



DISTRICT NEWS

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From Your District Superintendent:

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" - Matthew 5:16 (NIV)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I remember as a child listening in the car while one of my parents was driving and going to Church to a cassette tape that contained different songs. There was a Christian song of a mother singing and trying to wake up her son to get him ready to go to church. These were the words (translated from Spanish):

Mom: *Little John today is Sunday, wake up! It is time to go to church.*

Little John: *Mom, don't wake me up Dad is not going to church. Church is not for him, and I don't want to go if Dad doesn't go.*

Dad: *Little John, I've heard everything, please forgive my mistake. I promise that we will go to church together, and hear God's voice.*

All: *The entire family is happy going to church. The great Master of truth is waiting for us that we all go together to learn about Him.*

I understand we all want to get things back to "normal" or at least the way they were. We all share a yearning for a time when we can again be in-person worship and that time has come as many Healthy Church Teams (HCT) have discerned. Other HCTs are still discerning and will eventually and at the right time return to in-person worship. What is amazing is that we are doing it prayerfully and following the three Wesleyan Rules: Do No Harm; Do Good; and Stay in Love with God.

HCTs take into consideration the safety and well-being of each member of our fold. On June 21st, 2020 the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church entered Stage II in our gradual return to in-person worship settings. Here is a link to the entire document: <https://vaumc.org/return/>. Also, please be aware of new Technical Assistance Manual (TAM). Here is a link to the entire TAM: <http://doc.vaumc.org/News2020/TAM.pdf>

Churches across the Virginia Conference have been asked to develop a Healthy Church Team (HCT) to determine the stage at which they chose to re-commence worship services or what options to offer. Each stage requires safety precautions as prescribed by the plan.

Bishop Lewis has previously reminded us to be patient as this is a marathon and not a sprint. We know that COVID-19 has no time-line. Loosening restrictions too quickly could allow unforeseen events that could jeopardize meaningful progress that we have already achieved.

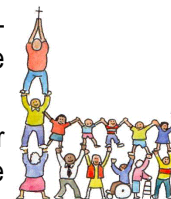
The strength of any community is reflected in the care and regard for everyone in its reach, especially those who are least able to speak-up for themselves. As a life-long member of the United Methodist Church, I am sure you would all agree that by protecting them we serve the greater good.

The song I shared reminds me of the importance to be in worship with God, although we never stopped worshipping, the church never closed. We have rediscovered what we can do as the Body of Christ or even better, we are going back to our roots and do what the Body of Christ ought to be doing.

I invite you to join me in prayer as we continue to face these difficult times. Also, please join me in prayer for your pastor as they lead you and as they are pulled into different directions. Please be kind to your pastor as they are doing the best they can. And please join me in prayer as we find ways to serve God during this pandemic.

I invite you all to join me in prayer during the month of July, each Wednesday at noon. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

*In God's Service,
DS Gómez*



Congregational



From the District Director of Congregational Vitality Gordon Meriwether:

"After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples,
he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee." - Matthew 11:1



A Never-Ending Teacher

Now that I have gotten back into pastoral ministry of a small church in the Valley, I am experiencing again the first-hand impact of the diminishing roles on our family churches. I see on the roster many families with a matriarch or patriarch listed as an active member and other family members listed as inactive. The kids and grandkids lost to the church. Sometimes another church has pulled them away, but my experience leads me to believe they have prioritized their lives and church does not fare well against sport and other family activities. We look helpless to stop this migration and accept the loss gracefully in the name of peace in the family. I understand. I have made that decision myself, hoping that when the grandkids enter the scene the parents will feel the need of a church community.

But I think we are giving up on the parents too soon without a challenge. My own experience would justify this position. My mother is responsible for my faith. She pushed my little brother and me into the ministry as altar boys at Queen of Mercy Catholic Church. We got up early on weekdays to serve daily Mass with Father Toomey and on Sundays for one of three services. It was kneeling on those cold marble steps at the foot of the cross bearing the lifeless body of Jesus the Christ that I embraced the faith as my way forward, looking to the potential of entering the Priesthood. But at age 12-13, shortly after I entered puberty and discovered girls, my interest waned in the ministry and soon I was released from the bond to the church to pursue my secular passions. The teaching stopped; I was on my own. That didn't go well. I would phase in and out of interest in that ministry. Through my naval and industrial career, I came and went without a teacher. Then in the 80's (Bishop) Ray Chamberlain entered my life as Pastor of Messiah UMC. The teaching and challenge kicked in and hasn't stopped since. I have had numerous teachers both lay and clergy, seminary and Emmaus that have guided me for the last thirty years.

