



# WD News

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**Wilmington District - The United Methodist Church - West Ohio Conference**

**West Ohio UMC Resident Bishop - Bruce R. Ough**  
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## NEHEMIAH

In the midst of packing, moving, saying goodbye to my ministry in Sabina, summer camp responsibilities and adding another district to my job responsibilities; I attended my last week of training at the Nehemiah Leadership Institute. I didn't want to miss it!

I want all of you to know about the Nehemiah Institute. This three-week intensive training is the BEST continuing education experience of my 23 years of ministry. I don't know why they didn't teach us some of these things in seminary. You will be challenged to rethink the way you teach. But this training is not just for clergy. It is for laity as well. I met some of the most exciting children's coordinators and youth workers in my class who got as much or more from the training as I did.

The Nehemiah Leadership Institute is not a lot of theory and head knowledge. It is the most practical training I have ever experienced. The objective of the Nehemiah Leadership Institute is to equip ministry leaders to multiply ministry through mobilizing and equipping the laity. It teaches participants how to delegate with confidence instead of doing it all ourselves. Isn't that what discipleship is all about - giving ministry away? It teaches how to build people up and help them succeed. It gives you a concrete strategy to develop your plan for ministry, giving you a clearer vision and direction for your ministry. Sound interesting? There's more...

During the three weeks and the interim periods between, you have opportunity to work on the skills and plans that will take your ministry and you where you want to go. This training is so empowering! From day one, leaders and classmates alike practice the art of encouragement and praise. On graduation day, every single graduate in my class repeated again and again how much the training meant to them personally and to their ministry. Every one of us was excited about where we were going and what we were planning to do.

We covered communication skills that really make sermons come alive. We covered things like developing job descriptions in such a way that persons do-

ing the jobs could help evaluate themselves. We learned how to make such times of evaluation positive, regular and helpful to getting more done in ministry. Wouldn't that be something you would like to learn if you have staff members to oversee? Wouldn't those of you on the Staff-Parish committees like to learn more about that?

Whether we are lay or clergy, we want to be persons who live with more purpose and passion for the cause of Jesus Christ. Furthermore, we want to help others to do the same. The principles Nehemiah teaches are challenging. They caused me to think about my character, attitudes, skills and habits. They literally deepened my faith and gave me specific tools to help me do what I have always longed to do. Now, I just have to get settled into my new home and do it.

If this training sounds interesting to you, or if you have questions about it, give me a call. You can reach me most Mondays and Wednesdays at the Wilmington District (937-382-7583) and most Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Cincinnati District (513-421-2057). Looking forward to your call!

Marcia Rummel

## PEACE SYMPOSIUM

The 14th annual Westheimer Peace Symposium will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Wilmington College. The theme this year is "Constructing Peace: Voices of Hope." Speakers: Sarah Chayes, former field reporter for NPR - 10-11:30 am; Alicia Partnoy, survivor of detention camps in Argentina - 1-2:15 pm; Gene Stoltzfus, founder of Christian Peacemaker Teams - 2:30-3:45 pm; Evening Concert - MUSE Women's Choir and Drums for Peace - 7:30-9:00 pm. You can find more information at [www.wilmington.edu/peaceRC.htm](http://www.wilmington.edu/peaceRC.htm)

## DISTRICT-WIDE OFFERING

WO Districts will join for a special offering this fall in support of the emerging Hispanic Ministries in central Ohio and the West Ohio Conference. For more info on these ministries check: [www.columbussouthumc.org](http://www.columbussouthumc.org)



**PERSONALS**

-Specialist Ryan Long, son of Rev. David and Jeanne Long (Fairfield St. Mark's), has been deployed to Afghanistan. Please remember Ryan and all the military in your prayers.  
 -Rev. Jim Wise, retired, and Rev. Roger Meredith, disability leave, have both recently experienced health problems.

