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Oneonta District Office UMC Newsletter
of the Upper New York Annual Conference

"Living the gospel of Jesus Christ and Being God's love with our neighbors in all places."



Please share this issue of the Oneonta District Newsletter with church members and staff, teams and organizations. If you wish to include news, that involves Missions send it a minimum of 7 days in advance to: OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org

Together, let us pray for

The people of Plymouth, Preston and North Norwich UMCs, and pastor Thanna Howell for Beverly Harris (New Berlin Lay Leader) and her family – Bev is still at Wilson Memorial for Rev. Gary and Sarah Kubitz (Afton/Bainbridge), traveling to Israel/Palestine with Interfaith Peace Builders
November 1-15

all those who suffer and those in trouble

those who struggle with addiction
refugees and migrants fleeing Syria and Iraq (see below)
all who suffer violence

for the concerns of our local communities

neighbors served by our food pantries, community meal ministries, thrift shops

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders

for wisdom and justice in our national and community conversations around racism
for places of conflict, near and far- for grace to see each person as a child of God

for the Church universal- its leaders, its members, and its mission

United Methodist Committee on Relief work with refugees in Europe and around the world Africa 360-

District & Conference Events Coming Soon

Date	Time	Item	Location
Sun., Nov. 15th	12- food 1-Worship and business	Sidney Regional Church Conference	Sidney UMC
Mon., Nov. 16th	6pm food 7pm worship & business	Norwich Regional Church Conference	Broad St Norwich UMC
Tues., Nov. 17th	6:30 pm	Oneonta Regional Church Conference	Elm Park UMC
Wed., Nov. 18th	6pm food 7pm worship & Business	Cooperstown Regional Church Conference	Cooperstown UMC
Thurs., Nov. 19th	6pm fellowship 6:30 worship & business	Schoharie Regional Church Conference	Esperance- Sloansville UMC

Tues., Dec 1st	9am-2:30pm	Advent Day Apart for Pastors – God’s Gifts of Grace	Unadilla UMC
Tues., Dec 1st	4:30 PM	District Board On Buildings and Locations - DBLB	Downstairs Oneonta District Office Light Supper will be provided at 5 pm
Sun. Dec 6 th	8:45 am	Bishop Webb preaching at Schuyler Lake UMC	Schuyler Lake UMC
Sun. Dec 6 th	5:00 PM	District Leadership Team	First Oneonta UMC
Tues., March 1st, 2016	9am-2:30pm	Lenten Day Apart for Pastors	Cooperstown UMC
Sat., March 5th, 2016	TBA	Oneonta District Day	Elm Park UMC
Thurs., April 14th, 2016	TBA	Bishop's Day on the District	Norwich Broad Street UMC

We would like to thank those Congregations and Pastors whom turned in their Church Conference paperwork on time, (You know who you are!).
For the very few (!) who have outstanding forms, please see the list below of all forms needed and submit them to the District Office this week. Thank you.

Reports due in District office by November 1, 2015.

1. 2016 Pastor's Compensation Worksheet

- 1a. Housing Exclusion Resolution - *sample (if applicable)*
 - 1b. Accountable Reimbursement Plan Resolution - *sample (if applicable)*
- NOTE: For information related to report worksheet and resolutions above, please visit:
<http://www.unyumc.org/about/2016-compensation-package>

2. Local Church Lay Leadership Reports:

- 2a. Nominations & Leadership Development Report *(using your church's format)*
- 2c. Local Church ~ UNYAC Leadership Interface

3. Report of the Pastor

4. Volunteers in Mission & Outreach Report

5. 2014 Audit

- As Applicable:**
- 6. Lay Servant Annual Report
 - 7. Parsonage Committee Report *(for each parsonage, even if rent-)*
 - 8. Recommendation of Candidate for Licensed/Ordained Ministry
 - 9. Bequest Resolution - *sample*

(Complete online, print and mail signed copy to District Office):

- 12. Pastor's Appointment Advisory Form** (complete at <http://uny.umconline.org>)
- 13. S/PPRC Appointment Advisory Form** (complete at <http://uny.umconline.org>)
- 14. Pastor - S/PPRC Covenant Form** (complete at <http://uny.umconline.org>)

These online forms (uny.umconline.org) require a Username and Password to complete. If you need help accessing them please contact the District Office.

Reminder for Lay Servants

A report is due from you annually and must be submitted to the district Office prior to your Regional Church conference to be approved at your annual church conference. Reports with missing information cannot be accepted. Download a report [here](#).

Need Help with Church Conference Reports?-This does not have to be frustrating!

This year, your friends in the Oneonta District Office want you to know about a new resource that we hope will be of help. We now have a workstation in the office that you can use to complete any of the reports listed on the 2015 Annual Report Form Check List. You may schedule a time to complete, print and submit your church's reports in one stop! This may be especially helpful in completing the online reports (numbers 12 through 16 and 19 on the Check List).

The work station will be available for use during regular office hours. If you're interested in scheduling a time to use this work station, please call (607-441-51020 or email Teresa at OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org.

Local Church News

"Be Still and Know That I Am God." Ps. 46:10, An Introduction to Centering Prayer, Tuesday, **Nov. 10th, 7 - 9 p.m., Delanson UMC**, Presentation Free of Charge, Presented by Bruce Gardiner. For more information contact Pastor Dale Schneeberger, [518-207-6867](tel:518-207-6867).

