

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016
BOOK OF REPORTS

Together,
we WILL
share the love of
Christ
through life-changing
missions and ministries,
inspired worship,
empowered & trained leadership
& growing disciples.

JOHNSON CITY DISTRICT
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 18, 2016
Munsey Memorial UMC
Johnson City, Tennessee

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AGENDA
Johnson City District Conference
September 18, 2016

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57 UMH

Election of Secretary

Conference Strategy Team Report *Rev. Jeff Wright*

District Superintendent Report *Rev. Walter Weikel, District Superintendent*

District Lay Leader Report *Mrs. Nan Carver*

Camp Bays Mountain Report *Rev. Jeff Wadley, Director*

Wesley Foundation at ETSU Report *Rev. John Ousley, Director*

Offering

Business of the District Conference

Nomination and Election of District Leaders

Election of Lay Members to 2017 Annual Conference

Finance

Proposed 2017 Budget

District Conference Resolution

Since there may be business matters that are not completed or are omitted during this session of the District Conference, or business needing action between sessions of the District Conference, it is recommended that the District Discipleship Team be empowered to care for such matters.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" #451 UMH

Benediction *Rev. Weikel*

Minutes

Johnson City District Conference ~ Sunday, September 27, 2015

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Todd Adams, Host Pastor

Hymn – “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Election of Secretary – Betty Yeomans-Barton was nominated and elected by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the September 28, 2014 District Conference are printed in the Book of Reports. Joe Hommel moved that they be accepted as printed. Second John Anderson. Motion carried.

District Superintendent's Report – Rev. Walter Weikel shared that he had good news and great news to share with the district. So far in our Annual Conference offering for Children and Poverty we have raised \$188,000. We will still continue receiving gifts. So far, none of that has been distributed in JC District. If you have a project that is centered on Children and Poverty - turn in grant request by November 15. As an example, some of the projects that have received grants so far include feeding programs, back pack ministries, feeding children on the weekends.

Mission teams and flood buckets have gone all over Tazewell District after July flooding. Tazewell District has been given a storage building to store additional buckets. Teams are still needed to replace sheet rock. Contact Walter if you have a team that can help.

The Senior Adult Gathering last week was so much fun. If you have anything new or creative in older adult ministries be sure to apply for the Margaret Loving Grant. Most grants given are in the \$1500 - \$2000 range.

We have good pastors in the JC District. Walter worshiped with Munsey this morning at North Side School. If you want your pastor to be really ramped up for Advent, suggest that they attend the Sermon Academy or even offer to pay your pastor's \$25 registration.

Some of our churches are wanting to get involved in Habitat for Humanity. The organization has money available for two total builds and just needs teams to do the work. Contact Walter if your church is interested in this.

Look on page 6 of the Book of Reports for information on how we are going to do Charge Conferences this year. Last year we gave each church or circuit two minutes to say what is great going on in your congregation. We will repeat that this year. The schedule is on page 7. Each church is to have all of their business done and approved before charge conference. We will let pastors know soon if your church's business will be done a few minutes before or after charge conference. As part of the charge conferences we have some great training planned. Descriptions are in the Book of Reports.

Recognition of Churches of Excellence in Evangelism - This represents concrete steps that churches have made to bring people in and make them a part of their church. The churches that earned this recognition are listed in the Book of Reports on page 5.

Camp Bays Mountain Report - Jeff Wadley is the camp director. We are excited about the preparations for new camp ministry for Kingsport and JC Districts. To get in the spirit of camping, Jeff led the group in reciting scripture, “Come and see the wonders of God. They'll take your breath away.” This is the theme for Holston camps next year.

A written update is included in the book of reports. If you have questions, Jeff will stick around after today to answer. Also in the book of reports on page 22 is the district budget to be approved. Down under missions and outreach you will see the \$20,000 gift from the JC District to help our camp during the time

frame that we don't have campers, insurance, utilities. On behalf of the board of directors Jeff thanks those present for this gift. As you give on Sunday morning, a portion of your giving goes to JC district fund, and a portion of that goes to camps.

There is a connection between camping and campus ministries. The Florida and Texas Annual Conferences have the largest percentage of pastors under 35. The investment made in camping ministry and Wesley Foundations is reflected in this. The investment you make has a great impact on the ministry at Wesley Foundation and camp.

Last year at this time the district Trustees, camp Board of Directors, and Board of Location and Building had three choices regarding Buffalo Mountain Camp: Shut down camping; Revitalize Buffalo Mountain at a cost of \$2.7 - \$3 million; Close BMC and move to new site. The decision was made to close Buffalo and move camping ministry to Camp Bays Mountain.

Buffalo Mountain Camp has been listed with an asking price of \$1.5 million. We have shown the property to many organizations and investors. By Thursday we will have a contract for the upper portion of the property with the Nature Conservancy. If approved by all, early next year we will close. All of those funds will transfer to new camp. In about three years the Nature Conservancy will transfer ownership to the Federal Government so that it can become National Forest land.

We have had an offer on lower part, but not one that the board was willing to accept.

We will close on the property at Camp Bays Mountain when all the closing documents ready. Rick Bearfield and Associates is representing us in this purchase.

Things are going well at both sites. There are two things you can help with: 1. We are looking for persons to help with building. We need skilled laborers and contractors to pull the permits, and volunteers to work under a contractor. 2. Invitations to come to town hall meeting at Gray UMC have been distributed. We need you to help with site and program development. Share your ideas. There are four Town Hall Meetings planned: Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 pm; Monday, October 12 at 10:00 am; Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 pm; Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00 pm.

Thank you for your hospitality in welcoming Jeff and his family to district.

ESUMC Prague Video Report – John, Denise, Eli and Ada reported on their work at ESUMC Prague via video. It has been a busy summer with four teams coming to ESUMC. One helped with music and worship, one led Vacation Bible School, and two teams helped begin renovation of the sanctuary. The Czech District is loaning us \$10,000 to complete this project. Denise started teaching second and third grades at the Christian International School of Prague this fall. Eli is in first grade at the school and Ada continues kindergarten in the Czech school.

