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REFLECTIONS: JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP COUNT COULD BE REDUCED IN TWO US JURISDICTIONS



9/23/2015

Nashville, TN – The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA), notified the North Central and Northeastern Jurisdictional leadership that the number of bishops representing the areas could be reduced based on reported membership numbers. GCFA, responding to responsibilities and membership formulas outlined in ¶ 404.2 of the Book of Discipline, and the responsibilities of GCFA for the administration of the Episcopal Fund that pays the salaries of bishops, notified the College of Bishops of each jurisdiction that the formula indicates there could be a reduction in the number of bishops from their current count.

Bishop John Hopkins, president of the North Central Jurisdiction (NCJ) College of Bishops said “The news that NCJ professing membership dropped .36% under the threshold (or 4,463 professing members) was unexpected, as earlier projections had indicated that this would probably not happen for another year or two. Our College of Bishops and our Committee on Episcopacy ask for your prayers as we consider options in the few months before our General and Jurisdictional Conferences.” Maggie Jackson, who chairs the NCJ Committee on Episcopacy, said, “This is a short time span to have this discussion about the possibility of one less bishop for the election process in NCJ for 2016. We will need to have immediate consultation with committee members and the NCJ College of Bishops.”

In response to the notification, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, President of the Northeastern Jurisdiction (NEJ) College of Bishops said “The Northeastern Jurisdiction has been making important progress toward making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Northeastern Jurisdiction as a region of the world is distinctively diverse, in the midst of deep cultural and religious change and is complex. As a region within the United States, it is home to four of the top ten metropolitan areas. The College of Bishops has spent significant time in prayer, study, and conversation about the future of The United Methodist Church in the Northeastern section of the United States.

For missional and congregational vitality reasons, the College of Bishops is concerned about any reduction in the number of episcopal areas. As we approach 2016, the College will continue conversation and collaboration with the Northeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.

Together we will work toward action that leads, energizes, and engages disciple making efforts which build hope, trust, and relationships that glorify God and lead people to Christ.” Additionally, Bonnie I. Marden, Chair of the NEJ Committee on Episcopacy said “we have noted that several questions about changes to the Constitution initiated by the 2012 General Conference are adding further complexity to our understanding of the appropriate next steps and we welcome your prayers as we discern options for a vital and mission-driven future.”

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**UNDERSTANDING
MEN'S MINISTRY**

**New York Annual Conference
35th Annual Men's Retreat
Saturday, October 24th, 2015 at
Olmsted Center**

114 Bayview Avenue, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520



This one day training event is offered in conjunction with the General Commission on UMM and Man in the Mirror. 'No Man Left Behind'

The course objective is to generate interest and enhance capacity in local churches for effective men's ministry. Congregational leadership teams are coached to develop a plan and process to reach more men, and enable men's spiritual growth to maturity as disciples of Christ.

Sessions will begins sharply at 8:00 , lasting until approx. 5:00 PM

Cost \$65 per person; which include Training materials, breakfast, lunch & ice-cream social.

Open to all Pastors, Lay Leaders, UMM members, or any man in your church.

For more information, contact Royston Bailey at 516-485-3723. E-mail: roystonbailey27@gmail.com or Ernie Searle at UMC_NYAC_UMM@yahoo.com

Message



"How and Where to Catch Fish for Jesus"

Each church should have at least one representative attending to get this worthwhile training.

Gilbert Hanke, General Secretary of the General Commission of the UMM will be the presenter.



October Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Youth Fellowship	3 Rummage Sale, 9-2 p.m.
4 Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.	12	13 UMW meeting with lunch and speaker, 10:30 - 2 p.m.	14	15	16 Youth Fellowship	17
18 Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.	19 Committee on Finance, 7:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24 Hempstead Fellowship Brunch 11 a.m.
25 Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.	26	27	28	29	30	31

Did You Know?

The Long Island Council of Churches, has a new home - they are now sharing space with us at 40 Washington Street. In addition to our longtime friends, the Hempstead Boys and Girls Club, and the Hempstead Senior Citizen Center, we are also sharing our facility with Little Minds Montessori, and the Pentecostal Church (Friday and Sunday evenings). We welcome our newcomers, as we continue to reach out to the community to do God's work.



