



## A Message from DS Rev. Tim Smiley



*Welcome to the North East District!*

Dear Colleagues in the Mission of Jesus:

Please join me in welcoming to the North East District office our two new employees.



First, **Mrs. Pam Mullay**, who begins serving as our Senior Administrative Assistant on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Pam has over twenty years of administrative experience in a variety of contexts. Most recently, she has served the last six years working with clergy and laity as a regional and district administrator with The Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Pam has recently moved to Jacksonville with her husband, Jim, and their daughter, Killian, who will be pursuing a degree in sign language interpretation from the University of North Florida. She has an older son, Jordan, who is graduating from Bloomsburg University and will be

spending the summer interning with the American Junior Golf Association.

Please welcome Pam Mullay by sending her a message via [flumc-ne@flumc.org](mailto:flumc-ne@flumc.org), or perhaps a card or a note to 1415 LaSalle Street Jacksonville, FL 32207.



Mrs. Jennifer Chester

**Mrs. Jennifer Chester**, who recently began her service as our part-time Administrative Assistant, has over seventeen years of administration & management experience, most of them spent in the non-profit sector. She most recently spent over five years working as the district business administrator for the North West District of the Florida Conference of the UMC. She and her family relocated to Macclenny last summer. She has an 11 year old daughter named Reagan, who plays the flute and loves science and math. Her husband Adam, works in IT as a Systems Design and Architect Administrator for Citizens Property Insurance.

Please welcome Jennifer Chester by sending her a message via [flumc-ne2@flumc.org](mailto:flumc-ne2@flumc.org), or perhaps a card or a note to 1415 LaSalle Street Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Please offer prayers for Pam and Jennifer, that their ministry among us may be both fruitful and fulfilling. Their mission is to support your connection with the district superintendent, and to the resources of the Florida Annual Conference. Their prayer is that your church may thrive!

Yours in faith, hope and love,  
**Tim Smiley**



## Announcement Sunday Reminder

This note is to remind you that **Announcement Sunday is April 17, 2016, for all FULL-TIME Appointments.**

Part-time appointments will be announced as each one is confirmed with the DS and the SPRC chairperson.

The chairperson of the SPRC, or the lay leader, or a member of the SPRC, should initiate this announcement in coordination with your pastor.

- For pastors that are being re-appointed to their current charge; announce this, please, and CELEBRATE with your people. The pastor may be granted the opportunity to express words of thanksgiving and care. The church leader may wish to offer a prayer of thanks and blessing over the pastor.
- For pastors that are being called and sent to a new church or arena of service; announce this, please. After the church leader has shared this news, the pastor may want to express love and appreciation for those currently under his or her care, and say a brief word about their next appointment. The church leader may wish to offer a prayer of blessing over the pastor being called to a new assignment.

**PLEASE do NOT post anything on social media until the morning of April 18<sup>th</sup>.  
The Florida Annual Conference website will post a list of all full-time appointments  
sometime during the morning of April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Questions and clarification needed? Please contact the district office.



## Pastor & Clergy Team Meeting May 24, 2016

### ***Creating a Culture of Call in Your Church***

*ALL appointed pastors and clergy requested  
to attend one of the following meetings:*

#### **Morning Meeting from 9:00am to Noon**

**Mandarin United Methodist Church  
11270 San Jose Blvd  
Jacksonville, FL 32223**

9:00am - Fellowship & Refreshments  
9:30am - Worship and testimonies of Call – led by the people of Mandarin UMC  
10:45am – Presentations:

- *How to Create a Culture of Call in Your Church – Debbie McLeod*
- *How people are exploring their call at Mandarin UMC – Will Wold*

Rev. Rwth Fuquay of the office of Clergy Excellence, will be with us throughout the day and evening to share the resources of her office.