Wesley Foundation Report – John Ousley shared that he has been doing a lot of fundraising this week. Today was the date we asked churches of three districts to receive a love offering for Wesley House.

John Wesley started out as a campus minister at Oxford University when he founded the Holy Club. Campus ministry offers good things and challenging things. When John became director he learned the Wesley Foundation owned a house that had for years been rented to a fraternity. The trustees had decided they didn't want to rent anymore so the question became, "Keep it, or use it?" It was decided they would keep the house and select students to live there and train them on how to do discipleship. These students lead other students and they in turn can lead and it goes on.

Renovations of Wesley Foundation building to fix a moisture problem and the Wesley House to make it livable have cost over \$70,000. We have already got over \$45,000 raised. We are hoping and praying that with today's offerings in the churches we will reach our goal.

Walter announced that we would like to give John the opportunity to receive an offering at the meeting today and asked John to say a prayer over the offering. We had the chance to view a video about Wesley House as the offering was received. Total Offering: \$524.

John expressed special recognition for Butch Jones and his family for their help with the renovations.

Nominations report – This report, printed in the book of reports, comes from a committee so does not need a motion. The names in bold are to be elected. One correction: Kim Isley's name should be in bold. She will serve as new chair of the DCOM.

The persons listed in the nominations report were elected by voice vote.

Election of Lay Members to 2016 Annual Conference – We have already received 16 nominations as listed in the book of reports, we need to elect 19. Walter opened the floor for additional nominations. Pete Gregg from Marvins Chapel was nominated by David McMillin. Jake Herron nominated John Rambo from Eden. Glenda Gray from Cokesbury was nominated by Sam Barnett. Dylan Vaughn from Telford was nominated by Margaret Wallace.

As the ballots were completed and collected, additional changes to Nomination Report were noted: Kathie Wilson-Parker's name should be bold. Michael Vaughn should be listed under the Discipleship Team as chair of Sulphur Springs Camp Meeting.

Elected as At-Large Lay Members to Annual Conference: Judith Anderson, Amy Blumberg, Lynice Broyles, Palmer Cantler, Mark Cutshall, David Frost, Andrea Gates, Glenda Gray, Jerry Hooper, Mary Hooper, Ruth Hyatt, George Little, Phillip McLain, Andy Nelson, John Rambo, Hugh Wallace, Betty Yeomans-Barton, Craig Zirkle. Two persons who were nominated from the floor declined to serve: Pete Gregg and Dylan Vaughn.

Finance Report – Walter directed those present to the budget worksheet on page 22 of the book of reports. We had a great year in 2014 in terms of how generous you were. We collected \$10,000 more in Fair Share Apportionments than we spent. We wanted to create a balance this year between what we receive and spend, and cut the budget in places where we are not spending as much. The committee recommends increases in salary for Betty and Amber of 3%. Our rent is increasing to \$1,000 per month. We are holding on to extra office space in trust for the Cokesbury church to use in the future.

The bottom line is that if we calculate the fair share formula based on what you said was your undesignated giving, we will have a net increase of \$48 in fair share. Our budget will increase 3.2%.

Question: Walter mentioned an increase in salary for Amber but there is no increase in Administrative Assistant line item. Answer: We have had a buffer built in for several years in case Betty is out for an extended period of time and we need to pay Amber to fill in. Her increase is absorbed in the amount already budgeted.

The 2016 budget was approved by a voice vote.

District Conference Resolution - *Since there may be business matters that are not completed or are omitted during this session of the District Conference, or business needing action between sessions of the District Conference, it is recommended that the District Discipleship Team be empowered to care for such matters.* This resolution was adopted by voice vote.

Lord's Supper. John Ousley, Celebrant.

John preached a sermon not long ago in which he told the story of Jesus preaching to a crowd so big he had to get on the boat. Everything was great: Big crowd, pleasant evening, everyone felt blessed.

Everything changed when Jesus said let's go to the other side. Why go to other side? Everything is great here.

Jesus led them into a storm. Even the fisherman were afraid and they know how to handle a boat. They were all in the same boat; all together fighting the same storm, with the Savior that had power over the storm. We are all in the same boat, fighting the same storm. Jesus will bring us through. We will all take communion together.

After communion, Walter led those present in singing "Let Us Break Bread Together." He closed the conference with a prayer of benediction.

Excellence in Evangelism

The following churches were recognized by Holston Conference for Excellence in Evangelism in 2015. Churches apply for Excellence in Evangelism when turning in their year-end reports. To qualify, a church must have received one new member by Profession of Faith for every 100 resident members and/or met goals in membership, attendance, small groups, baptisms, confirmations, new Sunday School classes, lay visitation, renewal events, discipleship programs, and ministry in the community. See below.

Gold

Met 10 goals including Profession of Faith

First UMC, Elizabethton
Jonesborough
McCarty
Telford

Silver

Met 10 goals not including POF

Eden
Fairview
Limestone
Limestone Cove
Munsey Memorial
Rockhold
Wesley Memorial

Honorable Mention

Met 4 goals

Albright
Enterprise
Marvins Chapel
Mt. Wesley
Sulphur Springs
Union Temple

Bronze

Met 6 goals

Austin Springs
Bethesda, Jonesborough
Bluff City
Centenary
Clear Springs
Ebenezer
Embreeville
Fairhaven
First, Johnson City
Grace
Greenwood
Hunter
Roan Mountain
Slagles
St. Paul, Elizabethton
Taylor Memorial
Watauga Point

Five Star Churches

The following churches fulfilled the requirements to become Five Star Churches in 2015. To qualify, churches must pay the conference tithe 100% and pay at least \$25.00 in each of the four Advance mission categories.

Bethesda, Jonesborough
Bluff City
Boones Creek
Cedar Grove
Centenary
Chuckey
Edgefield
Embreeville
Fairhaven
First, Johnson City
Grace

Jearoldstown
Limestone Cove
Limestone
Marvins Chapel
Mt. Tabor
Mt. Wesley
Rockhold
Slagles
Wesley Memorial
West Market Street

100% Tithe Churches

In addition to the churches on the previous page that were Five Star Churches in 2015 (paying 100% of their tithe and donating to the four categories of Advance giving) the following churches paid 100% of the Conference Tithe in 2015.