Registration Open for Conference Council of Youth Ministry's Mark your calendars for Fall Gathering West Nov. 20-21 at the Aldersgate UMC in Rochester.



The cost for the event is \$40 per person. This cost provides not just floor space for sleeping, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday, but also fantastic workshops, speakers, worship with live bands, time for fun and fellowship, and praise of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

The specifics for each event are still being finalized, but you can be sure that all the CCYM teams will have great things to help us all encounter God and put into practice: Do Something: Disciple's Edition. **Masters of ceremony** for Fall Gathering West in Rochester will be Katie Allen and Elgin Scalzi. Registration for the fall gatherings is now open. [Click Here to Register!](#)

What is the United Methodist Church doing for the European migration crisis?

Thomas Kemper, General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries, has written [an open letter](#) regarding The United Methodist Church's response to the ongoing European migration crisis. In his letter, Kemper outlines the scope of the crisis, requests prayer as an immediate response, and highlights the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). To lend your financial support, please send donations to UMCOR through the Upper New York Conference, 324 University Ave., 3rd floor, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210 (please denote "Advance #982450" for International Disaster Response on your check). Additionally, UMCOR is providing food packets and hygiene kits on the island of Kos and Lesbos. [Click here](#) for details of how to assemble UMCOR relief kits. [Click here](#) to read more about The UMC's aid to European refugees.

UNY Conference Trustees activate Revolving Loan Fund

The Upper New York Conference is pleased to announce the activation of the Revolving Loan Fund. Upper New York's predecessor conferences had loan funds to assist churches for certain expenditures, primarily associated with real property, such as major repairs and capital improvements. These funds are now available for lending to UNY churches with these capital needs, when alternative financing is unavailable. [DETAILS](#)

SUPPORT AFRICA 360

Looking for a way to connect your youth or Sunday School to Africa 360? A church in the Crossroads district has helped create a new project, complete

with video and craft project (downloadable from www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360-Toolkit), and includes cross-generational experiences for congregations that are interested: <http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/prayer-partners-another-life-saving-tool-in-the-africa-360-toolkit>



There are all new materials – brochures, bookmarks, envelopes can be ordered online, printable display, liturgy, and more at www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa360 (churches can find tools at the Africa 360 toolkit, linked to that page as well)

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Africa 360: Health and Education for Generations

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. –African Proverb

'Track' your Ministry Shares progress

Through Ministry Shares, your local church supports amazing ministries around the world and in your backyard. The majority of Upper New York Conference churches are currently on track to pay 100 percent of their Ministry Share benevolence for 2015. [Click Here](#) to see the full list of on-track churches. Or go to : <http://www.unyumc.org/about/churches-on-track>



Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission Shoebox Project – 2015 - It is time to begin filling shoeboxes for the Red Bird Mission Christmas Shoebox Project. This is a most worthwhile project serving the Red Bird Mission Conference of the United Methodist Church and their clientele. This project is worthy of your consideration. *For more information about Red Bird Mission and the Christmas 'Shoebox project, [click here](#).*

The Portlandville and Milford churches will be collecting for the Red Bird Mission and will provide a location for the truck to pick up the items. If there are persons in other churches who would like to donate but do not have a local church collecting, they are welcome to join us in this endeavor. I do not have a pickup date as of yet, but persons can contact me at coump.2011@yahoo.com Sue Hulbert

Nicaragua 2016

A VIM team will be going to Nicaragua in 2016. Tentative dates are March 3—17. The team will be working with Dr. Belinda Forbes, UM missionary dentist. Belinda works with Accion Medica Cristiana (Christian Medical Action/ AMC), an agency that works with some of the poorest people in Nicaragua, the second poorest country in our hemisphere. The team will probably do health related work but not direct medical care. Work might include assisting with dental care, health education, construction, etc. AMC will look at the team's skills

and the community's needs to determine the work and the location. It is expected that the team will go to the northeastern region, the RACCN, which is regarded as the poorest area of Nicaragua.

The team is being sponsored by First UMC, Schenectady, which has a covenant relationship with Dr. Forbes. Anticipated cost will be \$2000-2500. Team leader is Cindy Schulte. You can contact her at tacks5@hotmail.com or 518-374-3012 for more information or an application. You can also contact Jan Huston for more information at hustonjp24@gmail.com or 518-399-0919. AMC has a website where you can learn more about the work they do with the warm, friendly people of this beautiful country – <http://amcenglish.org>. It is hoped that the team will be formed by mid-Sept. so get your application in soon!

Chuck Knows Church videos on The Committee at <http://www.chuckknowschurch.com> The latest is Evangelism.-Other good ones are the Pilot, Hospitality, Reflecting the Community, and Our Purpose. Great for use with your Administrative Council or other leadership group! There is a downloadable discussion guide available for each segment.

NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVALS in New York 2015

November 11 **Canandaigua Treaty Celebration** 12 PM till 9pm . Court house lawn Canandaigua and Elementary School Commemorates the 200+ years of the treaty - parade, food, vendors, educational presentations, social

Conference Job Posting - *Anyone inquiring about any open positions can go to <http://www.unyumc.org/about/jobs> and use the online application system for applying for open positions.*

Contact info for the Upper NY Conference is as follows:

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<https://sites.google.com/site/oneontadistrictumc/> and at Conference Webpage at:

<http://www.unyumc.org/district/oneonta>

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