

Charlotte District E-Pistle

August 24, 2005

Dear Colleague:

One of the seven visionary goals endorsed by our WNC Annual Conference is the support of major funding for the Africa University. We all were inspired on June 10th by the launching of this visionary priority by Dr. James Salley, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement at Africa University. The choir from the university sang with fervor and conviction. We know that many leaders who will guide that beleaguered continent out of the despair of disease and economic deprivation will have their academic genesis at that redemptive place of higher learning.

On Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m., at University City UMC, the Charlotte District will sponsor a rally in order to inform our people about this marvelous opportunity to change our world through financial support of this worthy missional priority.

Please place this event on your personal schedule. Publicize the event throughout your church, but make a special appeal to your Church Council for attendance. Specifically recruit your Missions/Outreach Chair, Finance Committee Chair, Church Council Chair, and your UM Women and UM Men presidents. Let them know that Bishop McCleskey will be present and will speak from the context of his several visits.

When we focus our energies upon a few goals that have obvious merit and will make a significant contribution toward changing the course of history, we can achieve great things on behalf of the Kingdom of Christ. I believe that our seven visionary priorities do precisely this. The rally on September 27, therefore, deserves our resolve and energetic promotion. The presentation will be lively and entertaining and will include a video presentation that will acquaint all participants with a visual impression of the university and its enormous potential.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you ahead of the event for your strong support of our corporate commitment to Africa University and each of our seven visionary priorities.

Grace and peace,

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