



# Charlotte District Connections

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## Nativity Drama at Victory Native American

On Sunday, December 12, the Victory Native American UMC present a nativity drama based upon a unique interpretation of the biblical texts related to the birth of the Messiah. In the spirit of Clarence Jordan's Cotton Patch Gospels, the narrative provided for the birth of Jesus in a Native American context. Delores Parker provided a convincing narration of the story of the birth of the Messiah. Mary was played by Wendy Locklear and Joseph by Wendy's husband, Don. Spirit warriors (angels) were played by children of the church.



Dressed in Native American Attire



Delores Parker  
Narrator



Wendy and Don Locklear  
Mary and Joseph



The Angels



Entire Cast for the Drama

All participants were dressed in Native American attire, including the shamen (wise men) - Pastor Joel Locklear, Larry King, and Paul Cook. Nearly all the active members of the church worked on the production - an Advent gift to the community of Indian Trail.

### Special Points of Interest:

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## *There is Life after Charge Conference*

Charlotte District charge conferences began on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the chapel of Hickory Grove UMC with an assembly of the First Hmong leadership and concluded with a lively contemporary worship on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Harrison UMC. Thirteen out of fifty-five charge conferences were cluster conferences, usually with no more than two congregations together. Clustering is necessary in order to hear from all the churches before Christmas.

This season I asked each congregation to share what their learning teams discovered by attending the spring seminar that was led by Doug Anderson. Charge Conference gave each church the opportunity to report on the implementation of these insights. This assignment accomplished two things: first, it produced a focus upon making disciples and moving our churches from maintenance mentality to mission; and, second, it produced a livelier, creative charge conference atmosphere.

An enthusiastic delegation from Aldersgate UMC attended Anderson's session for small membership churches. They acknowledged the fact that, if their ministry remains focused inwardly, Aldersgate will never grow. Observing that few, if any, families with children attend Aldersgate, these delegates to the seminar decided to work toward supplying recreational equipment for the church grounds and making their facility available to families with children within the neighborhood. Moreover, they rendered full support to a member's participation in a conference mission team to Mexico. The leaders of Aldersgate are caring for their own parish needs, but they are also making certain that they are a mission station of God's redemptive love in a community of great need.

Cokesbury UMC reported on their community-wide celebration in which Latinos, African Americans, and families throughout the neighborhood were treated to a festive meal, recreational activities, and inspirational music. Through an engaging skit, they showed how this active congregation is equipping the saints for evangelism in a changing environment.

Representatives from Plaza UMC who attended the seminar heard Doug Anderson say that all the decisions of a congregation need not be made by the Administrative Council. As long as a ministry is congruent with the church's stated mission, "the doers decide." The Council does not need to micromanage the VBC or the fixing of the roof. "We train and empower the laity for mission," Anderson insisted. He emphatically stated that no small, controlling

group needs to give permission in order that things may happen in ministry. Members of Plaza report that this revelation has transformed the level of administrative effectiveness at their church. Many more creative and faithful things are happening now at Plaza.

Doug Anderson observed that, in a healthy church culture, the members adopt this attitude: "the mission of our church is more important than my personal agenda." No congregation has taken that challenge more seriously than St. Luke's UMC. Their Hand-In-Hand program with Shamrock Gardens Elementary School has brought blessings to a considerable number of children who have received a St. Luke's mentor or a gift of shoes from an anonymous donor. This mission has transformed the laity of St. Luke's - located across from the elementary school. At charge conference, Rev. Rick Clough concluded a creative skit with this assessment: "St. Luke's is not trying to be something it is not. It is a small church. But it is a vibrant and alive church. It is a church that is still willing to enlarge the table. It is not trying to relive the days of past glories when the membership was large and the building overflowed at the seams. What I have sensed from my time among them is that what is important is not what was done in the past, but what will be done in the future. They are not afraid of their size. That is only a number. That does not say anything about what's inside the heart and soul. What I have found there is a sincere desire to be faithful to Christ and be good stewards of 'the table.'"

None of the charge conferences were the same in content or style. Memorable videos were presented at Zoar and Myers Park. The Light of Christ drama deserved at least an Emmy Award. Gary Royals played the role of Regis as he hosted "Want to be a Millionaire." I was the contestant who had to work for the apportionments by answering questions about Methodism and the ministries of St. Andrews. I've never laughed so much at one charge conference. None of the conferences were dull.

