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Young Adult 2010 Convention

We often find ourselves pulled in many directions- caught up in the busyness of a world that moves ever faster. This is especially true for young adults who are pursuing higher education, establishing careers, starting families, and just trying to find their place. The 2010 Young Adult Convention aims to provide relief and direction by exploring the question, “What is your purpose?” This study will center on Rick Warren’s *The Purpose Driven Life*, incorporating various forms of expression in both group work and individual reflection. This event will be held **October 15th-17th, 2010** at the YWCA’s **Camp Kokokahi**, Kaneohe, Oahu. Registration is \$100 and forms are due to the District Office by October 1st. All young adults ages 18-35 are encouraged to join! To obtain a registration form, please visit the Young Adult Ministry website at yam.hawaii.umd.org or contact Shannon del Rosario at s.kuuipo@gmail.com or 271-5769.

STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY 2010

Strength for the Journey is a five-day ecumenically sponsored spiritual retreat for people living with HIV/AIDS. The retreat intends to provide a tranquil, safe, substance and alcohol free and healing environment. It will be held at **Camp Mokuleia** on Oahu and runs from **September 20 through 24, 2010**.

The retreat is open to any person (18 years and older) living with HIV/AIDS without regard to gender, sexual orientation, race or religion. There will be a registered nurse on staff.

The cost of the retreat is \$185 which includes meals and lodging. The \$50 deposit reserves your space, and scholarships are available. So do not let finances deter you from this great opportunity.

For more information contact Rev. Charlene Zuill at PH: (808) 949-1210 or e-mail: wesleyfoundation@hawaii.rr.com.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to be used for scholarships or retreat expenses, please contact the Rev. Charlene Zuill.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

CHARGE CONFERENCES BEGIN IN OCTOBER

The schedule can be found at the district webpage, HawaiiUMC.org. It is subject to change. CC forms and SPRC forms can be downloaded from the cal-pac.org click on the “2011 Charge Conference Forms...” icon.

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION APPLICATIONS

Churches, interested in receiving Equitable Compensation subsidy, may download the application form at cal-pac.org; click on the top “RESOURCES” then on the left menu, click “Equitable Compensation.” Deadline is Oct. 31, 2010.

What is ...

PURPOSE?

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Ministry Musings
From the District Superintendent
By Tom Choi

“Charge Conference Season—The Annual Checkup”

Dear Beloved of the Hawaii District:

I am writing this at the District Superintendent training at beautiful Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. I have been having an intense, but very informative experience here. I know I will be sharing much of what I’ve learned with you in the coming months and years.

As we approach the time for charge conferences, I am looking forward to meeting with the congregations in your ministry settings, and I look forward with great eagerness. You have already received the preliminary packet and letter for the charge conferences, and I hope that you will practice due diligence and return all of the completed forms to me well in advance of the charge conference, so I can study them and we will have a much more successful conference.

As you now, my primary focus is in my personal mission statement as your superintendent: to develop healthy, life-changing, missional, multi-generational, prayerful, and covenantal congregations and ministries that make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As I said in my opening message at the celebration in August is that we will be spending some time in assessing—diagnosing—each congregation. In some ways, we can look at the charge conference similar to an annual physical exam.

One of the ways we will be doing this is through the congregation’s Covenant For Vital Ministry. Please have this ready by the charge conference, especially the mission field questions.

Another way we will be assessing the health and mission-mindedness of each congregation is to use a tool called the “Welcoming Quotient,” which surveys what your church does in welcoming new visitors and guests to your worship service. It was included in the charge conference packet. It is meant to be completed by as many active participants in the church as possible. Please bring the tallied results to the charge conference, as we will spend some time discussing this during the charge conference. Please ask your pastor about this!

Still another question that I will ask each congregation is this: What is the purpose of your congregation? If your congregation ceased to exist, what would be the impact on the surrounding neighborhood and community (other than to the existing members of the church)?

In these ways, we will move toward developing wonderful ministries for the sake of Jesus Christ, that will grow the Kingdom of God.

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom

P. S. The tentative charge conference schedule is posted on our online calendar at hawaiiunc.org. Please check with you pastor for confirmation, but this will give you immediate access for our calendar. Other events of the district are posted. It is a great resource!

The Laity

by Dick Englar

Daniel 2:21

*He changes the times and the seasons;
He gives wisdom to the wise a
and knowledge to those who have understanding.*

1. God is always available to hear your prayers.
2. To build a rock-solid life, follow Jesus instructions.
3. If you know that God's hand is in everything, you can leave everything in God's hands.
4. We show our love for God when we love one another.
5. As light overcomes darkness, goodness can overcome evil.
6. To find salvation, you must admit that you are lost.
7. If you want to be spiritually fed, GO TO CHURCH with a hunger for the Word.
8. We find Joy when we learn to abide in Jesus' love.
9. Your words have the power to build up or tear down.
10. The promise of heaven is our eternal hope.
11. It is never too late to make a fresh (new) start with God.
12. The Bible has treasures of wisdom for all of us.

