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Equipping GNJ Laity for Leadership

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NEPTUNE – Designed specifically and exclusively for GNJ laity, the annual Laity Leadership Academy which will be held on Sept. 9 at the Mission and Resource Center in Neptune is a “not to be missed event” according to Trey Wince, Director of New Disciples.

Wince will be leading one of six inspiring tracks at the day-long event to provide the tools and skills required for lay leaders, in concert with clergy leaders, to empower their churches for the challenges of the 21st century. Specifically, the Academy will provide expert assistance and guidance in aiding lay leaders in the critical areas of inspiring worship experiences, an evangelism church, social media ministry, older adult ministry, website development and liturgical praise dance ministry.

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Churches are encouraged to send a team of lay leaders who work together at the Academy in developing an action plan to take back to their church for actual implementation and improvement. Certified Lay Servants who successfully complete the Laity Leadership Academy and implement their action plan will receive re-certification recognition for Certified Lay Servant.

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Below, read about the tracks available at the Laity Leadership Academy and register by August 15 at gnjumc.org. Registration is \$50 per person and space is limited.

TRACK 1:

I'm with the band: A day-long worship clinic

Facilitator: Eric Drew, Director of Worship
Worship musicians and leaders will go deeper in their understanding of worship, leading worship and musicianship on the worship team. Feel free to bring your instruments. Keyboards, amps and drums will be provided

TRACK 2:

The E Word: Connecting with your community in not-so-scary ways

Facilitator: Trey Wince, Director of New Disciples
Just as bridges and cities go together, churches and communities are linked. Congregations are in a unique place to transform people's lives as God's people connect to their communities

TRACK 3:

Creating your website

Facilitator: Eric Valosin
This track is designed to help your church self-promote programs and attract a targeted web community which will build your overall online presence



Empowering church for the 21st century, The Laity Leadership Academy will take place on Sept. 9 at the Mission and Resource Center. Photo by Josh Kinney

TRACK 4:

Building an effective church social media strategy

Facilitator: Debbie Bruce & George Lagos
This track provides an overview of the social media channels including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and seven “must haves” to ensure time spent on social media provides engagement with both existing and new church members

TRACK 5:

Vital ministries with older adults

Facilitator: Helen Hunter & Arthur Harrell
This track provides an overview of the aging process, including physical, mental, and social changes. Learn strategies to engage in the support for elderly parishioners and families

TRACK 6:

Expressive liturgical and praise dance

Facilitator: Pamela D. Gordy
Liturgical/Praise dance has a purpose of deepening and focusing the worship experience. This track will discuss the history and importance of dance, symbols to look for in choreography and how to prepare for a dance ministry. Come prepared to demonstrate your moves

Leonor Ortega Till Ready to IGNITE Youth

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WILDWOOD – “I believe life has seasons. In my first season I was a planter of seeds, ministering to those who didn't know Christ along with those who were new to the faith. Now I feel called to be a watering can for Christ, helping those who are already walking with Him and showing them the Scripture in a new way.” It is that call from God that leads Leonor Ortega Till, more popularly known by the fans of Five Iron Frenzy as “Jeff the Girl,” to speak at the IGNITE Youth Conference this fall in Wildwood.



Christian ska band Five Iron Frenzy's own Leonor Ortega Till, better known as “Jeff The Girl” will be taking the stage at IGNITE 2017. Photo provided

Since 1995 Till, the saxophonist for Five Iron Frenzy, along with the seven other band members, have gained national recognition as a Christian ska/punk band. Their ability to combine silly and fun lyrics along with deeply spiritual songs, all set to fast-paced tunes has made them wildly popular among both Christian and secular audiences. They have recorded a total of six studio albums plus two live albums and a dozen other EPs, singles, and collaborations.

Till is also the lead vocalist for a side project called “The Fast Feeling” an 80s style synth-pop band that just released their first album *Pulses*. The lyrics of the band continue to inspire a life of introspection and eternal perspective.

Till's introduction to music started young when she received a pawn shop alto sax at nine-years-old. Coming from a musical family, she recalls jamming out to Motown with her father in a room

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Mission and Resource Center Receives 2017 “Good Neighbor Award”

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NEPTUNE – Creating jobs, serving the community, and architectural appeal earned The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey's Mission and Resource Center (MRC) in Neptune, the 2017 “Good Neighbor Award” from The New Jersey Business and Industry Association and New Jersey Business Magazine.

“It is more than merely office space,” reads the article in the July edition of New Jersey Business Magazine. “It is a place of inspiration and learning for spiritual and community leaders throughout the state, region and world, and will enable the church to serve an even greater audience.”

“We intentionally named this facility the Mission and Resource Center because this building is all about how we support the work of the church out in the community,” said Bishop John



Pictured left to right, Jack Green of Jack Green Construction, Bishop John Schol, Stephen J. Carlidge of Shore Point Architecture, and Michele Siekerka, President & CEO of NJBIA. Photo provided by NJBIA

Schol, who along with church leaders, envision the facility to serve as more than just office space “Our focus is to equip transformational leaders to make vital congregations. Our capacity to resource our leaders has never been greater.” He continued, “The Mission and Resource Center is a place of inspiration and learning for spiritual and community leaders throughout the state, region and the world.”