I encourage you to recruit another team for our spring seminar, March 3-5. It will be held once again at Myers Park under the guidance of the Alban Institute. We shall follow the style of practical accountability through next fall's charge conference reports. In this way we shall continue to remain faithful in our response to the Great Commission, and we shall seek to move each of our congregations from maintenance to mission.

Grace and peace,  
George Thompson

# A Simplified Procedure to pay 2005 District Apportionments

**ATTN:** Pastors, Local Church Treasurers  
and Finance Committees

Upon recommendation of the Charlotte District Finance Committee and the endorsement of our D.S., we are asking that **2005 District Apportionments** be remitted to the office of our WNC Conference Treasurer. The payments for *District Expense Fund, District Mission Society, Bethlehem Center, Methodist Counseling Center, and Reach Out Ministry* are to be included with your conference apportionment payment and made directly to the WNC Conference Treasurer (PO Box 18005, Charlotte, NC 28218).



Each church will receive a monthly "remittance report" itemizing the apportioned, accepted, and record of receipt for each of your district and conference fund line items. This change will make payments much more efficient, for one check per month will cover all of these funds. This centralization will assist the various ministry groups in maintaining consistency in record keeping and local church performance. We encourage churches to adopt a ten-month payout plan. This will help to avoid the end of the year stress and rush. Please visit the conference website to see the new remittance form <http://>

## District Clergy Upcoming Events

**January 6, 2005** - Clergy Fellowship, 9:30 a.m., Bethlehem Center, 2705 Baltimore Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28203

(\* RSVP to the district office for lunch by January 3rd - 12 noon)

**January 20, 2005** - Clergy Servant Hood Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Urban League of Central Carolinas, 740 W. 5th. Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

(\* RSVP to the district office by January 13th.)

\*RSVP -Tel: 704-525-3395 or [chardist@bellsouth.net](mailto:chardist@bellsouth.net)

## Year End Reports (Tables 1 & 2) Due January 19th in the District Office

Please mail or hand-deliver your report so that it will arrive no later than January 19th at 12 noon.

## MISSION TO MINISTERS

### A time of preparation and inspiration

**Tuesday, February 1, 2005** will be a wonderful day filled with worship, inspiration, challenge and fellowship.

The 2005 Mission to Ministers event is designed especially for ministers of the Western NC Conference and will be held at St. Luke's UMC in Hickory, NC.

Speakers for this event are Dr. Peter Story (Lecturer on Preaching) and Dr. Dale Galloway (Lecturer on Evangelism). Brochures have been mailed to clergy. Remember to mail your reservations or email [mearline@slumc.org](mailto:mearline@slumc.org).

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## 2005 MLK, JR. Celebration Program

WNCC Commission on Religion and Race, in conjunction with the Charlotte District MLK Planning Committee, invites youth and adults of all walks of life, Anglo, Asian, African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American and all other ethnic/racial groups to join in celebrating Martin Luther King.



**Friday, January 14, 2005**

### **YOUTH NIGHT**

**7:00 pm**

**Charlotte Bobcats VS Memphis Grizzlies**

**Christian Concert: Jeremy Camp & Bib Daddy Weave**

**7 pm - 9:30 am**

**Lock-in @ Trinity UMC (Movies, Games, Snacks)**

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**Saturday, January 15**

**10-2 p.m.**

**University City UMC, 3835 West W. T. Harris Blvd.  
(at Sugar Creek Rd.), Charlotte, NC**

### ***Keynote Speakers***

**Brumit DeLaine**, son of plaintiff Brown vs. Board of Education

**Taj Brown**, Children's Defense Fund

Panel Discussion

Poetry/Essay/Art Display

Youth Contest Scholarship Awards

Liturgical Dancers

Lunch Provided

### **MLK Worship Service**

Sermon by Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey

Charlotte District Youth Choir

Communion Celebration

# **Making his dream..our dream**

# UMMen Adopt the “Cluster Program” & “PAC Initiatives”

At the November 13<sup>th</sup> District-Wide planning and organizational meeting of the United Methodist Men, the “Cluster Program” and the “PAC Initiatives” (Proclamation, Affirmation & Certification) were introduced and embraced by an overwhelming adoption by local district presidents represented at the meeting. The new district president, Hank Dozier considered these actions not as a milestone for the UMM, but as a challenge for all men’s ministries within the Charlotte district to band together to bring into action that which “God has called us to do”. The Cluster Program and PAC Initiatives are designed to empower the men to form alliances with those local units that lack the resources to implement the mission, evangelism and spiritual work programs within the Charlotte district. Hank sees it, as “no local unit will be left behind”.