*Click this button to register for the AM meeting\**



#### **Evening Meeting from 6:00pm to 8:30pm**

**First UMC, Starke  
200 N. Walnut Street  
Starke, FL 32091**

6:00pm - Dinner  
6:45pm - Worship and testimonies of Call  
7:45pm - Rwth Fuquay – *Developing a Culture of Call in Your Church*

Rev. Rwth Fuquay of the office of Clergy Excellence, will be with us throughout the day and evening to share the resources of her office.

*Click this button to register for the PM meeting\**



Colleagues,

This will be my final district meeting with you, and I am very excited about what is planned for our time together.

Please register right away to indicate your attendance and I look forward to being with you on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

*\*If you have already registered, thank you, there is no need to re-register.*



## Embracing Our Beloved Community Event

*How to Recognize, Understand and Appreciate the Differences in Others*

A Half-Day Seminar on Inclusivity

[{ to View Brochure Click Here }](#)

9:00am to Noon

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Asbury United Methodist Church

16 College Drive Orange Park, FL 32065

Dr. Harold D. Lewis, Sr.

Our presenter for the day

Friends, we live in a world of stunning beauty and delightful diversity. Our differences may become divisive, rife with miscommunication and misunderstandings. Yet, God's design of diversity is meant to embody what Dr. Martin Luther King and others have called "the Beloved Community." When we walk and work together, unity in diversity, we are moving in the midst of, and maturing toward, the Kingdom of God.

How we may more fully participate in, and stimulate the development of, "the Beloved Community," is the goal of this half-day seminar.

Bring a team of laity and staff from your church. Invite colleagues from the workplace or gathering place.

Come discover "a safe place" and a caring community and experience that which will have immediate impact on how you relate to others in your circles of relationship and influence. Click below button to register



## Web Resources

**Annual Conference 2016**

June 16-18, 2016

Pre-Conference Leadership Gatherings: June 15

Buena Vista Palace Hotel

1900 Buena Vista Drive

Orlando, FL 32830

Click button for information on agenda, hotels, volunteer needs and SO MUCH MORE!



### FREE Webinars for Local Church Staff & Committees

Check out the new E-Learning Videos and Church Resources on the conference Website brought to you courtesy of Congregational Vitality. There is something for everyone. There is also a Pinterest page that is FULL of ideas for church events/programs Click button.



### Clergy Excellence -Ministry Internship Program

ARE THERE YOUNG ADULTS IN YOUR CHURCH WHO WANT TO EXPLORE PASTORAL MINISTRY?If so, Click buton for more information and to access the 2016 Summer Pastoral Ministry Internship Program--and encourage them to apply!



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## Employment Opportunity

Are you interested in a part-time position working with young adults? The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church is seeking a **coordinator** for our **Young Adult Missional Movement (YAMM)**. The ideal candidate is a responsible self-starter with solid project management, organizational and communications skills. The coordinator needs the ability to work with diverse constituencies, helping to develop programs with anti-racist strategies. This role mandates effective conflict resolution, coaching and mentoring and is comfortable working with faith communities in our church.

The coordinator will recruit and onboard young adult participants in our YAMM program and help coordinate the personal growth and spiritual life of the YAMM interns through support and oversight of the cooperative living of each team. This part-time, salaried exempt position has flexibility in work location and hours although some scheduled in-state travel will require overnight stays. For more information about the position, contact Heidi Aspinwall 305-733-4420 [haspinwall@flumc.org](mailto:haspinwall@flumc.org). To apply email resume and cover letter to [employment@flumc.org](mailto:employment@flumc.org).



### Church Bus For Sale



## 1998 Ford E-Super Duty V10 - 24 Passenger Bus



### Church Bus For Sale

Really nice 24 passenger bus, perfect for your Church or Youth Group or Family Vacations. Runs GREAT! A/C blows COLD!

Call Corey Dawson @ 904-545-0285 to look at it.

\$ 10,000.00 Neg.

[corey@duvalfixtures.com](mailto:corey@duvalfixtures.com)



### Upcoming Event



### *Going to THE PLAYERS Tournament?*

Purchase your single day ticket(s) to THE PLAYERS for **ONLY \$45!** (regularly \$58)  
 they are good for **ANY DAY** of THE PLAYERS Tournament OR  
**TOBY KEITH CONCERT** on 5/10!