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A Message from the Bishop



Honor, Disrupt, Align - The actions of a transformational leader

Have you ever been to church and a young child becomes disruptive? Maybe he or she is crying, or playing under the pews, or running up and down the aisle. I served a congregation that didn't want disruption and printed on their bulletin cover, "enter the sanctuary quietly, meditate and prepare for worship in silence."

The church overall has discouraged disruption. We have leaned heavily on tradition and the enemy of tradition is disruption. The irony is that all traditions owe their start to disruption. No tradition has ever started without someone being disruptive by doing something different and starting a new tradition – just like the child engaging in a new way challenges the congregation to engage children differently.

Today, change and disruption is no longer an option for the church; it is required to make new generations of disciples and to be engaged in meaningful mission in the community. The change needed is not surface or cosmetic change, but deep change that invariably creates disruption.

This is the second of a three-part series about what effective transformational leaders do to lead toward health and vitality – they honor, disrupt and align.

Previously I talked about honoring. Honoring is essential before, during and after change, otherwise people experience the change as being critical and even condemning what occurred in the past. Honoring people and past traditions is important to lead change as you move forward.

However, most leaders are afraid of disruption. Disruption creates conflict and resistance. Church leadership believe their role is to create unity and harmony, which is true most of the time but there is a need to disrupt the status quo to get a different result.

In a recent conversation with Rev. Sang Won Doh, who leads the Calvary Korean UMC in East Brunswick, the fifth fastest growing United Methodist Churches in the U.S., he told me his church leadership team challenged him to make changes so that they reach new disciples. Imagine leading one of the fastest growing congregations in the U.S., things are going well, and the leadership wants you to change and to introduce change. The last thing you think church leadership would want is change. But the leaders at Calvary Korean UMC want even more people to experience the transformative power of Jesus Christ and they are smart enough to know that it will take change; it will take some disruption.

Change, deep change that is needed in the church to make new generations of disciples, calls for disruption. Leaders who lead healthy disruption that helps the congregation get to God's next destination use seven key leadership principles.

1. Honor past history including past and current leadership. Healthy change leadership thanks others for their contributions, and highlights how the past has been important and impactful.
2. Lead with why. Healthy change leadership lets people know why we do things as we do them and why changes are being made. This isn't about the latest

innovation, but reaching new disciples, engaging disciples in community mission and growing disciples and the church. It helps people understand why God and the times are urging change.

3. Pursue the right thing. Healthy leaders pursue the right thing, not their interests or what makes them or the congregation most comfortable, but the right thing for the congregation and community.
4. Create clarity. Disruptive change creates confusion and sometimes chaos. Creating more clarity about the mission, the values, beliefs and what the church is doing are essential for creating support for the change.
5. Over communicate. Leaders cannot communicate enough how the past has been important, why the church is changing and how the church will achieve God's calling.
6. Work with a team. Leaders who identify, create and move the change by themselves are headed for failure. Working with a team ensures there are one or two people who are willing to ask the hard questions.
7. Shrink the change and shape the path for change. Help people see the change is manageable and share the steps that will be taken to carry out the change. People are much more willing to try something if it is not overwhelming and there is a clear path with steps for the change.

Every leader who helps the church live up to its full potential and pursue a God-sized vision will create disruption. Healthy leaders lead the congregation in and through the change by creating disruption. They manage the change and disruption through seven leadership principles. As the leaders of Calvary Korean Church teach us, even in the best of times, leaders need to be changing.

I am grateful for every leader, lay and clergy, who are creating healthy disruption. You are the risk-takers, the innovators who are exploring what is next for the church's ministry in the world. Thank you.

John Schol, Bishop
The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey

Strategic Plan 2019-2023 Listening Sessions

The 2017 Annual Conference passed a resolution to start the process for a new strategic plan that will take GNJ to 2022. The plan starts with listening. Six listening sessions are being set up for clergy and laity to share their hopes for the future. All United Methodists are invited and encouraged to share their voice. Register today at gnjumc.org.

Listening Session Dates and Locations

Tuesday, August 8 at 7 p.m.
Location: The Mission and Resource Center

Thursday, August 10 at 7 p.m.
Location: Pitman UMC

Sunday, August 13 at 2:30 p.m.
Location: St. Peter's UMC in Ocean City

Tuesday, August 15 at 7 p.m.
Location: Chatham UMC

Thursday, August 17 at 7 p.m.
Location: Ewing UMC

Sunday, August 20 at 2:30 p.m.
Location: Boonton UMC



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Clinton UMC to Launch Online Church in Sept.

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CLINTON - It has taken time, work and a lot of refinement with a six-month roll out and launch plan, but it's finally official - on Sunday, September 10, Clinton UMC will offer another way for the community to worship with the debut of its "online church."

"We can worship God anywhere; it doesn't need to happen in a traditional church building," according to Rev. Michael P. Smith, Senior Pastor of Clinton UMC, who said that with "our online campus anyone can use their phone or laptop to access a worship environment."

"That's our digital equivalent of a church building," he said. "Once they are online they can connect with God and with community. This can happen through devotionals, blogs, recorded videos and other content. But they will also be invited to worship as part of a community during an interactive, online weekly service and community group. Looking back on the past ten years, I smile when I think about all the things we have tried in our congregations. We stretched our comfort zones and somehow I am still moving forward by God's grace."

