

# ATLANTA EMORY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

**NOVEMBER, 2011**

## Notes from the District Superintendent



### *A Word from Dana*



Greetings!

Did you honor your pastor(s) during October? It was National Clergy Appreciation Month. What you did not know that? Yes, someone thought it would be a good thing to say thank you to clergy besides it sells cards and simple religious gifts.

Ok, I know I'm being sarcastic but I'm not one for having another "Special Day" being put upon us, either by the unseen powers that pick and name days or by the greeting card companies. I believe that we should live in appreciation for people and professions every day.

As laity, I hope you have shown your appreciation for your pastor(s). Your appreciation does not have to be limited to October of the year. I want to encourage you to show your appreciation all year. I encourage you to show it in simple ways. Yes, cards are nice and mean so much but also a simple email sharing how much your pastor means to you can be so powerful. How about taking your pastor to lunch one afternoon or inviting him/her and their family to join yours for lunch; with no agenda other than appreciation. Maybe you are shy and you don't want to show such emotion openly well there is always the avenue of prayer. Praying for your pastor(s) is one of the greatest acts of appreciation you can do. Teach your children to create a work of art for the pastor's "refrigerator". How about simply putting your arm around your pastor and saying, "Thank you"?

Clergy have a good life and the church blesses them so richly. I know in this economy many church are unable to give raises or even to maintain the current salary but that can be made up in appreciation.

Oh the truth is clergy get beaten up a lot sometimes by their own fault and sometimes by no fault of their own, but all need to know they are loved and appreciated and not just in October. In fact November is here, the month of Thanksgiving. I hope you will add to your list of blessings, your pastor(s) and give thanks for them at your church. I know I am thankful for each pastor in the Atlanta Emory District. I believe we are the best district out there and it is partly because we have excellent pastors (also because we have laity who are among the very best ... who love and appreciate their pastor.)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One ... for God has blessed you with one of God's best.

Grace and peace and Happy Thanksgiving!

Dana



# Mission Trips Offered Throughout the UMC Connection & Other Business

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## **Disaster Academy**

Save the dates for the 2012 SEJ Disaster Academy: February 20-22, 2012 at Simpsonwood, the North Georgia Conference. Class offerings and registration will be available starting November 1, 2011. More information will be available as details are confirmed.

## **Accepting Teams in NC**

Operation Inasmuch of Mitchell County, NC is an interdenominational ministry led by United Methodists and is home repair and handicapped access ministry, now accepting applications for spring, summer and fall 2012 mission teams. Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains near Spruce Pine, North Carolina, the ministry provides assistance to needy, elderly and handicapped residents. Dormitory style housing is provided for teams of up to 50 members. The housing units are divided into male and female sides with each side having its own baths and showers. The units have a fully furnished kitchen. Teams must furnish their own linens and towels. Adult and youth teams are encouraged to apply. Teams may come for a weekend, a week or longer.

For more information contact Neil Brown, [brownneil@bellsouth.net](mailto:brownneil@bellsouth.net).

## **Church Requesting Choir Robes**

The church in Archaie, Haiti has requested choir robes for their youth choir. If anyone has some they would like to donate, please contact Rev. Nick Elliott, [nseumvim@gmail.com](mailto:nseumvim@gmail.com).

## **Team Members Needed for Kenya Trip**

Team Leader, Rev. Lynn Renne, R.N. has requested team members for a trip to Western Kenya for February 10-24, 2012 and also July 6-20, 2012. The approximate cost is \$4000 (which includes airfare, land travel, food, lodging and a safari) plus \$300 for visa and immunizations. The team will host a medical camp, however non-medical helpers are needed to work at the Dago Dala Heri Orphanage, run a children's Bible study and work at a pre-school. For more information, please contact Rev. Lynn Renne, [L.Renne@aol.com](mailto:L.Renne@aol.com).

## **Team Members Needed for Columbia Trip**

There are a few open spots for a team to Columbia, January 15-25, 2012. The approximate cost is \$1800-2100 per person, including airfare, lodging, and food. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Rick Edwards, [revricked@gmail.com](mailto:revricked@gmail.com).

## **From Atlanta Emory District UMW**

We are aware that the UMW Units in a number of our churches are becoming inactive and we want to encourage all Pastor's to get behind and support their UMW programs. The AMRY UMW Board is committed to provide assistance and support wherever we are needed. We will gladly visit any and all church UMW Units who needs us.

