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# The Covington District Newsletter



SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST -  
AND THE GREAT THINGS THAT HE IS DOING IN AND AROUND THE  
COVINGTON DISTRICT OF THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
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## Thoughts from the District Superintendent

### It's Consultation Time!

Consultation is the process mandated by the Book of Discipline whereby the Bishop and/or the District Superintendent confer with pastors and churches. During this process, the District Superintendent considers the criteria found in Paragraph 432 which includes performance evaluation, the needs of the appointment under consideration, the needs of the pastor, and the overall mission of the Church. What happens with of the information gathered during the consultation process? I'm glad you asked.

I will meet with Bishop Davis in mid-February and present to him a written consultation report. The Bishop receives reports from each of the 12

District Superintendents. Then, the Cabinet (the Bishop and all of the DS's) will meet in early March for our first look together at the total appointment picture for the entire conference. This meeting will last an entire week. Then, we will meet again during the first full week of April to finalize the appointments. Based upon Bishop Davis' decision, the appointments will be announced at some point after the April meeting.

I have had older United Methodist pastors share with me the process used many years ago. The Cabinet met the week of Annual Conference with little or no consultation with pastors or churches. When the Bishop read the appointments on the final day of Annual Conference, many pastors, spouses and lay delegates were hearing the appointment for

the first time. Moving day was a week or two after that. Needless to say, there were many surprises and some disappointment. "Crying, fainting and gnashing of teeth" is the way one pastor described it to me.

Well, we have come a long way from that time. Is our system perfect? No, it isn't but I have seen God working through this appointive process. When compared with the old way of making appointments, I would say we are doing things in much more caring way. Be praying for Bishop Davis and the District Superintendents as move forward in this appointment-making process. Owen

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- WESLEY FOUNDATION
- VIM TRAINING
- LENTEN PRAYER EMPHASIS
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- CHANGE FOR CHANGE

## Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission and Director Tiffany Hollums
- Our DS, Owen Dolin, and his wife Ann
- Tour group going to Holy Land
- Woody Woodford, back surgery
- Tim Goshorn family in training for mission work
- Dinah Adamson, ill health
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- David Johnston, NKU Wesley Foundation



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## THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT NKU



God is up to new things with the NKY Wesley Foundation. We give thanks to God for the generosity and support of this district in helping us renovate a new ministry space and look forward to seeing work done soon! We also have a part time intern, Becca Hall, working with us this semester bringing her knowledge and gifts as student vice president of campus involvement at Morehead as well as being involved with

the Morehead Wesley Foundation and BCM. Also new this semester, we now have a student leadership team that is bringing their gifts and ideas to the task of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our campus and our world. We had a very productive leadership retreat before classes began where we worked on a “disciple-making plan.” Since the students found that their not-yet-disciple friends didn’t get as excited about worship and

Bible study as they did, we worked on way to build relationships with folks so that we could help them eventually jump into the deep end of Christian faith which is worship and small group discipleship. We now have an informal coffee and conversation group meeting on campus and are going out to do more fun stuff together, like bowling and adventure picnics. This past Friday,

we went bowling and connected with several new students we hope to see again at small groups or worship.

Please be in prayer for us, our intern, our student leadership team, and those students we need to reach with the world-changing good news of Jesus. Especially pray that the Holy Spirit shows up in powerful, vibrant, and surprising ways this coming year.

### Future Events at Ida Spence

Please note that mail, particularly checks, sent to Ida Spence should be mailed to the following PO Box address, not the physical address: PO Box 121319, Covington KY 41012-1319.

You can be a part of the Ida Spence United Methodist Mission . Become involved in some or all of the events listed.

We will be serving a free sit down dinner to children every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 3:30-5 and Sundays 3-4:30 at the mission. We are praying for adults and teens who are looking for a way to share in a  
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### Come be a Part and Help!

meaningful way in the life of a child by coming and sharing a meal, talking about the child's day at school, even help with homework. We are still looking for churches to partner with us for our Saturday meals. Interested? Please contact Tiffany.

#### Cleaning Supplies Needed

- Bleach*
  - Detergent—Pine Sol*
  - Bathroom Tissue—Paper Towels*
  - Dish Washing Liquid*
  - Toiletries—Bar Soap – Toothpaste*
  - Diapers—feminine products*
- Contact Tiffany Hollums at [tiffanyhollums@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyhollums@gmail.com) and be a part of your UM Mission

## Volunteers in Mission Training

Is your church looking to send a short-term mission team? Training for mission team leaders will be held Saturday, February 23rd, at Highland United Methodist Church in Fort Thomas. The training is sponsored by United Methodist Volunteers in Mission and will run from 9am until 3:30pm.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Team Leader Training equips and empowers persons to lead mission teams, both domestically and internationally. The training will help individuals through the entire process of choosing, planning, preparing, and leading a local church mission team. Topics covered will include mission partnerships, practical travel details, fundraising, mission team dynamics, and other relevant information to short-term missions. The training comes highly recommended from our United Methodist mission sites who can tell a big difference between mission teams that have trained leaders, and those who have not received the training. Those completing the training will also receive the UMVIM Team Leader Handbook as part of their registration cost, which provides many helpful resources for mission team leaders.