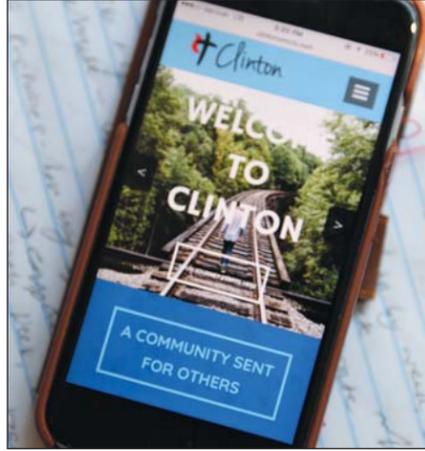
Smith, who just finished serving his third year at Clinton UMC, has had previous appointments in the Cape Atlantic District, including St. Peter's in Ocean City and Tabernacle UMC in Erma. He believes the concept for launching the "online church" came about because of a problem in need of solving.

"It was developed because of the need that was presented to us," he said. "We understood our context, people and community and we decided to take calculated risks in digital ministry, such as launching our mobile app. These things have produced positive results that gave us even more confidence to take a step forward."

According to Smith, many talented people have contributed to the launch of the "online church."

"Creating an online worship space requires resources in technology, communications and worship," Smith said. "Our full-time digital ministry resource, Corbin Payne, is leading the charge, collaborating with our communications manager, Beth Crawford." To get feedback on whether the church is accomplishing goals, leaders have enlisted a focus group made up of people within the church.

"In the church world, it's never just one person. We are a community and I am thankful for the people here," said Smith. He added that the Clinton UMC online worship experience should mirror a physical worship experience in many ways. The online campus will be built around four key elements: hospitality, worship, missional living and giving and next steps.



Clinton UMC has officially launched "online" church to connect the church with the community in a new way.

Photo by Josh Kinney

"We want to extend a warm welcome to our online visitors via everything from the wording to the design scheme," Smith said. We are offering a space where people can worship God at a time and place that is convenient for them. The missional living and giving is encouraging people to be in relationships with others and to give generously of their gifts. The next steps are providing access to online and physical community groups where people can stay connected outside the worship experience."

Smith believes that the "online church" is innovative in the way that it looks to new methods or advanced methods of fulfilling the mission. He added that in reality, however, it is not completely original.

"It is simply creating community where people are and the church has always tried to do that. We should be leading the way in the development of community. We want our online worship experience to be more than just watching a physical church service. We are working on a highly interactive experience that will enable people to share their stories and connect into a community. Such tools would be online chat and prayer requests, online community groups and online pastoral care," he said.

Smith added that other churches don't have to do it the same way as Clinton, but his prayer and his hope is that churches will leverage everything that they have for the sake of creating community for others.

"This is Clinton UMC's vision: to be a community sent for others. We will connect people into that which is most needed - community. It will just be done online," he said.

Clinton UMC's online church website is www.sentforothers.org with a September 10 launch date. Clinton UMC is located at 12 Halstead Street in Clinton, New Jersey. Visit them at www.clintonumcnj.com

"Good Neighbor Award"

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The 19,200-square-foot center on Jumping Brook Road in Neptune was designed by Shore Point Architecture and built by Jack Green Construction, both of Ocean Grove. It includes 50 offices, 4,000 square feet of meeting rooms and a state-of-the-art video and sound studio. The ground features an area for worship services and meetings and an audio and video production studio, which is available for use by churches, community groups and affiliated organizations.

"We salute the United Methodist Church for contributing to the economic value of this community," said nominator Vito D. Gadaleta, Coordinator for the Township of Neptune Economic Development Corporation. "We're honored to host this exquisite world-changing facility in our neighborhood and we look forward to their continued work locally, regionally, and around the world."

The center serves as the administra-

tive headquarters for A Future with Hope and The United Methodist Stewardship Foundation of Greater New Jersey. Since opening in 2015, the Mission and Resource Center has been used by dozens of related and community organizations including local churches, United Methodist Homes, Northeastern Jurisdictional functions, Drew University and others.

Drew Theological School held its first classes in the facility this spring and plans to expand course offerings in coming semesters.

The Good Neighbor Award recognizes both the structure of the Mission and Resource Center and the tremendous impact GNJ has had throughout the state. With 560 congregations caring for the spiritual health of their communities, United Methodists in Greater New Jersey served 452,572 people in need throughout the state, region and world in 2015 alone.

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Safe Sanctuaries Certification Quick, Easy, and Required

By Josh Kinney
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NEPTUNE – Feeling confident and at ease concerning the safety and security of youth in GNJ churches should come naturally to parents and families. That's why the United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey is committed to helping every church enact a Safe Sanctuaries policy and be compliant with its regulations.

On September 16 at the Mission and Resource Center in Neptune, a GNJ-wide training event will be held to ensure all local church volunteers are compliant in current required best practices in keep-

ing young people safe.

"God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from abuse," said training facilitator Rev. Erica Munoz. Currently serving as the Senior Pastor of Aldersgate UMC in East Brunswick – a vital congregation doing profound ministry with children, youth and young families, Munoz has also served as the GNJ Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator since 2008. She has helped local congregations reduce the risk of child abuse in the church and is passionate about raising up young disciples.