## The Charlotte District Cluster United Methodist Men

### Lake Norman/West

Bethel  
Brevard’s Chapel  
Denver  
Ebenezer  
Fairfield  
Hill’s Chapel  
Lebanon  
New Hope  
Rock Hill  
Salem  
St. James  
Tucker’s Grove  
Webb’s Chapel

### Lake Norman/East

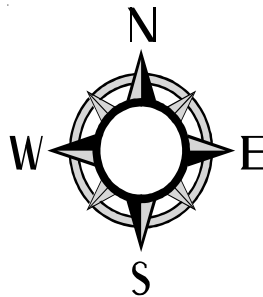
Davidson  
Fair View  
Hunter’s Chapel  
Huntersville  
Mt. Zion  
Vermillion

### Northwest

Burge Memorial  
Christ  
Homestead  
Moore’s Chapel  
New Covenant  
Pleasant Grove  
Simpson-Gillespie  
Thrift

### Northeast

Asbury  
Assurance  
Cole Memorial  
Duncan Memorial  
Hickory Grove/First  
Hmong  
Kilgo  
Oak Grove  
Spencer Memorial  
St. Luke  
Trinity  
University City/  
Greater Vision



### Central Charlotte

Commonwealth  
Dilworth  
First/Cambodian Mission  
Grace  
Hawthorne Lane  
Memorial/Aqua De Vida  
Myers Park  
Plaza  
Providence  
South Tryon

### Southwest

Aldersgate  
Calvary  
Covenant  
Good Shepherd  
Harrison  
Morningstar  
Mouzon  
Pineville  
Purcell-Big Springs/  
Ghana Mission  
St. Andrew’s  
St. Mark’s  
St. Paul  
Wesley  
Zoar

### Southeast

Blair Road  
Central  
Cokesbury  
Light of Christ  
Matthews  
Sharon  
St. Francis  
St. John’s  
St. Stephen  
Victory Native  
American

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# 2004 DISTRICT MISSION SOCIETY BANQUET

This year's banquet was sponsored by Greater Vision United Methodist Church (Northeast Mission); and hosted at Trinity United Methodist Church where Reverend Rick Auten is the pastor.

Greater Vision is Charlotte District's newest church plant pastored by Reverend Alexis W. Anthony. Greater Vision's choir provided music for the event. The choir is lead by the powerful music team of Fred & Belinda Alexander. The talented accompanists are Al Carter, Felix Anthony and Keir Roseboro.

The guests dined on steak or grilled chicken strips, baked potato and vegetables with assortment of cakes and pies for dessert.

Dr. George Thompson, District Superintendent, conducted the business meeting. Bruce Berrier, Treasurer for the District Mission Society shared information about the funding of this organization. He stated that each church in the district is asked to consider supporting DMS with \$6 per member. Half of the six dollars goes to Congregational Development which is another component of the District Mission Society. The total disbursements is \$105,500.

Churches receiving DMS Grants for 2004 were:

Asbury UMC	Morningstar UMC
Burge Memorial UMC	New Hope UMC
Calvary UMC	Pineville UMC
First Hmong	Sidewalk Sunday School
Ghana Community Mission	South Tryon Community Mission
Greater Vision	Vermillion UMC
District Hispanic Ministries	Zoar UMC



## Training Offered for ESL Teachers

If your church is interested in ministry to Charlotte's immigrant population, you may have considered teaching ESL (English as a Second Language) classes. In addition to meeting one of the greatest needs of these new neighbors, teaching ESL provides an opportunity for your church members to build relationships with immigrants.

Here's an opportunity for people in your church to receive training as ESL tutors. SIM-Ethnic Focus Ministry will offer ten hours of instruction at Calvary Church (located at Highway 51 and Rea Rd.) on Friday evening and Saturday, January 21 and 22, 2005. In addition to specific teaching techniques, the training will emphasize cultural sensitivity and awareness of how people learn a language. You will learn how to evaluate students' English proficiency, how to plan lessons and how to start an ESL ministry in your church. ESL teachers at Blair Road UMC, Harrison UMC and Good Shepherd UMC, among others, have taken this training before starting ESL classes at their churches.

The cost of the class is \$40 for one student (\$65 for a couple sharing a manual). For more information or to register, please call Glenda Johnson at SIM's Ethnic Focus Ministry (704) 552-1765 or (704) 587-1544 or Mr. Lynn Haines at (704) 843-6700 or (704) 341-5354. You can also contact Glenda by E-mail at [Glenda.Johnson@sim.org](mailto:Glenda.Johnson@sim.org).

