

Here's your October 28 District News

Rev. Jeffry Bross, District Superintendent

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



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

Two Event Options: **Sat. Nov 20, 2021** **Sat. March 19, 2022**

9:00 am to 3:00 pm 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Northern Illinois Conference **First UMC, Downers Grove** **First UMC, Freeport**
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**The Office of Congregational
Development & Redevelopment**

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.

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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**

PRAIRIE CENTRAL FALL LAY ACADEMY

Dates: November 6 and November 13
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Harvard: First, 1100 N. D. Harvard, IL
Cost: \$40

Course Description: Registration:
www.umcn.org/prairie-central-lay-academy

Please contact Mary Mecker,
Lay Ministries Chair, at mary.mecker@gmail.com



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
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