"I believe every church should serve as a safe and encouraging place for

young people to learn and grow in God's love," said Munoz.

Anyone interested in being a part of young people programming within GNJ, whether through youth groups, IGNITE, or VBS, is required to become Safe Sanctuary qualified. Certification is simple, requiring only a miniscule fee and submitting oneself for a background check.

"It's easier than you think and important to all," said Munoz.

On September 16, training participants will learn requirements for Safe Sanctuaries procedures in GNJ and obtain a firm grasp of importance and the biblical mandate for having a Safe

Sanctuaries policy in the local church. Workshop attendees will learn how to create and implement a Safe Sanctuaries policy for their local church ministries and will receive certificates of completion.

Churches are encouraged to promote themselves by publicly indicating that their volunteers and or staff are Safe Sanctuary certified; helping to build continued trust within their communities.

Churches that have a Safe Sanctuaries policy that need to be certified are invited to bring their policy to the training. Register for the workshop at www.gnjumc.org/events. For more detailed information regarding Safe Sanctuaries, visit www.gnjumc.org/safe-sanctuaries

Apostles in our Midst: Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho and Morristown UMC

A 2017 Series on Apostolic Leadership in GNJ

Mission: A group of dedicated and gifted lay leaders and members greeted Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho when he began his ministry at Morristown UMC in July, 2014. These eager visionaries were ready to take their church into a new future, re-imagining and developing new ministry strategies and action plans. The congregation embraced the Team Vital resource and for the following 18 months, Cho worked with the local Team Vital team and the congregation to improve and upgrade the quality of existing ministries and develop innovative new ministries.

The church leadership adopted a vision statement: "To become God's beloved community, change lives and transform communities" and they focused on the five essential markers of vitality: worship, making new disciples, small groups, mission, and giving.

"It was important for the congregation to move deeper, higher, and wider in the ministry," said Cho. "I am grateful that this congregation is developing such selfless disciples for the mission of the church."

They started a new bilingual ministry,



Brandon Cho caption: Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho of Morristown UMC.
Photo provided

Nueva Esperanza (New Hope) to reach and reflect the nearly 35% Hispanic and Latino population of Morristown. Pastor Charles Perez was appointed as a new Associate Pastor to lead the ministry and he started with a creative sports ministry for young people, small group home

ministries and inspiring worship services. The ministry began reaching new people with baptisms, youth confirmations, reception of new young adult members and the blessing of a new young people's soccer team.

In response to immigration fears, both pastors worked in partnership with other clergy and civic leaders to create a "fair and welcoming community" in town. Now, Morristown UMC has begun Communities of Hope training along with Dover First UMC, Dover Grace UMC, UMC of the Rockaways and Wharton United Community Church in the Morristown-Dover area. The team is seeking new, creative ways to build relationships with neighbors, develop innovative and life-changing community mission and nurture mission partnerships with local organizations.

"Is it possible to develop a healthy union between tradition and innovation for a historical church like Morristown UMC?" asked Cho. "The answer is yes, with God's help."

Apostle: Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho sees

his pastoral ministry as Christ-centered, Spirit-led and mission-driven. His vision and passion for ministry are inspired by his multi-cultural upbringing and his "Rainbow Spirituality" which promotes harmony, unity in diversity, bridge-building of all peoples and unyielding hope for tomorrow.

He is a 1.5 generation Korean-American pastor who grew up in Honolulu and was called to ministry at age 15. He attended Hawaii Loa College (now Hawaii Pacific University) and earned his Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity degrees from Claremont School of Theology near Los Angeles and a Master of Sacred Theology from Drew Theological School.

Cho served the Cal-Pac Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church pastoring various local churches and as Santa Barbara District Superintendent and Dean of the Cabinet. He was the first Executive Director of the Korean-American National Plan of the United Methodist Church and is married to Rev. Dr. Jennifer Cho, the new Senior Pastor at Bridgewater UMC.

Students Reflect on A Future With Hope Mission Trip

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BRIGANTINE / TOMS RIVER – Standing in the ocean with the waves gushing and swirling around her feet, Grace Rice found it hard to believe the very same water could turn violent enough to wipe out the home she had spent the day working on.

Last May, Rice was one of five students and two leaders on a mission trip to help with A Future With Hope's Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts in Brigantine and Toms River. The group from Campus Christian Community at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA, spent a week painting, spackling, reflecting, and praying; grappling with the challenges of the ongoing rebuilding process at the Jersey Shore.

"It was surprising for us to see how

much work there still is to be done even though it has been almost five years since the storm," said Rev. Shannon Waite, Campus Minister. "On our first day, we learned that there are still roughly 3,000 people without homes."

Waite described meeting one of the home owners as a moving part of the experience.

"It was wonderful to see the excitement that he had to have the students there working on some of the finishing touches to his home," she said. "After years of living on friends' couches and apart from his wife, who was disabled and moved in with her mother an hour away, he was finally going to be able to move back into his home with his wife just a few days after we finished!"

The energy was contagious for the group, leaving New Jersey "grateful" and "inspired." In the midst of their work, the



Students from the University of Mary Washington's Campus Christian Community in Fredericksburg, VA, spent an inspiring, faith-growing week working with A Future With Hope in Brigantine and Toms River. Photo provided

group members were given a list of questions designed to help them get to know each other and go deeper in their faith.

