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Message from Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

## Happy New Year

The season of Advent is upon us once again and I say to you "Happy New Year!" It is right to say "Happy New Year" on the first Sunday of Advent because it is the first Sunday of the Christian calendar. During the four weeks before the celebration of the birth of Christ we devote ourselves to preparation. We prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives and look forward to Christ's second coming.

We remember the words of John the Baptist who calls people to repentance and change. (Matthew 3:2) We read from the prophet Isaiah "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain." (Isaiah 40:3-4) He is talking about our lives and behavior here, not road construction. Isaiah is calling for social justice which will result in the revelation of the glory of God so that all people can see the Lord. (Isaiah 40:5)

In a less than two months we have another occasion to say "Happy New Year!" That is of course, the celebration of a new calendar year. People often prepare for this by declaring any number of "New Year's Resolutions." These tend to be a list of earnest plans to improve ourselves; chief among these resolutions is losing weight. But there are countless other resolutions that we can think of as we sense this "turning over a new leaf" time of a new year's approach.

This year Advent's call to social justice can be paired with the calendar's New Year's Resolution in a United Methodist Call for "Just and Humane Immigration Reform in 2011." This program ("The New Year's Resolution Campaign") calls United Methodists and all people to choose some action steps to do in the new year that will help promote peace among the earth's people. Here are possible activities:

- 1) Call congress once a week and urge your representatives to enact humane immigration reform laws that reunifies families and provides a pathway to legal status for undocumented immigrants.
- 2) Invite an immigrant family to your home for dinner.
- 3) Have conversations with friends or fellow church members about the issues of immigration reform.
- 4) Volunteer to teach at an "English as a Second Language" ministry or at an immigration legal clinic.
- 5) Host the showing of a film about immigration
- 6) Pray daily for the protection of immigrants and their families.

Few issues divide people like the issue of immigration reform. There are Christians of good will who strongly disagree about this. We can agree that the laws in this country with regards to immigration are not working well. People need to work together in peace to find solutions that are lasting and fair. United Methodists have historically worked for social justice and get involved in ministries with the poor.

Several years ago when I was a pastor in Baltimore, I got to know a deaf man from Ethiopia. He came to the US seeking asylum because there were death threats on his life due to some political strife back home. He attended the deaf church and lived with his sister, who was a US citizen. This deaf man had to leave his wife and children in Ethiopia because there was no money to bring them to the US. The people who were seeking his life in Ethiopia would constantly harass his wife and family. This deaf man struggled long and hard in the immigration court system. It was doubly hard for him because his sign language was different from American Sign Language. Through the years I

worked with him I got to know his sister, have dinner with them in their home and understand the pain of separation and the severe poverty they suffered with every day. His family back home suffered even more from hunger and deprivation. Blessedly this deaf man was successful in immigration court and has documentation that will allow him to live in the US. His wife and children have recently joined him in this country.

Getting to know him as a person and not as a stranger or an intruder was an important experience for me. In the Disney movie "Pocahontas" the song "The Colors of the Wind" says it this way: "You think the only people who are people are people that look and think like you, but if you walk the footsteps of the stranger, you'll learn things you never knew you never knew."

Perhaps you will consider having someone to your home for dinner who is an immigrant. When we break bread together we break barriers of distrust and suspicion. I wish you a Happy Advent and a Happy New Year and I pray that whatever plans you make, you will give a thought to immigration reform in whatever way the Lord lays on your heart.

Leviticus 19:33-34 says "And if a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not vex him, but the stranger that dwells with you shall be unto you as one born among you and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt, I am the Lord your God."

# CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!

## CONGRATULATIONS Peninsula-Delaware Conference

The numbers are in and you have done a spectacular job. Total Advance giving as of September 30, 2009 was \$133,594, total giving as of September 30, 2010 was \$152,801. That is an increase of \$19,207 in mission giving. That is over and above the \$419,177 we gave to Haiti Relief. Thank you!

Don't do your happy dance just yet, there is more to celebrate. Our Missionary Support total in 2009 was \$22,487 and in 2010 we increased to \$34,787. That is an additional \$12,300 in support of those who serve the least, the last, and the lost. Thank you again.