These are food for your thoughts.

Aloha,

Dick

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***** PERSONAL *****

Please continue to pray for...

...Dr. Frank Butterworth, and for Rev. Colleen Chun and Rev. Kana Shimasaki who are both on Incapacity Leave.

***** LEARNING & SHARING *****

...The Rev. George and Sue Crisp will be hosting a Wesley Heritage experience to England in July 2011. It is scheduled for July 5-13, 2011. For more information call: (626) 355-0629 or e-mail <revgrc@yahoo.com>

....ATTENTION: UM Men - if you happen to be in California October 1-3, 2010, there will be a UMM retreat entitled "Born Identity." The leader will be Larry Malone of the General Commission on UMMen. For information, call Dennis Olson at (714) 847-6353.

DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

Please hold the following churches and their pastors in your prayers:

9/19 - Harris UMC - Pastors Nobuko Miyake-Stoner, R. Mangayayam, T. Kageyama

9/26 - Guam UMC—Pastor Johann Osias

10/3 - First Tongan UMC - Pastor Langi Fine

10/10 - First UMC - Co-Pastors Eddie Kelemeni and Amy Wake

10/17 - Ewa Beach UMC - Pastor Linita Moa

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2010

Sat., Sep. 11; 10:00 a.m.: DPAS meeting; Dist. Ofc.
Wed., Sep. 15; 9:00 a.m.: HCOM meeting; Aiea UMC
Sat., Sep. 18: District UMW Annual Meeting
Mon.-Fri., Sep. 20-24: **Strength For The Journey**
Sat., Sep. 25; 8:30 a.m.: DLT meeting; SWCC
“ ” “ ; 1:00 p.m.: Walk To Emmaus Board
Mon., Sep. 27: Deadline for Oct.-Nov. Ka Leo Mekokiko

October 2010

Sun., Oct. 3: *World Communion Sunday*
Fri.-Sun., Oct. 8-10: *Children's Sabbath*
Sun., Oct. 17: *Laity Sunday*
Tue., Oct. 19: Ewa Beach UMC Charge Conference
Sat., Oct. 23: Kona UMC Charge Conference
Sun., Oct. 24; a.m.: Naalehu UMC Charge Conference
Mon., Oct. 25: Honokaa UMC Charge Conference
Mon., Oct. 25: Deadline for Nov.-Dec. Ka Leo Mekokiko
Thu., Oct. 28: Waianae UMC Charge Conference
Sat., Oct. 30: UMMen Breakfast

November 2010

Mon., Nov. 1: *All Saints Day*
Wed., Nov. 3: Kahuku UMC Charge Conference
Thu., Nov. 4: ?? Christ UMC Charge Conference
Sat., Nov. 6: Kapolei UMMission Charge Conf.
Sun., Nov. 7: Olive UMC Charge Conference
Tue., Nov. 9: Kahaluu UMC Charge Conference
Thu., Nov. 11: Veterans Day; District Office closed
Sat., Nov. 13: Wahiawa UMC Charge Conference

Sun., Nov. 14: *Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday*
Sat., Nov. 20; 9:00 a.m.: HUMU Board mtg.; Harris
Sun., Nov. 21: Aiea UMC Charge Conference
Mon., Nov. 22: First UMC Charge Conference
Thu.-Fri., Nov. 25-26: Thanksgiving holiday; District
Office closed
Sun., Nov. 28: *UM Student Day; !st Advent Sunday*
“ ” “ : Keolumana UMC Charge Conference
Mon., Nov. 29: Deadline for Dec.-Jan. Ka Leo Mekokiko
Tue., Nov. 30: Aldersgate UMC Charge Conference

December 2010

Wed., Dec. 1: Wesley UMC Charge Conference
Fri., Dec. 3: District Clergy Family Advent dinner
Sun., Dec. 12: Parker UMC Charge Conference
Wed., Dec. 15: First Tongan UMC Charge Conf.
Thu., Dec. 16: Kam-Nam UMC Charge Conference
Fri., Dec. 24: Christmas holiday; Dist. Ofc. closed
Sat., Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS**
Fri., Dec. 31: New Years holiday; Dist. Ofc. closed.

January 2011

Mon., Jan. 2: Trinity UMC Charge Conference
Tue., Jan. 4: Deadline for Jan.-Feb. Ka Leo Mekokiko
Sun., Jan. 9: ?? Kauai Charge Conferences
Tue., Jan. 11: Harris UMC Charge Conference
Thu., Jan. 13: ?? Aiea Korean Charge Conference
Sat., Jan. 15; a.m.: Ala Lani UMC/Kihei Tong. Miss.
“ ” “ ; p.m.: Lahaina UMC Charge Conf.
Sun., Jan. 16: *Human Relations Day*
Sun., Jan. 16; a.m.: Honolulu UMC Charge Conf.
“ ” “ ; p.m.: Maui Korean UM Mission CC

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