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NEJCAH Annual Meeting

Tue, May 10 & Wed, May 11 6:30-9:30 PM Virtual Event



Plan now to attend the annual meeting of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Commission on Archives & History

Register now through this Eventbrite Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nej-umc-archives-history-annual-meeting-tickets-303160560397>

There is an optional donation to defray expenses for professional tech support.

Interesting presentations by local experts will enlighten you on Women's Suffrage, Traditional Iroquois Values, Harriett Tubman's New York years, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Hear excellent presenters from Syracuse University, Cayuga Community College, and the Seneca County Historian.

Special guests: Bishop Mark Webb, Upper New York Conference, and Dr. Ashley Boggan Dreff, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History.

Most recent edition the NEJCAH Bulletin with details about the Annual Meeting:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/NEJCAH_Bulletin.pdf

Please join us in this excellent virtual event; and send the link to others too!

The Unfinished Church - New Podcast

First Episode, Thursday, May 19 Guest Nadia Bolz-Weber

The Unfinished Church is a new podcast focusing on the holy work of antiracism. Hosted by United Methodist Bishops LaTrelle Easterling, Michael McKee, and Gregory Palmer, the podcast is a place for dialogue, learning, and transformation as people of faith coming together to build a world in which racial prejudice has no power.

The debut season of The Unfinished Church explores humility, implicit bias, building right relationships, compassionate listening and more as the bishops talk with well-known activists, authors, preachers and teachers about what it means to do the work of antiracism.

The first episode premieres with guest Nadia Bolz-Weber

Other guests include Willie Jennings, Opal Lee, Brian McLaren, Eboo Patel, and Fred Shaw.

Tune in every other Thursday on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Anchor, Spotify or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Visit the unfinishedchurch.org to learn more and hear the official trailer. To stay connected and up-to-date follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at @unfinishedumc.

Join us as we create space to learn how to love our neighbors in the ways Christ has called us to love. God is not done with us. Our work is unfinished.



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Delaware District Office hours are 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Mon - Thu.
Office location: 900 N. Washington St., Wilmington, DE 19801.
If calling outside normal business hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day. In the event of an emergency you can reach Rev. Joseph Archie at 302-494-1030.

Next News Deadline
5:00 PM, May 13, 2022 Send to:
delawaredistrictnews@gmail.com



District Website



Native American Cultural Experience

Sat. May 14 12:00-3:00 PM Harrington Turf Field/Newark

Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair and enjoy!

Featuring:

- Nanticoke Indian Tribe Dancers
- Red Blanket Singers & Drummers
- Native American Storytelling
- Native American Vendors
- Udairy Moo Mobile

Free Admission

325 Academy Street (UD Student Center)
Newark, DE 19711

Printable Flyer:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/NativeAmerican.pdf

Pecometh Summer Kick-Off

Saturday, June 11 3:00-6:00 PM Pecometh



School is winding down and the weather is warming up! Come over to Pecometh to celebrate the beginning of summer with other children, youth and families from around the Pen-Del Annual Conference! Come kick off summer with us on Jun 11, 2022, from 3pm to 6pm!

Our Summer Kick Off is a pool party and picnic for ALL ages! We hope to see you there! The pool will be open, plus we'll have worship, food and more!

This is a FREE event, but registration is requested.

For more information and/or to register, visit:

<https://www.pecometh.org/summer-kick-off>



New MAP and You

Methodist **ACTION** Program

www.mapde.org

From the Desk of the Executive Director . . .

Another Mother's Day has come and gone. I am blessed to have my mother with me still, and she is much beloved by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many of us are keenly aware of the responsibility that comes with having children, but we may not be so prepared when faced with the responsibility of caring for an aging parent. Sometimes Mom sadly comments that she is sorry I have to do so much to take care of her. I remind her that she changed my diapers in an era before Pampers, raised me for 18+ years, and decades later still worries about me constantly. Whether our mothers are present with us or with the Lord, we remember them on their special day, as well as on other occasions over the years.

