



North Coast Crossings

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God is Calling Us to Move Ahead to the Future

Dear Friends in the North Coast District,

"I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing do, (remembering) what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14 (The Message)

It has been a great term for me as a Superintendent in the East Ohio Conference for the last six years. Assigned as the last superintendent of the Cleveland District (for two years) and the first superintendent of the North Coast District, I have been deeply honored to serve both of the Bishops, the churches and the clergy, to the best of my ability.

I take great comfort, strength and hope in this passage from Philippians. Paul encourages us to forget what lies behind, so that we can press on ahead. I would choose to remember what lies behind so that we can honor it.

I honor our history as churches and a movement of United Methodism in the greater Cleveland area.

I am deeply grateful not only for our history, but also for our relationships, as we have worked together over the years on the tasks we have undertaken.

But I am also more committed to the goal of the "kingdom work" for Jesus Christ. As much as we enjoy talking about the past, we must move ahead to the future God is calling us to, and it is not the same as our past. Read the Bible, study church history – God always calls the people forward to a new, untried, sometimes scary future.



Rev. H. Daniel Drew

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2010 Benevolent Block Grant Funding

Did you request 2010 Benevolent Block Grant Funding for your project idea? The following is a reminder of the North Coast District's role in the Benevolent Block Grand Funding process.



Rev. V. Yvonne Conner

The conference ministries and mission funding is a part of the Fund I, "World Service and Conference Ministries and Mission," Shared Ministry apportionment monies given by local churches to be used for mission and ministry within the East Ohio Conference as outreach that leads people to the acceptance of Jesus Christ. The conference Mission and Ministries Funding Committee is responsible for oversight of the East Ohio Conference Ministries and Mission Budget. The Ministries and Mission Funding Committee suggests policies to help the Conference accomplish effective and responsible ministries and mission funding, serves as a channel for all funding requests, and protects against overlap of programs and abuse.

The North Coast District Mission Committee makes block grant funding recommendations to the conference committee based on requests submitted to the District. The District Mission submitted all required material and recommendations for 2010 Benevolent Block Grant Funding to the East Ohio Conference by the required March 15, 2009 deadline. The final step in this process.

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*“Stick with me friends. Keep track of those you see running this same course, headed for the same goal.”
Philippians 3:17 (The Message)*

In the past few months several persons have said that they are sorry that I, as superintendent, will not be going to the new future with them. My response has been that I will be praying and cheering for you from Chardon, or wherever else God may lead me to. Paul suggests that we should stick together as long as we are headed to the same goal. I can't say it better; when it comes to “kingdom work” I will always be interested in the churches and the people of the North Coast District. Although I will no longer serve as your superintendent, I will continue to serve as your “prayer partner,” “your cheerleader,” and your “kingdom” friend. I want us to continue to do well for Jesus Christ and his kingdom here in Northern Ohio.

Be a Blessing to Someone,

Dan East Ohio Conference Superintendent Assigned to the North Coast District



2009 East Ohio Annual Conference

Guest Speakers Announced.

The 40th session of East Ohio Annual Conference will be held June 15 – 18 at Lakeside. The 2009 theme is “Be Transformed -- Transform our Hearts, Transform our Minds, Transform our Doors. Featured speakers will include Bishop Lindsey Davis of The Louisville Area, Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton of the Michigan Area, and the Rev. Nancy Hull, president and chief executive officer of Flat Rock Homes and Care Center.

Check the Conference Website for up-to-date information for the 2009 East Ohio Annual Conference: www.eocumc.com

Annual Conference Clergy and Laity Fellowship Thursday, June 18, 2009

638 Central (South of Auditorium)

Immediately after morning Session!

All Clergy/Laity and Families of the North Coast District
are Welcome to attend!!!

All Food & Drink Provided!! Donations accepted



Clergy Family Picnic - The North District The United Methodist Church Save the Date - Tuesday, July 21

at Morgan's Hollow Picnic Area

Off the E. 49th St. entrance of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation,
South of Grant Ave. in Cuyahoga Hts.



Health News from the District Parish Nurse – Rev. Linda McCowen

In this busy time of graduations, church transitions and annual conference, I hope that you're taking some time to enjoy God's good creation. I hope that you're finding time to take care of yourself—one of God's good creations!! Drink plenty of water, eat 5 fruits and vegetables every day, exercise, use sun screen and spend time with God!

If you'd like information about the wellness ministries of the North Coast District, check out http://www.ncdistrictumc.org/news/wellness_ministries.htm. I can be reached at lmccowen@ncdistrictumc.org or at 216-441-4527 X 107.

BP's, RN's and community meals....

I'm looking for RN's that would like to participate in the wellness ministry by taking BP's at community meals at least once a quarter. If you have a current OH license and would like to participate in mission outreach close to home, please contact me. If your church offers community meals and the information is listed on the North Coast District hot meals web page, I will contact you as soon as I have a nurse who is available when you serve meals.



Thank you! Linda - I can be reached at lmccowen@ncdistrictumc.org or at 216-441-4527 X 107.

News from our District Facilities Director - Jim Szakacs



District Facilities Director, Jim Szakacs has been reviewing the contracts and services provided by various vendors currently under contract with the North Coast District. The purpose of the review is to identify which vendors may qualify for inclusion on a "preferred vendors" list. As of this moment, there are vendors on the list providing fire and security protection, telephone service, exterminating, and HVAC/boiler services. In order to appear on the list, these vendors not only had to be providing excellent services, but they were asked to provide special pricing for all churches in the North Coast District as well as special pricing for individual church members. If you are interested in contacting any of these vendors, leave a message for Jim at the district office, 216/441-4527, or email him at director@nehemiahmission.org.

2010 Benevolent Block Grant Funding (continued from page 1)

The Conference Ministries and Mission funding will be recommended by the Conference Council on Ministries and the Conference Council on Finance and Administration at the 2009 Annual Conference for review and approval. The payout percentage rate for Ministries and Mission grants is set annually by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration based on expected income rates. So, if you **have not** received notification that your 2010 Benevolent Block Grant request **was not** recommended for funding by the District Mission Committee, your project was recommended for funding.

As a District, we are mindful that the Conference is moving us towards more equity in funding across all Districts of the EOC. The Conference remains hopeful that overtime benevolent funds will become "seed money" for many projects rather than long-term support. This enriched focus on stewardship begins with the 2010 funding cycle.

Yvonne

Rev. Dr. V. Yvonne Conner, District Associate

"Goodbye" from Debbie Bryant, District Communications Coordinator

I don't even know where to begin. I have enjoyed my 12 years working at the North Coast/Cleveland District Office. I know I am not really saying goodbye, because I will see many of you at conference events, but I won't have the daily contact at the office or over the phone. It will be different. I've always trusted that God is taking care of me and I know he has plans for me in the Mahoning Valley District. I don't know what the plans are yet, but I have to learn that they will come in God's time and not my time!

Remember to keep on being the church and embrace the person who follows me. I believe God will send just the right person. Not someone to replace me, but someone to come and to be themselves and who will serve God and the North Coast District and beyond.



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