"When you are off the worksite it's hard to remember that the community is still rebuilding from the storm and it's even harder to remember when you live several states away," said Rice, who had returned for a second year on the mission. "Throughout the year I did not give Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts much thought at all. Going back helped the reality of the situation sink in."

Rice expressed frustration at the start of the trip because she felt the group's work didn't seem "big or important" but later came to appreciate what they had done after seeing the happiness in the families they had helped firsthand.

"Leaving New Jersey encouraged me to work on putting others before myself and to continue being a light," she said.

Katie Hartraft said the mission trip was the best conclusion she could have ever had to her freshmen year of college.

"The trip brought with it lots of smiles, sore muscles, and laughter," she said. "Our tight-knit group worked very cohesively together. No one was an outlier – we all played off each other's strengths while poking fun and sharing laughs everywhere in-between."

For a while, Hartraft had debated on going on the trip.

"It was a much more fulfilling experience than I had previously imagined," she said.

There is more work to do. Those interested in rebuilding homes and renewing hope for New Jersey families are encouraged to take part in one of these fulfilling experiences by visiting www.afuturewithhope.org/volunteer

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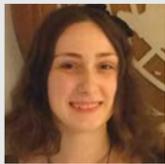
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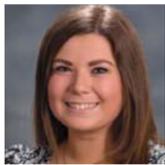
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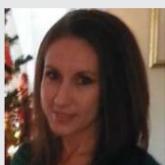


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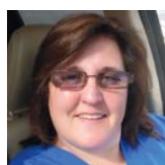
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DJ Vow to Ignite the Hearts of Youth for God

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When thinking of Christian music, hip hop and electronic dance music don't immediately come to mind. That is, unless you're Bryan "DJ Vow" Martinez, who has built a career spreading the word of God through music.

Martinez has been spinning for over ten years in hopes of bridging the gap between church culture and millennial culture. The DJ believes that "[his] speakers can effectively communicate with someone who otherwise wouldn't have cared to engage. God can use anything and anyone for his glory, including something as taboo as electronic dance music or hip hop." He will be bringing his talents to the stage at the IGNITE youth conference in Wildwood this fall.

Martinez is no stranger to youth conferences, having spun at many as well as attended as a participant in his own youth. Growing up in inner city Fort Worth, TX in the 90s was challenging to say the least. Gangs were prevalent and many of his friends and family fell into dangerous lifestyles. Luckily for Martinez, he was invited to church by an acquaintance and immediately saw the light. At the tender age of 12, he decided to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. He began attending church regularly as well as youth conferences just like IGNITE. It was here that he felt he was able to block out all distractions and focus on communicating with God.

There was no shortage of music in the Martinez household. The DJ's father was a musician and as a little boy he would sneak into his father's stash of music and play disco records. He grew up with a surplus of musical influence; everything from hip hop, to rock, to traditional Latino

"God can use anything and anyone for his glory, including something as taboo as electronic dance music or hip hop." - DJ Vow

music. When he was 12, DJ Vow's older brother bought him a cheap turntable DJ set, and he was instantly hooked. He did his first show at 14, nervous as could be, and remembers that he couldn't ever make eye contact with the crowd. The more shows he did, the more comfortable he got and he continued to work hard at his music while still working his regular job.

When he was 24, Martinez met a hip hop artist named Tedashii, and thus began a series of events which led to him quitting his day job to pursue music full time. Now he spins shows with the ultimate hope of spreading the message that "it's ok to have a good time, we can live a relevant lifestyle that also pursues holiness." He believes that what is lacking with today's youth is a passionate love of God, and he hopes to ignite that



Bryan "DJ Vow" Martinez has built a career spreading the gospel through music and will be DJing at IGNITE 2017. Photo provided

in their hearts through music.

Martinez is thrilled to be an invited artist at this year's IGNITE. This will be the conference's fourth year, which is on track to top last year's attendance of over 1,200 participants. The DJ will be joined by world renowned artists and speakers such as Meredith Andrews, Reggie Dabbs and Tedashii. For Martinez, these conferences hold a special place in his heart as the memories he made as a youth at similar events have stayed with him to this day. For that reason, every year Martinez and his wife make it a priority to anonymously sponsor a student

to attend a youth conference.

He firmly believes that "no matter how hard we try, we cannot measure life change, we cannot create a formula for salvation. However, we can choose to invest into our next generation, we can cast our nets, we can pray, we can be obedient, we encourage and support the work of God through ministries that make it their main goal to communicate Jesus to young people."

To find out more about DJ Vow please visit www.djvow.com. Don't miss the second IGNITE price break which ends Aug. 31. Register today at www.ignitenj.org

Leonor Ortega Till Ready to IGNITE Youth

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in their house completely dedicated to music. At 12-years-old, attending a Four-square Church camp, she answered an alter call to accept Christ into her heart. Although she had grown up having occasionally attended church, she hadn't really grasped the personal relationship that Christ wanted to have with her until that point.

Five Iron Frenzy was formed towards the end of her senior year in high school in 1995, and Till's cousin, Micah Ortega, was instrumental in helping her join the band.

