



Because You Gave!

With each Annual Conference comes the Bishop's Initiative Offering. Several worthy causes have been the recipients of this extra mile giving on the part of our generous people and congregations. Among the beneficiaries are Wesley Homes, Africa University, the Betha Welcome Center at Lake Junaluska, the Russian Seminary, and others.



Recently, our Conference was commended by Bishop Hans Vaxby, the Resident Bishop of Russia and Eurasia, for our contributions to the seminary. The pastoral leaders of our United Methodist churches in that region are being equipped for ministry at this new theology school.

Last year's offering was designated for Action Ministries and its many expressions throughout North Georgia. Breakthru House, a long-term residential program for women eighteen years or older who seek to recover from alcohol or drug addiction, was awarded funding from the total gift. Part of this

grant has been set aside to create a North Georgia United Methodist Scholarship to support a client referred by any member (lay or clergy) of the Conference. Candidates for the scholarship must complete the standard evaluation process conducted by the clinical staff and required for admission. Also, they must demonstrate a compelling financial need.

The cost of a year-long treatment at the center (\$8,100) includes food, housing, bus fares, day treatment, and case management. Clients typically remain for six to eighteen months. To recommend an applicant or obtain additional information, contact Fay Stullken, Administrative Director of Breakthru House (fstullkenbth@bellsouth.net or 404-284-4658).

The board members wish to express appreciation for the monetary support. Their sincere hope is to raise additional funds to keep the scholarship going for many years.

Thank you for your generosity. Watch this space for an announcement about next year's Bishop's Initiative Offering.

Ed Tomlinson

Advocacy Summit

The first in a series of advocacy summits is Saturday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to noon in the TLC Center (Room 1301) at The University of West Georgia. The topic is "Justice and the Justice System". Several local and state officials will offer leadership. [Click here](#) for more information.

Exploration 2006

A three-day event (November 17 -- 19) is scheduled in Jacksonville, Florida, for committed youth and young adults (high school seniors through age 24) who wish to discern, hear, and respond to God's call to ministry. It is to explore their gifts for ordained ministry as a deacon or elder in The United Methodist Church. The cost is \$150. An application is available on-line at www.gbhem.org/exploration/home.html.

This Week's Calendar Events

Week of Nov. 6 - 12

(click on item for information)

Monday

- [6 : NWST District Clergy Meetings](#)

Tuesday

- [7 : Interpersonal Coaching Workshop](#)

Wednesday

- [8 : Retiree Medical Insurance Task Force](#)

Thursday

- [9 : BOM Committee on Local Pastors & Transfers](#)
- [9 : Deacon Day Apart](#)
- [9 : Disaster Response Trip](#)

Saturday

- [11 : Advocacy Summit: Justice and the Justice System](#)
- [11 : Hispanic Pastors & Leaders - Second Encounter](#)
- [11 : Street Retreats: Interfaith Children's Movement](#)

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Contacts and Links of Interest

- [Sign Up to receive the Monday Morning Newsletter, & other North Georgia e-mails.](#)

- [Manage e-mail preferences](#)
- [Retired clergy and spouse birthday listing](#)
- [E-mail Ed Tomlinson](#)
- [Employment Openings](#)

Lectionary and Bible Readings

Daily Bible Reading

- [Readings that will take you through the entire Bible in a Year.](#)

Lectionary Scriptures

- Sunday, November 12th
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
- [Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17](#)
 - and
 - [Psalm 127](#)
 - or
 - [1 Kings 17:8-16](#)
 - and
 - [Psalm 146](#)
 - [Hebrews 9:24-28](#)
 - [Mark 12:38-44](#)

- [Worship Planning Helps](#)
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- [Lectionary Hymns](#)
- [21st Century Africana](#)