Go to [www.chipinforyouth.org](http://www.chipinforyouth.org) use the **Access Code: TEETIME**

**\$25 a ticket goes back to DLC!**



Tickets are also good for the **TOBY KEITH  
 Outdoor Concert on Hole #17** at the  
 PGA Tour on May 10th!



**Call DLC to find out more:  
 904-387-0370**



### **Grant Opportunity**

The Spiritual Formation Ministry of the Florida Conference has recently been entrusted with the responsibility of discerning and dispersing funds from the Ware Trust. The intended recipients are Florida Conference ministries which reflect spiritual formation or ministry initiatives.

Ware Grant applications and other pertinent information will be accessible on the Florida Conference website by April 4, 2016. **Completed applications are due no later than midnight May 1, 2016** and should be submitted to the contact person identified in the application. Applicants will be notified by June 15, 2016 (via by email or U.S. Mail). Grants will be awarded by August 1, 2016.

Grant awards will range from \$500.00 - \$1500.00. Applicants should take particular care to detail methods to address any shortfall between amount requested and potential amount rewarded. *The Ware Trust Committee reserves the right to award or deny any applications, including requests for renewal grants.*

The members of the Ware Trust Committee are grateful for your interest and thank God for your leadership!

For complete details [{Click Here}](#)

For grant application [{Click Here}](#)



## Spiritual Life Retreat

[Click Here for Registration Form](#) (must be mailed or e-mailed)





**Save the Date: April 15–17, 2016**  
**Spiritual Life Retreat**  
 Florida Conference United Methodist Men  
 w/ Bishop Carter, Pam Carter, & John Riley

**Spiritual Gifts Retreat  
 for couples & singles**

Life Enrichment Center  
 4991 Picciola Road - Fruitland Park, FL

Registration Information Coming Soon  
[www.ummflconf.org](http://www.ummflconf.org)  
 email: [info@ummflconf.org](mailto:info@ummflconf.org)  
 (850) 545-4594




The Florida Conference of  
 The United Methodist Church

*Retreat Music led by the Lighthouse Band of Coral Gables*



## United Methodist Connectional FCU 2016 College Scholarships

Are you or do you know a member age 17-35 who is attending or planning to attend college and attend church in in one of the four conferences? If so, please let them know about your Credit Union's college scholarship program. Four winning applicants, one from each of our four conferences, Florida, North Georgia, South Georgia and Alabama-West Florida will receive a \$1000 scholarship each.

Applicants will need to meet the following requirements:

1. Be a Credit Union Member in Good Standing:  
 Joining requires a \$25 initial deposit into a share/savings account, but once

you're a member, you can easily open a checking account, get a debit card and enroll in online banking so you'll be all ready with the right financial tool kit.

2. Submit a 500-Word Essay:

Write an essay that answers the following questions:

- Why should United Methodist church members belong to UMC FCU?
- What does the Credit Union offer them and the Methodist Community?

3. Complete and Submit the Application and Essay no later than **April 29, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to download the 2016 UMC FCU Scholarship application.

If you have any **questions** regarding the scholarship program, contact us at 1-800-282-9368 (Georgia) or 1-866-687-2136 (Florida).

*\*Scholarship applications will be judged by outside, impartial judge(s). No person related to staff or volunteers of the UMC FCU will be eligible to receive this scholarship award. Past winners are not eligible.*



## 2016 Clergywomen Retreat



Florida Clergywomen are invited to participate in a retreat on April 18th - 19th. We will gather with each other for a time of inspiration and personal renewal, led by retired Bishop Charlene Kammerer. A wise leader of the church and friend of Florida, she will lead us in telling our own stories while also telling The Story.

The retreat will be at the Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo. The cost for program, room (double occupancy), 4 meals and morning break is \$225.

