

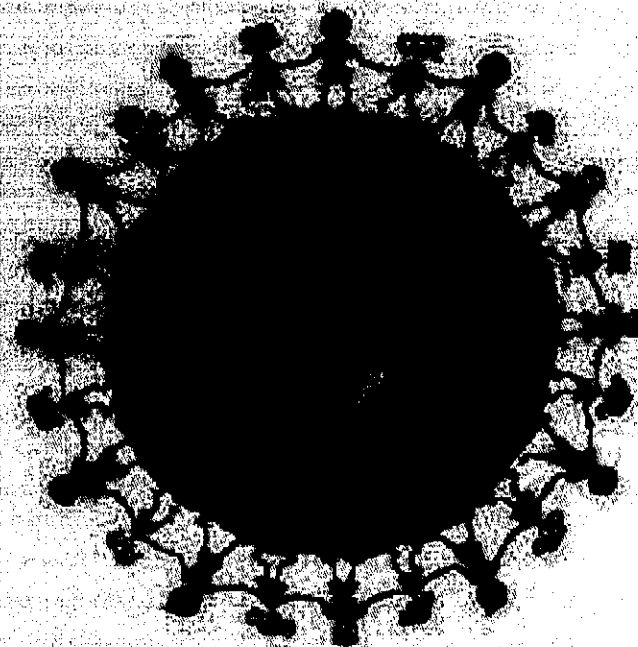
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Psalm 41:1 (The Message): *Dignify those who are down on their luck; you'll feel good – that's what God does.*

Celebration Of Mission Event 2009-2012

West Virginia Annual Conference of
The United Methodist Church



**“Celebration of the One
Who Calls Us to Mission”**

**Supporting:
The Mission Projects
Church & Community Ministries
and Volunteers in Mission**

Psalm 41:1 Blessed is he that considers the poor

CELEBRATION OF THE ONE WHO CALLS US TO MISSION

Greetings and welcome to the 2009 - 2012 Celebration of Mission Event booklet. 2009 begins the 12th year of the Celebration of Mission Event gatherings.

DATES: Celebration of Mission Events will be held on the last Saturday of April. **Dates for 2009 – 2012 are as follows:**

April 25, 2009 April 24, 2010

April 23, 2011 April 28, 2012

NOTE: Some districts may select optional dates.

For more information:

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FUND RAISING IDEAS

- ❖ Basketball/Volleyball events at local, charge, parish or district level
- ❖ Bowling Tournament
- ❖ Golf Tournament
- ❖ Fishing Tournament
- ❖ Crafts sales
- ❖ Yard Sales
- ❖ Baked goods sale
- ❖ Bakeless bake sale
- ❖ Rock-a-thon
- ❖ Walk-a-mile
- ❖ Local dinners
- ❖ Car washes
- ❖ Collection of coin change by group(s) within a church
- ❖ Auction and/or Silent Auction

Each church is requested to complete at least **one fund raiser** before the date of the Celebration of Mission Event

The Celebration of Mission Event is:

An opportunity for all persons and churches to present the fruits of our faith, labors and commitment to the support of our United Methodist mission projects, Church and Community Ministries and Volunteers in Mission

Reaching out to help the world's needs through local fundraising by making and selling crafts, quilts, food items, and by gathering material goods for mission kits and/or other designated needs.

Celebration of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to do good in this world as the Body of Christ.

COME join other congregations in supporting missions with your presence the day of the event. All sites will have informative project displays and representatives to share up-to-date information. Many sites will have craft and quilt bazaars, bake sales, refreshments, worship services, various forms of entertainment, auctions and much more.

DONATIONS

Each Celebration Site will be accepting goods for specific conference missions. Please consult the rotation for each year to determine which missions have been assigned to your site. Informational pages for each mission can be found in the back portion of this booklet. We urge you to use these pages to target the specific needs of the missions.

Matthew 25: 35-36 (NIV): I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me....

2009

DISTRICT	EMPHASIZED MISSIONS
Greenbrier	Ebenezer Community Outreach Center Bluefield Parish (Mary's Cradle) Volunteers in Mission
Little Kanawha	Upshur Parish House The House of the Carpenter United Methodist Ministries
Midland South	Tyrand Cooperative Ministries Greater Clarksburg Cooperative Parish Community Development Outreach Ministries
Mon Valley	Community Development Outreach Ministries Tyrand Cooperative Ministries Richwood-Craigsville-Webster Cooperative Parish
Northern	The House of the Carpenter Scott's Run Settlement House United Methodist Ministries
Potomac Highlands	Greater Clarksburg Cooperative Parish Ebenezer Community Outreach Center
Southern	Heart & Hand House Richwood-Craigsville-Webster Cooperative Parish
Wesleyan	Bluefield Parish (Mary's Cradle) Volunteers in Mission Upshur Parish House
Western	Scott's Run Settlement House Heart and Hand House