The Earth has sometimes been referred to as our mother, and in a sense, this is true. In the Genesis account of Creation, Adam and Eve were (directly and indirectly) made of the soil. Elementally, humans mostly are composed of carbon, which also is a major component of the land. From the beginning God expected humans to take care of Creation, as Creation has cared for us all these eons. God designed this to be so, just as God determined that children should be protected and cared for by loving parents. However, as children of God and Earth/Creation, we have not really lived up to the responsibility to care for and protect our parent planet.

For those who are interested in righting this wrong (which, according to ¶160, I. THE NATURAL WORLD in our Social Principles, should be ALL United Methodists), I encourage you to weigh the following opportunities:

If you subscribe to Netflix, consider viewing "Kiss the Ground" about how caring for the soil and changing farming practices can sequester phenomenal amounts of carbon, which could reverse the overheating of the planet (notice, I did not say the politically incorrect "Global Warming") in twenty years. Trust me, if you view the film and care anything at all for God's Creation, you are going to want to recommend this documentary to everyone you know. The Lay Academy Social Principles Advanced class viewed "Kiss the Ground" at a recent session, which was moderated by a local regenerative farmer and food justice advocate, Matt Hinds. The discussion was rigorous and enlightening.

Also, please consider the new Netflix documentary, "YOUTH v. GOV" about a group of young people who are suing the federal government over climate change.

I also want to share with you the opportunity to attend a Rally/Lobby Day for Delaware's Green Amendment on May 17, 2022 from 1-5pm in Dover or virtually. For more information about the Green Amendment, please see <https://forthe generations.org>, and to register for the Rally/Lobby Day, please see https://secure.everyaction.com/qcqdZJFBEEtc_N9UwkegA2. This event is organized by the Mid-Atlantic Justice Coalition (<https://midatlanticjustice.org>), one of MAP's organizational partners.

Finally, please share with any young people you know an essay contest being run by Delaware Interfaith Power and Light. Registration closes on May 15th, but the essay dates are in June, and first place is \$2000. Please publicize this link to the contest asap: <https://delawareipl.org/dev/competition/>

As you can see, there is a lot of activity in the region around Creation Care and Environmental Justice, and MAP is in the thick of it. Be watching for additional opportunities in your personal/church emails as Spring/Summer 2022 progresses.

Donna Hitchner
Executive Director
Methodist Action Program



Upcoming Events

Conference Calendar Link: www.pen-del.org/events/calendar

Engaging Faith In Recovery Program

Wednesday, May 11 8:30 AM-2:30 PM Del State Univ

Delaware Faith Forward will present *"Engaging Faith in Recovery."* Program led by respected experts in the field, presenting both basic and advanced information. This is an in-person event and continuing education units will be available.

For more information on these events or to register, please visit www.faithforwardcollaborative.org.

Fresh Start Scholarships

Improving the lives of women through education™



2022 - 2023 application is available at:

www.freshstartscholarship.org

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15, 2022

Award Notification: All applicants will be notified on or before July 31, 2022

Our mission is to provide scholarships to women seeking to improve opportunities for themselves and their families through education. We award annual scholarships based on applicant's financial need, personal challenges, and academic qualifications. Mentoring support and networking activities are offered to each scholar awarded a scholarship. Since its inception in 1996, the foundation has awarded over \$1.3 million in scholarships to more than 260 women who have been given the opportunity to achieve their goals.

Apply Now



Questions may be directed to:

FSSF@freshstartscholarship.org or (302-397-3440)
FSSF - PO BOX 7784, Wilmington, DE 19803

Printable Details Flyer:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/Fresh_Start.pdf

Conley's Church Open House

Saturday, May 21 4:00-600 PM Conley's UMC

The community is invited to visit Conley's Church during our Open House on May 21. Meet Pastor, Bill Davis, tour our church, talk to the leaders of our groups and ministries, and discover who we are and what we do.

The event is hosted by our United Women in Faith and United Methodist Men. Refreshments, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be available free of charge. All are invited to come and get to know Conley's Church during this informal get-together.

Conley's United Methodist Church
33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958
(Off Camp Arrowhead Road, Angola area).



For further information call the church office at 302-945-1881, email to conleysumc@gmail.com, or visit www.conleysumc.org

2022 Young Adult Summit

Saturday, May 21 10:00-2:00 PM Wyoming UMC

Calling All Young Adults to the Floor!