"I was so excited. I knew I was going to be attending Colorado Christian University, but I also knew I was joining a band that encouraged me to share my faith in God," she said. It wasn't always easy to be a Christian in the music scene, even in a Christian band. "It's always a struggle, but we had great relationships with our home churches, along with other believer friends and family and of course, with each other. We had people we could go to with our struggles or problems, or even doubts. That is so important for young people to have in their lives; people to honestly talk with."

For 16 years, Till worked with Scum



Leonor Ortega Till, the saxophonist for Five Iron Frenzy, is thrilled to share her heart at this year's IGNITE youth conference in Wildwood. Photo provided

of the Earth Church in Denver where she preached, curated an art gallery and served as the Director of Women's Ministry. Scum of the Earth Church started out as the Five Iron Frenzy Bible study,

and seeks to reach the "left out and the right brained."

"I felt like God was calling me to go out and spread the word to a broader audience," she said. "So far I've been

guest preaching at pretty much any church that will have me and have gotten to visit some pretty amazing places including Seattle, Wisconsin, and Hawaii. I've talked at different church events like discipleship conferences, but IGNITE is the first youth conference I've gotten the opportunity to speak at. I'm so excited to get a chance to share my heart at IGNITE."

When asked how important she thought it was for parents, youth staff, and church members to support youth conferences like IGNITE she was very passionate. "I think it is so important for parents and even church members without kids to donate time or sponsor a kid to attend or support events like this in any way they can. These junior high and senior high schoolers are making such important decisions at this age, and especially those who attend public school really don't get to hear the messages that come out of events like this from many other sources."

IGNITE Youth Conference is scheduled for September 29 through October 1 in Wildwood, NJ. The second price break for IGNITE 2017 ends on August 31. Visit www.ignitenj.org for more info and to register.

Young Adults, Worship Invitation New to IGNITE

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WILDWOOD – The IGNITE Young Adults Experience for ages 18-25 is a new component being introduced at the 2017 IGNITE youth conference in Wildwood, Sept. 29 – Oct. 1. Young adults are invited to take part in a one day workshop, concert, and fellowship event on Saturday, Sept. 30 at The Wildwoods Convention Center.

The day will provide an opportunity for former IGNITE attendees and United Methodists in this age group to grow in their faith, learn, fellowship and network with other Christians in their generation. The day will feature a young adult's workshop, dinner, and a concert performance by Christian hip-hop artist Tedashii and singer, song-writer Meredith Andrews.

"Young people are not the church of tomorrow," said District Superintendent and IGNITE advocate Steve Bechtold. "They're the church of today, and yet many young people are finding our congregations irrelevant, making it hard for them to fully engage in their growth as disciples."

Bechtold, himself a product of United Methodist youth camping programs, sees IGNITE as a modern "camp" experience. He praised the IGNITE Young Adults Experience as a way to engage.

The IGNITE Young Adults Experience compliments the work GNJ is doing with Next Generation Ministry to focus programming and faith formation with young people to create a path to discipleship.

"These are important years when the church has an opportunity to help build a foundation for living that will last a life-

time," said Bechtold. He continued, "I am particularly excited about helping local congregations with a smaller number of youth learn new ways for engagement that does not isolate young people, but integrates them into the larger ministry both locally and beyond so that more and more youth will find connection whether they are in a congregation with a large youth group or just a few others their own age."

Young adults are invited to register at www.gnjumc.org/ignite/youth-adult-experience.

In another first, IGNITE is inviting GNJ churches to join worship at IGNITE on Sunday, Oct. 1 at The Wildwoods Convention Center. Morning worship will feature nationally renowned worship leader Meredith Andrews, speaker Preston Centuolo, and Bishop John Schol.

"We're opening this invitation up to all of GNJ to be a part of the IGNITE experience and worship alongside our youth," said Director of Worship, Eric Drew. "This inclusive opportunity allows clergy, laity, and congregations throughout GNJ see and be a part of IGNITE firsthand."

Churches who sent a group of students or are thinking about sending a group are invited to join in worship, as well as any GNJ church that would like to encourage, support, and be a part of the next generation of conference youth.

Worship and communion will begin on Sunday Oct. 1 at 10:00 a.m. Visit www.ignitenj.org/worship-at-ignite to print your worship tickets and treat your church to the authentic IGNITE experience.

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Coffee Shop Ministry Connects Church with Community

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RAHWAY - In the late 1980s, Roy Vilallva noticed that his community in the Philippines was becoming disenfranchised with the traditional church service structure. He decided it was time for a change.

Vilallva, a musician and minister, turned to his fellow musician friends for help. Many of them were Christians but played at nightclubs to make a living. He asked them to volunteer some of their time to form a band. He then approached the owner of a local Chinese restaurant and asked that the band be allowed to play during dinner. And with that, a coffee shop ministry was born. The band performed Christian praise songs while the diners ate, bringing them closer to God and providing a form of worship for those who needed it.

When Vilallva moved to the U.S. in 1993, he noticed the same lack of interest in traditional worship -- especially among the youth and teenagers in the



The "Solid Rock Café" coffee house ministry at Trinity UMC in Rahway is providing an alternative way to bridge the gap between the church and the community through creative, inclusive outreach. Photo provided

community. After working with music ministries in several churches, Vilallva took over the music ministry at Trinity UMC in Rahway. On January 4, 2008, he opened the doors to Solid Rock Café, a coffee shop ministry modeled after the one in the Philippines. The object was to offer an alternative to traditional worship services and bring people closer to Christ

through music.