I wonder what life would have had in store for me if Father Toomey and my mother had not backed off in my youth and young adulthood. Now the point of this diatribe, is not to begin my autobiography, or rent my cloak in frustration, but rather to shout from the rooftops that the teaching for the Lord should never stop. We, as Clergy and Laity, need to forever be in the teach mode; preaching and teaching to our families, our church families, the disciples, the believers and nonbelievers. Don't give up on your children or the children of God no matter their age or attitude. Deuteronomy 4:9 tells us to teach our "children and their children after them" then Moses contributes in Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "These commandments I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children, talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." In Matthew 28:20, Jesus tells us to go and teach "them (disciples) to obey everything I have commanded you."

TEACHING AS LEADERSHIP

We are never given a pass to stop teaching. . .to reach out to all. . .to never give up on anyone. I think if we as Clergy and Laity leadership took that to heart. . .maybe we would not lose our flock to the wolves of the world. Maybe, just maybe, we can get some of those wayward sheep to come home on their own.

So Be IT.

In Christ, Gordon

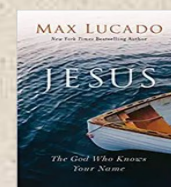
PS Thank you, Brenda, for not giving up on us. . .enjoy your retirement!



From Sue MacTavish, District Librarian

July 2020 Featured Item:

Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name by Max Lucado, 2020



New titles have been received, processed and are available at the District Library.

This month's featured item, Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name is Max Lucado's latest Bible study. For more than three decades, pastor and bestselling author Max Lucado has shown us Jesus. In this book, he takes us further on the journey to know the life and character of the Savior. This book describes both the person Jesus was on earth and how to live in a personal relationship with him. It is divided into six sections: Immanuel; Friend; Teacher; Miracle Worker; Lamb of God; and Returning King.

By exploring Jesus' life, death, and resurrection as well as specific details like how he interacted with his friends and his enemies, what he did with time alone, how he acted at a party, this compilation gives you the chance to become more familiar with the man at the center of the greatest story ever told.

Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name can be found in the Bible/Bible Studies section of the District Library. We have the book, study guide and 2 copies of the DVD.

You are invited to come to the District Office and 'check out' the library. Please wear a mask and respect social distancing.

Thanks, Sue



A challenge to read the Bible in 2020

Bible Readings for July



Bishop Lewis has been encouraging clergy and laity of the Virginia Conference to read the Bible in a year since 2017. Each year has featured a different way of reading: 2017 read the Bible straight through; 2018 read the Bible chronologically; 2019 read the Bible in a blended style, a mixture of Old Testament readings and New Testament each day. For 2020, Bishop Lewis is challenging the entire conference to read the Bible all the way through with a thematic reading plan. The thematic plan is found on www.intentionalbygrace.com and Bishop Lewis has selected the following themes for 2020:

June 17 - July 7	(21 - day plan)	Fruits of the Spirit: Kindness
July 8 - July 28	(21 - day plan)	Fruits of the Spirit: Goodness
July 29 - August 18	(21 - day plan)	Fruits of the Spirit: Faithfulness
August 19 - September 8	(21 - day plan)	Fruits of the Spirit: Gentleness
September 9 - September 29	(21 - day plan)	Fruits of the Spirit: Self-Control
September 30 - October 20	(21 - day plan)	Trust
October 21 - November 10	(21 - day plan)	Mercy
November 11 - December 1	(21 - day plan)	Bearing Fruit
December 2 - December 23	(21 - day plan)	Cares of the World
December 24 - January 13	(21 - day plan)	Rest

There are 18 plans to cover this year. Each is 21 days long. Start at the beginning and work through the year (and a few days into January 2021). In this new year, challenge yourself to study the Bible and strengthen your faith in the process.