Afton
Albright
Asbury
Austin Springs
Bethesda, Greeneville
East Pine Grove Park
Ebenezer
Elizabeth Chapel
First, Elizabethton
Gethsemane
Hermon
Jonesborough
Mt. Carmel

Munsey Memorial
New Victory
Piney Flats
Pleasant Grove
Pleasant Hill
Rheatown
Roan Mountain
St. Paul, Elizabethton
Sulphur Springs
Taylor Memorial
Valley Forge
Watauga Point

100% District Fair Share Churches

The following churches paid 100% of their District Fair Share Apportionment in 2015, enabling us to carry on the programs, operations and mission of the Johnson City District.

Afton
Albright
Asbury
Austin Springs
Bethesda, Greeneville
Bethesda, Jonesborough
Bluff City
Boones Creek
Cedar Grove
Centenary
Chuckey
Clear Springs
East Pine Grove Park
Ebenezer
Eden
Edgefield
Elizabeth Chapel
Embreeville
Enterprise
Fairhaven
First, Elizabethton
First, Johnson City
Gethsemane
Grace
Greenwood
Hermon
Jearoldstown
Jonesborough
Limestone Cove
Limestone

Marvins Chapel
Milburnton
Mt Carmel
Mt Tabor
Mt Wesley
Munsey Memorial
New Victory
Otterbein
Piney Flats
Pleasant Grove
Pleasant Hill
Rheatown
Roan Mountain
Rockhold
Seviers
Slagles
St. Paul, Elizabethton
St. Paul, Piney Flats
Stone Dam
Sulphur Springs
Taylor Memorial
Telford
Unicoi
Union Temple
Valley Forge
Valley View
Watauga Point
Wesley Memorial
West Market Street

2016 Charge Conference Information

Two years ago, we began making changes in our charge conference process. Many expressed excitement that our charge conferences had more of a feeling of John Wesley's concept of Holy Conferencing.

As a result of our time together at last year's charge conferences, we offered specific classes throughout the district and in the region based on requests we heard from you.

Your pastors have signed up their churches for one of four times together:

- 1) October 23
- 2) October 30
- 3) November 6
- 4) November 13

See the schedule on page XX to learn which session you should attend.

In order to conduct all of our business in a timely fashion, we are asking for a few things:

First: We are asking for pastors and their lay leaders to come up with a presentation that does not exceed two minutes that lets all the other churches gathered know what is special about your church or churches. What do you feel like the district needs to know about your church or circuit?

Second: We are requesting that you will have had an administrative council meeting **at least one week prior** to your requested charge conference date to confirm any items that will need charge conference action. (ex. Report on lay leadership, Pastor's Support Worksheet, Recommendations for Lay Servants and Candidates for ministry, and Housing Allowance Resolutions.)

Third: Pastors are expected to turn in all charge conference information at least one week prior to their charge conferences.

Fourth: We are asking pastors to make sure there are representatives from all of your churches at charge conference. We cannot do all our business if you have a church that is not represented.

Charge Conference Schedule 2016

Sunday, October 23 3:00 PM	Sunday, October 30 3:00 PM	Sunday, November 6 3:00 PM	Sunday, November 13 3:00 PM
Elizabeth Chapel UMC	Bluff City UMC	Limestone UMC	Gray UMC
Elizabeth Chapel	Austin Springs	Asbury-Limestone	Carter County Parish
Fairhaven	Bluff City	Bethesda-Eden	Centenary
Johnson City Parish	Edgefield	Cokesbury JC	Chuckey/Rheatown
Jonesborough	Embreeville	First UMC, Johnson City	Clear Springs/Albright/Liberty Hill
Limestone Cove	Fairview & McCarty	Grace	Ebenezer Circuit
New Victory	First Johnson City	Greene County Circuit	First Elizabethton
Roan Mountain	Mt Carmel/Seviers	Jearoldstown-Union Temple	Gray
	Piney Flats	Milburnton	Greystone Circuit
	Rockhold/Enterprise	Mt Wesley	Marvin's Chapel
	Sulphur Springs	Pleasant Grove/Valley View	Munsey Memorial
	Telford	St Paul	Unicoi
		Taylor Memorial	Valley Forge
			Wesley Memorial

Mission and Outreach Reports



www.CampBaysMountain.com 423.398.6272

At 2:00 on June 2017 we hope to open the doors for receiving campers at the new Camp Bays Mountain. That is an aggressive goal but we believe we can offer a taste of camp next year! We have plans for our first campfire, to ring the Allison Memorial bell, climb the Christopher King Climbing Tower, and bring a log from the final campfire at Buffalo Mountain Camp to the new site! We are *MOVED BY CAMP!*

After serving our region faithfully since 1949, the Buffalo Mountain Camp property was sold in two tracts this year. The net revenue was \$1,153,616 which will be used to establish Camp Bays Mountain. The new 88 acre property was purchased on April 1 for \$500,000 from the Sullivan Baptist Association. Now, the Board is readying itself to launch a capital campaign, has hired an architect, hired a builder for the initial remodeling and will begin renovation very soon. We are *MOVED BY CAMP!*

Rather than waiting to have programming, Camp Bays Mountain's Board offered summer programming in 2016 in which we hosted four camp sessions welcoming 112 campers. This was accomplished using a Camp-in-the Community model where a church or a group of churches supported the session with volunteers, meals and supplies. It was an outstanding success. The campers, staff and volunteers were *MOVED BY CAMP!*

So, how can you get involved in the ground level establishment of Camp Bays Mountain?