2010

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Wesleyan	Heart & Hand House Richwood-Craigsville-Webster Cooperative Parish
Western	Bluefield Parish (Mary's Cradle) Volunteers in Mission Upshur Parish House

2011

DISTRICT	EMPHASIZED MISSIONS
Greenbrier	Bluefield Parish (Mary's Cradle) Volunteers in Mission Upshur Parish House
Little Kanawha	Scott's Run Settlement House Heart and Hand House
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Western	Heart & Hand House Richwood-Craigsville-Webster Cooperative Parish

2012

DISTRICT	EMPHASIZED MISSIONS
Greenbrier	Heart & Hand House Richwood-Craigsville-Webster Cooperative Parish
Little Kanawha	Bluefield Parish (Mary's Cradle) Volunteers in Mission Upshur Parish House
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RESPONSE GUIDELINES

Monetary Gifts to the Missions for credit

- **Prior to March 31**—Monetary gifts (from your local church) may be sent to the Conference Treasurer office in Charleston as they are generated throughout the year
- **After March 31**—Monetary gifts must be checked in at the COME site the day of the event

To submit monetary gifts for credit

- Make checks payable to “**Conference Treasurer**”
- In order to receive church credit, all contributions **must** be written on a **church check** from the **local church treasurer**
- Note the project # and “**COME**” on the memo of the check
- Complete the conference remittance form
- Designate the project(s) you wish to support using these project numbers on the remittance form:
 - #875 Undesignated gifts
 - #880 Community Development Outreach Ministries
 - #881 Ebenezer Community Outreach Center
 - #883 Heart and Hand House, Inc.
 - #884 The House of the Carpenter
 - #887 Scott’s Run Settlement House
 - #888 Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc.
 - #889 Upshur Parish House
 - #876 Bluefield Parish (Mary’s Cradle)
 - #877 United Methodist Ministries
 - #896 Greater Clarksburg Coop. Parish
 - #897 Richwood-Craigsville-Webster Cooperative Parish
 - #892 Volunteers in Mission

Undesignated Gifts shall be distributed using this formula:

- ✓ \$2000 deducted for administrative costs.
- ✓ 25% of the remaining money will be sent to The United Methodist Foundation for the Trust Fund.
- ✓ Our goal is to use the remaining 75% of undesignated funds to provide equal funding for each participating mission project.
- ✓ The sum of all Church and Community Ministries shall be considered one project.
- ✓ Undesignated giving is encouraged.

GIFTS OF GOODS TO MISSIONS

- Collect (**new**) items on the **NEEDS LIST** for your sites’ target missions. (**check expiration dates**)
- All undamaged, commercially packaged foods are appropriate.
- **Home-canned** foods cannot be accepted.
- No **GOODS** donated will be given a monetary value for church financial credit.
- Designate the project(s) to which you are donating goods.

SALES AT CELEBRATION EVENTS

- ✓ Record all onsite sales on the fundraising report form provided at the site.
- ✓ All onsite sales are “undesignated” and will be distributed to missions in accordance with the funds distribution formula.

I John 3:18 (NIV): Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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Community Development Outreach Ministries (CDOM) is based in the Midland South District. CDOM presently consists of five program units: Advocacy, Heart and Hand House in South Charleston, Housing Rehabilitation, Youth and Community Development which minister through:

- ❖ School Supply Drive
- ❖ Summer Day Camp
- ❖ Campership Program
- ❖ Christmas Toys and Food
- ❖ Food Pantry
- ❖ Avesta Drive Community Center
- ❖ New Life Camp/Support Group for Teen Mothers
- ❖ Housing Rehabilitation Program
- ❖ Coal Branch Heights Community Center

NEEDS LIST:

Community Centers: Craft supplies, snacks, paper plates, cups, K-12 computer software, education software, printer paper, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and garbage bags

Heart & Hand of South Charleston: Baby diapers (all sizes), baby bottles, laundry detergent, alarm clocks, can openers, shower curtains, canned food, dishwashing liquid, baby beds, baby mattresses, baby onesies and baby t-shirts

New Life Camp: Walmart gift cards, diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, formula, baby food and juice, powder, lotion, shampoo, blankets, bibs, bottles pacifiers, baby clothes, sipper cups, Mom's Devotional Bibles, and volunteers

Tutoring Program: School supplies of all kinds for K-12 grade levels

Other Programs: Printer paper, office supplies, tools, building supplies, merchandise gift cards (Lowes, 84 Lumber, Home Depot, etc.) and gasoline gift cards