Tips on reading the Bible daily:

- * Start reading the Bible today.
- * Set aside a specific time and place each day. Set your schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are great, but feel free to use any time that works consistently in your schedule.
- * Get a good study Bible to help illuminate the meaning of the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek text
- * Choose a translation to use during your reading.
- * Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding.
- * Dive in and enjoy the richness of God's Word! Apply God's Word to your life. Bible study should be practiced and applicable. These seven steps will help you begin a journey to becoming a "lifelong learner" of God's Word.

[resource: <http://www.vaumc.org/pages/bishop-Lewis/biblechallenge>]

The following pastors retired as of June 30, 2020 from the Harrisonburg District:

- Rev. Eugenie (Elfie) L. Finn-McKenzie retired from the Edinburg Charge. She began her ministry at Mt. Solon in 1980 and has served 40 years in ministry in the Virginia Conference. She will serve the Mt. Jackson Charge on the Harrisonburg District in her retirement.
- Rev. Isaac E. Harper retired from Mt. Horeb Church where he had been the pastor for 15 years.
- Rev. Darwin G. Edwards, retiring from Mt. Jackson Charge, will serve Grace Memorial Church on the James River District in retirement.
- Rev. Margaret (Peggy) M. Packard retired from Weyers Cave UMC. She previously served as the Associate Pastor at Bridgewater UMC. She will serve the Fulks Run Charge in her retirement.
- Rev. Robert N. Hoskins, pastor of Woodstock UMC, began his ministry in the Virginia Conference in 1994 after teaching and coaching in the Richmond, VA area. Rev. Hoskins is retiring to the Outer Banks of North Carolina.



We wish each of these faithful pastors well in their retirement!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rev. Darlene Wilkins who will be ordained as an Elder on July 10, 2020, at Woodlake UMC in Chesterfield, VA. Rev. Wilkins is the Senior pastor at Mt. Pleasant Charge.



District Committee on Lay Servants Ministry:

Lay Servant Ministry
(All Laity are Lay Servants - see Matthew 25:31-46)



The Lay Servant Training that was scheduled for May 23 at Grottoes UMC has been postponed until September 26, at Grottoes UMC-Grottoes, VA. All the

scheduled classes (Basic Course, UMC Polity and Spiritual Gifts) will be taught. The current class registrations will be kept and we will reconfirm with every registrant their availability to attend. Additionally, the books for each of the classes are on hand and will be distributed to each attendee in the first part of August so they can be read before the class is held. **Also, we will continue to accept class registrations up until the day of the classes.** If you have questions, please contact Joe Amend at joeamend3@gmail.com or by phone (301) 741-7633 or Debbie Creech at harrisonburgdistrict@vaumc.org or by phone 540-433-2382

Spiritual Food For Thought



The executive summary of Jesus' Disciple's Mission Statement, found in Matthew 28:19-20 is: Go! Make disciples! Baptize! Teach! As Christians, this is 'what' we do. The next step is to determine the 'how', as in "how in the world are we going to do this?" Our Lord, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, provided each believer with the 'Counselor', the Holy Spirit, to empower each of us to do what the Lord has called each one of us to do.

We all look at the current situation facing the UMC, our country and each of us individually, differently and it should come as no surprise that each of us can and probably will respond differently to the Holy Spirit's guidance. It is what is called 'diversity in unity'. (It would be really boring if everyone responded exactly the same all of the time.)

Underpinning all of this is Jesus' saying to His Disciples, "A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples. If you love one another. (John 13:34-35). These verses are an elaboration of Jesus' answer to the question, "Which is the greatest commandment?" His answer, found in multiple Gospels, can be summarized simply as, "Love God, Love your neighbor as yourself."

Simply put, anything we do needs to be filtered through the lens of love - the kind of love that God shows to each and every one of His children. This type of love considers other people's needs at least as important as our own. Before we do anything, we should realize this is how we are showing the world who we really are and whose we are - by how we love our neighbor. This is also the measure by which Jesus judges us. If you are confused with this statement, take a look at Matthew 25:31-46.

