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Pre-Conference reports, materials due March 2

All reports and materials to be published in the Pre-Conference Booklet for the 2015 Annual Conference Session are due on March 2, 2015. These items should also be submitted to DCMOffice@unyumc.org.

Be "Revived" This Spring!

Shake off the dust of winter and be renewed at an overnight retreat for young adults ages 19-35 (families are welcome). "Revive" will be held March 13-14, 2015 at the [Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center](#) in Moravia, and participants will enjoy an opportunity to refresh after a long winter, coming away with a revived heart. The agenda and name of the guest speaker will be released in the near future. To register, [click here](#). For more information, contact Ashley Riddell at ashleyriddell@unyumc.org.

Youth Invited to Upper New York's First Confirmation Retreat

Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministries, in conjunction with the Episcopal Office and the Order of Deacons, will host the Conference's first *Confirmation Retreat* for youth who are preparing for the sacramental rites of confirmation, reception or reaffirmation of their baptismal vows.

The *Confirmation Retreat* is Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, 2015, at the following sites: [Asbury](#), [Casowasco](#), [Findley](#), and [Sky Lake](#) Camp & Retreat centers. Using technology, participants will have several opportunities to interact with each other and to connect live with Bishop Mark J. Webb.

Registration is open. <https://unyumc-reg.brapp.com/ConfirmationRetreat2015>

Youth, let UP!WORD help you 'Search... God'

The 2015 UP!WORD experience April 24-26 at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool, will be an opportunity for youth to participate in workshops, fun late night searching games and activities, and worship that will ultimately help them to "Search... God". Scheduled for special appearances are Christian musician Wayne Kerr, Inside Out (the Casowasco Camp & Retreat band), Upper New York Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb, several comedians, and a guest speaker from Syracuse University. <https://unyumc-reg.brapp.com/RegistrationUP!Word15>

Albany District Invites All Youth to Project Jesus Youth Event

The Best Things in Life Aren't Things: Project Jesus Youth Event

The Albany District is sponsoring an overnight youth event. All youth in grades 7-12 and their adult chaperones are invited to attend this exciting event at First United Methodist Church in East Greenbush. It is 7 p.m. February 27th to 12:30 p.m. February 28th. Cost is

\$30 per person. There will be music, games, food, workshops, worship, late night options, small groups, scavenger hunt, and music. There will also be t-shirts for sale. The workshops will be on various topics related to the theme. To register or for more information contact Debby Acker-Cole at debbylac@yahoo.com.

Poverty Simulation: Learn and Receive Lasting Impact

A Poverty Simulation, led by Rev. Beth Quick (Apple Valley United Methodist Church) as part of a research grant, will take place at Skaneateles United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 7th, from 1pm-4pm.

The Poverty Simulation is a unique tool used to help people learn about the day to day realities of life with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress.

How the simulation works: Participants are assigned the role of a low-income family for four 15-minute "weeks." Other volunteers play the roles of community agencies and businesses. Families must provide food, shelter and other basic necessities during the simulation while interacting with various community resources.

Although it uses play money and fictional scenarios, a Poverty Simulation is a role-play – not a game. It is a powerful experience that takes only a few hours, but makes a lasting impact. Skaneateles UMC is located at 26 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152. Parking is available in the Municipal Lot behind the church.

For more information or to ask questions, please contact Beth at 315-729-7099, via the Facebook event page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1533524470253583/>), or at bethquick@gmail.com.

Nominations Sought for Harry Denman Evangelism Award

The [Foundation for Evangelism](#) is a non-profit organization, serving ministries of The United Methodist Church. Each year it celebrates the outstanding personal evangelism ministry of United Methodist clergy, laity and youth by sponsoring the Harry Denman Evangelism Award. You may submit nominations for the award to the Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding, Director of Connectional Ministries, via email at DCMOffice@unyumc.org. To learn more about the award and download the nomination form, [click here](#); the application deadline is April 15, 2015.

Message from United Methodist Committee on Relief

Dear Church Leader,

Tornadoes in Mississippi. Ebola outbreaks in West Africa. Syrian refugees flooding Turkish border towns.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was there every time because of [One Great Hour of Sharing](#).

We have prepared the [One Great Hour of Sharing Pastor and Leader's Kit](#) – complete with images, videos, eBooks and other great resources – for you and your leadership team to promote this Special Sunday!

[Access your Pastor and Leader's Kit now!](#)

I pray it saves you much time while doing great good. I am so grateful for your service. In less than the time it took you to read this email, you can help spread the word. Will you share it now?

Blessings,

The Rev. J. Denise Honeycutt

Deputy General Secretary

United Methodist Committee on Relief

www.umcsgiving.org/OGHS

GBGM Missionary to Speak in UNY Area

Jeremias Franca, a General Board of Global Ministries Missionary serving as the hospital Administrator of the Chicupe Rural Hospital in Mozambique, will be itinerating in the Upper New York Conference from March 5 to March 18.

Jeremias Franca's Schedule while he is in Upper New York Conference includes a 6 p.m. covered-dish dinner March 5 at Glenfield UMC, 6011 Widmeyer St, Glenfield, NY 13343.

There also will be a variety of opportunities mainly in the Albany area. For a complete list, contact mohawkdistrict@unyumc.org.

End of Life Resources

The UNYAC Second Half of Life Ministries offers these resources for individuals and churches.

End of Life, the Law and New Beginnings

This Action Guide (which can be freely downloaded, copied and distributed) describes how "dying well" depends on our medical, emotional, legal and spiritual choices. Decision-making based on Scripture, tradition, experience and reason are encouraged. Information about completing a Health Care Proxy and Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) form is included.

[Browse session six of our Living Well online course](#) to view a related video and download a PowerPoint presentation.

Spiritual Support at the End of Life webinar

Register now for this free webinar to be held on Tuesday April 14th beginning at 11 AM. It will be led by Barbara Saltarella, a Certified UMC Lay Minister who directs Member Care Ministries at Williamsville United Methodist Church.

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eaj69zk5i5wlv6a0/a01roi5y2fsw2/questions>

General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegate Information Now Available

At the 2015 Upper New York Annual Conference session, members will elect delegates to the [2016 General Conference](#) and [Northeastern Jurisdictional \(NEJ\) Conference](#). If you feel called to serve in this vital role, the Conference Committee on Sessions has created a "job description" for delegates. [Click here](#) to read the delegate guidelines and to apply. The deadlines for publication of applications to serve as a delegate to General and/or Jurisdictional Conference are March 1 for print and online and April 15 for online only. A Q&A has also been developed to help members understand the nomination and election processes and includes information on the application process for those who wish to apply to be delegate candidates. [Click here](#) for details.

Nominations for Conference Leadership Posts Now Being Accepted

The Upper New York Conference [Nominations & Leadership Development Team](#) is seeking gifted, passionate and committed women and men to serve on various Conference committees, boards, commissions and teams.

Download and complete [this form](#) and submit it via email to unynominations@unyumc.org.

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