

North West District MARCH 2017 News

DS's SCHEDULE

- 6-7 Children's
Home
Trustee
Meeting
- 9 Marcy
Connection
in Orlando
- 13- Cabinet
- 16 Meeting in
Gainesville
- 21 District
Clergy
Meeting
- 21 FSU
Wesley
Board
Meeting
- 26 Preaching at
Good Sam
Tally

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10 Missional
Vital Signs
Due
- 21 District
Clergy
Meeting in
Tally
- 25 FSU
Wesley
Garnet &

DISTRICT CLERGY MEETING

NOTICE TO ALL CLERGY:

North West District

TUES, MARCH 21

Please plan to attend a clergy meeting from 10 AM to 2 PM, Deer Lake UMC (in Tallahassee). Full-time clergy are required to attend. Part-time clergy are strongly encouraged. Lunch is included. Clergy can click [here](#) to register or contact the office.

SAVE THIS DATE - CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY DAY MAY 20, 2017

The NW District is excited to announce a *District-wide Congregational Vitality Event* on



Saturday, May 20, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM at First UMC Perry.

There will be amazing worship, liturgical dance plus these exciting speakers: Humorist and Motivational Speaker John Riley; Rev. Magrey DeVega, Pastor at Hyde Park Tampa; and Rev. Michael Beck, Pastor at Wildwood and Fresh Expressions. Lunch included.

[Click here](#) to register or contact the office.

LAY SERVANT TRAINING

Gold
Banquet
31 Lay Servant
Training

For those desiring to become a Lay Servant or further your Lay Servant credentials: A spring Lay Servant training will be held **March 31-April 1**, Good Samaritan UMC, Tallahassee.



Friday, 3/31 - 6-9 PM
Satur, 4/1 - 8:30-4 PM

Classes offered:

- *Basic with Jim Catron
- *Intergenerational Ministry & Space-Making with Justin Barfield
- *Being the Fruitful Church with Brian Brightly

Cost is \$35.

Contact the District office to register.

FSU WESLEY FOUNDATION NEWS

You are Invited!
The Wesley Foundation at FSU and TCC is inviting you to their **annual spring Garnet, Gold, and Blue Jean Banquet** in Tallahassee.



This will be the first banquet in our new student community center, and we'd love to show you around!

Come join us on Saturday, March 25th at 6pm wearing your favorite game day clothes. You will have the opportunity to have a tour of the new space, hear about what God is doing in this vibrant ministry, meet Pastor Mike Toluba and staff.

Garnet, Gold and Blue Jean Banquet
Saturday, March 25th, 6pm - 7:30pm
705 W. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Christina Pacelle at (850) 222-0251 or christina@fsuwesley.com.

FSU Wesley Blitz Sunday

We are excited to announce that the Wesley Foundation at FSU and TCC will be hosting FSU Wesley Blitz Sunday on Sunday March 26th! The Wesley Foundation will have representatives in over 20 churches throughout the NW District sharing about the importance and impact of campus ministry on their lives! To learn more about the FSU and TCC Wesley Foundation, visit: www.fsuwesley.com. If you would like your church to participate, please contact Christina Pacelle at (850) 222-0251 or christina@fsuwesley.com.

HOW TO ATTRACT YOUNG ADULTS

As I have traveled around the North Best District these past months I am asked many questions. One is prevalent! "How can we attract more young adults to our church?"



To address this important issue my colleague, Rev. Nita Crump, who serves as Superintendent of the South West District in South Georgia has an event planned **May 4 - 6** at a beautiful retreat center on Lake Blackshear near Cordele, Georgia. The retreat ends on Saturday at noon and I will host lunch for all participants that day. The retreat is structured to meet the needs of small, medium, and large churches. I am registered for this retreat and would strongly recommend it to the churches of our district. Both clergy and laity are encouraged to attend. It will be a refreshing weekend at a beautiful retreat center. Limited partial scholarship will be available through the District Office. Plan now to strengthen your understanding of how your church can open wide the doors to this important group of people. Let's learn together.

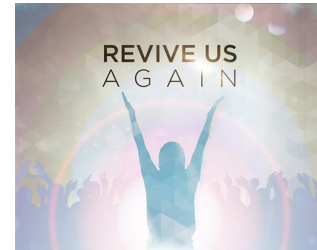
Millenials - Opening Our Doors

[-http://www.swdistrictumc.org/](http://www.swdistrictumc.org/)

Rev. Durwood O. Foshee III,
North West District Superintendent
The Florida United Methodist Church

**2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
DISTRICT AT-LARGE DELEGATES**

We are busily preparing for this year's Annual Conference to be held **June 8-10** at Buena Vista Palace Hotel in Orlando (same location as last year).



This year the North West District can take 53 lay delegates, in addition to the lay delegate from each church. To date, we have about 1/2 of that number so if any one would like to attend the Conference with voting privileges, please contact our office immediately. We will seek your pastor's approval and gladly add you to the list. The only requirement is to have some knowledge of the United Methodist Church and its proceedings, and a desire to help move it forward in the best way possible.