Sisters and Brothers, we all are living sermons; we all are evangelizing with each and every breath we take! The question then becomes, what kind of a witness are we being? I am not too sure that is a question we should be answering ourselves, but rather the real answer comes when someone asks our neighbors who we are. . .

Walk humbly with God; walk gently with your neighbor; and be at peace with yourself.

Joe Amend, District Director of Lay Servants Ministries



We extend Christian sympathy to the Rev. Robert J. Weeks and his family on the death of his sister Kathi Peck in Austin, Texas. She passed away on June 10, 2020 at Dell Seton Medical Center at the University of Texas. She is survived by brothers Bob and Allen Weeks and their families. Four adult children, Jason, Jennifer, Joy, and Jessica and their families also survive her. Rev. Weeks is the pastor of Verona UMC on the Harrisonburg District.



The Rev. Kyle Bomar and his wife, Caitlin, welcomed their second daughter, Mary Clare, into the world on May 25th. Mary Clare has an older sister, Anna. Rev. Bomar is the pastor at Evangelical UMC in Elkton. Congratulations to the Bomar family!



Virginia Conference has announced that offices at The United Methodist Center in Glen Allen, Virginia, will close at 1:00 p.m. each Friday through Labor Day. The Harrisonburg District Office follows the conference policy on office closure.

MISSION CENTRAL NEWS

Check out our new website prepared by Bev Earman:
<http://missioncentralharrisonburgva.com/mission-central/>

**Mission Central Children's Clothes Closet:**

The Children's Clothes Closet will **reopen on July 8th** if all goes well. We have remained busy since March 13th. We have been able to bless families in our community with over 8,000 diapers. We have been filling clothing orders on an as needed basis. We are currently in need of summer clothes for boys sizes 2 and 3, and PJ's in all sizes starting at 12 months for both boys and girls. Thank you to all who have made masks for our volunteers and clients. We plan to require masks for everyone. They will leave the supplied masks after shopping and we will launder for future use. We have received hand sanitizer from KO Distilling in Manassas for use before shopping. If you would like to volunteer, please call me at 540-208-7669.

Artie Frederick, Coordinator, 540-208-7669

**Mission Central Medical Equipment for Caring Closet:**

During the COVID-19 time our Mission Central medical equipment loaner closet remains open during its scheduled hours: **Mondays 9-11 AM and**

Thursdays 5-7 PM. We are practicing social distancing and our volunteers are wearing masks. We ask that those who need equipment or supplies honor these precautions. We continue to accept donations of equipment and supplies during this time when people's needs continue. Thank you to those who are helping with this mission and we ask everyone to stay safe.

Delores Reid, Coordinator, 540-383-6112

Harrisonburg District Mission Central

Physical location: 1704 Smithland Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.
 Mailing address: Post Office Box 2026, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

United Methodist Women

UMW News:

The District UMW's events are all put on hold for the remainder of the year. I will keep everyone informed as the churches in the district begin to open up and we know the direction this pandemic will take.

Until we can meet together again in person, please continue to serve as you are able. Keep in touch with each other and take advantage of online seminars, the UMW national website at unitedmethodistwomen.org and the VA Conference UMW website at vaumw.org. Continue to keep informed and read. The UMW library continues to be open at our district office. Debbie Creech will be taking over for Brenda Woods as administrative assistant July 1, as Brenda will be retiring. Please call Debbie at 433-2382 before coming to the library.

The **District UMW Executive Committee** will meet on **Saturday, August 1st** to plan our calendar, approve our budget and 2021 slate of officers. Location or online site will be announced.

I received more fabric from Rev. Kathleen Haynes and have kits with enough cut fabric and elastic for 10 masks. I also have fabric that needs to be cut. Please let me know if you can cut, sew or both.

Thank You

The District UMW would like to thank Brenda Woods for her many years of service to the Harrisonburg District and United Methodist Women. We wish you well in your retirement.