AUGUST HEMPSTEAD FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH ABOUNDS WITH GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

There was a nice turnout at the Hempstead Fellowship Brunch on August 22nd, despite the many activities in the community held on the same day. Many thanks to all the devoted volunteers who stepped up to the plate to ensure this monthly event held at our church, was a success. The following people were on hand to assist our guests: **Janice and Glenmore Wellington, Liz Johnson, Garydiane Morrison, Elvie Reynolds, Madeline Harris, Elnora Brevard, Kathy Aikens, Nadia Bucknor, Alexandrina Bucknor, Judy Quinn, Mary Johnson, Leon Williams, and Royston Bailey.** The next Fellowship Brunch will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015, 11 - 1 p.m.



Photos, courtesy of Judy Quinn.





HEMPSTEAD FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015



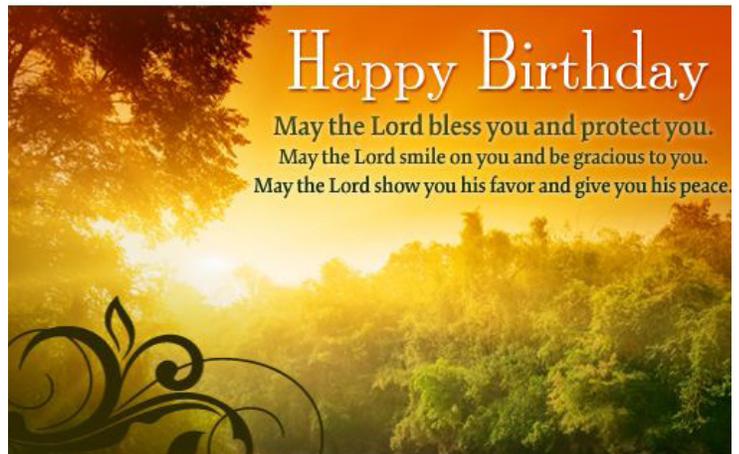


Sunshine Column



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST – HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

James Ross	October 3rd
Gloria Howard	October 6th
Miriam Richards	October 8th
George Richards	October 10th
Marsha Powell-Williams	October 11th
Gladys Parker	October 14th
Michelle McCullers	October 14th
Royston Bailey	October 15th
Bonita Johnson	October 15th
Nicole Boucicaut	October 16th
Joshua Boucicaut	October 16th
Jade Valeris	October 16th
Phyllis Harper	October 17th
Ashia Thomson	October 24th
Damali Bernadotte	October 25th
Alexandrine Bucknor	October 27th
Nicole Bucknor	October 29th
Maurice Bailey	October 31st



If your birthday is not on the list, please see Karen Bonnet, Lavern Thompson or Mary Johnson

PARISH NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit all information (articles, announcements, photos) about events, committee/ministries news, and other information that you can share with our church family to: hempsteadumc@gmail.com, or drop them off in the church office by November 14th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed by the last week of November.

If you are new to the church and wish to become a member, please see Pastor.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:30 AM Bible Study
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
(Social Hour to Follow)
After service, Sounds of Praise Choir Rehearsal
(5-11 years old)

Sunday: Service in Spanish, 12:30 PM

Thursday: 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday: 8:00 PM Youth Fellowship
(Alternate Fridays)

Coming Soon!



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HEMPSTEAD

Annual



Church

Fair

FEATURING



- *Fresh Vegetables*
- *Baked Goods*
- *Cheese and Pecans*
- *Cards and Holiday Items*
- *Handmade Variety Table*



Coffee Room - 9 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, November 14, 2015

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Rev. Rafael Garcia, Pastor



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"While this information is not brand new to us as a denomination, it is particularly important for the jurisdictions being affected to be notified in a timely fashion. Vibrant mission and ministry continue to happen throughout our connection and for that we are thankful. We know that the decisions that will be made will be based on the needs in each area for strong, prophetic leadership," said Bishop Michael Coyner, president of GCFA.

The Book of Discipline 2012 provides for the reduction of bishops based on reported membership. GCFA reports that the 2014 reported membership for both jurisdictions has fallen below the Book of Discipline requirement for membership that would require nine bishops. GCFA will ask for the decision of the General Conference – the body that can make the final decision on the number of bishops for each area based on information from GCFA and input from the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.

From: <http://www.umc.org/gcfa/jurisdictional-bishop-count-could-be-reduced-in-two-us-jurisdictions>

a. s. a. p
(always say a prayer)

There's work to do,
deadlines to meet,
you've got no time to spare,
but as you hurry and scurry,
always say a prayer.

In the midst of family chaos,
"quality time" is rare.
Do your best;
let God do the rest:
always say a prayer.

It may seem like your worries are
more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather -
always say a prayer.

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares
and He'll respond a.s.a.p -
always say a prayer.