It is amazing what God can do through God's people even in these difficult financial times. We can not stop now. If your church is currently in a Covenant Relationship with a United Methodist Missionary thank you, continue the relationship and celebrate. If your church is not in a Covenant Relationship please consider starting one. We have a diverse list of Missionaries that are in relationship with churches in our conference. Any of them would welcome your support. Remember we can not out give God.

Ok you can start your happy dance now and celebrate!

Marie Van Der Wall  
Conference Secretary of Global Ministries  
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

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**The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium  
will be held January 22, 2011, at Wyoming UMC  
from 9:00 to noon,  
with a gathering and fellowship time from 8:30 A.M. to 9 A.M.**

Nominations for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium Awards are now being received!

The committee is receiving qualified nominations for the following awards to be announced during the symposium. However, awards will be presented during the awards ceremony at annual conference in 2011.

**The award categories are:**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award:** Because Dr. King was a civil rights advocate, this award is given to the recipient who advocates against individual, institutional and systematic inequalities. This person must be of noble character and believe that content of character is vastly more important than one's hue or gender.

**S. Lowan Pitts Award:** S. Lowan Pitts was a member of the Peninsula Conference (predecessor of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference) and a social worker by profession. This award is given to the nominee who has made significant contributions to the church, community and social action ministries relative to justice issues.

**William Richard Wynder Award:** Mr. Wynder was a member of the Peninsula Conference (predecessor of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference) who was an educator. This award is given to the nominee who has made outstanding contributions in race relations and inclusiveness as it relates to the church and education.

**Alberta Browne Award:** Ms Browne was a member of the Peninsula Conference (predecessor of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference). She fostered inclusiveness in the conference; thus, the nominee of this award must exhibit continuing her legacy for inclusion of all persons within the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

**Black Elk Award:** This award is presented to the individual who works to preserve the legacy and contributions of Native American peoples.

**Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz Award:** This award is given to the nominee (may be an individual or organization) who practices the virtues of hospitality and sharing to others. This recipient must exemplify opened doors must always be connected to opened hearts.

**Due Date: 6 Jan 2011**

Please submit your nominees and a biographical narrative to Rev. Dr. William T. Wallace, Sr., P.O. Box 275 Cambridge, Md. 21613. Additional questions and or comments may be submitted to Rev. Dr. Wallace 410.228.7325

## Credit Union Offers Special

The Peninsula Methodist Federal Credit Union is offering a Christmas/New Year's special until January 31, 2011. Members can borrow up to \$2500.00 for 24 months at 4% interest. Membership is open to all Conference clergy active and retired, their families, and full time employees of Peninsula-Delaware Conference churches. To become a member contact John Van Tine, President or Kim Gilson, Business Manager.



## Restoration Returns!

The Vision Team & Strengthening the Black Church/Congregational Development are excited to share this news about the return of RESTORATION, an upcoming three day workshop encounter that will revive your soul, and renew your spirit.

The date of this spiritual experience is Thursday, March 24–Saturday, March 26, 2011.

This year's featured speakers are: Bishop Peggy

A. Johnson-Presiding Bishop of the Philadelphia Area Eastern Pennsylvania & Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conferences; Victor Perez-Spiritual Director of the Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis; Rev. Dr. Tyrone Gordon-Senior Pastor of St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX; and Rev. Dr. Dorothy Watson Tatem-District Superintendent: East District, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

## Save the Date: Regional Disabilities Conference

The Disability Ministries of The Eastern Pennsylvania, The Greater New Jersey, and The Peninsula-Delaware Conferences of the United Methodist Church are sponsoring a Regional Disabilities Conference on APRIL 2nd, 2011 9:00am–3:00pm

**Location:**

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
2313 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803  
(302) 478-2575 or [www.aldersgate.org](http://www.aldersgate.org)

Audience: Pastors, Staff, Trustees,  
Administrators, Youth leaders, Church  
Schools, Committee chairs, members  
Stephen ministers, etc.

**Keynote Speaker:** Ginny Thornburgh

Ginny is the wife of former governor of PA, Dick Thornburgh.

She is an internationally known expert and speaker in inclusion of people with disabilities in the faith communities. Ginny is currently, Dir. of Religion & Disability, American Assoc. of Persons w/Disabilities, Washington, D.C.

