



# Charlotte District E-Connections

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Electronic Newsletter  
Charlotte District Office  
of the  
United Methodist Church  
Western NC Conference

## Special points of interest:

- IMPACT  
Community
- Election of Laity  
Members to  
Annual  
Conference
- Disaster Response  
Training

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## From the Desk of the District Superintendent



If you are like me, you love the United Methodist Church and what she stands for. I look back with pride on our historic beginnings as the early Methodists did whatever it took to reach people for Christ; going outside the church to the fields and mines to tell the people about Jesus. For years the Methodist movement was the largest Christian group in America. We were on the cutting edge as we blazed the trails for the cause of the Gospel. This worked well until about 40

years ago when we began to decline in membership and attendance. How have we responded to our decline? We keep doing things the way we have always done them which means we have been in steady decline for years.

In light of this a CALL TO ACTION has been given to all of us that we must do things differently in the future if we hope to turn our church around. A ten year plan has been put into place to not only turn us around but also to mobilize our church to once again be a major lighthouse for Christ. The plan is: *to focus a renewed energy toward establishing, re-establishing and sustaining vital congregations to make disciples and transform the world.*

What are some of the components of this plan?

- 60 million dollars from apportionments will be re-directed for theological education for clergy here and in the central conference
- There will be a down-sizing of boards and agencies as we simplify and mobilize for action
- There will be a re-focusing upon and accountability to discipleship and growth
- There will be an emphasis upon making adaptive changes within our churches in order to reach people for Christ and plug them into mission

This is why the theme of our Charge conferences this Fall is *Re-Vitalizing the Church*. Tell us how your church will respond to this "Call to Action." What new "trails" are you planning to take to reach people with the good news? What *risks* are you willing to take to make a difference? What new things are you willing to try in the areas of worship, hospitality, discipleship, mission, and stewardship? I believe that God is inspiring this re-direction in our church in order to give us a renewed purpose so that, for the "people called Methodist," the best is yet to be!!!

Together In His Service,

*Gary C. Royals*

Dr. Gary C. Royals

Charlotte District Superintendent

## WNC Conference Nominations Committee Requests Submissions

The Western North Carolina Conference Nominating Committee will work during the next several months on quadrennial nominations for 2012-2016. **This includes members of the conference boards, committees, commissions, and the like that can be found in Section 2, Part A of the [WNC Journal, Conference Organization](http://www.wnccumc.org/pub/pdf/2011Journal14-33.pdf)** <http://www.wnccumc.org/pub/pdf/2011Journal14-33.pdf>. WNC United Methodist **laity and clergy are invited to nominate themselves or others to participate** in a particular way or to share their calls and gifts for consideration. The nominations will be presented at the 2012 Annual Conference Session for approval.

*Download the nominating form:* <http://www.wnccumc.org/nws/pdf/NominationsInputForm.pdf>

**It must be returned to your district office by Oct. 21.** Please direct questions to the district office (704-525-3395) or Kim Ingram, Conference Secretary, [kingram@wnccumc.org](mailto:kingram@wnccumc.org).

## 2011 WNC Annual Conference Journal is Online

Sept. 8, 2011 - The Rev. Kim Ingram, Conference Secretary, has released the 2011 Western North Carolina Conference Journal to be published online, in print and on CDs. The print and CD versions will be mailed in the near future to the persons who ordered them. The online version <http://www.wnccumc.org/pub/2011Journal.htm> is formatted to print front and back with wide inside margins for three-hole paper. It is offered both as an entire document, as well as in sections, for users' convenience.

*Excerpts from <http://www.wnccumc.org/>*

### Election of Laity Members for 2012 Annual Conference

As you prepare for your Fall Charge Conference, please remember the care which should be given to the election of laity who will serve as members of the 2012 Annual Conference (paragraph 602.4, 2008 Book of Discipline). Churches are entitled to one laity member for each clergy appointed to that church. Please be sure these names are *included in the entry of your Local Church Leadership Contact List*. Contact the district office (704-525-3395) if you have questions.



## Save the Date... TEE IT UP & TAKE A SHOT

Monday,  
October 3, 2011

Make a Difference  
in the Life of a Child!



### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic

Raintree Country Club

12:30 pm Shotgun Start

5:30 pm Buffet Dinner

Donated by Carrabba's Italian Grill

Sponsorship Opportunities  
Available



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## PAUMCS 2011 Fall Retreat *Running the Race– Spiritually, Emotionally, Physically*

**Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2**

Facilitators: Martha Jones, Cindy Silver

Conference Hotel: Hampton Inn, Asheboro, NC · Sessions and meals at Central UMC, Asheboro, NC

Mission Project: Hands-on projects for Victory Junction Gang Camp

Join us as we as we ponder life and the race analogy (and the tortoise and the hare fable). How can the symbolic representation of life as a race move us toward healthier, less stressful living– spiritually, emotionally, physically? We will also take a course into a 3-part learning adventure in healthy meal planning, smart food shopping and simple and nutritious cooking at home. *Who Should Attend?* Persons currently or previously, paid or volunteer, engaged in administrative and secretarial work in any local church, and/or extension ministry. For more information contact the district office at 704-525-3395 or [charlottedistofc@wnccumc.org](mailto:charlottedistofc@wnccumc.org).

Registration form available at <http://www.wnccumc.org/pau/pau-events.htm>

## *The Charlotte District Announces The Rev. Dr. George Thompson Proclamation Institute*

Three full days of “Theological Conversations” Limited to 70 participants per session

**August 30<sup>th</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011** · 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.



Co-sponsored with Pfeiffer University  
Pfeiffer University Charlotte Campus  
4701 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209

Cost \$30 per day (includes lunch)= Total for all three is \$90  
.5 CEU for each event

Board of Ordained Ministry members will be present during lunch.

**Registration form /details at [www.chardist.org](http://www.chardist.org), [downloads](#)**

The *Rev. Dr. George Thompson Proclamation Institute* is geared towards Deacons, Local Pastors and Elders who are preparing for their commissioning and ordination. Those who are already ordained and would like a chance to refresh their knowledge in the areas of Theology, Call and Disciplined Life, and Proclamation are also welcome.

Each of the three dates will focus on either Theology, Call and Disciplined Life, or Proclamation for the full day. This year's focus will be on being able to communicate knowledge verbally in these three areas. Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry will be present at lunch for questions and answers. Our speakers will be educators who have been on the Board of Ordained Ministry in the past or are experts in their fields of knowledge.

### **November 18-20**

*9th through 12th Graders*

Featuring Bishop Larry Goodpaster and Jennifer Davis, this weekend is for youth who already have a commitment to Christ and desire to share it with others, along with adults who work with youth.

At Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville.

Details:

<http://www.wnccumc.org/yth/pdf/2011c2sx.pdf>



# IMPACT COMMUNITY

RETHINKCHURCH

**Saturday, October 1, 2011 Western NC Conference-wide event.** Last year's event was held on June 5, 2010, with nearly 14,000 volunteers touching the lives of more than 640,000 people through various community projects. It was definitely a powerful witness of fulfilling our conference vision: "Follow Jesus. Make Disciples. Transform the World."

In our efforts to plan for this day, the Charlotte District ran into full calendars and schedules which would not allow a full participation by our churches. Therefore, our team decided not to launch an event if we could not operate at 100%. However, the Charlotte District is in support of the "IMPACT Community" mission saturation event. We encourage church members and volunteers to spend time volunteering around their community or tag on to our neighboring Lake Norman and Gastonia Districts to ensure the success of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our planning team will continue its work toward the plans for next year's event. Please visit <http://impactwnc.org> to obtain volunteer information to MAKE AN IMPACT!



## Disaster Response/Early Responder Training

### Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Early Response Training Session

The next ERT class will be held Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Trinity UMC, 6230 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte. Students must *pre-register* by calling Ronna Privette at 704.399.1684. The cost is \$40 and space is limited.

Pam Carter, WNCC Mission Specialist, notes, "Those wishing to work with disaster relief must be certified by UMCOR. Taking the class will enable one to seek certification."

### More about UMCOR Early Disaster Response Training

Official certification by a recognized volunteer relief organization (such as UMCOR) is required by FEMA for all people who are going into impacted areas. Many persons want to help with tornado relief, but do not have current UMCOR certification as ERT (Emergency Response Trainers).

The Western North Carolina Conference Committee on Disaster Response will continue to provide the required training on a regional basis.

Training costs \$30 and includes lunch, manual, background check, and a UMCOR photo ID (mailed at a later date). The registration fee is payable at the door.