Barbara Garrison, President  
Atlanta Emory District UMW



AMRY District News & Events

**Action Ministries Sunday  
November 13 | Your Local Church**

Congregations across north Georgia will celebrate the work of the leading mission organization Action Ministries, Inc. with a special observance of "Action Ministries Sunday" on Sunday, November 13, 2011. Bishop B. Michael Watson has designated this day as Action Ministries Sunday in the more than 900 churches of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

To receive more information about Action Ministries Sunday please contact Mackenzie Harkins via phone at 404.277.3788 or via email at [mharkins@actionministries.net](mailto:mharkins@actionministries.net) or visit [www.actionministries.net](http://www.actionministries.net).



To become a friend on Facebook for the Atlanta Emory District; please go to the following link:  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Atlanta-Emory-District-of-The-United-Methodist-Church/102704686491193>



**SAVE THE DATE!**



- ◆ Conference UMW Leadership Training/Officer Update @ Bethlehem UMC - November 5, 2011
- ◆ Atlanta Emory UMW District Leadership Training @ W.R. Cannon UMC - November 19, 2011 @ 9:30am
- ◆ Atlanta Emory UMW Executive Board Christmas Meeting - Location/Time - TBA - Save the Date!
- ◆ **ALL CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS MUST BE INPUT ONLINE BY Tuesday, November 30, 2011** (Please review the checklist for details on page 5.)

Vital Congregations!

For more information about Vital Congregations visit the web site at [umvitalcongregations.org](http://umvitalcongregations.org)



To publish your church event, please contact the AMRY District Office with your details via email at [amry@ngumc.net](mailto:amry@ngumc.net) by the 15th day of the previous month you would like your event published in our newsletter.  
Thank you, Martha Graves/Office Administrator

**Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!**  
**Give Thanks with a grateful heart.....**  
**The AMRY District Office Thanks You!**



# Now What?

## I've read *When Helping Hurts* – but what do I do next?

The paradigm-shifting book – *When Helping Hurts* – has caused many churches and ministry leaders to ask: What do we do next in our efforts to help people who are poor at home and abroad? How can we shift our efforts from dependency to empowerment? How can we get our entire ministry network on the same page?

In response, the co-authors of the book – Dr. Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett of the Chalmers Center for Economic Development – are offering one-day regional training seminars entitled: **Helping Without Hurting: The Next Step.**

These one day events are divided into two sessions. The morning session gives an overview of the core principles of *When Helping Hurts* and is designed to get the entire ministry network (churches, ministries, board members, financial partners, and volunteers) thinking out of the same framework. The afternoon session applies the concepts from the morning session, empowering your church or ministry with the knowledge and tools to take the first steps in using Asset-Based Development at home or abroad.

### What to expect:

The morning session provides an overview of the core principles and applications of *When Helping Hurts* including:

- The Definition of Poverty
- The Role of the Church
- The Central Role of Repentance
- Relief, Rehabilitation, and Development
- Asset-Based and Participatory Approaches
- The Role of Short Term Missions
- Economic Development in North America
- Holistic Microfinance in Majority World

### Afternoon Session:

The afternoon session is designed to help churches and ministries to begin to use Asset-Based Development (ABD) at home and abroad. Topics include:

- Understanding the Process of ABD
- Working with Individuals, Households, and Communities
- Tools for North America and the Majority World
- The Proper Role of Community Outsiders
- Plans for Getting Started

### Host Information

HELPING WITHOUT HURTING: THE NEXT STEP



**When Helping Hurts**  
How to Advance Poverty Without Hurting the Poor - and Yourself

BY STEVE CORBETT & BRIAN FIKKERT, CO-AUTHORS OF *WHEN HELPING HURTS*

Saturday, January 14, 2012, 8am to 5PM

McEachern United Methodist Church  
4075 Macland Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127  
770-943-3008



Helping Without Hurting



The Chalmers Center



**McEachern Memorial**  
A United Methodist Church  
[www.meachernmc.org](http://www.meachernmc.org)



2011 Charge Conference Checklist

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The following forms **must** be in the file prepared for the DS to reference at the conference\*:

Note: **One** copy of reports is sufficient.

