

Here's your October 28 District News



Rev. Brian Gilbert, District Superintendent

**Your District Superintendent, Rev. Brian Gilbert
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



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

Rev. Kyungsu Park

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.

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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

Thousands of Families Fed

By Steve Nailor, United Methodist Men Foundation President



40,000 lbs. of potatoes were delivered to Grace United Methodist Church in early morning when Grace United Methodist Men and the Prairie North District United Methodist Men hosted a potato drop at Grace United Methodist Church in Rockford, IL on October 16th.

Local pantries, news media, and the Northern Illinois Annual Conference spread word throughout the area. Pantries were able to take advantage of the produce to help put food on tables, as well as individuals who drove through to pick up their potatoes at no cost. Several volunteers filled their trunks with potatoes and shared them with people in store parking lots.



The Potato Project is a program of the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) headquartered in Big Island, Virginia. The Society was started by Rev. Ken Horne and Rev. Ray Buchanan, two United Methodist ministers, concerned with world hunger. In 1979, the two ministers were granted "a special appointment beyond the local church" by the Virginia Conference. The Society of St. Andrew adheres to Christian principles of good stewardship. Therefore, about 93% of all funds raised by the Society of St. Andrew are spent on the direct delivery of food and services to the hungry. They focus on cost-effective ways to move produce to the tables of hungry Americans instead of to landfills, reducing waste and fulfilling a social need at the same time. Since the Potato Project was started in 1979, over 500 million pounds of produce have been salvaged and distributed through this and other SoSA programs.



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**
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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

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 BACK
Daylight Savings Time
Ends November 7, 2021



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

Equipping & Encouraging Growth in Discipleship

NIC Prayer Network

Monthly calendar with devotions, prayer tools and more!

umcnic.org/prayernetwork

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The banner features a warm, golden-brown background with a blurred image of a wooden cross resting on an open book. The text is overlaid on this image.

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