1. Fill out the survey at www.CampBaysMountain.com to help us in planning
2. Bring a volunteer work team to help clean-up, remodel and build
3. Refer 19-year old prospective counselors to us for next summer
4. Place funds in your church budget to scholarship campers
5. Invite our Director or Board members to speak at worship, with a class, UMW/UMM, youth, children or other gathering at your church

Thank you for your excitement, advice, support, and prayers as the new camp is built! We are *MOVED BY CAMP!*

***"Come and see the awesome things our God has done for us.
They'll take your breath away!" Ps 66:5***

On behalf of the Board of Directors-

Rev. Josh Kilbourne, Board Chair

Rev. Jeff Wadley, Executive Director



MAKING DISCIPLES FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



This past year ETSU Wesley Foundation board invested much time and resources into capital improvements at the Wesley Foundation building and the Wesley parsonage now known as the *Wesley House*. With the help of the Holston Conference Trustees and Holston Conference, the three supporting districts, (Johnson City, Kingsport, and Morristown), and our board, we were able to address the moisture issues of the Wesley building and restore the parsonage for residential usage for our Wesley students who serve as disciple leaders for our ministry. Special thanks goes to Butch and Joyce Jones who oversaw the completions of both projects. We set a goal to raise \$70,000. The two projects together cost a little over \$70,000. I am happy to report that we were able to raise \$82,000 for completion of both projects. There is still some more work to be done on the outside of the parsonage but we are well on our way to completion. Presently we will have four students living in the *Wesley House* and serving as Bible Study Group Leaders for our ministry. With two more spaces to be filled, we anticipate that we will have all six openings filled by the fall 2016.

Some other highlights from the year include:

- Averaging 63 in attendance for our Tuesday night worship service throughout the fall and spring semesters.
- The annual barbeque and auction netted \$9,649 this year. Since 2001, we have raised \$329,740 through our annual barbeque and auction!! Thank you for your support and continued support for the next one! Also, special thanks to Sam and Sharon Barnett for cooking and donating the delicious barbecue! Our Annual Barbecue and Auction is set for October 29, 2016. Please hold the date.
- Our board gave \$12,500 toward the Capital Campaign for the two building projects. This is outstanding!
- We had a fund raising banquet on April 8, 2016 called *A Generous Portion*. This banquet was held at Munsey UMC and a delicious meal was served. We had some present students share about their time serving at Wesley and several alumni also shared experiences they had. Rev. Jerry Everley, former director of Wesley, also shared and encouraged everyone to be generous in support of Wesley. We cleared a little of \$7,000 from this special event. Special thanks to Chris Jacobs our Assistant Director and Jessica Sanders our office manager for leadership and directing this event.
- Our regular worship service is on Tuesday night. We have a meal that is served at 6:00 pm followed by praise music and worship with word and communion. Special thanks to all of the churches that prepare and serve these meals to the students.

- Our leadership team consists of five interns. Each intern has a ministry focus that supports the ministry of ETSU Wesley. The five areas of focus are: Local Missions, Fellowship, Hospitality, Campus outreach, and Recruitment. Each group serves in their area of focus in ministry throughout the semester.
- We have continued with our fall ministry to freshmen and new transfers and gearing up for this coming fall. We had another great group of “Freshley Wesley” this year!
- For our mission trip this year we went to Motown Missions located in Detroit Michigan. We participated in mission work in inner city Detroit. We did home repair, preparing community gardens, served bag lunches for over 200 homeless people, and put up two green houses for community gardening during our stay in Detroit.
- A fantastic worship band led by Chris Eger and Matt Sanders.
- 22 attended Divine Rhythm 2016!
- Participated in the Shepherd's Breakfast, Crumbly House, Habitat for Humanity, Relay 4 Life and other local missions in the Johnson City area.
- Had a Super Bowl Party where we took up canned goods to give to a local food pantry on campus.
- From the Annual Auction and Barbeque we have given out 10% of the profits to local ministries such as Buffalo Mountain Camp, Coalition for Kids, Habitat for Humanity and other ministries. We have given away a total of \$27,541.30 throughout the years since 2001!
- The Bedford Transou Book Scholarship Fund was established in 2004. This book scholarship is available to ETSU Wesley Alumni who actively participated in the Wesley Foundation while completing their undergraduate studies at ETSU. Eligible candidates are those who are going to seminary or pursuing other Christian related postgraduate studies. Since 2004, the Bedford Transou Book Scholarship Fund has given out \$21,668.52 in book scholarship support! Donations to this important fund are still being encouraged and accepted.

Our mission statement continues to be:

“Reaching and encouraging students to grow deeper in their relationship in Christ through community, discipleship, missions, and servanthood”

I am so thankful for this wonderful opportunity to serve as Director of ETSU Wesley! Once again thank you to all the people who support us; especially ETSU Wesley Alumni, and the Johnson City, Kingsport, and Morristown Districts. Please pray for us as we continue to work with God in the building of a culture of discipleship here at Wesley and on the campus of East Tennessee State University.

~John Ousley, Director

Mission Reports

Coalition for Kids

The Coalition for Kids is a faith-based, not for profit founded in 1998 as a grassroots initiative to impact one of the lowest income, at-risk communities within Johnson City. With the help of local business leaders, a local Methodist congregation envisioned a safe establishment where the children and youth of this community could be given opportunities in academic assistance and activity based enrichment. Since opening our doors in March 1999, the Coalition for Kids has grown exponentially. We now serve more than 400 children in a day at both our main campus and at our 3 satellite locations. We have partner sites with the Johnson City School System and the Johnson City Housing Authority. The mission of The Coalition for Kids is to help children grow in "Wisdom and Stature, and in the Favor of God and man." (Adapted from Luke 2:52)

Contact Ministries 211

Contact Ministries 211 is a telephone helpline ministry, offering a human connection to those in need. Our Reassurance Call Program offers free, daily calls to the elderly, homebound, and anyone in need of a friendly voice. Calls are made up to three times per day, at a time of the client's choosing. Through these calls we provide medication reminders, welfare checks, a kind word of prayer. For many clients, our caller is the only person they speak to all day.

Our Crisis Helpline is a resource for anyone in need of someone to listen. Trained volunteers partner with local mental health care professionals to provide support, encouragement and prayer to callers in need.

