregations.

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- Provide Mission Fund consultants to work with congregational leaders to help identify mission goals and objectives and to assist in the campaign.