

Here's your October 28 District News

Your District Superintendent, Rev. Brittany Isaac would like to invite you to the Conference-wide Tending to the Harvest Discipleship Weekend.



The graphic features a central illustration of a harvest basket filled with various fruits and vegetables, including a large orange pumpkin, a bunch of purple grapes, a yellow pear, and ears of corn. The background is a dark teal color with a lighter teal circular area behind the basket. The title "Tending to the Harvest" is written in a large, elegant serif font, with "Discipleship Weekend" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.

"Tending to the Harvest" Discipleship Weekend

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

Presenter: Rev. Kyungsu Park



Rev. Kyungsu Park

The focus of his presentation is that you can't have discipleship without relationship. In that sense, our leaders have to "grow together" with their youth if they hope to help make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Attendees are encouraged to remain after the morning presentation to participate in breakout sessions, "Let's Talk About IDS: Intentional Discipleship Systems" on discipling youth and other members of your church.

umcnic.org/calendar/growing-together-symposium

All Conference Worship Service Sun., Nov. 14 at 4–5:30 pm

In person and livestream

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37

Our Saviour's UMC, 701 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL
Space is limited. Registration required. Masks required.

The first 100 people to register and attend the service will receive a special "Tending to the Harvest" lapel pin.

"To-Go" refreshments available following the worship service.

umcnic.org/calendar/conference-worship



Rev. Olu Brown
Impact Church, Atlanta, Ga.



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[Click here](#) for Symposium registration and more information

[Click here](#) for Worship Service registration and more information



Vital Mergers: New Models of Mergers & Multi-Site Ministries

Two Event Options:

 Northern Illinois Conference <small>OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</small> The Office of Congregational Development & Redevelopment	Sat. Nov 20, 2021 9:00 am to 3:00 pm First UMC, Downers Grove	Sat. March 19, 2022 9:00 am to 3:00 pm First UMC, Freeport
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www.umcnic.org/calendar/vital-merger-workshop

Churches come in all forms of health: some are healthy and growing, others are maintaining the status quo, and some are declining. But they all have one thing in common – they want to be fruitful and healthy. One way this can happen is through partnerships or mergers. Attend this workshop featuring Dirk Elliott, Director of Congregational Vibrancy & Leadership Development from the Michigan Conference, and explore new ways your church might become healthier through a merger.

Cost \$20 (includes box lunch)



2021-2022 Directory Available

Are you looking to replace your directory with one that has the most recent info? The 2021-2022 Directory is now available [for \\$7 printed on Amazon](#) or [available for free to download on our website](#). The downloadable file is password protected, the password is Psalm100.

Please remember: The information in this directory and search function is for the use of NIC churches, related groups, clergy, lay and staff in conducting business and making connections at the conference, district and local church level. Contact information may not be used for solicitation purposes or by outside organizations to share or generate email lists without written consent.

5th Sunday Appeal

October 31, 2021



Don't miss 2021's last special offering
to support the work
of United Voices for Children and its partners:



unitedvoicesforchildren.org/donate/

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 unitedvoicesforchildren.org/donate/

**Don't forget October is
PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**



Mission Project for First Vietnamese

Over 20 years ago the NIC launched the first Vietnamese UMC in the country. Unfortunately, this summer the building was extensively damaged. As a district, we will rally around our sister congregation to help them rebuild. Can you give your time, talent or treasure to help? We are looking for project managers, electricians, and contractors. In a couple of months we will need dry wallers and painters.

Already we have secured some of the funds of the \$100,000 it will need to be fixed. If you would like to make a financial contribution you can send it to the Northern IL Conference and indicate First Vietnamese. If you would like to volunteer, please contact DS Rev. Brittany Isaac 773-633-0498 or bisaac@umcnic.org

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](#).

Kids Above All Holiday Gift Drive 2021



Put your Holiday Spirit into action by stepping up to support Kids Above All's Holiday Gift Drive 2021. There are a variety of ways to do this by sponsoring children, volunteering in our Toy Room during Dec 1-13th, And/or ordering online to help stock our pop-up Toy Store. We are committed to ensuring the safety, well-being, and education Of our kids above all else which means helping to make the holidays joyful and bright.

Contact Deaconess Catherine Inserra – 847/224-2870
or cinserra@kidsaboveall.org



Faith United Methodist
Church Presents:

KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE COMMUNITY VACCINATION AND WELLNESS EVENT



Get vaccinated
and take home
\$50!!!*

*\$50 gift card to those:

- who are receiving their 1st or second shot
- who bring an unvaccinated friend for their 1st shot
- who are eligible to receive their booster shot



DATE:
Saturday Oct. 30, 2021



TIME:
11AM-3PM



LOCATION:
**15015 Grant St, Dolton,
IL 60419**

- **COVID-19 Vaccines**
- **Free \$50 giftcard***
- **BBQ!!**
- **Free STI & HIV testing**
- **Free wellness screening**
- **Resources for folks who have been incarcerated**
- **Cook County Assessor's Office resources**
- **Community & Fun!!!**

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Equipping & Encouraging Growth in Discipleship

NIC Prayer Network

Monthly calendar with devotions, prayer tools and more!

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