## Many Thanks...

*to the laity and clergy families of the Charlotte District from our hearts. We are grateful for the many cards and gracious gifts of kindness shared with us during the season. Our thoughts and prayers are with you throughout the New Year.*

*Charlotte District Office  
George Thompson  
DeEtta Rivens*

## Bishop Ken Carder Coming to Davidson

One of The United Methodist Church's most prophetic, insightful, and faithful voices will come to the Lake Norman area on Sunday, January 23, 2005. Bishop Ken Carder will preach at Davidson United Methodist Church at 9:30 am and 11:00 am, and then lead a workshop entitled, "The Five Questions Every Christian Asks" at 4:00 pm. The worship services and workshop are all free and open to the public.



Now serving as Professor of the Practice of Pastoral Formation and Director of the Center for Excellence in Ministry at Duke Divinity School, Dr. Carder served as bishop of the Mississippi Area of The United Methodist Church from July 2000-2004 and before that was bishop of the Nashville Area for eight years.

He is the author of three books, *Sermons on United Methodist Beliefs*, *A Bishop's Reflections*, *Living Our Beliefs* and a study guide for *Who Are We? The Doctrine, Mission, and Ministry of the United Methodist Church*. He has also contributed articles to several journals, including *Christian Century*, *Circuit Rider*, and *Christian Social Action*. During the 2000-04 quadrennium, Bishop Carder served as president of the General Board of Discipleship and chair of the Council of Bishops Committee on Theological Education.

Bishop Carder's visit is sponsored by the Teaching Congregations program at Duke Divinity School.

Davidson United Methodist Church is located at 233 South Main Street, just one block south of historic downtown Davidson, North Carolina.

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## Condolences to...



the family of *Reverend Walter Pegues* (Simpson-Gillespie UMC, Charlotte) in the death of his sister, Ms. June Spruiell on December 17, 2004.

the family of *Reverend Fredrick Bowman* (Rock Hill-Burge Memorial Charge) in the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Bowman, on December 1, 2004.

the family of *Reverend Elinor Heermans* (Minister of Education, Hickory Grove UMC, Charlotte District) in the death of her mother, Mrs. Mildred Duvall, on December 2, 2004.

## Charlotte District Leadership Conference

**Sunday, February 13, 2005  
University City UMC**

(3835 WT Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28269)

**Keynote Speaker  
Bishop Lawrence McCleskey**

**2-5pm**

Workshops to inspire local church ministries...

- ◆ Adult Leaders in Youth Ministry
- ◆ Communion in the United Methodist Church
- ◆ Conflict Resolution in the Local Church
- ◆ Creative Ministries with Children
- ◆ Evangelism
- ◆ Financial Matters for the Local Church
- ◆ Getting Ready for College (for parents & students)
- ◆ Hispanic Ministry
- ◆ Mission and Outreach
- ◆ Parsonage Homes
- ◆ Sabbath
- ◆ Safe Sanctuaries
- ◆ Shepherding the Shepherds
- ◆ Stewardship
- ◆ Worship in the Wesleyan Tradition

## United Methodist Women's Upcoming Activities



**January 22** - District Mission Study, Cuba (Salem UMC), 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**March 12** - District Prayer Breakfast, Myers Park UMC, 9 a.m.

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# DISASTER RESPONSE



The United Methodist Committee on Relief is responding through its ecumenical partners to the catastrophe in South Asia. On Sunday, Dec. 26, a 9.0 magnitude earthquake off the northern Indonesian island of Sumatra caused tsunamis that claimed the lives of over 100,000 people in more than 10 countries, including Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Malaysia, the Maldives and Bangladesh, according to news reports. Thousands of people are missing and tens of thousands have been displaced. The full extent of the disaster is still not known in more remote areas in Sri Lanka, India and Indonesia, where ecumenical partners are responding.

Donations to UMCOR's "South Asia Emergency" relief efforts can be made through local churches or sent directly to UMCOR, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 330, New York, NY 10015. Checks should be designated for UMCOR Advance #274305. "South Asia Emergency." Credit-card donations may be made by calling 1-800-554-8583, or you can use UMC.org's secure server to make an online donation.

Thank you for your generosity. One hundred percent of your gift goes to relief and recovery efforts. If you should have further questions, please call the number listed above.

