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There will be some Charge Conference changes this fall. In order to keep things fair, Charge Conference forms are due from all churches on October 1st, regardless of when your charge conference is scheduled.

Do not forget that your 2006 Audit is part of your Charge Conference forms. If you have not already completed your audit, you need to get started as soon as possible. It will be due with all other Charge Conference forms on October

Superintendent's Renewal Leave Dates

Your District Superintendent will be taking his renewal leave this summer and will be out of the city from June 15 to September 7. During his absence, you should contact the District Office (904-396-3026), if you have need of assistance with matters that normally require his attention. Church conferences and other supervisory support can be arranged through Debbie Moore, the District Administrative Assistant.

MANDATORY CLERGY MEETING

All Clergy serving the North East District must attend a mandatory Ageism Workshop. Our District's only session will be held on Tuesday, September 25, from 10:00 to 2:00 at Lakewood United Methodist Church, 6133 San Jose Boulevard in Jacksonville. If you are not able to make this meeting, you must make arrangements to attend the session in another District. Further information about the workshop and a complete list of times and locations will be made available shortly, but this is early notice of our meeting. Please set this date aside now.

**Grace and peace,
Rick**



The Leadership Summit 2007 at Crossroad Church Thursday August 9 – Saturday August 11

We are really excited to again be a host site for this dynamic conference broadcast live from Willow Creek Community Church. Every year this conference has an incredible impact on the life of our church. This is our 6th year as a host site for the event and we're expecting it to be the best one yet!

What is The Leadership Summit?

For 2 ½ days, we open our doors to people from all over northeast Florida and southeast Georgia. Together with attendees from our own congregation, over 700 people fill the worship center for great teaching from some of the finest pastors and business leaders around.

This year's speaker lineup includes:

- Bill Hybels, senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church
- Colin Powell, Former U.S. Secretary of State
- John Ortberg, Best Selling Author and Senior Pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church
- Floyd H. Flake, Senior Pastor of Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral and President of Wilberforce University
- Carly Fiorina, Former President and C.E.O. of Hewlett-Packard
- Jimmy Carter, 39th President of U.S. and 2002 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient
- Richard Curtis, Award winning Writer, Director, Producer and Founder of Make Poverty History
- Michael Porter, Professor at Harvard Business School and International Authority on Competitive Strategy

How do I register?

If you desire to live a life that impacts the Kingdom in a powerful way, we encourage you to attend this powerful conference. You can register by going to www.willowcreek.com/summit.

For more information about The Leadership Summit, please stop by the table in the lobby on Sunday mornings or contact Leslie Hendricks at leslieh@crcumc.org.

We also need help with promoting the Summit and would love any ideas. Please contact Dana Germaine at summit@crcumc.org.

Calendar

July

4 Independence Day, Office Closed

August

9-11 Leadership Summit, Crossroad UMC

16 DCOM Meeting 10am, District Office

23 New Church Development Meeting
10am-Noon, District Office

September

3 Labor Day– Office Closed

14 Welcome Lunch for New Clergy

25 District Workshop on Ageism 10am-2pm*
Lakewood UMC

October

1 All Charge Conference Forms are Due.

***MANDATORY**

Charge Conference Schedule 2007

Cluster 1

Held at Southside UMC on Thursday, November 8 at 7pm

First Jax, Franklinton, Memorial, Mt. Moriah, Riverside Park, Southside, Trinity

Cluster 2

Held at Yulee UMC on Sunday, October 14 at 7pm

Ebenezer, First-Callahan, Garden City, Highlands, New Life, Wesley Fellowship, Yulee

Cluster 3

Held at Faith UMC on Sunday, November 4 at 7pm

Faith, Glynlea Grace, Spring Glen, Swaim

Cluster 4

Held at First UMC-Starke on Sunday, October 28 at 2:30pm

Baldwin/Bryceville, First-Macclenny, First-Starke, Grace-Lawtey, Pleasant Grove

Cluster 5

Held at Ortega UMC on Sunday, October 21 at 7pm

Asbury-Orange Park, Avondale, First-Green Cove Springs, Fleming Island, Orange Park, Ortega, Middleburg

Cluster 6

Held at Isle of Faith UMC on Sunday, October 7 at 7pm

Beach, Christ-Neptune Beach, CrossRoad, Isle of Faith, Lakewood, Mandarin

Cluster 7

Held at Good Shepherd UMC on Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm

Christ-St. Augustine, Dinsmore, Good Shepherd, Harmony, Oak Leaf, Ponte Vedra, River of Life

Cluster 8

Held at Lake Shore UMC on Tuesday, October 30 at 7pm

Asbury-Jax, Calvary. Lake Shore, Murray Hill, Oak Crest, Wesconnett, Woodstock Park

Cluster 9

Held at Arlington UMC on Sunday, October 28 at 7pm

Alexander Memorial, Arlington, Ft. Caroline, Mt. Zion, St. Joseph, St. Paul

Cluster 10

Held at Simpson Memorial UMC on Sunday, November 4 at 2:30pm

Bowden, Inman Memorial, Simpson Memorial, Trinity

Cluster 11

Held at Grace UMC, St. Augustine on Sunday, October 14 at 2:30pm

First-St. Augustine, Grace-St. Augustine, Shores, Trinity-St. Augustine

Cluster 12

Held at First, Lake Butler on Sunday, October 21 at 2:30pm

First-Lake Butler, Florahome, Greater Bell. Keystone, Worthington Springs

Cluster 13

Held at First-Interlachen on Tuesday, October 23 at 7pm

Christ-Riverdale, Emmanuel, First-Interlachen, St. James, St. Stephens, Trinity

Cluster 14

Held at Georgetown UMC on Sunday, October 7 at 2:30pm.

Welaka, Georgetown, Howe Memorial, Community

Celebrate Jesus

The Northeast District Leadership will be soon be considering hosting a Celebrate Jesus Mission in the summer of 2009. This is a great opportunity to focus on reaching out to the neighbors around your church. If this is something that your church may be interested in, there are several ways to begin to explore what this can mean for your church as well as the neighbors around your church. The following are the ways you can begin to prepare:

- 1) The BEST way to prepare to host a mission at your church is to send several persons on mission. The mission this year is in DeLand, **July 21-28**. Those interested in doing this need to call the Celebrate Jesus office 407 893-7305 **RIGHT AWAY** and let them know of your intention. They will direct you as to what is necessary to do. Also, next summer, 2008 there will be two missions, June 21-28 in Southeast Florida and July 26th -August 2nd in the Southwest Area of Florida. Applications for both of these missions will be on our website, www.cjmission.org very soon.
- 2) The next best way to prepare for mission or just become acquainted with what Celebrate Jesus is and what it can do for your church is to bring several from your church and spend a day during mission week visiting churches that are hosting mission. You will have the opportunity to walk with them in their neighborhoods and visit businesses, inviting their neighbors to their block party and offering to pray for any needs that they may have. You will have lunch at one of the churches and have an opportunity to "debrief" their visits with them, pray over needs that you have encountered and experience first hand what it means to GO into the world. We call this VIP day and the day that we are doing this in DeLand is **TUESDAY, July 24th**. We will meet at one of the churches at 9 a.m. and will finish the day at 4 p.m. If this is something that you or any from your church would like to do, please e-mail me at marthagay@cjmission.org. We will need to know how many are coming in order to be sure we are adequately prepared.

We look forward to what God will do in the Northeast in the years ahead. We look forward to working with you to help this happen.

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