Clergy members in full connection and associate members can use up to \$750 per quadrennium for continuing education. [Click Here](#) for the application form. [Click Here](#) to register. If you want more information, please call Marta Burke at 305-975-2032 or email Beth Fogle-Miller at [pastorbeth@mumconline.com](mailto:pastorbeth@mumconline.com).



## 11th Annual Native American Ministry Gathering

Come and join us for the Eleventh Annual Native American Ministry Gathering April 22 - 24, at the beautiful Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park. This is an event for those who are interested in ministering to Native American people, have Native American heritage or are just interested in the Native American culture. This is an especially informative event for those who are Native American Ministry Reps in their local churches or are thinking about becoming Reps. Everyone is welcome. [Click HERE](#) for more information. [Click HERE](#) for registration form.

This event is sponsored by the Florida Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) Questions? Contact Vickie Swartz at 941-544-6951 or [vswartz@verizon.net](mailto:vswartz@verizon.net)



## Disaster Recovery Training



Early Response Team (ERT) are self-contained teams who enter a disaster zone at the invitation of local emergency management officials. ERT's offer a Christian presence and are trained to provide various types of physical, emotional and spiritual assistance to disaster survivors. ERT's are registered with the Disaster Recovery ministry of The Florida Annual Conference, and Disaster Recovery coordinates team placement with emergency management to get help where it is needed most after a disaster.

[Click Here](#) for more details and to register online for the **April 29-30<sup>th</sup>** ERT Training at Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park, FL. *\*\*Note: Basic Disaster Ministry Training is required before taking ERT Training.*

### **\*\*DISASTER 101: BASIC DISASTER MINISTRY TRAINING**

[Click Here](#) for information on the March 19, 2016 Basic Training at Greater Bell UMC – Brooker [Register Here](#)



## Summer Leadership Event

[Click Here for More information](#), [Click Here for Application](#), [Click Here for Q&A](#)

## Exploring Gifts and Graces: Summer Adventure in Theology and Leadership



**When: July 16-24, 2016**

**Where: Bethune-Cookman University  
Daytona Beach, Florida**

**Make this a summer to remember — attend  
EGG Summer Experience!**



### What is EGG all about?

- EGG gathers rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students for an intensive one-week, **all expenses paid**, residential summer theology and leadership experience.
- **CHALLENGE** yourself to explore your faith, think deeply about your purpose and calling in life, build friendships, participate in community service projects, gain leadership skills, worship together, and experience campus and dorm life at Bethune-Cookman University.
- **EXPLORE** the arts, music, drama, spoken word, dance, and practice teambuilding exercises on a unique eco-adventure ropes and obstacles zip-line course.
- **LEARN** to live out your calling as the NEXT Generation of theologically minded and socially engaged future leaders of the church of the 21st Century.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.COOKMAN/YTI/EGG/](http://WWW.COOKMAN/YTI/EGG/) or call 386-481-2712**

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## District Calendar

### April 2016

7 NE District NCD Vision Day with NCD Director Dan Jackson  
11-13 Cabinet

16 Embracing Our Beloved Community Event, Asbury UMC 9AM  
17 Announcement Sunday  
18 Full time appointments posted on conference website  
21 Great Beginnings workshops – April 21, 28 & May 5  
25 District Leadership Council Meeting, Orange Park UMC at 7p.m.  
28 Great Beginnings workshops & May 5

### May 2016

5 Great Beginnings workshop  
9-20 General Conference, Portland, Oregon  
20-21 Part-time Local Pastor & Supply Pastor Retreat @ Marywood Retreat Center  
23 District Leadership Council Meeting, Orange Park UMC at 7p.m.  
24 Clergy Gathering, 9a.m. at Mandarin UMC  
24 Clergy Gathering, 6p.m. at First UMC-Starke  
30 Memorial Day, District and Conference Office Closed

### June 2016

1-2 NE District Committee on Ordained Ministry Meetings  
16-18 Annual Conference Orlando

## **Blessings, Tim**

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