**Condolences to...**

-Greg Hefner, 1862 E SR 28, Blanchester 45107, on the death of his father Rev. Joseph L. Hefner, retired.  
 -Charles Dilgard (former CEO of Otterbein Homes), 2186 Greentree Rd, Lebanon 45036, on the death of his wife Sarah.  
 -Rev. David Long, 6803 Grimsby Ln, Hamilton 45011, on the death of his grandfather.  
 -Pam Sager, 209 Eastview Dr, Coldwater 45828, on the death of her husband Rev. James Sager, who served at Coldwater.  
 -Rev. Albert Briggs, 9435 SR 3/22, Sabina 45169, on the death of his son David.  
 -Rev. Phil Bell, PO Box 125, Coolville 45723, on the death of his mother.  
 -Rev. Georgiana Salyers, 6172 Vereker Dr, Oxford 45056, on the death of her mother.  
 -Rev. Kathleen Brown, 3507 Honeybrook, Dayton 45415, on the death of her mother.  
 -Rev. Gerald D. Lewis, 110 Denan Dr, Hicksville 43526, on the death of his father.  
 -Ann Klotz, 225 Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08048, on the death of her husband Rev. Leonard Klotz, retired.

**APPOINTMENTS**

-Marcia Rummel, as of 9/1, Program Coordinator for Wilmington & Cincinnati Districts, no longer serving Sabina.  
 -John Foster is serving interim at Sabina.  
 -Kevin Lawler is serving at Lumberton & Richland (Gr)

**OPPORTUNITIES**

-Part-time Director of Children's Ministries to lead established team of children's workers in Sunday School, Children's Church Weekday and other ministry programs. 20 hrs per week with flexible scheduling. Send resume to Grace UMC, 1200 Main St, Hamilton 45013 or email: timkeen@brecnet.com  
 -Part-time creative, energetic Children's Ministry Leader for children (birth-6th grade), 20 hrs. Job description found at [www.normandyumc.org](http://www.normandyumc.org) Please send cover letter and resume to Normandy UMC, 450 W. Alex-Bell Rd,

Dayton 45459 or email: [gendel@normandyumc.org](mailto:gendel@normandyumc.org)  
Part-time Minister of Music to work with church music program and direct and accompany choir for Sunday worship. Contact New Vienna UMC, 937-987-2800.

**BISHOP OUGH TO SPEAK AT ZOAR (Warren Co.)**

Everyone is invited to join Zoar UMC (corner of 22/3 and Zoar Road in Warren County) as they celebrate their 40th year in their current building. Bishop Ough will be speaking on Sunday, October 17, 10:30 a.m., and the Gospel group "Ascending Quartet" will share special music. A carry-in dinner will follow the service. We hope you will join us on this special day.

**NEW VIENNA OPEN HOUSE and CONCERT**

On October 24, New Vienna UM Church will be hosting an Open House in their new worship facility at 11576 SR 28 from 3-6 pm. From 6-8 pm, Mark Bishop will be performing a special concert. All churches and individuals are invited to this celebration!



**PACKING FOR JESUS**

The kids are back in school, nights are cooling off, and the trees are starting to turn color; fall is returning to the Wilmington District. With it comes the time for the Clergy Spouses to plan our next packing event for Master Provisions. It's time to start cleaning out those closets, trying on those shoes you haven't worn in awhile and setting them aside for this mission event. As friends and neighbors hold fall rummage sales, see if they will give you their leftover clothing for this Feb. 5th event.

Last year we packed over 22 tons of clothing. Each shipment sent includes 17 tons of clothing and 90 boxes of shoes and accessories such as belts and purses. Put your unwanted items to good use and send them to people, who are in many cases, desperate for what we have to offer. Please remember that all clothing needs to be in good repair, have all buttons attached and zippers working. If it needs to be discarded, please don't send it to be packed. This is our gift to people who want to know more about Christ, so clothing needs to be usable.

We are still in need of storage space. If you feel led to help in this way, please contact your pastor, pastor's spouse, or Cathy Hanover. You can help rent a space or donate space if you have it available.

We look forward to another good day of "packing for Jesus" on Saturday, February 5, 2005 at the Goshen UM Church. Hope to see you there!