The café runs every last Friday night of each month from 7 to 10 and is open to everyone. Held in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity UMC, the program starts with Vilallva's band playing popular praise songs for the crowd. The band is made up of talented youth from the church and they will also often invite bands from other churches to visit and play. After enjoying the music, participants play games, sing together, and perform at the open mic. There is a short meditation and the night ends with more singing. Food and drinks are provided by the church and there is an overall feeling of hominess and comfort. The atmosphere is perfect for nurturing a love of Christ and introducing fellowship.

Christian Jamadre has been attending coffee shop services for five years. For him, the best part is catching up with everyone.

"On Sundays we can get wrapped up with all the program planning and Sunday activities," he said. "Coffee shop is more designed to encourage sharing between

participants."

Many are inspired to share their experiences of enlightenment with their fellow worshipers. Vilallva believes that this is an essential part of service. Healing through music and sharing stories has become increasingly popular. For him, the most gratifying thing is when an attendee accepts Jesus Christ into their life. Coffee shop services have grown and there are typically 20-30 participants, with people bringing new friends along each time. Jamandre tries to bring along friends, saying, "For those who are apprehensive about attending a Sunday service, it is a more relaxed, less traditional experience. For those looking for something in addition [to Sunday service] it provides another platform to be with fellow believers and share about their lives and experiences."

The next Solid Rock Café coffee shop ministry is set to be held on Friday, August 25, and all are welcome to attend for worship, fellowship, networking, or to seek out inspiration to explore modeling this type of outreach ministry.

CUMAC's Annual School Supply Drive

PATERSON - Every summer CUMAC (Center for United Methodist Aid to the Community) collects and distributes backpacks and school supplies to local children in need just in time for the new school year. Thanks to incredible supporters, CUMAC is able to reach hundreds of students around the Paterson community, so they get supplies and tools to succeed in their education.

CUMAC is collecting school supplies during the month of August. All United Methodist Churches are encouraged to make a donation or hold a collection for school supplies. Every donation can give a child the tools they need to learn and grow!

Every grade level should be considered when collection school supply donations. Middle and high school students are often an underserved population. CUMAC

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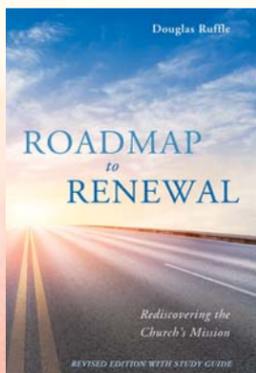
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CUMAC's backpack and school supply drive is in full swing, assisting hundreds of students around the Paterson community. Photo provided by cumac.org



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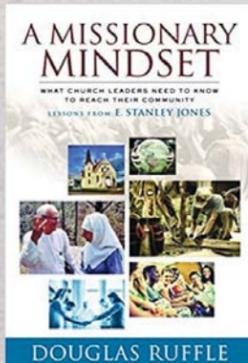
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St. Paul's UMC in Bay Head Celebrates Nora Howes 100th Birthday

A resident of Brick and retired veteran of WWII, The Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War, Nora Howes, member of St. Paul's UMC in Bay Head, celebrated her 100th birthday at the church on July 16. Her career in the US Army spanned 28 years, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Among her significant assignments was being assigned to the general staff of GEN Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo during the Korean Conflict. One of her last assignments was that of the Commanding Officer of the Returnee/Reassignment Station in Oakland, CA - processing hundreds of returning American soldiers from combat duty in Vietnam. LTC (ret) Howes received a proclamation from the Mayor and Town Council of Bay Head, presented by Mayor William Curtis, honoring her on her 100th birthday, and also honoring her growth from that of a five-year-old immigrant from England to the U.S., graduating from Neptune High School, engaging a military career beginning in 1943, earning the rank of Second Lieutenant and finishing her career as a Lieutenant Colonel. Following her military career, she attained a BA in History in California and a Master's Degree in History shortly thereafter. Following this proclamation, she also received an award from the Korean Consulate in the U.S., honoring her for her service during the Korean Conflict, and recognizing her as an "Ambassador for Peace." Pastor Kee Yang of St Paul's UMC presented LTC (ret) Howes a medal and an engraved plaque on behalf of the Korean Consulate. Additionally, LTC (ret) Howes received a congratulatory message from Bishop John Schol.



Phase I Complete of Sicklerville UMC's Community Life Center

Sicklerville UMC celebrates the completion of Phase I of their plans to build a Community Life Center. Phase I included an expanded parking lot and repaving of existing lots, additional handicap parking spaces, new walkways, lighting and landscaping. On June 25 they celebrated this milestone with a good old fashion ice cream social. Pastor Steve Shuster spoke of the new parking lot being a "welcome mat" to their church.

No Baby Wet Behind

The UMC at Absecon collected over 2,700 diapers and over 4,500 baby wipes during their "No Baby Wet Behind" campaign over the spring. UMW spearhead the effort while church members and the community come together to collect diapers and baby items for families in need. Pictured right: Absecon UMW Linda Babcock, Lynn Catterson and Sue Reitmeyer.