***Pre-registration is required and space will be limited.***

Excerpt from <http://www.wnccumc.org/vim/dsr-training.htm>



## Seeking Webmaster—Volunteer Position

The Charlotte District Office will soon launch its new district website. We are seeking a webmaster to maintain and update the website. This is a volunteer position. The information would be provided and site maintenance would be from your home computer. Skills and experience should include web design, maintenance and WordPress. Please send your resume to Attn: Seeking Webmaster, Charlotte District Office, PO Box 5622, Charlotte, NC 28299 or [charlottedistofc@wnccumc.org](mailto:charlottedistofc@wnccumc.org).

## 2011 Convocation & Pastors' School - October 10-11

The newest Convocation and Pastor's School, "Drawn into Scripture: Arts and the Life of the Church," is set for Oct. 10-11 at Duke Divinity School in Durham. Lectures, worship and seminars will help Christian leaders of all traditions use the arts as a source of inspiration to interpret the Word. The event is a cooperative endeavor with the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church. Significant scholarships are available to those associated with The Duke Endowment churches. Leaders include scholars and practitioners from Duke and beyond, such as professor and musician Jeremy Begbie, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson, and professor and musician Anthony Kelley and the BLAK Ensemble. The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel will be the Convocation preacher. *Registration will close September 23, 2011.*



**Drawn Into Scripture:  
Arts and the Life  
of the Church  
2011 Convocation &  
Pastors' School  
October 10-11**

Learn more and register at:

<http://divinity.duke.edu/initiatives-centers/lifelong-learning/cps-2011>

## Spaces Remain: Covenant Peer Group Facilitators Workshop

The workshop for Covenant Peer Group facilitators, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, will be held at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville. It begins at 10 a.m. on Oct. 31 and ends at 3 p.m. on Nov. 1. The cost of the training is underwritten by the conference. This workshop is intended for:

- Clergy who are in a Covenant Peer Group and who have been selected by members of the group to be their facilitator;
- Clergy who are not yet part of a group but are who committed to helping start a Covenant Peer Group in their district or geographical region.

"Facilitators play a key role in the effectiveness of Covenant Peer Groups," say Russ Moxley, coordinator of Covenant Peer Groups. "This is one result from a Lilly Endowment sponsored study of Covenant Peer Groups and it has been our experience in this conference. This workshop has been carefully designed to help clergy fill this important role." If you wish to participate in this Covenant Peer Group facilitator training program, please request an application from [Russ Moxley, 336-275-2185](mailto:Russ Moxley).



## 2011 Elder's Day Apart - Nov. 15

Mark your calendars for the WNCC's 2011 Elders' Day Apart to be held Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Hickory. This is a day to remember your ordination and share with one another the joys and challenges of serving as elders. The theme for this year's event is "Learning to Delight in God's World." In a session led by Dr. Norman Wirzba of Duke Divinity School, we will examine how Sabbath enables us to live more joyfully in the world and with each other. Bishop Larry Goodpaster and other elders also will participate in the day's program. *Registration for the 2011 event will open on Oct. 3, 2011.*

For more information, visit:

<http://divinity.duke.edu/initiatives-centers/lifelong-learning/elders-retreat>



**"Learning to  
Delight in God's  
World."**

### CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Third Annual Hymn Sing, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25**, featuring musical guest and song leader, Brandon Cook, Music Director at Christ Presbyterian Church. Special music includes the Calvary UMC Chancel Choir, Oasis Performing Arts School Children's Choir, Christ Presbyterian Quartet, and Oasis Christian Fellowship Praise Team. Join us for a joyful night of music, congregational singing, and refreshments following the program. 512 West Blvd., Charlotte. Contact: (704) 333-3388.



### CROP WALK 2011

**Belmont, Mt. Holly** - Sunday, October 9th @ 1 pm Registration, First UMC-Belmont  
Coordinator: Jon Boney  
jboney1@carolina.rr.com or (704) 791-5891

**Charlotte** - Sunday, October 16th @ 2:30 pm, Elizabeth Avenue  
Coordinator: Rev. Tom Latimer (704) 364-1824



**Charlotte District  
UM Women**

**Let's Walk for Mission!**

This year, we are encouraging United Methodist Women to walk for mission! You can participate by walking where you are! Walks can take place at churches, parks, fitness centers-Be Creative! Use this as Mission Education moment. Gather your sponsors, and collect the money, and mail your form and sponsor money to your District Treasurer.

Every dollar raised in the Walk for Mission will be used to support the mission and ministries of United Methodist Women.