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## "Sisters Soaring: Body, Mind and Spirit"

On April 22-23, 2005, the women of St. Mark's United Methodist Church will host the Charlotte District Women's Conference at Myers Park United Methodist Church. The conference is open to all women in Charlotte and surrounding communities, and will include women from all ethnic backgrounds. Our theme is "Sisters Soaring: Body, Mind and Spirit"

### Friday, April 22, 2005

Registration - 6:00 pm

Worship service - 7:30 pm (Rev. Linda Kelly of Bradley Memorial UMC, Gastonia, NC)

Words about Bethlehem Center

Music will be provided by women of our district as a combined praise & worship choir.

### Saturday, April 23, 2005

Registration and continental breakfast - 7:00 am. Morning worship - 8:00 am (Dr. Lillie Jones, Faith/St. Paul UMC, Mooresville, NC)

Workshops - 9:30 am

Lunch

Sending forth - 5:00 pm (Rev. Dekota McCullough of Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC)

Contact Lourette Howze at 704-556-9193.

## *"Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World"*

### **Gathering of the Laity - 2005**

The Western NC Conference Council on Laity announces submission of manuscripts for the 2005 Annual Conference Laity Address. The theme for 2005 is *"Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World"* based on Matthew 28:16-20. Submissions from Lay Speakers is encouraged, however, any United Methodist interested in preparing and presenting a 10-15 minute address in June; and at the annual "Gathering of the Laity" in August at Lake Junaluska, is invited to submit a proposed address for consideration. One laity address will be selected for each event.

#### Requirements:

- (1) must be based on the theme,
- (2) received by January 15 (submit to WNC Conference Director of Lay Speaking Ministries, 110 Auden Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406),
- (3) actual presentation must be as submitted in the manuscript
- (4) include name, address, telephone number, email address, and district name.

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# Charlotte District Lay Speaker Classes

***“A means of serving in roles beyond what we have believed in the past.”***

Classes will be held every Monday evening in February beginning at 6 p.m. A light supper will be provided. This year we will hold classes at two sites in the Charlotte area. **Simpson-Gillespie UMC** and **St. Paul UMC** have graciously offered their facilities for these classes. The cost will be \$25.00 without the meal and \$35.00 with the meal. The study materials and directions to the churches will be mailed after your registration has been received. Registration forms were mailed to pastors, local church lay leaders and to lay speakers in early January.

If you find that the February classes conflict with your schedule, you may wish to attend Lay Speaker Classes in one of our neighboring Districts. That information can be obtained by contacting the Charlotte District Director of Lay Speaking Ministries, Michelene Mathews or the District Office.

The *“Lay Speakers Certification Celebration”* will be held on *Sunday, March 6, 2005* at *Dilworth UMC* at *4:00 p.m.* At this special occasion, all participants, their families and their pastors can share in this great celebration.

We look forward to seeing you in February as you prepare to become representatives of Jesus Christ in the community.

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Charlotte District Superintendent  
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Charlotte District Director  
Lay Speakers Ministries  
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Charlotte District Laity Council Chair  
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## “I Gotta’ Tell Somebody!”

Charlotte Youth Lay Speaking Academy  
March 11-13, 2005  
Trinity UMC



The theme for this youth week-end event is “I Gotta’ Tell Somebody!” Information will be mailed in late January.

Contact Michlene Mathews (704-759-3360) or Rev. Rick Auten (704-399-1684) for additional information.

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## Blessings of the Year

Thank you, Lord, for snows that fall,  
Summer rains, and birds that call;  
Thank you, Lord, for food we eat;  
Fruit and grain; and seasons sweet.  
Thank you, Lord, You marked by hand  
Every bounty of the land.

Thank you, Lord, for healing sure,  
Goodly moments, calm and pure;  
For Thy guidance, peace and cheer,  
For each blessing of the year...  
Lord, these words I lift to Thee  
Knowing well Thou lovest me.

Roxie Luck Smith

May God’s blessings be with you  
throughout the New Year!