Sharon Harold, Harrisonburg DUMW President, 540-879-2270, or sharold714@aol.com



Randolph-Macon College wants to support youth ministry by offering **free online Zoom events for youth groups** this summer. **Questions? Contact Chaplain Kendra Grimes at kendragrimes@rmc.edu** If youth are interested in joining, but an individual youth would like to join, please email to request the link for individual registrations. Below are opportunities offered this summer.

July 12 - Youth Hour with R-MC (Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts) *What do you know about stewardship? What is the biblical teaching about giving back to God? How do you as a teenager make tithes, offerings or gifts to God? Have you ever thought about this? We will explore the idea together!*

July 27-30 - Join other youth groups and the R-MC Chaplain online each day beginning at 10:00 a.m. for a devotional time. There will be a mission challenge that each youth can complete from their home. Youth groups/leaders are asked to commit to the full four day event.



The United Methodist Credit Union still offering assistance: If your church or UMC-affiliated organization wants to participate in the SBA's Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) but hasn't applied yet or hasn't found an institution willing or able to assist you, please contact The United Methodist Credit Union (TUMCU). If you have an urgent need, TUMCU can also help your church or organization with a low-interest bridge loan or line-of-credit while you await SBA funding. Please call Jomin Mular at (804) 672-0200 for more details or visit their website www.tumcu.org

Pray at 12 Noon Every Day - see page 7 for details.

July 1 (Wednesday) - 2019 Local church audits and Annual Parsonage inspections due in the district office*

July 2 (Thursday) - VUMCenter & Harrisonburg District Office closes for Independence Day Observance, 1:00 p.m.

July 3 (Friday) - VUMCenter & Harrisonburg District Office closed for Independence Day Observance

July 4 (Saturday) - Independence Day

July 8 (Wednesday) - Mission Central Children's Clothes Closet reopening.*

July 15-20 (Wed-Mon) - Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Lake Junaluska - POSTPONED*

July 24-26 (Fri-Sun) - Mission Encounter, Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center - CANCELLED

August 1 (Saturday) - DUMW Executive Committee, location and time to be announced*

August 4 (Tuesday) - District Lay Servants Committee, District Office, 7:00 p.m.

August 20 (Thursday) - District Council on Ministries, District Office, 7:00 p.m.

September 19 (Saturday) - RESCHEDULED 2020 Annual Conference - VIRTUAL FORMAT*

September 26 (Saturday) - RESCHEDULED District Lay Servants Training, Grottoes UMC, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.*

All events are subject to change.

* Denotes related article elsewhere in this newsletter

Please note: The Partners in Ministry [PiM] will NOT have their annual summer Welcoming Picnic this year.



IMPORTANT

PRAYERS FOR GREAT DAY OF SERVICE PARTNERS

Friday, June 19, 2020 was to be the day we observed the **Virginia Conference UMC Great Day of Service Roanoke** as part of **Annual Conference 2020**. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant need to protect the attendees and the Roanoke community, the conference was postponed. On that day, over 2,000 United Methodist from around Virginia were to join together to be the hands and feet of Christ. The **Great Day of Service Roanoke** planning team invites you to join in holding our mission partners in prayer. What would have been an afternoon of building relationships, service, and learning will now be a moment of thanksgiving for the work of each of these organizations that were to participate.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Roanoke Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter
Kids Soar
Roanoke City Schools
Roanoke Valley Greenways
Angels of Assisi Roanoke
Alta Mons Camp and Retreat Center
Wesley Foundation at Virginia Tech
Pinnacle Living Hermitage Roanoke
Days for Girls
Rise Against Hunger
Kairos Prison Ministry
American Red Cross
REACH in Roanoke
UMCOR

thank you!

Thank you for the surprise Zoom Retirement Party on Wednesday, June 24th, 3:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

Thank you to the office staff, Victor Gómez, JoAnn Liskey and Debbie Creech, and Peggy Packard, Partners in Ministry [PiM] president, for their planning and implementation of this "beach-themed" retirement party!

I greatly appreciated those who joined the party by Zoom or in person (7 total). PiM President Peggy Packard presented a plaque of appreciation for the 36 years worked as the Administrative Assistant for the Harrisonburg District and JoAnn Liskey presented a check on behalf of the district and indicated a financial gift had also been given in my honor to Mission Central.