Additional Details at <http://www.wnccumw.org/>

### "Shedding Light on Domestic Violence"

Please join us Sunday, October 9, 2011  
at 8:30 pm



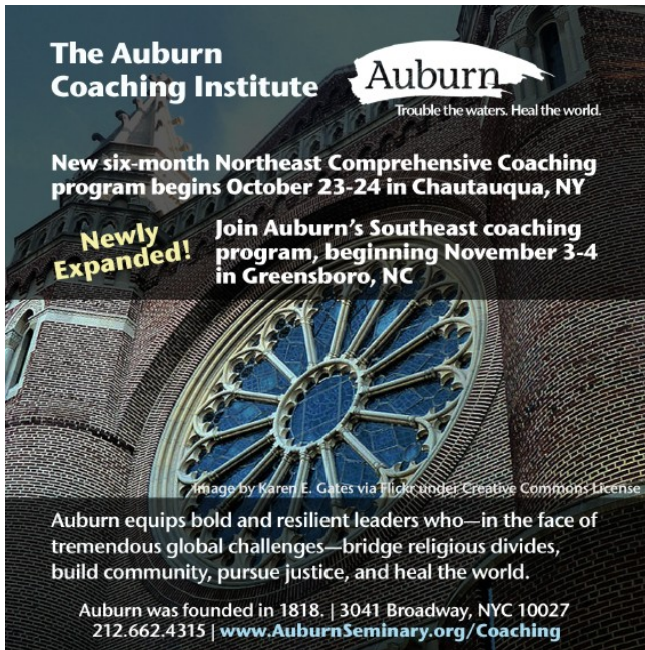
as United Methodists across the country  
*shed light on domestic violence.*

Do you know 1 in every 3 women is a victim of domestic violence, as well as untold numbers of men? They are your neighbors, your co-workers, and YES, those who sit in your churches with you each week.

We will provide a very brief message followed by the lighting of purple candles on the lawn.

Sharon UMC  
4411 Sharon Road  
Charlotte, NC 28211

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.



**The Auburn Coaching Institute**  
 Auburn  
 Trouble the waters. Heal the world.

New six-month Northeast Comprehensive Coaching program begins October 23-24 in Chautauqua, NY

**Newly Expanded!** Join Auburn's Southeast coaching program, beginning November 3-4 in Greensboro, NC

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Auburn equips bold and resilient leaders who—in the face of tremendous global challenges—bridge religious divides, build community, pursue justice, and heal the world.

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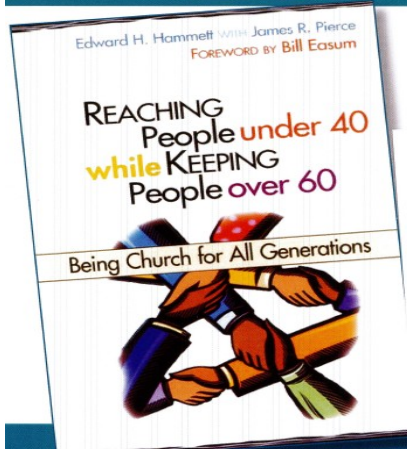


**New small group study resources on the way**

The WNCC Fishin' Hole is excited to announce new small group resource arrivals for Fall 2011! Sonja Clough, director, recently ordered three dynamic resources focused on small group study: Adam Hamilton's *Journey*, Reuben Job's *Three Simple Questions* and at the recommendation of the Rev. Barbara Barden of Myers Park UMC, R. Kirby Godsey's *Is God a Christian?*

To reserve any of these for your church, contact Sonja Clough at [sclough@wnccumc.org](mailto:sclough@wnccumc.org) or 704-535-2260. Clough also welcomes any recommendations of resources and other educational tools. If you or someone you know is not a member of the WNCC Fishin' Hole, save 50% on 2011 membership. Visit <http://www.wnccumc.org/rsc/>

**The WNCC Board of Laity PRESENTS Leadership in Multigenerational Congregations**




Edward H. Hammett with James R. Pierce  
 FOREWORD BY Bill Easum

**REACHING People under 40 while KEEPING People over 60**

Being Church for All Generations

**Don't Wait! Register Now! Only 100 Seats in Each Location!**



Seminar for Clergy and Laity  
 LED BY THE  
 Rev. Edward Hammett

Oct. 22 | Gastonia First UMC  
 190 E. Franklin Blvd.

Oct. 29 | Greensboro Mt. Pleasant UMC  
 5120 Burlington Rd.

Nov. 12 | Asheville Skyland UMC  
 1984 Hendersonville Rd.