At Contact, we recognize that one of the biggest obstacles to addressing family needs is knowing where to go for help and resources. Our 211 Information Helpline is a one-stop resource helping families find help with everything from child care, mental health care, food, housing, and employment.

All of our services are free, confidential, and available to everyone.

Family Promise of Greater Johnson City

Family Promise is an organization whose sole purpose is to help homeless families with children. We keep such families together while they go through the crisis of homelessness and give them the chance to come out of the circumstances and onto firm ground "staying whole." Family Promise is the only organization in our area that provides these services. No other organization is equipped to keep families together as they navigate the challenges of pulling themselves back up to a sustained level of independence.

Family Promise accomplishes its mission with its two program to work with our guest families: Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) and Families Moving Home (FMH). IHN is Family Promise's crisis shelter program that takes in homeless families and provides them a place to stay along with education, job search, budgeting and healthcare opportunities. Family Promise partners with a network of volunteers, the bedrock of which is 45 churches in the area. These churches take turns providing food and shelter throughout our families' stay with Family Promise. We also provide a dedicated case manager who helps families with longer-term support.

FMH helps families with longer-term support. This program also has a dedicated case manager who works with families on parenting, budgeting, job skills training, education, and counseling, to name some of the services, as they continue on their positive trajectories toward full independence.

Good Samaritan Ministries

Good Samaritan Ministries is committed to serving the homeless, low income, and at-risk individuals and families with Social Work Case Management, Financial Assistance, Food, Clothing, Household Items, and Showers for the Homeless. Special Projects include Good Samaritan Ministries Eye Care Clinic, Good Samaritan Legal Clinic, Celebrate Recovery, After-Care for After-Incarceration, Back-2-School Program, Summer Food Program, Thanksgiving Food Baskets, Christmas Food Baskets/Gifts, Melting Pot Meal Ministries, On-Site Food Pantry.

In 2015, Good Samaritan served over 161,715 people in need. We served 134,200 meals through the Melting Pot Ministries, provided \$4,344,753.28 in benevolent social services, and distributed 3.9 million pounds of food to those that hunger.

The United Methodist Church has helped our ministries tremendously in the past years. We are so appreciative that UMC has answered the call put forth in I Corinthians 12:12, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ." What is one part without the other? By partnering with Good Samaritan Ministries, the UMC helps provide an outstanding amount of food and services to those in need in our area. We are greatly appreciative for all that you do.

Todos Los Ninos De Dios – Unicoi UMC Hispanic Ministry

Todos Los Ninos De Dios is an after school program on Fridays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm with 60 – 90 children in attendance. During the school year, two vans transport children from 2 local schools to Unicoi UMC and then to their homes in the evening. The program provides age appropriate Bible stories, crafts, and snack meals.

The summer program meets on Fridays during the month of July in the afternoon or evening.

Unicoi UMC also provides van service each Wednesday night for the church programs. Snack meals are also provided on Wednesday evenings. Unicoi UMC Children's Coordinator teaches all the children on Wednesday night with Unicoi UMC Youth Leaders helping out.

This program primarily serves Hispanic children, but we minister to all children who come – Hispanic, Asian, Black, Anglo – "All God's Children."

Announcing our 2017 Hands-On Mission Project!



Thank you Johnson City District Churches!

Fifty-two of our sixty-five churches joined together to send 800 backpacks filled with school supplies to Liberia this year! Your extravagant generosity is a blessing.

Get a Jump Start on Next Year's Mission Project!

It is never too early to start collecting items for next year's project. We will once again be collecting School Backpacks for Liberia. Here is the info you need to get started:

List of Items

- 1 12" ruler
- 1 compass for math
- 1 protractor
- 1 pk. (10 ct.) blue or black pens
- 1 pk. (10 ct.) pencils*
- 1 pk. erasers*
- 2 pencil sharpeners*
- 3 spiral notebooks (70 ct.)
- 1 small Bible (new or used)

[*Novelty pack with pencils, erasers, and sharpeners are acceptable.]

Instructions

- Remove price tags from all items.
- Place school supplies inside a new or clean, used backpack.
- Please use only the quantities listed. It is okay to split up larger packages of pens and pencils so that you are only putting 10 of each in the backpack.
- NO SUBSTITUTIONS or additional items are allowed due to Customs regulations. This includes notes, cards, photos, religious tracts, food items, or anything else that is not on the list.
- A \$5.00 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each kit - do not put money in the backpack! Church Treasurers should write ONE CHECK to the Johnson City District UMC for the total cost of packing and shipping (ie: 10 kits equals \$50).
- Deliver completed kits to the Johnson City District Office during the collection time next year (to be announced).

Why We Do This

Liberia is still recovering from the effects of civil war and the Ebola epidemic. The process of rebuilding the social and economic structure of the country is difficult, and statistics indicate that about 85% of the population live on less than US \$1.25 a day. The literacy rate in Liberia is around 60%.

Education in Liberia was seriously affected by the war, and schools were from July 2014 - February 2015 to slow the spread of Ebola. After schools re-opened, they saw a decline in attendance from last year, with parents citing a lack of money as the main barrier to sending children back to school.

The public school system is hampered by a lack of funding, supplies and qualified teachers, and the tuition for most private schools is too high for many families. It is especially difficult for the families of older children because tuition is higher for the upper grades, and because sending older children to school cuts into the family's earning potential. The United Methodist Church plays an important role in educating Liberian children with 18 United Methodist high schools, 22 junior high schools, and 16 elementary schools.

These United Methodist schools charge much lower tuition than other private schools. Low enrollment, nonpayment of tuition, low tuition, and/or lack of external support means many United Methodist schools do not have sufficient funds to pay teachers or buy supplies. This is why our gift of school supplies is so important!