Cathy Hanover



Living Water Children's Center is very thankful for the school supplies that you have provided. There are still a few items that

are needed; contact Jennie at [j.armour@fuse.net](mailto:j.armour@fuse.net) or call 513-894-1188. Also needed are VOLUNTEERS to help with homework assistance for children K-6; and to help with the various extra curricular activities.

### GOOD WORKS

Good Works is an Advance project #194382-4 working with the poor and homeless in Athens, Ohio. They are hosting an Open House at their Luhrig Road property on Saturday, Oct. 9, 4:00-7:30.

The Hannah House shelter needs help in replacing a leaking roof. They are also in need of supplies from food and paper products to steel tool storage cabinets on wheels and 220V air compressor, air hoses and tools, and much more.

To find out more about them, check their website at [www.good-works.net](http://www.good-works.net) or call 740-594-3339.

### HURRICANE RELIEF

Funds are needed to help in the recovery from the recent devastating hurricanes. For more information, access <http://gbgm-umc/emergency/hurricanes/2004/> for both the appeal listed as Hurricanes 2004, Advance #982410 and further information on Flood Bucket kits.

### TeachUM

Have you heard of TeachUM? This is the newest arm of Volunteers in Mission (VIM). It was started in 2003 specifically to provide mission team service opportunities for those in educational professions. Teachers are needed all over the globe to help instruct both youth and adults, and to show by example how Christ is part of their lives. Each year TeachUM steering committee schedules a variety of teams with teaching emphasis in both the U.S. and abroad. More info, email: [umvim-ncj@brookings.net](mailto:umvim-ncj@brookings.net) or check website: [www.gbgm-umc.org/northcentralvim/](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/northcentralvim/)

### James E. Winkler to Speak at Otterbein-Lebanon

James E. Winkler, General Secretary of the General Board of Church & Society, which is the international public policy and social justice agency of the UMC, will speak at Otterbein-Lebanon UMC on Saturday, Nov. 6 following the All Saints Day Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 7 at the 9:45 a.m. Worship Service. To make a reservation to hear Jim Winkler, and also to enjoy the All Saints Day Breakfast, call the church office at 513-932-2020, ext. 4032. A \$5 contribution is requested.

### YOUTH MINISTRY INSTITUTE

The 2004 (YMI) will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13 through Saturday, Oct. 16 at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. The theme is "Seeking the Sacred," and the keynote speaker is Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, professor at Princeton Theological Seminary. There are many sacred and practical workshops from which to choose, to help you in working with the teens in your church. You can access the brochure at MTSO website: [www.mtso.edu](http://www.mtso.edu) click on the link for "news and events".

### INSTITUTE FOR EVANGELISM

The third annual Evangelism Institute, a shared ministry of East and West Ohio and MTSO, will be held Oct. 10-12 at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. The event is intended for teams from the local church to share together in learning how to share faith. The theme for the Institute is "The Kingdom of God and the Poor: Bringing Good News as the 21st Century Church," and the keynote speaker is Keith Wasserman, executive director of Good Works in Athens, Ohio. For more info, please visit: [www.mtso.edu/programs/evanreg.pdf](http://www.mtso.edu/programs/evanreg.pdf) or contact Joon-Sik Park at [jpark@mtso.edu](mailto:jpark@mtso.edu)

### CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

Jan. 3-6, Omni Hotel, Atlanta, GA

"The Way of Wesley: Personal Piety & Social Holiness"  
Keynote Speakers: Terry Teykl, Bishop Violet Fisher, Fred Craddock, Eddie Fox, Bishop Woodie White. Discount on registration prior to Oct. 1. For details, contact Patti Fryman, 903-592-7396; [pfryman@marvinumc.com](mailto:pfryman@marvinumc.com)

### SCHOOLER INSTITUTE ON PREACHING

Newly elected, Bishop William Willimon, formerly Dean of Chapel at Duke University, will be the keynote speaker at the 2004 Schooler Institute to be held Oct. 17-19 at Methodist Theological School of Ohio. The theme is "The Miracle of Preaching: Words About God."