Calling All Clergy Artists

Clergy who are also artists or enjoy the arts and invited to collaborate on the creation of a retreat focused on exploring creativity and spirituality. Those who paint, write, sing, compose, draw, sculpt, dance, act, play an instrument, do woodworking or carving or see their preaching and or worship as an art form are encouraged to take part. Those interested in helping to create such a community are advised to contact Rev. Ron Crouch at rycrouch642@gmail.com

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Rev. Glenn Conaway and Rev. Frank Davis will be installed as new District Superintendents in September. Please save the date for Sept. 10 at 4:00 p.m. for Rev. Conaway's installation as Delaware Bay District Superintendent, Trinity, UMC in Mullica Hill, NJ. Please save the date for Sept. 24 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mark's UMC in Hamilton Square, NJ for Rev. Davis' installation as Capital District Superintendent.

All People Conference for Urban Ministry

Bishop Schol is joining Rev. Olu Brown, Pastor of Impact Church, and Rev. Junius Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries, at the All People Conference, Oct. 21-23 in Columbus, Ohio to explore innovative ministries in the urban environment. Clergy and conference staff will be traveling together by bus to the conference. If you are interested in attending and would like to travel on the GNJ bus that will be leaving on Oct. 20 from the Mission and Resource Center, please contact Soomin Lee at slee@gnjumc.org for details.

Marcia's Melodies

You will find more of Marcia's Melodies at the Hub this summer than ever before! Several new devotional songs and choruses have been added to the collection. Also, service music and 20 simple hymns, which can be utilized as EZ Anthems or new music for small groups are in stock. *For larger numbers of copies, please special order.*

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GNJ ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Pastors in the News

Newly appointed pastors have been getting news coverage across the region. Rev. Kyle Cuperwich of Tabernacle UMC and Chatsworth UMC was featured in The Burlington County Times. GNJ prepared press releases for all newly appointed pastors to use to introduce themselves to their communities. If you did not receive a press release email Josh Kinney at jkkinney@gnjumc.org

Communicate Effectively

Be sure to provide your most accurate email in order to receive timely, informative, and vital communications from GNJ. Regularly check your junk or spam folders for communications that may have gotten lost. Create separate folders to archive communications such as newsletters, Digest, forms, or messages from the Bishop. Email is the most cost effective way to communicate, and we want to ensure excellence in doing so. Sign up for The Digest at: www.gnjumc.org/the-gnj-digestnewsletter-signup/

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Let the Mission and Resource Center serve you. Request a meeting room or reserve space for your congregation, agency, or committee. Visit www.gnjumc.org for more info.

OBITUARIES

Myrtle Stillwell, widow of Rev. Benjamin M. Stillwell, died on July 1. A Celebration of Life was held on July 6 at Haddonfield UMC in Haddonfield, NJ. Memorial donations (in lieu of flowers) may be sent in memory of Myrtle Stillwell to The Neighborhood Center, 278 Kaighns Ave., Camden, NJ 08103. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Jonathan Stillwell, 121 Oswego Ave., Audubon, NJ 08106

Brenda Myra Scott, spouse of Rev. Joseph Scott, died on June 10. A Celebration of Life was held on June 19 at John Wesley UMC in Port Norris, NJ. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Rev. Joseph Scott, 21 Garwood Blvd., Clayton, NJ 08312

Alberto Valladares, former Pastor of Simpson UMC in Perth Amboy, died on July 8. A Celebration of Life took place on July 15 at Simpson UMC in Perth Amboy, NJ. Memorial donations (in lieu of flowers) may be sent in memory of Rev. Alberto Valladares to Simpson UMC, 329 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Rebecca Valladares (spouse), 331 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Church Response to Domestic Violence Online Class

Domestic violence occurs in all communities, regardless of a person's age, ethnicity, or socio-economic status, and the physical, mental, and spiritual effects of such violence can be devastating. An online workshop looks at domestic violence from a Christian standpoint and will help churches, clergy, and individuals recognize signs of domestic abuse and support victims in their community. Cost is \$45 and class starts Sept. 11. Learn more and enroll at www.beadisiciple.com

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The Find A Church function on the umc.org website is one of the easiest ways for people to find you on the web. GNJ's website also links to this page. Please make sure your church's information is up-to-date on the United Methodist Church's 'Find a Church' web page. Visit www.umc.org/find-a-church to search your church.

Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church announce two exciting opportunities offered through their office. Applications for a partial scholarship to attend The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey during the Fall 2018 Graduate Session are now available as well as applications for one of three annual "Local Initiative Grants." For more info visit www.gnjumc.org/news

Racial Justice Projects Led by Young People For Grants

Racial justice projects initiated and led by young people seeking a church that is open, loving and caring for all people will receive financial support with funds allocated by the Connectional Table, Discipleship Ministries and two other United Methodist general agencies. Grants up to \$2,500 will be available later this year under the new program to be administered by Young People's Ministries (YPM), a unit of Discipleship Ministries. Learn more at www.umcdiscipleship.org

Heritage Center Offers New Grant

The African American Methodist Heritage Center offers a new grant to local United Methodist African-American congregations using innovative ways to recover, preserve and/or present their histories; or to individuals doing historical research or projects on African-Americans in Methodism. The grant, totaling \$5,000, will be available every other year. Proposals are due July 31. Find out more at www.aamhc-umc.org.



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