## UMC Releases Publication Describing Historic Struggles and Triumphs of African Americans Within Denomination

PHILADELPHIA, PA, November 22, 2010—African Americans have been part of the formation of Methodism since it was established in the United States in the early 1700's. The history has been typified by trials and tribulations and that story is being presented in a new publication entitled, "*Freedom Drawn From Within: A History of the Delaware Annual Conference*" by Rev. David W. Brown.

The publication is the result of a year-long research effort by a committee that included clergy, historians and persons interested in preserving and telling the story of perseverance that characterized the African American experience within Methodism according to Bishop Peggy A. Johnson, the Episcopal leader for the Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences that includes parts of the Greater Delaware Valley where much of this history originated.

"The publication focuses primarily on the formation of the Delaware Annual Conference in 1864– the first Annual Conference authorized by the Methodist church to be defined by the race of its membership," Bishop Johnson. "Even today, the issue of race can serve to either divide or bring together people and it is our hope that the proud history of The Delaware Annual Conference will educate people of all walks of life in building bridges as a human family."

The Delaware Annual Conference was established in 1864 and operated until 1965 when it was merged into the mainstream of the Methodist Church as part of the denomination's centuries-long struggle to accommodate the diverse needs of its African American members according to the publication's author, Rev. David

W. Brown.

"The history of African Americans within the Methodist movement is a complicated tale to tell," Rev. Brown writes in the opening paragraph of *Freedom Drawn From Within*. "There are moments of conflict, compromise and collaboration—all striving toward a freedom that celebrates the unique nature of who African Americans are as a people while remaining true to the traditions of the Methodist faith."

The Delaware Annual Conference had an impact beyond Methodism in that it shaped the nation's treatment (and eventual abolition of) slavery, the higher education of African Americans and the ongoing fight for equal rights in this country.

The publication is available for \$15 with the proceeds to support the denomination's ongoing efforts to preserve and present the history of African Americans within United Methodism. Rev. Brown will be speaking at various churches and venues to promote the publication. Copies may be obtained by ordering them on-line at [epapendelarea.smartevents.com](http://epapendelarea.smartevents.com).

**About the author: Rev. David W. Brown is a Deacon in Full Connection within the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is also President/ Founder of BrownPartners, one of the largest minority-owned advertising agencies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and he serves as the Executive Vice President and General Manager of 900 AM WURD, the only black-owned talk radio station in the State of Pennsylvania.**

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## Petitions for General Conference

Petitions for General Conference will be received beginning April 1, 2011. The final deadline for petitions for General Conference is September 27, 2011. Petitions to General Conference do not need to go to Annual Conference first. In fact it actually slows down the Annual Conference process to deal with General Conference petitions. Watch the Communicator for more information on General Conference petitions.

## Petitions/Resolutions for Annual Conference

Petitions for Annual Conference will be received until March 11, 2011. Please get your petitions in to the Conference Secretary John Van Tine [jvt\\_umc@hotmail.com](mailto:jvt_umc@hotmail.com) by that date or they will not be considered at Annual Conference.



## Peninsula-Delaware Conference Mission Team goes to Haiti

October 9–16, 2010 a team of eight Peninsula-Delaware Conference members led by Bill Jones went to Haiti. The team was charged with helping a Haitian team rebuild their church at Fond-Daux. The team had an additional goal: to provide leadership for future VIM teams to Haiti. Volunteers In Mission (VIM), a ministry of The United Methodist Church, sponsors mission teams. One of the requirements for a VIM team to go to Haiti is that someone on the team has Haiti experience. Our Conference now has eight people who meet that qualification. If your church is considering planning a Haiti mission trip please contact Marie Van Der Wall [mvanderwall@pen-del.org](mailto:mvanderwall@pen-del.org). You will be put in touch with someone from the October team who will be happy to help you plan your mission and accompany your team. There is much to be done in Haiti and through God we can do much. Philippians 4:13

Marie Van Der Wall, *Conference Secretary of Global Ministries*



## Hold the Dates for the January Healthy Church Initiative Workshops!

January Workshop topics will be:

E) Grow in Groups      F) Care For Others

### Dates:

Dover District:	Monday, January 10	Gethsemane UMC
Easton District:	Weds., January 12	Trappe: Scott's UMC
Salisbury District:	Monday, January 24	Wesley Temple UMC
Wilmington District:	Tuesday, January 25	Cornerstone UMC

(The January workshops will begin with gathering at 6:30 and both 2 hour workshops will begin promptly at 7 P.M. at each location.)

## ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

"All I want for Christmas" is an old child's tune we use to sing years ago. At that time, all that was wanted were two front teeth. My how times have changed. We hardly hear the tune anymore. What does Christmas really mean to you? Is it about the birth of Jesus Christ? Is it about getting lots of gifts, some of which you do not want or need? Or is it about giving to those less fortunate, or those who are lonely and sad. It has been noted that Christmas is one of the saddest days of the year for many people. With that in mind, my husband and I decided to test that theory by asking members of the congregation what they were going to do on Christmas Day. To my amazement, many were not going to be with their families or friends. They had no plans for Christmas. Hearing that, I was saddened and wanted to do something to make Christmas Day a little brighter and happier for them.

I began a conversation with my husband James and our children. I informed them not to buy anything for us. Rather whatever they would spend, I would use the money along with my personal funds to plan a Christmas dinner for the lonely, sad, and hungry. You see, I did not need another pair of shoes, I did not need another watch, another pair of stockings or socks, another pair of earrings, or books, or scarves. All I wanted for Christmas was to help someone else. When I realized that there were those in my own congregation who would be lonely, I was hurt and felt great compassion for them. Therefore, planning for a Christmas dinner began to materialize. That was 5 years ago. That's what Christmas is all about, celebrating God's gift to humanity... LOVE.

God sent Love into the world for us. Therefore,

I want to share God's Love with others by giving a complete Christmas dinner to those who are lonely, sad, and hungry. My husband and I initiated the dinner five years ago. Now, the entire church, along with community partners are involved by giving, serving, and praying. My husband has truly taken it over. I help.

During the plans for the first dinner, information was given to the local newspapers and many came. We also provided dinners to the local police. As we planned and initiated the 2005 dinner, calls poured in to offer help. Businesses called and stated they would like to donate a turkey, or ham or rolls, or sweet potatoes etc. etc. We had more than we needed. And this has happened each year thus far. When people see you outreaching to help others, they desire to be part of the gift of giving.

Once again, in 2010, we will host our annual Christmas dinner to the surrounding community. This meal is to help the lonely, sad, and hungry. At each meal we play Christmas music and provide a bookmark or something tangible to take home. We may also offer a Bible as well. The church is fully involved. Our youth help to serve or greet our guests. Dinner is served from 12—4:00 pm. Following the outreach meal, we have dinner. What a feeling of love and compassion on Christmas Day. It reminds me of the true gift that came on Christmas Day, a bundle of Love and compassion that transformed the world. ... Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Submitted by,  
Rev. Jeanel D. Starling,  
Pastor, St. Paul United Methodist Church  
Milford, Delaware

## Cancer Care Bags

**Karen Sherman, Hart's U.M. Church**

At Hart's UMC we were looking for a new outreach opportunity. In 2006 our pastor, Mary Browne, read about a cancer care bag project at a Salisbury United Methodist Church. After contacting them for details, we were ready to take on this project.

We decided to make the bags ourselves. A local business donated fabric to us. Now, we have friends that supply us with fabric to create the 12" x 25" bags. Church members cut out the bags and straps, and sew them together. In each bag goes a personal, hand-written note and the following items: a water bottle, puzzle book, notebook, pen, chapstick, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, candy, and an encouragement card. Sometimes a small

devotional book, nail file or other items are also added. The congregation donates many of these items and/or they are purchased through our mission allowance.

These cancer care bags are taken to Union Hospital in Elkton, MD. They are given out by the staff to patients as they begin their treatments. In 2007 we delivered 28 bags; in 2008—50 bags; and in 2009—80 bags. In this year of 2010, we decided that 80 is our number. We are able to make and fill 20 bags each quarter of the year.

At Hart's, we find it rewarding when we work together on writing the notes and filling the bags. Most importantly, the recipients of these bags will know that others care for them and they kept in prayer.