### DEFIANCE ACADEMY OF PREACHING

The Academy will take place Oct. 12-13 at Widewater Retreat Center, Texas, Ohio, featuring Dr. Paul Chilcote, "Preaching the Wesleyan Way of Salvation." Registration deadline is Oct. 4, cost is \$60. Contact Defiance District to register, 800-884-7950.

### TAKE A BREATH

A time of Spiritual Formation and Sabbath Rest for Clergy will be held at Northwest UMC, in Columbus on Nov. 30, 9:30-3:30. To register call the Conference Center at 800-437-0028 or email: [covenant@wocumc.org](mailto:covenant@wocumc.org)

**DISTRICT CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER**

- 1 - Special Session of Annual Conference
- 2 - Basic Lay Speaking training
- 3 - Charge Conferences at Wilmington, 2:30:  
Sabina, Villar's, Richland Melvin, Greenfield.  
4:30: Sharon/Zoar, Olive Branch/Clarksville,  
Port William/Paintersville.
- 4 - DS conversations: 9, 10, 11, 1, 2  
Ministry Excellence, 7:30 pm, Otterbein-Leb.
- 5 - DS conversations: 9, 10, 11, 1, 2  
Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Amelia
- 6-7 - Conference Leadership Team
- 8 - CABINET
- 10 - C C's at Lebanon, 2:30: Lebanon, Otterbein-  
Lebanon, Red Lion/Lytle, Hunter, Morrow/Zoar;  
4:30: Franklin, Waynesville, Springboro,  
Oregonia, South Lebanon.
- 11 - Spiritual Leadership, Hunter, 10 am  
Health Insurance meeting, Mason, 6-8 pm
- 12 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30 pm, Newtonsville
- 13 - DS speaking at Otterbein-Lebanon, 3 pm;  
C C's at Mt. Orab, 7:30: Mt. Orab, New Hope,  
New Harmony, Marathon/Union Plains,  
Fayetteville/Taylor's
- 14 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Leesburg
- 16 - Basic Lay Speaking
- 17 - Bishop Ough preaching at Zoar (Warren Co),  
DS preaching at Bethel; CC's at Bethel, 2:30:  
Bethel, Felicity, Grant Memorial, Amelia, Bloom-  
Rose, Sardinia/Mowrystown; 4:30: Mt. Nebo,  
Mt. Moriah, Williamsburg, Laurel/SG, Mt. Pisgah
- 18 - Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Cornerstone

- 19 - Dist. Pastoral Care, Dist. Office, 12:15;  
CC's at Georgetown, 7:30: Georgetown, Ripley/  
Russellville, Ebenezer, Aberdeen/Decatur
- 20 - DS meeting in Cincinnati, 10 am;  
Ministry Excellence, 7:30, Westboro
- 21 - CABINET
- 22-23 - Clergy & Spouse Retreat, Kings Island Resort
- 23 - U.M. Women Annual Day, Williamsburg, 12-3
- 24 - Bishop Ough preaching at Greenfield  
- New Vienna Open House & Concert
- 24-29 - DS attending AAHSA conference, Nashville
- 30 - Advance Lay Speaking training
- 31 - C C's at Milford First, 2:30: Milford First,  
Perintown, Summerside, Newtonsville, Batavia  
Faith, Locust Corner; 4:30: Milford Trinity,  
Milford Calvary, Owensville, Belfast (Clermont),  
Batavia Emmanuel

**LEGAL FORUM**

This event dealing with legal issues for the local church will be held Nov. 5, 9-4, at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Cost is \$50, registrations due by Oct. 20 to West Ohio Conference, atten: Darlene Krick.

**HEALTH INSURANCE MEETING**

A meeting to help the local church, church treasurers and other participants understand the changes that will be coming Jan. 1, 2005 will be held Oct. 11, 6-8 pm at Mason UMC. Come with your questions.

**A SPECIAL OFFERING** will be received for UMCOR Hurricane Relief in Florida at the Special Session of Annual Conference on Oct. 1.

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