All young adults are invited to our 2022 Young Adult Summit, *"It's MY Time, it's MY Turn"*.

This will be an outdoor gathering with Family, Fun, & Fellowship for all young adults of the PeninsulaDelaware Conference.

Wyoming United Methodist Church
216 Wyoming Mill Road
Dovefr, DE

Register Here (required)

Printable Flyer:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/YAS_2022.pdf

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Conference Calendar Link: www.pen-del.org/events/calendar

2022 Annual Conference to be *Virtual*

June 16-18, 2022 Virtual Platform

The Sessions team weighed advantages and disadvantages of in-person, virtual, and hybrid models. The virtual option is the most accessible to the greatest number of people (including laity and retirees), better stewards our financial and natural resources, and privileges life and health during the ongoing covid pandemic.

The schedule three day incorporates clergy and laity sessions, a full day of plenary, and the memorial, ordination and commissioning services.

Additional details and updates will be posted to the PDC website as they become available.

Buttonwood UMC Celebrates 75th Anniversary

August 7 4:00-8:00 PM

Buttonwood is home church of long serving Conference Lay Leader, Yvonne Jackson. The theme is *"Our Legacy is honoring the past, present and the future"*. We are honoring five members of our church, Norma Gadson, Sylvia Golden, Vivian Lea, Joseph Pinkett, Jr., and Leila Homes.

To commemorate this historic milestone, we are holding a banquet at the Executive Banquet and Conference Center, 205 Executive Drive, Newark DE.

A Souvenir Journal is being assembled. We invite and welcomes all to celebrate with us by attending the banquet (\$50 per person), purchasing an ad (full-page \$100, half-page \$50, quarter page \$25), and/or being a patron (\$2). Camera Ready Ads can be emailed to sriddge@aol.com with payment to Buttonwood UMC, PO Box 407, New Castle, DE 19720 by May 15.

Clergy are invited to submit letters for the Journal by sending to Yvonne Jackson (yon2d@aol.com) or Pastor Lawrence Pelham pelhamlawrence@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Foster Parenting - Cayuga Centers of Delaware



My name is Andrea McCoy-Carty, Foster Parent Ambassador for Cayuga Centers of Delaware. As Foster Parent Ambassador, my goal is to provide pragmatic strategies and resources for recruiting and retaining foster families. Thus, continuing to provide a pool of prospective and well-trained applicants for foster care licensure, while assisting in community outreach.

The key is working together with other professionals and stakeholders in designing and planning fostering services. Most foster parents find the work rewarding but often describe it as demanding as they manage challenging situations

Fostering with Cayuga Centers means, receiving daily support from empathetic staff all while respecting "social distance". Stability is the key factor for the foster youth in achieving positive outcomes.



Printable Requirements Flyer:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/Fostering.pdf

Downloadable Flyers:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/Cayuga.pdf

CPE Returns to Bayhealth

CPE has officially returned to Bayhealth. We want to give clergy and aspirants the opportunity to enroll in this great program. The program is open to the public. Students who apply and are accepted before April 25, 2022 will receive a reduced tuition rate of \$750 as a thank you for your service.

CPE is the national standard for credentialing Board Certified Chaplains.

For additional information on CPE at Bayhealth and to complete the application, visit:

<https://www.bayhealth.org/healthcare-professionals/clinical-pastoral-education>

Download and return the completed application along with the requested documents and application fee to Silvia_Misina@bayhealth.org

Printable Flyer:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/BayhealthCPE.pdf

Important Delaware District DCOM Information

As we continue to navigate the merging of the former Wilmington and Dover DCOM's into the Delaware DCOM, we give thanks for everyone's patience and grace along the way. You are able to access everything you need for DCOM via our district website:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/dcomindex.htm

Meeting times and schedules, what to submit, and instructions on how to submit, along with other helpful information for candidates, mentors, and members can be found there.

MENTORS: Please make sure your mentees have this information!

Holy Land Tour Opportunities

District Superintendent Archie authorized the following link from a local tour agent offering a variety of Holy Land tours for 2023.

