



Day of Love and Justice

North Georgia United Methodists will gather at the Georgia State Capitol on February 9 with the children of our state in mind. Susannah Davis, Chairperson for the event, said, "All of Georgia's children deserve love and justice. We want our governmental leaders to know that we are praying for them and counting on them to lift up our children."

Bishop Lindsey Davis has been asked to serve as chaplain of the day for the House of Representatives. He will offer the prayer at approximately 10 a.m.

At noon, United Methodists and state officials will meet in the rotunda for a rally. Representative Roger Bruce, a member of Cascade Church, and Bishop Davis will speak. Invitations have been sent to Governor Sonny Perdue and First Lady Mary Perdue, who has focused on children's issues since coming to the Governor's mansion. Likewise, Secretary of State Cathy Cox and Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor, both Methodists, have been invited. Individual contacts are being made with representatives and senators who are United Methodist.

The purpose of this hoped-to-be annual event is to raise awareness of needs, to thank our state leaders for the positive things they have done, and to bring attention to areas that still require work.

The day is intentionally not a partisan event. Bishop Davis commented, "I'm for any politician who will try to improve the safety and education and welfare of children in the state of Georgia. It doesn't matter whether they're Republican or Democrat. If they are on the side of children, I'm going to support them."*

Bring groups from your church and join us at 10 a.m. in the House of Representatives and at noon in the Capitol Rotunda. With a strong number of participants, what a statement we can make of behalf of over half a million Methodists in Georgia! For more information, contact Susannah Davis at smdavis@mindspring.com.

Ed Tomlinson

*Our thanks to the Wesleyan Christian Advocate for the quote.

Clergy Days Apart

All clergy persons are urged to be present for one of the days apart schedule for January 31 at Marietta First and February 2 at Snellville Church. Both days will begin at 9:30 AM and conclude no later than 3:30 PM.

Report from UMCOR

Contributions to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for Asian tsunami relief passed the \$4 million mark during the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday weekend. "We are still opening checks," said Roland Fernandes, treasurer of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, the parent organization of UMCOR. Contributions included in the \$4 million figure are primarily from telephone and online credit-card donations and checks sent directly to UMCOR.

This Week's Calendar Event

- **January 24**
Small Membership Church Meeting
United Methodist Center - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- **January 25**
Commission on Equitable Compensation - United Methodist Center - 10:00 AM
- **January 27 - 28**
Academy for the Practice of Christ Ministry - Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center - 12:00 PM
- **January 27**
Rome Carrollton District Connection Ministry Meeting - Lindale Church - 6:00 PM
- **January 27**
Athens Elberton District Lay Speak Course - Elberton First - 7:00 PM - PM
- **January 29**
"The Edge" Conference Youth - FFA/FFH Camp, Covington - 7:00 PM
- **January 30**
Atlanta Roswell District Rally / Celebration / Networking - Roswell Church - 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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Daily Bible Reading

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Lectionary Scriptures NIV Sunday
January 30, 05 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany - Color: Green

Scripture Readings

- [Psalm 15](#)
- [Micah 6: 1-8](#)
- [1 Cor. 1: 18-31](#)
- [Matt. 5: 1-12](#)