## Kitchen Dedication at Newark UMC

On Sunday, October 10th, members of Newark United Methodist Church dedicated their newly renovated kitchen in honor of the memory of member Edna Cramer. Mrs. Cramer, a longtime, faithful member of the church, was active in the United Methodist Women, Chancel Choir, and Mrs. Wilson's Bible class. She left a generous bequest to the church when she passed away in July 2008. A portion of this bequest was used to restore the church's main kitchen, which was built in the 1960's, and, having endured almost 50 years of

wear and tear, was much in need of refurbishment.

The renovated kitchen features new countertops, a two-oven commercial range, double refrigerator, dishwasher, triple stainless steel sink, and quarry tile floors. Additionally, new electrical work, lighting, and plumbing were installed. Rev. Dr. David Palmer, senior pastor, expressed the church's intent to use the new kitchen to serve the local area, stating, "We'll use the kitchen not only for Newark United Methodist Church, but for the surrounding community as well."

## NOTICE TO TREASURERS— FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

### YEAR END DEADLINE FOR REMITTANCES & CLERGY BENEFIT PAYMENTS:

Financial year 2010 ends December 31, 2010. Final 2010 Remittances & Clergy Benefit (Pension & Insurance) payments must be received by the Business Office no later than **Wednesday, January 5, 2011**, in order to receive credit in 2010. To insure proper credit, please **DO NOT** use the postal service for 2010 remittances after December 29, 2010. The Bishop Felton Edwin May Resource Center will be closed December 31, 2010 and January 3, 2011; however, there is a mail drop in the front door of the building if you wish to hand deliver your final remittance. If you have any questions, please call the Business Office at (302) 674-2626. Thank you for your cooperation.

### SUBSTANTIATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

Remember to provide statements for donor substantiation for 2010. The rules effect single contributions totaling \$250 or more. A written acknowledgement of the contribution must be provided by the church. The donors canceled check will no longer be sufficient to substantiate a contribution of this size.

The acknowledgement must include:

1. The donor's name.
2. A listing of each individual contribution of \$250 or more.
3. A description of any non-cash property contributed.
4. A statement that no goods or services were provided to the donor in exchange for the contribution. It is suggested that all church statements reflecting money contributions, such as quarterly giving reports, contain the following disclaimer:

"Pursuant to Internal Revenue Code requirements for substantiation of charitable contributions, \_United Methodist Church provided no goods or services in return for these contributions."

The written acknowledgement must be provided to the donor prior to the date on which the donor's tax return is filed or prior to the due date for filing, whichever is earlier.

**The mileage rate for 2011 has been set  
by the IRS at \$.51 per mile.**

## Hallelujah Party at Mt. Nebo UMC

It was a nice Fall evening on Monday, October 25, 2010 at the Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on White Deer Road outside of Delmar, Delaware with kids full of excitement. This was an evening of fun and fellowship for the Mt. Nebo and John Wesley United Methodist Church School Annual Hallelujah Party, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. George B. Moody and the event Coordinator Clarevene Pierce with assistance from the Church School Superintendents, Brenda Morris and Shelena Holland; we had around 120 in attendance for this great celebration. This is a Christian Hallelujah Party, our alternative to Halloween, with an evening of fun, food, and activities for all ages. With all the violence and turmoil in this world on our streets and within our communities, we need to be mindful that during this time of year the celebration usually glorifies the dark things of this world, rather than the light of Jesus Christ, and we want our little lights to shine wherever we may go. The main attraction of the evening was the Delmar Volunteer Fire Department. We

had several members that attended Kevin Moore (Firefighter & Maryland State Trooper), he was the presenter, John Townsend (Engineer) and Brittany Gillespie (Ambulance Associate), they discussed fire safety, stop, drop and roll, and handed out fire hats, pencils and rulers, and even let them sit in the fire Truck and blow the siren. One of our parents and Church School Volunteer (Marcus Brown) had the opportunity to try on the fire suit, and experience the heat and weight that our fire fighters have to endure. What a mighty task they have been called to serve, save and protect our families. This was very exciting for most if not for all, even for our seniors, we had all ages in attendance from infants to the late 80's. We had wagon rides around the field, a movie playing on the inside and we also had a bonfire planned but it was just a little windy for that event. We ended our celebration with all the kids gathered on the floor with the story of the three pumpkins, repeating a closing pumpkin prayer, singing this Little Light of Mine, and leaving with a treat in hand and a glow on the face.