<http://www.etstours.com/larue>

Covid 19 Legal Documents For Church Use

As you are exploring and developing your plan for re-opening your churches, here are some legal documents. Your churches may want to use these for liability waivers, outside group usage of church buildings, trustee requirements for worship and building use, etc.

Volunteer Code of Conduct:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/VolunteerConduct.pdf

Lease Use PDC Addendum:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/LeaseUse.pdf

Liability Waiver:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/LiabilityWaiver.pdf

Trustee Sample:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/SampleTrustee.pdf



Churches Offer Assistance to Afghan Refugees

The deteriorating situation in Afghanistan is a humanitarian crisis that has now left upwards of 550,000 Afghans internally displaced. In the strength of the Creator of us all, we are called to walk alongside those who have been persecuted and displaced, to provide a space of love and safe refuge for all people in harm's way, and to advocate for peacemakers, relief workers, and policymakers, and all voices of faith, that we may have the courage, grace, integrity, and strength to expand a broader path of welcome and safety for all who seek refuge.

[Click here](#) to see how you can help

Or paste address below into your browser:

www.bwcumc.org/article/ums-respond-to-afghan-refugees



VA Conference Project Manager Position

Virginia Annual Conference

The Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is currently recruiting for the position of Project Manager. This position will work directly with the Assistant to the Bishop (ATB) and Director of Connectional Ministries (DCM).

Application Submission Deadline: May 22

If you know of someone who might be interested, please have them view the link posting above to apply. If you have any questions about the open position, please contact Michelle Reddick, Human Resources Generalist at 615-369-2357.

[Online Job Description And Application](#)

Part-time Organist and/or Music Director Position

Richardson Park United Methodist Church

Richardson Park UMC is seeking a part-time organist and/or music director - preferably combined. Basic qualifications:

- Formal training in organ and piano through private study or higher education. Should be skilled at sight-reading and have a confident ability for accompanying congregational singing.
- Experience in choir accompaniment and conducting in a worship and choral setting
- Competency in computer skills including use of Microsoft Office and ability to communicate using email.

Our organ is a *Rodgers Infinity 361*, a three-manual and pedal console with 61 draw-knobs that allow the organist access to a vast number of outstanding samples of fine pipe ranks derived from pipe organs from around the world. *Library Access™* provides an additional 180 available stops and voices equivalent to 235 pipe ranks.

Printable, detailed job description:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/RPUMC_Organist.pdf

Apply with resume to: staffing@rpumchurch.org

Ministry Assistant Position

Skyline UMC Part-time

Position works with the Pastor in guiding, participating and potentially providing operational assistance within ministries and missions as agreed to with the Pastor, and reporting to the Pastor and Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Download full job description:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/MinAssist.pdf

Part Time Custodian Position

Coleman Memorial UMC

Coleman Memorial has a position open for a part time custodian (12-15 hrs./Week @\$11/hr.). Full job description and details in printable ink below.

Printable Job description:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/custodian.pdf

Traditional Service Pianist or Organist Position

Houston UMC/Houston, DE

Houston United Methodist Church in Houston, Delaware is seeking a traditional service pianist or organist. One service per week Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

Interested individuals should send their resume to Gail Dusbiber, SPRC Chair, gmdusbiber@comcast.net

Part-time Bookkeeper Position

Ezion-Mount Carmel UMC,

Ezion-Mt. Carmel is seeking a part-time (5-8 hours/week) Bookkeeper to work flexible hours. The Bookkeeper reports to the Sr. Pastor and provides accurate and timely disbursement of and accounting for church finances in cooperation with the Sr. Pastor and the Finance Committee. A full job description is available upon request.

If interested, please send a resume to Lynn Sharps, SPRC Chair, at lmsharps17@gmail.com by **May 27, 2022**.



Urban Promise School Wilmington is Hiring



- Teen Job Training Coordinator
- Youth and Ministry Site Director
- Sports Director
- Children & Ministry Site Coordinator
- School Aftercare Staff
- Academic Interventionist
- Development Assistant
- Leadership Associate
- Facilities Manager
- Elementary School Faculty Members
- Executive Director (ED)

For more information about these and other UPW career opportunities, contact Josh Gregor at josh@urbanpromise.org.