- 1) \_\_\_ Local Church Leadership Report (2012)
- 2) \_\_\_ List of Lay speakers to be approved (2012)
- 3) \_\_\_ List of Candidates to be approved or Recommendations for Ministry forms  
(every candidate must be approved annually including Local Pastors)
- 4) \_\_\_ Clergy Compensation and Expenses Worksheet (for **each appointed clergy** on staff;  
**original signatures** by clergy and SPRC or Finance chairperson) (For salary effective 2012)
- 5) \_\_\_ Annual Conference Master List (for **each appointed clergy** on staff)

The following are to be completed on line by November 30, 2011

- 1) \_\_\_ Lay Delegate Report (2012 Annual Conference)
- 2) \_\_\_ Report of Pastor (2010 Charge Conference - 2011 Charge Conference)
- 3) \_\_\_ Report of Local Church Treasurer (2011- most recent month-end)
- 4) \_\_\_ Report of the Finance Committee (Charge Conference date from 2010 to 2011)
- 5) \_\_\_ Fund Balance Report Annual Audit for **2010 (1/1/10 - 12/30/10)**
- 6) \_\_\_ Trustee's Report (Charge Conference date from 2010 to 2011)
- 7) \_\_\_ Higher Education Report (see [umls-students.umc.org](http://umls-students.umc.org))
- 8) \_\_\_ Church Information Report
- 9) \_\_\_ Lay Speakers' Annual Reports
- 10) \_\_\_ Safe Sanctuary Policy

All of the above reports/forms are available on-line at [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org). Click the Forms tab, then click the Data Services link to access all of your reports and click on the Charge Conference link to access all forms.



Be sure to input minutes from the Conference within 10 days following the Conference and email me a copy too at [officemanager@atlantaemory.org](mailto:officemanager@atlantaemory.org). Thank you!

## Atlanta Emory District 2011/2012 Calendar

### **NOVEMBER, 2011**

1	Tuesday	AMRY District Finance Committee Mtg. @ 7-8:30pm/District Office
3	Thursday	Clergy Evaluations @ Hamilton Mill - 9am-4:00pm
7	Monday	Prep. Seminar for Commissioning & Ordination Interviews (PM/FC) @ 9am-2pm/Methodist Center/Atrium – Registration Online
8	Tuesday	AMRY District Board of Laity Mtg. @ 6:30-8pm/District Office (Light dinner will be served)
10	Thursday	Clergy Evaluations @ Lawrenceville First – 9am-5:00pm
13-15	Sun.-Tues.	Provisional Interviews @ Simpsonwood
16	Wednesday	Extended Cabinet Mtg. & BOM Staff Networking Mtg. @ Wesley Woods
17	Thursday	Clergy Evaluations @ Haygood Memorial – 9am-5:30pm
<b>23-25</b>	<b>Wed.-Fri.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday – District Office Closed</b>
29	Tuesday	Clergy Evaluations @ District Office – 9am-6:30pm
30	Tuesday	<b>ALL CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS MUST BE INPUT ONLINE BY 11/30/11</b>

### **DECEMBER, 2011**

1	Thursday	AMRY District Church Development Committee Mtg. @ 6:30-7:30pm/ District Office ( <u>Tentative Date</u> )
5	Monday	Extended Cabinet Mtg. – Bishop’s Conference Room
5	Monday	Cabinet Christmas Dinner – Atrium/Time - TBD
8	Thursday	AMRY District Christmas Dinner @ 6:30-8:30pm/Lawrenceville 1st (Invitations will be sent)
15	Thursday	<b>LAST DAY TO RECEIVE 2011 DISTRICT WORK FUND CHECKS INTO OFFICE</b>
<b>Dec. 21-January 3</b>		<b>Christmas/New Year Holidays – District Office Closed (May come in during this time, if needed)</b>

### **JANUARY, 2012**

<b>4</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AMRY District Office Opens after the Holidays</b>
5	Thursday	AMRY District Board of Trustees Mtg. @ 3-4pm/District Office ( <u>Tentative Date</u> )
6	Friday	<b>LAST DAY FOR 2011 CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENT PAYMENTS!</b>
8	Sunday	AMRY/ADOX District Training Event @ 2-5pm @ Norcross First UMC
10	Tuesday	Extended Cabinet Mtg. – Bishop’s Conference Room & Dinner @ 5:30pm/Howard Hall
12	Thursday	AMRY District Superintendency Committee Mtg. @ 11am-12noon/District Office
<b>16</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>MLK Holiday – District Office Closed</b>
17-20	Tues.-Fri.	Cabinet Consultation @ Epworth By The Sea
27	Friday	<b>MOVE/STAY FORMS ARE DUE INTO DISTRICT OFFICE</b>
27	Friday	<b>YEAR-END REPORTS DUE INTO CONFERENCE OFFICE</b>



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