Nominations and Election of Leadership

Johnson City District Nominations Report

District Discipleship Team

Chair: Patty Muse (Munsey Memorial)
District Lay Leader: Nan Carver (Watauga Point)
District Lay Servant Coordinator: Dell Gates (Piney Flats)
District Disaster Relief Co-Coordinator: Estel Williams (Carter Co. Parish); Missy Wright (Wesley Memorial)
District Missions Coordinator: Greg Davis (Pleasant Grove/Valley View)
District Youth Coordinator: Amanda Onks (Munsey Memorial)
District Children's Coordinator: Amber Willis Jeffers (Gray)
District UMW President: Kathryn Wilhoit (Cokesbury)
In Mission Together Partnership Team Chair: Sam Barnett (Cokesbury)
Older Adult Council Chair: **Betty Range (Eden)**
Sulphur Springs Camp Meeting Committee Chair: **Michael Vaughn (Telford)**
District Superintendent: Walter Weikel
District Office Administrator: Betty Yeomans-Barton

District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Chair: Kim Isley (Centenary)
Clergy: Rick Clowers (Marvin's Chapel), Dan Gray (Bluff City), Doug Grove-DeJarnett (Munsey Memorial), Lon Tobin (Johnson City Parish)
Laity: Lynice Broyles (Gray), Dan Cross (Sulphur Springs), Dell Gates (Piney Flats), Linda Keller (Wesley Memorial)

Committee on Nominations

Chair: Walter Weikel, District Superintendent
Panel of 2017: Brian Rosecrance (First, Johnson City); Anna Kapoor (First, Johnson City)
Panel of 2018: Steve Baldwin (Munsey Memorial); Jan Goodsell (Wesley Memorial)
Panel of 2019: _____;
District Lay Leader: Nan Carver (Watauga Point)
District UMW President: Kathryn Wilhoit (Cokesbury)
Conference Nominating Committee Representative: Lynice Broyles (Gray)
Discipleship Team Chair: Patty Muse (Munsey Memorial)

Committee on Finance

Chair: Art Eckerson (First, Johnson City)
Panel of 2017: Art Eckerson (First, Johnson City); Michael Vaughn (Telford); Sabra Houston (Taylor Memorial)
Panel of 2018: Joe Barber (Sulphur Springs); Bob Russum (Wesley Memorial); Suzanne Stouffer (Wesley Memorial)
Panel 2019: **Eddie Stanley (Jonesborough), Carole Martin (Fairhaven), Kathy Wilson-Parker (Edgefield)**
District Superintendent: Walter Weikel
District Office Administrator: Betty Yeomans-Barton
District Administrative Assistant: Amber Marshall
District Treasurer: Jan Butler

Board of Trustees

Chair: **To be elected by Trustees**
Panel of 2017: John Anderson (Munsey Memorial); Brenda Barnett (Wesley Memorial)
Panel of 2018: Dan Cross (Sulphur Springs); Olen Haynes (Munsey Memorial)
Panel of 2019: **Bobby Campbell (Clear Springs);** _____

Board of Location & Building

Chair: Bob Goodsell (Wesley Memorial)
Panel of 2017: **Jake Herron (Bethesda/Eden); Scott Powers (Gray)**
Panel of 2018: Bob Goodsell (Wesley Memorial); Ernest Campbell (First UMC, Johnson City)
Panel of 2019: **Joel Cook (Valley Forge), Kathie Wilson-Parker (Edgefield)**

Committee on District Superintendency

Chair: Jan Goodsell (Wesley Memorial)

Laity: Sandra Denney (Gray); Mike Eddy (First, Johnson City), **Kitty Stanley (Jonesborough), Nathaniel Watson (St Paul, Elizabethton)**

Clergy: Vivian Franklin (Milburnton); Cindy Paxton (Greystone Circuit); Lon Tobin (Johnson City Parish);
Estel Williams (Carter County Parish)

District Lay Leader: Nan Carver (Watauga Point)

Sulphur Springs Camp Meeting District Committee

Chair: Michael Vaughn (Telford)

Laity: Lynice Broyles (Gray); Lois Cox (Rockhold); **David Frost (Gray)**; Johnny Moore (Mt. Carmel); Elizabeth Ramsey (Elizabeth Chapel); Nathaniel Watson (St. Paul, Elizabethton)

Clergy: **Donna Waddle (Asbury/Limestone)**; Kathie Wilson-Parker (Edgefield)

Pastor of SSUMC: Joe Barber

District Superintendent: Walter Weikel

Representatives from local church committee: Ramona Bird; David Mongold; Paulette Winkle

Representative from another district: Adam Love (Kingsport District)

Czech Partnership Team

Chair: Sam Barnett (Cokesbury)

Laity: Amy Blumberg (Gray); Serena Crowder (First, Johnson City); Doug Hulshult (First, Elizabethton);
Rick Shuppert (Limestone)

Clergy: Scott Brady (Piney Flats); Vivian Franklin (Milburnton); Jane Taylor (First, Johnson City)

District Missions Coordinator: Greg Davis

District Superintendent: Walter Weikel

District Office Administrator: Betty Yeomans-Barton

Senior Adult Council

Chair: **Betty Range (Eden)**

Laity: Catherine Armstrong (First, Elizabethton); Carol Blankenship (Wesley Memorial); Phyllis Miller (Seviers); Betty Neeley (Jonesborough); Elizabeth Ramsey (Elizabeth Chapel); Nellie Bolling (Fairhaven), **Peggy Dougherty (Gray)**

Clergy: Ray Amos (First, Elizabethton); Richard Bowers (Jearoldstown/Union Temple); Roy Fowler (Clear Springs-Albright-Liberty Hill); Rochelle Maxwell (Taylor Memorial)

Nominations for At-Large Members to 2017 Annual Conference

John Anderson (Munsey Memorial) – Chair for Trustees, Associate Lay Leader, Planned Giving secretary, on Holston Foundation Board, on Camp Bays Mountain Board

Amy Blumberg (Gray) – SPR, Church Kitchen Coordinator, Missions Committee, District Czech Partnership Team, Czech Missions team leader – 8 trips, Certified Lay Speaker.