# PAUMCS Conference



**PAUMCS (Professional Association of UM Church Secretaries) will hold its 23rd Annual Conference, April 14-16, 2005, in Albuquerque, NM. The theme "Catch the Dream in the Land of Enchantment" will set the tone for the continuing education seminars and activities. The seminars will be led by Stephen Drachler, Director of Public Information for UM Communications in Nashville; Ray Buckley, Director of Native American Communications for UM Communications in Nashville; and Tim Crouch of The Crouch Group, Inc., Denton TX, who will focus on tools and resources that enable local churches to fulfill their mission of making disciples.**

**PAUMCS was adopted by the legislation of the 1988 General Conference which states that the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) has the authority and responsibility to provide guidance and consultation for continuing education of church secretaries, including the establishment of training and certification programs.**

**If you would like to learn more about PAUMCS or obtain registration information for the April conference, please contact the district office at 704-525-3395 or email [chardist@bellsouth.net](mailto:chardist@bellsouth.net).**

## Opportunities to Serve

**Vermillion UMC** in Huntersville has an immediate need for a **part-time Choir Director/Keyboardist** - 8-10 hours/week. Successful candidate will have a passion for excellent worship, good musical skills, knowledge of a variety of styles and sources of worship music, a positive attitude, and the desire to work in a new church setting. Competitive pay, based on experience. Send resumes to 14011 Cinnabar Place, Huntersville, NC 28078; call 704-948-9567 for more information.

**Light of Christ UMC**, Charlotte, NC, is searching for a **part-time (15-20 hours per week) contemporary Worship Leader**. We are a five-year-old church located in the booming growth area of south Charlotte. The two primary duties of the position include: 1> Music Leadership: Leading the congregation and the Praise Team musically in worship on Sunday mornings; 2> Worship Planning: of dynamic thematic worship services with the pastor and the Worship Team. If interested, please contact Ann Duplessis, search committee co-chair, at 704-607-3402 or Pastor Kyle Thompson at 704-716-2828, extension 14 or [Kyle.Thompson@lightofchristumc.org](mailto:Kyle.Thompson@lightofchristumc.org).

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**FIRST UMC**, Charlotte, NC, is seeking a **Director of Children's and Family Ministries**

The Director of Children's and Family Ministries is a full time position reporting to the Senior Minister. Agreement concerning the length of employment, salary, benefits, etc. will be negotiated with the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). The duties of this position are determined by the SPRC in consultation with the Senior Minister and the Servant Leadership Board (Administrative Board) of First United Methodist Church.

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**Christ UMC**, Charlotte, NC, is seeking a **Director of Music Ministries**

Applications must: be well-versed in Contemporary Music forms and styles; be knowledgeable of Traditional Music; have the ability and commitment to blend some contemporary and traditional forms as needed; have good Communication skills; have leadership ability to be applied in the development and deployment of multiple music ministries such as: Praise Team/Band; Adult Choir; Handbell Team; Sonshine Club Children's Choir (including "tone" chimes and Vacation Bible School; Youth Choir (Including coordination of some dramas)  
**Time Commitment:** 16-20 hours per week as the needs of the church demand.

**Salary:** Negotiable depending upon experience and competencies.

**Submit Resume' to:** Rev. Jeff Copley, 8020 Belhaven Blvd., Charlotte, N.C. 28216  
Email Contact: [jeffcopley@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffcopley@yahoo.com)

# District Calendar of Events

## JANUARY, 2005

- 3** *District Office Closed/New Year's Observance*
- 6** District Clergy Meeting, Bethlehem Center, 9:30 a.m., Worship Experience
- 14** MLK Celebration: Youth Night Lock-in - 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. - Trinity UMC, 6230 Beatties Ford Rd., Charlotte, NC 28216
- 15** Martin Luther King Celebration, University City UMC, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 17** *District Office Closed/MLK Birthday Observance*
- 25-26** District Committee on Ordained Ministries Meeting, Providence UMC, 8:30 a.m.
- 21-22** District Program Council Retreat, Trinity UMC, Time: TBA

## FEBRUARY, 2005

- 2** District Congregational Development Meeting, 1 - 3 p.m., Location: TBA
- 7, 14, 21, 28** District Lay speaking School, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul & Simpson-Gillespie UMCs)
- 13** District Leadership Conference, University City UMC, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## MARCH, 2005

- 2** District Congregational Development Meeting, University City UMC, 1 - 3 p.m.
- 3-5** Charlotte District Growth, Nurture, Service Event, Myers Park UMC
- 6** One Great Hour of Sharing
- 6** Lay Speaker's School Certification Celebration, Dilworth UMC, 4 p.m.
- 11-13** Charlotte Youth Lay Speaking Academy, "I Gotta' Tell Somebody", Trinity UMC. (For more information, see Contact information on page 10)
- 12** UMW Prayer Breakfast, Myers Park UMC, 9 a.m
- 17** District Clergy Servant Hood, Med-First, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 25-28** District Office Closed, Easter Holiday
- TBA** District Nominations Committee Meeting

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