## Wesley Foundation at Salisbury Univ.

On Saturday November, 6, 2010. The Wesley Foundation at Salisbury University took part in a volunteering event called "I Love Salisbury." It consisted of various organizations on campus going out into the community around Salisbury and assisting wherever help needed. Wesley Foundation received the assignment to help with fall cleaning at the Historical Popular Hill Mansion. Ms. Nancy Marasco, who was in charge of the mansion, gave the students a mini tour before they proceeded to work. The students vacuumed the wooden floors, dusted all the wood work and polished all the brass, scrubbed the steps, cleaned the bathrooms, and other various jobs. The students really enjoyed themselves and declared that this event brought them closer together.



**Communicator Family:** Beginning in 2011 the number of free copies of the Communicator sent to your Local Church family will be reduced. Instead of the 6 free copies currently provided to the Church, the Conference will be providing one copy for the pastor, and two copies to the leadership of the Local Church. Of course, we always accept individual subscriptions to the Communicator. You can also view the Communicator each month on the Conference Web Site. Look for the communicator renewal information to be mailed soon.

**A note to our readers: The next publication of the Communicator will be in February**

## Conference Calendar

### December 2010

- 24 **BFEM Resource Center, CLOSED Merry Christmas**
- 27-28 **BFEM Resource Center, CLOSED**
- 31 **BFEM Resource Center, CLOSED Happy New Year**

### January 2011

- 3 **BFEM Resource Center CLOSED**
- 6 **Advocacy Resource Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 2:00 p.m.
- 7-9 **24th Annual Youth Rally**, Ocean City, MD.: Roland E. Powell Convention Center
- 10 **Board of Ordained Ministry Full Board Meeting**, Long Neck UMC, 9:30 a.m.
- 11 **Healthy Church Initiative Training-Dover District**, Seaford-Gethsemane, 6:30 a.m.
- 11 **Volunteers In Mission Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 **Vision Team Meeting**, Wesley UMC-Dover, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 12 **Healthy Church Initiative Training-Easton District**, Trappe-Scott's UMC, 6:30-9:00
- 15 **Silent Retreat**, Centreville, MD.: Pecometh
- 17 **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed**, BFEM Resource Center CLOSED
- 18-20 **Bishop's Mid-Winter Retreat for Clergy & Spouses**, Lancaster, PA.: Marriott Hotel
- 22 **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium**, Wyoming UMC 8:30 - Noon
- 24 **Healthy Church Initiative Training-Salisbury District**, Wesley Temple, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 25 **Healthy Church Initiative Training-Wilmington District**, Bear-Cornerstone UMC, 6:30
- 25 **Conference Board of Trustees Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.

### February 2011

- 5 **Salisbury District Rethink Church Training**
- 8 **Conference Council on Finance & Administration**, Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 8 **Conference Insurance Committee Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.
- 8 **Conference Investment Committee Meeting**, Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.
- 8 **Conference Board of Pensions Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.
- 8 **Conference Board of Lay Ministries Meeting**, Resource Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 **Healthy Church Initiative Training-Wilmington**: Chester-Bethel UMC, 6:30
- 9 **Conference United Methodist Men Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.
- 10 **Healthy Church Initiative Training-Easton**: St. Mark's UMC, 6:30 -9:00 p.m.
- 14 **Annual Conference Sessions**, Wesley Church, Dover, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 15-17 **Nurturing Wholeness in Community Seminar, Level 1**
- 16 **C.A.R.E. Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 17 **Healthy Church Initiative Training-Salisbury**, Fruitland-St. John's, 6:30-9
- 21 **Presidents' Day Observed**, BFEM Resource Center CLOSED
- 22-23 **Board of Ordained Ministry Candidate Interviews**
- 23 **Dunkle-Mackey Board Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00 p.m.
- 24 **Healthy Church Initiative Training-Dover**, Greenwood UMC, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- 27-28 **Northeastern Jurisdiction Clergywomen's Consultation**, Lancaster, PA.