Ronnie Bowers (Edgefield) - Youth leader, Sunday School teacher, served on PPR and Trustee committees

Lynice Broyles (Gray) – Current Administrative Assistant at Marvin's Chapel UMC. Past Administrative Assistant at Sulphur Springs UMC. Holston Conference UMW President and Dean of Mission u Event. Member of District Committee on Ordained Ministry, District and Conference Committee on Nominations and Sulphur Springs Camp Meeting Committee.

Cindy Cutshall (Telford) – Past member and past and president chairperson of PPR committee, member of Finance and Admin committees, Adult Sunday School teacher, Youth VBS teacher, UMW member, Choir member, and active in outreach ministries such as our annual apple butter making and sales

David Frost (Gray) – Choir Director at Gray UMC; Formerly Bell Choir Director and Youth Choir Director; Served on Worship Committee, Council on Ministries, Administrative Board, and Building Committee; Attended Annual Conference since 2010.

Andrea Gates (Piney Flats) – Local church worship committee, administrative council, choir, and various work areas of the church

Dell Gates (Piney Flats) – District Director of Lay Servant Ministries, Lay Member of District Committee on Ordination, Adult Class Sunday School teacher, S-PR committee, Administrative Council, and various other local committees

Jerry Hooper (Roan Mountain) – Pastor Parish committee, Finance committee, Youth Leader Worship, Admin Board member, choir, Delegate at Large, United Methodist Men

Mary Hooper (Roan Mountain) – Finance committee, Council on Ministries, Pastor Parish committee, Worship, UMW President, Circle Leader and Member (50+ yrs), Preschool Director (church sponsored), Church sponsored Thrift Store, Delegate at Large

Katie Huffine (Eden) – Church Administrative Board, Building Committee Secretary, Church Treasurer, PSPR member and Chair for my church and our sister church, Nominating committee

Andy Nelson (First JC) – Finance chair; Member of Youth Steering Committee; Staff member at Munsey Memorial UMC

Hugh Wallace (Telford) – Sunday School Superintendent for several years, Camp Coordinator for several years, Ambassador to Holston Home for Children, Delegate to Annual Conference since 2005

Peggy Wansley (Eden) – Financial Secretary, Board Secretary, past Chair of Events Committee

Betty Yeomans-Barton – Johnson City District staff member since 1998. Member of District Discipleship Team, District Committee on Finance, Czech Partnership Team. Member of Holston Conference Strength for the Journey Design Team. Member and former president of Holston Conference Secretaries Association. Member and former communications chair of Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries. Team leader or team member on nine mission trips to Czech Republic.

Craig Zirkle (Telford) – PPR Committee, Community Garden committee, Lay Leader committee, Leader of Bible Studies and Sunday School class

Finance Committee Report

**Johnson City District
Budget Worksheet - 2017**

	2016 Amount	2017 Amount	Increase/ Decrease	% of Inc/Dec
61000 · Program Expense				
61100 · Cont. Ed. (District Clergy)	750.00	750.00	0.00	0%
61200 · Age Level Ministry	650.00	300.00	-350.00	-54%
61300 · Programs Ministry	1,000.00	500.00	-500.00	-50%
61400 · Sulphur Springs Camp Meeting	3,500.00	4,500.00	1,000.00	29%
Total 61000 · Program Expense	5,900.00	6,050.00	150.00	3%
62000 · Office Expense				
62100 · Personnel Expense				
62110 · Salary - Office Administrator	43,466.00	45,205.00	1,739.00	4%
62120 · Insurance - OA	5,250.00	530.00	-4,720.00	-90%
62130 · Pension - OA	2,608.00	2,712.00	104.00	4%
62140 · Social Security and Medicare	4,090.00	4,150.00	60.00	1%
62150 · Salary - Admin Assist	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	0%
62160 · Worker's Compensation	255.00	255.00	0.00	0%
62170 · Housing Allowance - District Super	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0%
Total 62100 · Personnel Expense	79,669.00	76,852.00	(2,817.00)	-4%
62200 · Travel and Meetings				
62210 · Annual Conference Expense	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	0%
62220 · Mileage and Travel	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0%
62230 · Continuing Education	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0%
62240 · Pastoral Relations	800.00	800.00	0.00	0%
Total 62200 · Travel and Meetings	6,050.00	6,050.00	0.00	0%
62300 · Office Space				
62310 · Lease	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	0%
62320 · Utilities	1,000.00	1,200.00	200.00	20%
Total 62300 · Office Space	13,000.00	13,200.00	200.00	2%
62400 · Communications				
62410 · Postage	300.00	300.00	0.00	0%
62420 · Telephone - Office	1,500.00	1,000.00	-500.00	-33%
62430 · Telephone - Cellular	1,000.00	850.00	-150.00	-15%
62440 · Internet Access	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	100%
62450 · Website and Email	800.00	800.00	0.00	0%
Total 62400 · Communications	4,100.00	3,950.00	(150.00)	-4%
62500 · Equipment & Supplies				
62510 · Copier Lease	3,900.00	3,900.00	0.00	0%
62520 · Copier Maintenance Agreement	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0%
62530 · Computer Equipment & Support	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0%
62540 · Other Equipment & Supplies	750.00	750.00	0.00	0%
Total 62500 · Equipment & Supplies	7,650.00	7,650.00	0.00	0%
62600 · Contract Services				
62610 · Custodial Service	1,560.00	1,560.00	0.00	0%
62620 · Accounting Fees	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	0%
62630 · Payroll Subscription	520.00	600.00	80.00	15%
Total 62600 · Contract Services	3,780.00	3,860.00	80.00	2%
62700 · Miscellaneous Office	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0%
Total 62000 · Office Expense	115,249.00	112,562.00	(2,687.00)	-2%
64000 · Missions & Outreach Expense				
64100 · UM Missions In District				
64110 · Camp Bays Mountain	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0%
64120 · Unicoi UMC Hispanic Ministries	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0%
64130 · Wesley Foundation at ETSU	13,500.00	13,900.00	400.00	3%
64140 · Church Emergency Fund	500.00	500.00	0.00	0%
Total 64100 · UM Missions In District	39,000.00	39,400.00	400.00	1%
64200 · Ecumenical Missions In District				
64210 · Coalition for Kids	7,000.00	7,500.00	500.00	7%
64220 · Contact Ministries	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0%
64230 · Good Samaritan Ministries	10,000.00	10,500.00	500.00	5%
64240 Family Promise (Formerly IHN)	3,500.00	4,000.00	500.00	14%
Total 64200 · Ecumenical Missions In District	22,500.00	24,000.00	1,500.00	7%
64300 · Other Missions				
64310 · Emerging Missions	500.00	500.00	0.00	0%
64320 · Mission Intern Scholarships	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	-100%
Total 64300 · Other Missions	1,000.00	500.00	(500.00)	-50%
Total 64000 · Missions & Outreach Expense	62,500.00	63,900.00	1,400.00	2%
65000 · Contingency				
Total 65000 · Contingency	650.00	650.00	0.00	0%
Total Budget	184,299.00	183,162.00	(1,137.00)	-1.00%

