

Here's your October 14 District News



Rev. Jacques A. Conway, District Superintendent

October is Clergy Appreciation Month



Life has been tough for all of us during the pandemic, including pastors. In this year's clergy wellbeing survey, Wespeth found clergy are struggling in its findings. The survey looks at 5 dimensions: physical, emotional, social, spiritual and financial health. The only factor of these 5 dimensions that was stable is finances. Clergy health has declined, depression and isolation, even faltering faith were reflected in the survey results. "We cannot wave a magic wand and make all the factors challenging anyone's wellbeing go away. But perhaps this year is the right year to observe 'Clergy Appreciation Month,'" Rev. Arlene Christopherson, NIC Asst. to the Bishop/Dir. of Connectional Ministries writes in her monthly DYK article. "Who doesn't appreciate a word of encouragement, an acknowledgment that life has been hard, or a congregational 'hip-hip hurray.'" [Read more and find some tips and](#)

[suggestions.](#)

Find a Crop Walk near you



Together we can end hunger. If you don't have a local CROP Hunger Walk in your community, join us for the 2021 National CROP Hunger Walk on World Food Day, October 16. We will walk to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world! Walk on your treadmill, in your neighborhood, in a park with friends – you choose the location and the experience. Walk one day - 3.7 miles (the average distance a woman walks for water) or take the Weekend Challenge and walk 11.1 miles (3.7 miles for 3 days). Every step you take, every dollar you raise makes the walk shorter for neighbors in need by providing clean water, emergency food as well as livelihoods and access to education. Sign-up and start raising funds TODAY at www.crophungerwalk.org/usa. For more information, contact info@cwsglobal.org.

NIC UMW Annual Virtual Celebration



(Oct. 23) 9:30 - 11 am. Cost: \$10. The theme will be "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms; Listening, Transforming, Reaching Out." The keynote speaker will be Rev. Megan Dean Tobola, Lead Pastor at Naperville: Wesley. Megan was a 2010 UMW Scholarship recipient, and she will bring a message to remind us to "Lean on God" for inner peace and strength during these hectic, stressful, and trying times of our lives. [Click here to register.](#)

October Reporter Available Online



The October issue of the Reporter is now available online and on its way to subscribers' mailboxes soon.

Bishop John L. Hopkins continues with question #6 about the future of the United Methodist Church in his monthly column. Also, read a wrap-up of the fall session of the 182nd Annual Conference with information on the 2022 budget and a new initiative to help fund clergy retirement. Also, find out where churches can help Afghan refugees and a fall fill-the-mission truck collection for disaster relief.

[Click](#) to access the online edition.

5th Sunday Appeal - (Oct. 31)



United Voices for Children (UVC) would like to thank Northern Illinois congregations for their faithful support through [5th Sunday Appeal](#) offerings in 2021. Your generosity helps UVC and its partners' [Kids Above All](#), [MYSI](#), and [Rosecrance](#) as they serve at-risk children, youth and families in our communities. Sunday, Oct. 31 is the final 5th Sunday Appeal of the year. You may either write a check payable to the church with "5th Sunday Appeal" in the memo line or simply donate online at bit.ly/giveuvc.

Growing Together Symposium
Sat., Nov. 13 from 9-11am via Zoom

"Tending to the Harvest"
Discipleship Weekend
November 13-14, 2021

Presenter: Rev. Kyungsu Park
Breakout sessions—"Discipling Youth" and
"Let's Talk About Intentional Discipleship Systems."

umcnic.org/calendar/growing-together-symposium

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The banner has a green background with a stylized wheat stalk on the left. The text is white and yellow. The logo for "Tending to the Harvest" features a pumpkin, corn, and other harvest items.

All Conference Worship Service



Tending to the Harvest

Sunday, November 14 at 3:30 pm
In person and livestream



Location: Our Saviour's UMC, 701 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL
More info: umcnic.org/calendar/conference-worship

Rev. Olu Brown
Impact Church, Atlanta, Ga.

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Fall fill-the-truck collection drive for Haiti and disaster relief

The NIC Board of Global Missions is organizing a fall collection drive to support recovery efforts from the 2021 Hurricanes and the recent devastating Earthquake in Haiti. [Please check the NIC website for future information about the collection site locations, pick up schedule and other updates.](#)

Fall Ministry Grant Applications Open

Applications are now being accepted for the NIC's three ministry grants, Social Reform, Congregational Development, and Creative Ministries. The deadline to apply is Nov. 1. To learn more about each grant and for an online application, [click here.](#)

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Equipping & Encouraging Growth in Discipleship

NIC Prayer Network

Monthly calendar with devotions, prayer tools and more!

umcnic.org/prayernetwork



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