All Sessions: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Registration \$10/person  
 INCLUDES LUNCH

Sign up now: Only 100 seats at each location  
 To register - download and complete:  
<http://www.wnccumc.org/lai/generations.htm>

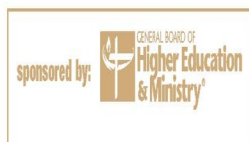


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ordained ministry in the united methodist church

a 3-day event for 18- to 26-year-olds who are exploring a call to ordained ministry in the united methodist church



[www.gbhem.org/exploration](http://www.gbhem.org/exploration)

Register before September 5 for \$25 off your registration fee using this code **EXGEN**

## Taking Clergy Mentoring to the Next Level

*Next Level Mentor Training* will be held this fall in two locations. The goal of this training is to enhance mentoring skills and to consider the value of the role of a clergy mentoring relationship. It is a video based experience from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Seminary, shared in small groups led by a clergyperson and facilitated by Kim Ingram. The experience will help mentors become more effective in this vital ministry by understanding how mentoring is part of our rich biblical and theological tradition, learning the factors that contribute to successful mentoring, becoming familiar with best practices and key commitments of mentoring, and understanding mentoring as a leadership development tool.

One event will be held at Francis Asbury UMC (725 Asbury Rd., Candler) in the Asheville District on Thursday, October 20 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The other event will be held at First UMC, Elkin (340 Hawthorne Rd., Elkin) in the North Wilkesboro District on Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The cost will be \$10 to cover lunch and expenses. In many instances, the district will cover the expense or continuing education funds may be used. *Next Level Mentor Training* would be helpful for local pastor mentors, candidacy mentors, and anyone else that wants to grow in their abilities to be in a mentoring relationship. Any clergy member may participate.

To register for an event, please contact Kim Ingram at [kingram@wnccumc.org](mailto:kingram@wnccumc.org) or 800-562-7929/704-535-2260 x 112.



These events are sponsored by the WNCC Board of Ordained Ministry.

## 2011 Annual Fall Charge Conference Calendar for the Charlotte District



The Charge Conference packet was sent via email on August 16th to all clergy serving the local church. All forms are accessible from the WNCC Admin Services website. If you have questions or need assistance contact the district office at 704-525-3395.

<b>SEPT</b>	6-8	<b>CABINET</b>		<b>NOV</b>	01, Tues	7 pm	South Tryon
Sept	15, Thurs	7 pm	OPEN	<b>Nov</b>	<b>02, Wed</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Zoar</b>
Sept	18, Sun	10:50 am	St. John's	<b>Nov</b>	<b>03, Thurs</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Mouzon</b>
Sept	18, Sun	4 pm	Big Spring	Nov	06, Sun	11 am	St. Stephen
Sept	19, Mon	7 pm	Commonwealth- <u>Kilgo</u> -First Hmong	Nov	06, Sun	7 pm	<u>Hunter's Chapel</u> -Ghana Msn.
Sept	20, Tues	7 pm	OPEN	Nov	07, Mon	7 pm	Central
Sept	21, Wed	7 pm	OPEN	Nov	08, Tues	7 pm	Wesley
Sept	22, Thurs	7 pm	Light of Christ	Nov	09, Wed	7 pm	Cokesbury
Sept	25, Sun	3 pm	Purcell	Nov	10, Thurs	7 pm	St. Andrew's
Sept	26, Mon	7 pm	OPEN	Nov	13, Sun	7 pm	Myers Park
Sept	27, Tues	7 pm	Memorial	Nov	14-16		<b>ELDERS RETREAT/CABINET</b>
Sept	28, Wed	7 pm	St. Paul	Nov	16, Wed	7pm	Providence
Sept	29, Thurs	7 pm	<u>Cole Memorial</u> -St. Luke	Nov	17, Thurs		<b>DMS BANQUET</b>
<b>OCT</b>	02, Sun	11 am	Belmont: Park St.	Nov	20, Sun	4 pm	Sanctuary
Oct	02, Sun	4 pm	Belmont: Ebenezer	Nov	20, Sun	7 pm	Matthews
Oct	03, Mon	7 pm	Belmont: South Point	Nov	21, Mon	7 pm	<u>Aldersgate</u> -Grace
Oct	04, Tue	7 pm	Hickory Grove	Nov	22, Tues	7 pm	Charlotte: St. Mark's
Oct	05, Wed	7 pm	OPEN	Nov	24-25		<b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>
Oct	06, Thurs	7 pm	OPEN	Nov	27, Sun	10:30am	St. Francis
Oct	09, Sun		<b>CROP WALK</b> -Belmont, Mt. Holly	Nov	27, Sun	4 pm	Calvary
Oct	09, Sun	4 pm	Sharon	Nov	28, Mon	7 pm	Plaza
Oct	10-12		<b>DUKE CONVOCATION/CABINET</b>	Nov	29, Tues	7 pm	Dilworth
Oct	13, Thurs	7 pm	<u>Rock Hill</u> -Burge Mem.	Nov	30, Wed	7 pm	Blair Road
Oct	16, Sun		<b>CROP WALK</b> -Charlotte	<b>DEC</b>	01, Thurs		<b>DIST. CLERGY CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP</b>
Oct	17, Mon	7 pm	Belmont: St. Mark's				
Oct	18, Tues	7 pm	Mt. Holly: First				
Oct	19, Wed	7 pm	Belmont: First				
Oct	20, Thurs	7 pm	Hawthorne Lane				
Oct	23, Sun	11 am	Pineville				
Oct	23, Sun	7 pm	Simpson-Gillespie				
Oct	25, Tues	7 pm	Spencer Memorial				
Oct	26, Wed	7 pm	Morningstar				
Oct	27, Thurs	7 pm	Good Shepherd				
Oct	30, Sun	10:30 am	Harrison				
Oct	30, Sun	4 pm	Charlotte: First				

