

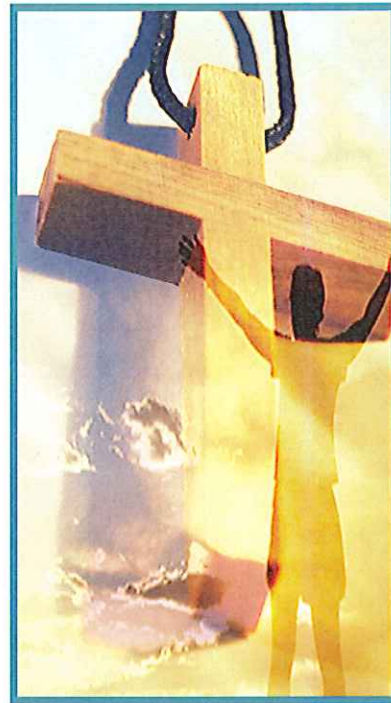
The Hannah Project

is named for Hannah,
the mother of the prophet Samuel,
who handed her child into ministry.
Her story is found in 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 10.

We come from local churches
that can offer our people
into the wider ministry of the church.

The Continuing need
for ordained elders and deacons
to lead the churches
calls for each local church
to be responsible
for helping people
to hear the invitation
to become ministers
of the Christian faith.

Each congregation
is challenged to participate
in the program
of ministerial recruitment
and nurture.



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With the
Call Culture Commission

Ministry as vocation
in the
Missouri
Annual Conference

*"How are they to call on one in whom they
have not believed?
And how are they to believe in one
of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear
without someone to proclaim God?
How are they to proclaim God
unless they are sent?"*

Romans 10:14-15

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Congregations that complete the five standards for recruitment and nurture listed here will be recognized at the 2012 session of the Missouri Annual Conference.

The deadline for applications is May 1, 2012. Application found on conference website
(Center for Pastoral Excellence)

1. Celebrate Ministry Sunday

Build a worship service around the call to the ordained ministry. Invite youth and other members to respond to the invitation to consider the ordained ministry. Resources for the worship service may be found on the conference web page or by calling the Center for Pastoral Excellence. Visit our website at www.thecalltoministry.org.

2. Name Congregational "Call Connector"

Send person(s) interested in fostering "culture of the call" within your congregation to regional training to receive ministerial recruitment information. (The first workshop is at Annual Conference 2011.) They then share opportunities in Christian ministry with students. Local recruiters should make resources available to youth, confirmation classes, and others considering the call to ministry. List "call connector" with the Center for Pastoral Excellence.

3. Sponsor a Seminary Student*

Sponsor at least one seminary student from the Missouri Conference. Sponsorship includes activities such as prayer, sending greeting cards for birthdays and holidays, "care packages" during finals, etc. Names are available from the Center for Pastoral Excellence and Jenny Gragg at jgragg@moumethodist.org. Or you may email about sponsoring (prayer or financially) a seminary student in Mozambique (Carol Kreamer, cpkreamer@hughes.net.)

4. Sponsor Exploration of Ministry Event/Student

Send or sponsor a student to an Exploration of ministry event. The cost of sponsorship includes the registration fee \$150 to be sent to Missouri Conference Center for Pastoral Excellence, Exploration Attn: Jenny Gragg, 3601 Amron Ct., Columbia MO 65202.

5. Support Seminary Scholarships

Support the Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) apportionment for the conference.

* Does your church have its own seminary scholarship at the Missouri United Methodist Foundation? Do you/would you contribute to the Missouri United Methodist Foundation Seminary Scholars Grant? Contact David Atkins at 573-875-4595.