2017 District Fair Share Computation - 2.3%

Church	Line 62	2017 FSA	2016 FSA	+/-
Afton	\$17,434	\$401	\$375	\$26
Albright	\$13,418	\$309	\$146	\$163
Asbury	\$19,260	\$443	\$551	-\$108
Austin Springs	\$70,454	\$1,620	\$1,585	\$35
Bethesda (Greene Co)	\$12,421	\$286	\$318	-\$32
Bethesda (Wash Co)	\$62,985	\$1,449	\$1,259	\$190
Bluff City	\$105,284	\$2,422	\$2,595	-\$173
Boones Creek	\$61,789	\$1,421	\$1,431	-\$10
Cedar Grove	\$26,257	\$604	\$570	\$34
Centenary	\$125,681	\$2,891	\$2,862	\$29
Chuckey	\$33,325	\$766	\$736	\$31
Clear Springs	\$31,663	\$728	\$789	-\$61
Cokesbury Johnson Cit	\$429,562	\$9,880	\$8,220	\$1,660
East Pine Grove Park	\$101,556	\$2,336	\$2,504	-\$168
Ebenezer	\$26,040	\$599	\$622	-\$23
Eden	\$103,619	\$2,383	\$2,404	-\$21
Edgefield	\$154,258	\$3,548	\$3,925	-\$377
Elizabeth Chapel	\$231,102	\$5,315	\$4,854	\$462
Embreeville	\$43,034	\$990	\$873	\$117
Enterprise	\$33,814	\$778	\$920	-\$142
Fairhaven	\$112,035	\$2,577	\$2,495	\$82
Fairview	\$114,640	\$2,637	\$3,004	-\$367
First Elizabethton	\$383,321	\$8,816	\$8,856	-\$40
First Johnson City	\$512,951	\$11,798	\$12,924	-\$1,126
Gethsemane	\$55,176	\$1,269	\$1,129	\$140
Grace	\$66,523	\$1,530	\$1,935	-\$405
Gray	\$403,072	\$9,271	\$9,313	-\$42
Greenwood	\$63,539	\$1,461	\$1,320	\$142
Hermon	\$23,820	\$548	\$590	-\$43
Hunter	\$39,167	\$901	\$899	\$2
Jearoldstown	\$21,730	\$500	\$569	-\$69
Jonesborough	\$397,919	\$9,152	\$9,322	-\$170
Liberty Hill	\$10,388	\$239	\$222	\$17
Limestone Cove	\$38,424	\$884	\$861	\$23
Limestone	\$56,084	\$1,290	\$1,290	\$0
Marvin's Chapel	\$154,620	\$3,556	\$3,917	-\$361
McCarty	\$18,163	\$418	\$167	\$251
Milburnton	\$24,641	\$567	\$573	-\$6
Mt. Carmel	\$10,541	\$242	\$327	-\$85
Mt. Tabor	\$18,790	\$432	\$393	\$39
Mt. Wesley	\$41,578	\$956	\$909	\$47
Munsey	\$1,891,105	\$43,495	\$40,719	\$2,776
New Victory	\$11,865	\$273	\$293	-\$20
Otterbein	\$97,291	\$2,238	\$2,151	\$87
Piney Flats	\$242,990	\$5,589	\$5,184	\$404
Pleasant Grove	\$30,543	\$702	\$595	\$108
Pleasant Hill	\$27,097	\$623	\$630	-\$6
Rheatown	\$10,726	\$247	\$257	-\$10
Roan Mountain	\$21,756	\$500	\$481	\$19
Rockhold	\$51,576	\$1,186	\$1,135	\$51
Seviers	\$8,216	\$189	\$200	-\$11
Slagles	\$35,678	\$821	\$879	-\$58
St. Paul (Carter Co)	\$39,617	\$911	\$894	\$17
St. Paul (Sullivan Co)	\$38,600	\$888	\$1,150	-\$262
Stone Dam	\$45,938	\$1,057	\$787	\$269
Sulphur Springs	\$285,635	\$6,570	\$6,529	\$40
Taylor Memorial	\$27,108	\$623	\$751	-\$128
Telford	\$100,778	\$2,318	\$1,851	\$467
Unicoi	\$128,892	\$2,965	\$3,821	-\$856
Union Temple	\$30,353	\$698	\$762	-\$64
Valley Forge	\$89,324	\$2,054	\$1,880	\$174
Valley View	\$15,898	\$366	\$308	\$58
Watauga Point	\$72,570	\$1,669	\$1,609	\$60
Wesley Memorial	\$737,880	\$16,971	\$16,995	-\$23
West Market Street	\$17,582	\$404	\$294	\$111
	8,329,096	191,569	188,709	2,861

Formula:

$$\frac{\text{2015 Undesignated Receipts*}}{\text{2017 District FSA}} \times 2.3\%$$

* The amount reported on line 62 of the 2015 Local Church Report to the Annual Conference, Table 3. This represents the total income received for the annual budget spending plans, also referred to as "undesignated funds".