

MISSION IN ACTIONVOLUNTEERS IN MISSION AT Della Lamb Community Services

We all seem to think Volunteers in Mission Activities will take us far away from our homes, to other states and other countries, but Mission Trips can be arranged at the five Designated United Methodist Missions, right here in Missouri. Great Mission experiences are only a few hours away.

Recently, a group of ten women, from Kansas West Conference, spent four days at Della Lamb Community Services in Kansas City. The group visited all five sites of the mission, and worked a total of 22 hours, tutoring adults, helping teachers, and wrapping Christmas packages. They also attended a Mission Fair and Women's Day at St. James UMC.

Other activities included a trip to Kansas City's Farmers' Market. The group stayed at North Cross United Methodist Church.

Contact Nancy K. Kincaid (nkincaid@dellalamb.org) for information about planning your own Mission Trip.

Human Trafficking ~Rachel Bachenberg

Thank you for all who attended the Spiritual Retreat at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City. I know that the even was very educational in the avenue of Human Trafficking. We hope you can join us to learn more about Human Trafficking at Kansas City and St. Louis in August. Please see the next edition of Mission Voice for more information.

Walk for Mission

Please make sure to turn in your unit's Walk for Mission form into Carolyn Celestine as soon as possible. If you need the form please see the website.

Presenting the Study Leaders: ~Sally Holston, Dean

Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Rev. Kevyn Amos is an Ordained Elder in the Missouri Annual Conference and the Pastor of Saint Andrew United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Kevyn has served the Missouri Conference in many ways and is a very familiar face to all of us. He was a Study Leader for Restorative Justice in 2002 and Exodus in 2003.



Nominations. Lynda was a study leader for **Joy to the world** in 2010 and is looking forward to sharing this year's spiritual growth study.



Rev. M. Diane Nunnelee a 1980 graduate of St. Paul School of Theology, served United Methodist rural, small town and urban congregations in mid- and western Missouri as well as being campus minister at SW Missouri State University (now Mo State). Accompanied by her husband, Rev. Donald Schomacker (ret.) she lived and worked in two townships outside of Cape Town South Africa with indigenous pastors during the time of the Truth and Reconciliation process.



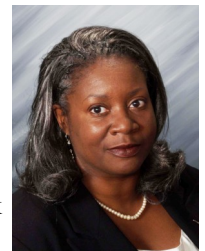
Rev. Peggy Eshelman is a licensed local pastor at Windsor UMC in the Heartland South District. Peggy is a long time advocate for the School of Christian Mission and has led several studies on a variety of issues, including two years as a Study Leader in the Children's School. She also has a passion for the Legislative Event and has been a small group presenter and keynote speaker.

Rev. Bruce Jeffries is an ordained elder in the Missouri Conference, currently serving the Rock Port/Watson Charge in the Pony Express District. Bruce has organized and participated on VIM Teams in Jamaica, Jayuya, Puerto Rico, Pitorreal, Mexico, Tahlaquah, OK, and in New Orleans, LA. This will be the fourth time that he has taught at the School of Missions.



Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity:

Dr. Faye Abram is a full-time professor with Saint Louis University School of Social Work since 1993, teaches graduate and undergraduate diversity, community practice, and international social work courses. She is excited that this study presents an opportunity to bring together her academic interest in international social work and mission with her UMW commitment to mission service. Faye has been a study leader at several School of Missions.



Lynda Moore Walker Lynda Moore Walker is a retired school librarian and an active member of St. James United Methodist Church in Kansas City. She has been avidly pursuing mission activities for years through United Methodist Women. Lynda presently is a member of the MO Conference Committee on



Rev. Joyce Holley is an ordained Elder, Joyce has served churches in El Paso, TX, Grant City, Warrensburg, Oak Grove, Kansas City, Excelsior Springs and Higginsville, Missouri. Joyce began a new ministry in 2004 with Church World Service as Assistant Regional Director serving in the Great Plains Region. This is Joyce's third year teaching at the MO School of Christian Mission and she feels honored to be part of this year's School and is looking forward to teaching the three day session on Joy to the World.

Haiti:



Jeff Baker has been with the Office of Creative Ministries since June 2008. He currently coordinates disaster response within Missouri and across the United States. He is the Volunteer in Mission coordinator for Missouri projects and the hunger relief advocate for the Society of St. Andrew. Jeff has been on several VIM trips to Haiti and is currently traveling the state promoting the Hydraid® Bio Sand water filtering system so homes in Haiti can have safe drinking water.

Rev. Jeannette Bragg is pasturing her old home church at Koshkonong MO and also the church in Couch, MO. Prior to preaching she was active in United Methodist Women holding several offices. Her favorite times were Dean of School of Mission and Chair of Legislative Event. Jeannette has been a study leader at eight different schools and will lead the study on Haiti.



Rev. Dr. Nora Jones is appointed to Samaritan United Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, where she serves as the lead servant. She serves on the District Committee of Ordained ministry, the Superintendence and the conference Social Justice Committee and volunteers in St Louis Public School District. In September, 2010, she led the first Missouri United Methodist Team to Haiti for ten days.

Richard Vreeland is a life-long United Methodist layman who has used his training as a Certified Public Accountant in full time service to the church since becoming a United Methodist missionary in 1959. He served in India from 1960-1974. He has previously taught at School of Mission, and is also a valuable member of the School Committee representing the Creative Ministries Team.



Dr. Rhonda Chalfant currently teaches part time at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, teaching American Diversity, Children's Literature, and American History. She is local unit and Heartland South District Social Action Coordinator. Her proudest moment was when she was called a "dangerous activist" by a local radio talk show host.

Chris Hopkins is not only teaching our youth but she serves as the Missouri Cooperative School of Christian Mission Business Manager. She is also the Chairman of the Conference Committee on Nominations. She has held several positions in the Stockton UMW Unit served on the Lakes District level as well as a past MO Conference Officer. Mission and Education are passions for Chris and she is excited about this year's



study on Reconciliation and Forgiveness.

Donna Ford is president of the Southwest District UMW. She has also served the District as secretary for four years and Coordinator for Education and Interpretation for two years. Donna teaches the upper elementary Sunday school class at Wheaton UMC, as well as being the leader of "God's Kids" children's group on Wednesday nights. Donna taught the youth last year and is looking forward to being with the youth again this year.

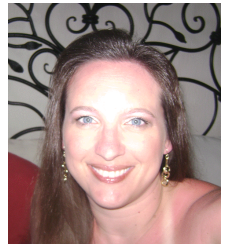


Children



Pati Tynes is excited to be co-leading the children this year with Kim Markley. She has worked with the children/youth for the last four years. Pati is continuing in the United Methodist Candidacy Program and is currently awaiting an Appointment as a Local Licensed Pastor. She loves Cooperative School of Missions and says she feels at home on the Central Methodist University campus.

Kim Markley currently serves as the youth director for Harmony United Methodist Church in Charlack, Missouri, and also serves on the Board of Trustees. It was an excited year for me, in the fall I made a career move, and began my employment with State Farm Bank along with watching the youth group at Harmony double in size. She is looking forward to returning as a children's leader.



Music Leaders



Sara Keith is returning this year as song leader. She Director of Choirs and teaches Elementary Music at Bunker R-3 School District. She loves to sing, play the flute and piano. She recently received a Master Degree in Music from UM in Columbia.

Dorothy Heyward our pianist is retired as a Reading Specialist from the St. Louis Public School System. Presently, she is serving as co-director of the choir at Samaritan UMC and was also Assistant director of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. choir.