Rev. 8-15-11

**Note:** Aldersgate-Grace

Underline indicates host location of Charge Conference.

**Paperwork due in the district office a minimum of 10 business days prior to Charge Conference date.**

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DeEtta Rivens,  
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## Calendar

### SEPTEMBER 2011

- 5 Dist. Office Closed: Observance Labor Day
- 6-8 Cabinet Meeting
- 9-11 WNCC UM Women Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska (<http://www.wnccumw.org/>)
- 15 Charlotte Dist. Clergy Retreat, 9 am—3pm, Starette Retreat Center  
(contact District Office for reservation form)
- 18 Children's Home Sunday
- 27 Rev. Dr. George Thompson Proclamation Institute, Pfeiffer Univ. —Charlotte  
Campus, 10 am—4 pm , registration at [www.chardist.org/downloads](http://www.chardist.org/downloads)

### OCTOBER 2011

- 1 IMPACT Community Day - Conference-wide event
- 9 CROP Walk, Belmont-Mt. Holly, First UMC-Belmont, 1 pm registration,  
2 pm walk (page 6)
- 10-11 Convocation & Pastor's School, Duke Divinity (page 5)
- 11-12 Cabinet Meeting
- 16 CROP Walk, Charlotte, Elizabeth Avenue, 2:30 pm (page 6)
- 26 Thomas Long, author of *Accompany Them with Singing*, will discuss funerals  
and his book, 9 am, Myers Park UMC-Jubilee Hall

### NOVEMBER 2011

- 1 Rev. Dr. George Thompson Proclamation Institute, Pfeiffer Univ. —Charlotte  
Campus, 10 am—4 pm , registration at [www.chardist.org/downloads](http://www.chardist.org/downloads)
- 6 District UM Women Officer Training, 2-4 pm, First UMC, Belmont  
(<http://www.wnccumw.org/>)
- 14 & 16 Cabinet Meeting
- 15 Elder's Day Apart (page 5)
- 17 Dist. Mission Society Banquet, 6:30 pm, Location TBA
- 24-25 Dist. Office Closed: Observance Thanksgiving Holiday

### DECEMBER 2011

- 1 Charlotte Dist. Clergy Christmas Gathering, 6:30 pm, Simpson-Gillespie UMC

### JANUARY 2012

- 8 Local Church Lay Leader Training, 2:30 pm, St. Andrews UMC, Charlotte
- 10 Charlotte District Clergy Meeting, Myers Park UMC, Special Guest,  
Biblical Scholar Dr. Ben Witherington
- 22 Charlotte District DLC, Myers Park UMC, 3 pm, Additional details TBA
- 29 DLC (If Inclement weather Jan. 22)

### FEBRUARY 2012

- 6, 13, 20, 27 Charlotte District Lay Speakers Training, St. Paul UMC, Charlotte
- 9 Mission to Ministers, Myers Park UMC, Additional details TBA

Learn about other upcoming events/opportunities in the Western NC Conference at  
<http://wnccumc.org/Cal/calendar-events.htm>