Registration and more information is online at: <http://www.kyumc.org/events/detail/2101> Registration is \$30 and includes lunch and a Team Leader Manual. Scholarships will cover the cost of registration of young adults age 30 and under. If you need further information, please contact Rev. John Kalz at [kalzjd@gmail.com](mailto:kalzjd@gmail.com).

## Children's Advocacy Day

Thursday, February 7th, 2013

Prior to February 7<sup>th</sup> you may make appointments to visit with your representative; all you need to do is ask them for an appointment on Thursday between 10:30 am and 1:30 PM. Let them know you want to discuss issues relative to Kentucky's children.

In case you are not sure who your Senator and your Representative are, here is a link to look them up: [http://www.lrc.ky.gov/gis/find\\_leg.htm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/gis/find_leg.htm). To secure an appointment with your legislator call [502-564-8100](tel:502-564-8100) and ask for the respective legislator's office.

We will be meeting at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Frankfort, 1800 Louisville Rd. in Frankfort, between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. We will spend 30 minutes explaining what bills are currently impacting children so that you can be informed when you meet with your legislators. At 9:30 am, we will depart for the Capitol. To minimize the parking situation we will provide rides to the Capitol to attend a Children's Day rally between 10:00 am and 10:30 am.

## Have a Heart for Seniors

Feb.24<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday designated by the KY Annual Conference as 2013 "Have a Heart for Seniors" Annual Love Offering Day in Kentucky's United Methodist churches.

100% of our churches' gifts to "Have a Heart for Seniors" will help fund the charitable care work of Wesley Manor in Louisville, Wesley Village in Wilmore and Lewis Memorial Home in Franklin, giving financial aid to their residents who are nearing life's end and find that they have outlived their assets.

All gifts to "Have a Heart for Seniors" are 100% tax-deductible.

For information, please contact Anita Kuvin at [502-964-3959](tel:502-964-3959) or e-mail her at [AKuvin@WesMan.org](mailto:AKuvin@WesMan.org).

## United Methodist Men

**The United Methodist Men will meet**

**March 21st, 2013 at Alexandria UMC.**

**Come join in the fellowship!**

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet for Children's Advocacy Day

Thursday, February 7th, 2013 in Frankfort, KY.

# Annual Conference 2013

We are looking for projects for our Afternoon of Service at Annual Conference Tuesday, June 11th, 2013 at 2pm. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact the district office or Val Holland at 859-803-4110 or [godreigns@insightbb.com](mailto:godreigns@insightbb.com).

## Annual Conference 2013

Sunday June 9, 2013-Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Registration begins on Sunday, June 9th from 5-8pm and Monday June 10th at 8pm.

Clergy & Laity sessions begin June 10th at 9:30am  
Opening Worship at 1:30pm.

## Special Ways to Offer Love & Thanks for Rev. Ken Easley

With heavy hearts, we must announce that Rev. Ken Easley has made a decision to formally leave the staff of Immanuel UMC, due to his health condition, after 25 plus years of faithful ministry. We encourage you to offer your thanks for Ken in the following three ways:

1. Attend a reception on Sunday, February 3rd at 12:15pm in the Wesley Hall at Immanuel UMC. Ken is also hoping to offer special music in the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall services that day, so please plan to come and show him your love and support on this occasion.
2. Share a love offering. Please return a financial gift for Ken by marking the check for him. Ken is not leaving the church or community, so there is no firm deadline, however his reception will be held on Sunday, February 3rd, so please try to get your gift to us by that time.
3. Write a letter, care or note. These will be collected into an album and presented to Ken on February 3rd. Please return your letters to the church office by Thursday, January 31st. We will have a basket for last minute letters at the reception. You may also send a note to Ken's home.

## Casual Conversations

Wednesday, January 30th

7pm-9pm

Staffordsburg UMC

John Parker from City Gospel Mission who will be leading our conversation. We would love to have you join us! If you would like to come or for more information, please contact

John Losey ASAP at 859-322-3577

## LACE

Upcoming LACE/Lay Speaker training dates at Alexandria UMC:

Saturday, February 16th, 9am-4pm

Saturday, March 16th, 9am-4pm

Contact Phil Bradley for more information at [makmknown@gmail.com](mailto:makmknown@gmail.com)



## New Faith Communities Update

I am excited about everything that 2013 is going to bring about for the Covington District. One of the things I am most excited about is a training that my husband and I have been a part of for 7 months now. We are working as district staff to bring Path 1's Lay Missionary Planting Network training to our district. This is training that provides laity the tools, resources, and support to start new faith communities, new ministries, and be core team members of new faith communities. I look forward to sharing more about this in the near future!