Thank you to the District Superintendents: Brenda NeSmith, on behalf of Sam NeSmith; Susan Garrett; Ed Pruitt; Tommy Hernon; and Victor Gómez; and the Chairperson of the Superintendency Committee, Jim Tongue, for their kind words. Thank you to everyone for the cake and food, the beautiful flowers, cards, notes, and other expressions of appreciation.

Also, thank you to the United Methodist Women for the gift to Mission Central in my name and for the beautiful hanging plant.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to work for the clergy and laity of the Harrisonburg District of the United Methodist Church. I could not have had a better career. I have met so many wonderful people who have enriched my life and my faith journey and you will truly be valued my entire life.

I am leaving this beloved job in the best hands, the hands of Debbie Creech, who will faithfully and expertly continue to work for the Harrisonburg District as the Executive Administrative Assistant.



Rob and Brenda Woods

Blessings, Brenda Woods



Adult Online Learning:

Summer Vacation Bible School for Adults

Where: BeADisciple.com - a Christian online education center

When: July 13-August 15, 2020 (5 weeks)

Instructor: Harriet Wilkins, Pastor in the Pacific North-west Conference

How much: \$35

To register visit: <https://www.beadisciple.com/online-courses/igf544-fun-in-the-sun-summer-vacation:bible-school-for-adults/>

The online Vacation Bible Study has been developed for adults to have fun, learn and grow in their faith journey with Christ. You will need: plain paper—white or various colors; pencil, colored pencils, crayons, markers, or watercolor and brushes - whatever you would like to use; access to the internet if you are unable to go outside for an adventure; and a camera to take pictures outside. Each week you will be provided with activity options. The point of this Bible study is to have fun and enjoy God's creation!



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CONFERENCE NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES



From the Bishop

Pray at 12 Noon Every Day

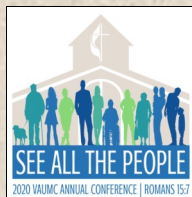
Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We thank you for your blessings, past, present and future. You are our rock and the source of our hope in all things and at all times. As Jehovah Jireh, our provider God, we ask you this day to stretch out your mighty hand and eradicate from the face of the earth forever this virus called COVID-19 (coronavirus) that is spreading rapidly from continent to continent.

We also pray that you, Jehovah Rapha, our healing God, would place your hand upon all of those who have been stricken by this virus and restore them to full health. Be with those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. Protect all who are caring for those with this virus and keep them from contracting it themselves. Calm our fears and provide us with your peace that surpasses all understanding.

Strengthen us with the joy of the Lord and help us to hold firmly to the hope that only you can provide.

Unify us that we, the Virginia Annual Conference, may be able to experience anew the promise of your presence in and through the unity of our faith, hope, and trust in you in the days ahead and forever. We offer this prayer in the mighty name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.



2020 VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The Bishop, Appointed Cabinet, and the Annual Conference Planning team have continued to evaluate options while conducting extensive logistical work of planning the 2020 Virginia Annual Conference.

The 2020 Virginia Annual Conference will take place on **Saturday, September 19, 2020, in a virtual format.** Details will

be forthcoming.

Important Message



GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 2021: Organizers have announced the next **General Conference will be August 25-September 7, 2021, in Minneapolis.**

Organizers are looking for ways to ensure delegates, even if they can not meet in person, can participate online in what many expect to be a historic legislative meeting. The United Methodist Church's top legislative assembly faces multiple proposals to resolve longtime debate around LGBTQ inclusion by splitting the denomination along theological lines.



Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States: The Council of Bishops (COB) has announced new dates for the 2020 Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States that had been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The **Jurisdictional Conferences in the US will be held November 10-12, 2021.**



After much prayer and discussion, the Core Leadership Team has decided to cancel the 2020 Camp Rainbow sessions. The ministry of CRC is vital and even through camps will not be held as they normally are, it is hoped to host an event in the fall. We are still in need of financial support and are grateful for continued support of this ministry. For questions or concerns, please contact Stacy Roberts at StacyRobertsWvaumc.org