Printable Job Description details:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/UrbanPromise.pdf

Part-time Administrative Secretary Position

Mt. Joy United Methodist Church

Mt. Joy United Methodist Church, 451 Townsend St., Wilmington is looking for a part-time (24 hours/week) Administrative Secretary. This person will work with the pastor to provide secretarial support to the pastor, staff and ministries of Mt. Joy.

If interested in the full job description, please contact the church by emailing: mountjoyumc@gmail.com
Attention: Beverly Evans

Part-time Director of Children & Youth Ministries

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Wilmington

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1314 Foulk Road, Wilmington, is looking for a part-time (20 hours/week) Director of Children and Youth responsible for designing and facilitating a children and youth ministry program focused on building young disciples for Christ. A bachelor's degree is required with demonstrated knowledge and experience in children and/or youth ministry. If interested in the full job description, please contact the church by emailing:

stpaulsumcde@comcast.net

Attention: Pastor David McMillan.

Multiple Positions Available

Asbury UMC/ Smyrna, DE

Asbury UMC in Smyrna, DE is looking to discover people with the right gifts to lead our congregation in the below-listed areas. We have 3 paid positions available:

Director of Contemporary Music:

This person will display musical talent on keyboard or guitar and be able to build and lead a Praise Band for our contemporary worship service.

Director of Music:

This person will be able to build and lead a choir, work with our organist and pianist and have the ability to select appropriate music for worship in a traditional setting.

Technology Team Director:

Seeking a person who loves Christ and has gifts and talents for using technology during worship. We have a new system that requires dedicated team members to enhance our worship in-person and online. We are looking for the right person to lead this team.

For more information, please contact the office at 302-653-8415 or email revjulielewis@gmail.com



Family Programs at Pecometh

Single Parent Family Retreat

Between work, caring for family, and trying to have a life, single parents have their hands full. This retreat offers an opportunity for single parents and their kids to get away and spend some time together - and apart! This year, our Single Parent Family Retreat is being held Friday, July 8th through Sunday, July 10th. Programming will provide parents with spiritual support, encouragement, and an opportunity to relax, while the kids are busy doing camp activities! The schedule also includes family and big-group activities, and a "Parents' Night Off" while the kids have a movie night. Accommodations provide the best of both worlds at Pecometh: families sleep easy in hotel-style accommodations while enjoying meals at our Camp Dining Hall and lots of fun camp activities.

For more information, or to register, visit:

www.pecometh.org/single-parent-family

Friends and Family Camp

Experience all the fun and joy that kids at Camp Pecometh do! Gather friends and family and join us for a weekend of Splashdown, s'mores, kayaking, campfires, music, and all the beauty and joy of Pecometh! You can bring a tent, stay in a cabin, or experience our Riverview Retreat Center. This year, Friends and Family Camp will be held Friday, July 29th through Sunday, July 31st. Enjoy time in the Chester River kayaking or splashing around on our Splashdown equipment. Relax with a s'more by the campfire or work on that long-awaited scrapbook. Experience the fun, fellowship, and festivities of a weekend at camp!

For more information, or to register, visit:

www.pecometh.org/friends-and-family-camp

Pecometh is Hiring

Housekeeping & Kitchen Staff

We understand the importance of a balanced life and encourage our staff to exercise self-care for their own physical, emotional and spiritual well-being, as well as to attend to the needs of their families.

We are looking for Housekeepers and Kitchen Staff! For more information about these positions and how to apply, [click here](#).

Find our current hiring information here: www.pecometh.org/employment

Pecometh Summer Camp 2022

We are excited to announce that Summer Camp 2022 Registration is open! Looking for an unplugged environment where your camper will build their faith, character and independence? Allow them to experience a genuine, inclusive community at Camp Pecometh's Christian summer camps. Living our mission of God-inspired, life-changing experiences, campers make memories for a lifetime and come back year after year. From day camps to half and full weeks of overnight camps for Kindergarten through 11th grade, there's a program for all interests. For summer of 2022, we have 5 NEW camps that we are offering, along with many of our usual camps!

For more information about Camp Pecometh, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/about-camp-pecometh>

For a full list of our camps and program descriptions, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/christian-summer-camp-program-descriptions>

For more information about registering for Summer Camp for 2022, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/summer-camp>



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