## Lenten Prayer Emphasis

Once again we would like to have a prayer emphasis for the Lenten Season. At our District Pastor's meeting we will discuss our proposed emphasis. Hopefully each Church will participate and many people will be won to Christ during the Season of Lent.

Also, if anyone has a success story from our Advent Prayer emphasis we would like to hear from you. Please send your story to me at [pastorben@fuse.net](mailto:pastorben@fuse.net) so we can compile the results.

Dr. Billy Graham once said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer." Let's build on our District Prayer emphasis and trust Him for a harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God during the Lenten Season.

Ben Hahn

## Change for Change Offering

As most of you remember, the Conference Children's Ministry Team collects a change offering at Annual Conference. It would be great if the churches of our District could "plan ahead" for this event. Consider taking up a Lenten change offering. Perhaps the children of your church could collect this each week either during the service or at the entrance(s) as people come in to worship. Or just putting a change collection point around your church would work as well. You might also just dedicate the coin offering from your Sunday School or worship collections to go to this. Of course, any fundraisers your church might do would be a great help, too. If we collect money ahead of time, it will greatly increase our ability to help churches with children's ministry. Coin offerings do not need to be counted or rolled - just collected. Paper money and checks are accepted as well! We can even arrange for a pick up after your collection time or fundraiser event has ended so you don't need to hold on to it or bring it to Annual Conference!

These offerings go to fund grants for churches starting new children's ministries. So many of our churches have willing people but just can't scrape together funds for supplies and resources. The Children's Ministry Team offers grants of \$1000 to churches for this purpose. These grants have gone for food programs, Bible School and after school programs, arts and humanities programs, and athletic programs. It's a wonderful cause and there are many ways we can join together to bring up our children in the ways of the Lord. Please consider this as a Lenten or spring project in your church.

For more information, you can contact Mark Shepherd at [pastor-mark@erlangerumc.org](mailto:pastor-mark@erlangerumc.org) or call him at [\(859\) 727-2136](tel:859-727-2136).

## DCOM at Highland UMC

Greetings to all my fellow UM Servant Leaders!

DNow is approaching again, March 15-17, 2013 at Highland UMC. This is a weekend where we get together with several United Methodist Churches for a retreat setting. Cost will be under at \$45 per participant or lower. We will have a planning meeting on THURSDAY, January 31 at 12:30 p.m. here at Highland United Methodist, 314 N. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY 41075. Lunch will be provided (and it is free!). Derek Robinette, from St. Matthews UMC in Louisville is our guest speaker for the weekend. At the meeting next Thursday, themes, activities, and leadership responsibilities will be determined.

If you think you would like your church to participate, but cannot come to the meeting, please send me an email to that effect. This is a great weekend for the Jr. and Sr. High youth of the Covington District Methodist Churches to gather together for worship, fellowship, discipleship building, and of course-- FOOD!

Grace and peace, Pastor Larry [859-757-5416](tel:859-757-5416)

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## District Calendar and Birthdays

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Feb 3** Ken Easley Reception  
**Feb 3** Cynthiana Meeting  
**Feb 5** Wesley Foundation Mtg  
**Feb 7** Clergy Meeting (Asbury)  
**Feb 9** DCOM Mentoring  
**Feb 11-12** Cabinet  
**Feb 15** Annual Conference Mtg  
**Feb 16** LACE (Alexandria)  
**Feb 18-20** Clergy Benefit Academy  
**Feb 21** Meeting Bishop  
**Feb 23** VIM Training (Highland)  
**Feb 26** District Leadership Team  
**Feb 27** Primary Task Team  
**Feb 28** DCOM

### February Clergy Birthdays

**Feb 6** Alice Crawford  
**Feb 10** Darrell Maines  
**Feb 10** Phil Hogg  
**Feb 17** James Turley  
**Feb 22** Carol Mains  
**Feb 24** Rachel Wirrig

## Want to Get Involved?

### Health Ministries

- Parish Nursing:  
Contact **Linda Howarth**  
(859) 572-9110  
[howlin@fuse.net](mailto:howlin@fuse.net)
- Flu Shots/Blood Drive Van:  
Contact **Marlene Faegan**  
St. Elizabeth Health Ministries (859) 292-4149
- Mobile Mammography Van:  
Contact **Madonna Vinicombe** (859) 301-2031  
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