EBENEZER COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

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Ebenezer Community Outreach Center offers:

- A pre-school program (ages 2-5)
- Youth Energized for Success-Y.E.S. – a before and after school program which is licensed for 60 children.
- Family Enrichment Center
- Baby Bassinette (meets the needs of mothers with newborns)
- Clothing Closet (once a month)
- School Supply program
- Christmas Angel program
- Idus Jones Scholarship Program (is awarded to a high school senior).
- 4-H Program
- Girl Scouts Program

NEEDS LIST:

Infant Items: newborn baby items, diapers and pull-ups, baby wipes

Kids Stuff: bean bags/chairs, play kitchen food, riding toys (for toddlers), finger paints, match box cars, ethnic baby dolls, sidewalk chalk, puzzles, small toys, for the classroom reward program, playing cards, markers, footballs, basketballs, jump ropes, hula hoops, blocks, bubbles

Educational Items: Leap-frog games/computers, new children's Books

Office and School Supplies: copier paper, construction paper, Batteries (all sizes), Campbell Soup labels, CDR-Ws)

Personal Care: children's toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner

Household: paper towels, toilet paper, glass cleaner, laundry detergent, tissues

HEART AND HAND HOUSE Inc.

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Heart and Hand Ministries, located in Barbour County, sponsors several programs that assist residents maintain economic stability and independence. Our farm market is expanding to being a hub for small farm growth with an emphasis on locally grown produce for the home and restaurant industry. The program is expanding with support from USDA and other partners. Currently, there are 75 growers participating in the program. Another outreach ministry we coordinate is the new home and home repair program. We have built new homes each year since 1998 that are provided to qualified families. We also continue to repair close to 30 homes per year utilizing teams of church volunteers from across the United States. Our ministry with youth has resulted in two major projects. One is an after school tutoring/skill development program underwritten by the Department of Juvenile Justice. The other is our Christmas Toy Store distribution which gives parents and care-givers an opportunity to select appropriate toys for children. Our newborn layette project provides a starter kit of diapers, sleepers, bottles, and other necessary items for a baby. We also include a bible as spiritual encouragement, too. We continue to provide support to those requesting food, clothing, utility and rental assistance. This is a basic component of our outreach ministry and resources need to be replenished constantly due to the enormous demand.

NEEDS LIST:

Layette: disposable diapers, crib linens, receiving blankets, powder, lotion, shampoo

Kid's Items: toys and games, car seats, school supplies

Personal Care: brushes/combs, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, shampoo

Household: cleaning supplies, paper products, bed linens, towels/washcloths

Nutrition: soup, peanut butter, pasta, sauce, cereal

HOUSE OF THE CARPENTER

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The House of the Carpenter, Inc, located in Wheeling, provides emergency services for people who are hungry, poor, disadvantaged, oppressed, hurt, abused, exploited or disabled. The House of the Carpenter develops long-range programs to address root causes of poverty, as well as to meet the needs regarding health, education and protection of human rights.

The House of the Carpenter Offers:

- ✓ Food Pantry – now feeding 850 families monthly
- ✓ Clothing Center – sees approximately 200 people each day
- ✓ Emergency assistance – aid with utilities, rent, medical prescriptions, transportation, furniture, Christmas gifts
- ✓ Summer resident camping program
- ✓ Wheeling Health Right Inc. – a free walk-in clinic operating at four sites with an active case load exceeding 15,000 people
- ✓ Project CAPE – breaking the cycle of poverty by helping mothers/fathers to finish their education while their children are attending Head Start
- ✓ Coalition for the Homeless addressing needs of the homeless
- ✓ Home repair program for seniors and persons with handicapped conditions.

NEEDS LIST:

General Needs: food items, paper products

Personal Hygiene Kit: shampoo, soap, washcloth & towel, deodorant, toothbrush and paste, comb & brush, dental floss, mouthwash

School Supply Kit: pens, pencils, notebooks & paper, crayons, markers, folders, pencil case, ruler

Layette Kit: diapers, shampoo, t-shirts, sleepers, baby oil, lotion, outfits, booties

First Aid Kits: band aids, iodine, peroxide, alcohol, adhesive tape, gauze, hot/cold compresses

Home Cleaning Kits: mop, broom, disinfectant cleaner, low abrasion bathroom cleanser, glass/surface cleaner, laundry detergent, furniture polish

SCOTT'S RUN SETTLEMENT HOUSE

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Scott's Run Settlement House has been a place to turn to for Christian care of individual, family, and community needs since 1922. It has a variety of ministries that meet the needs of the people of western Monongalia County, a rural poverty pocket.

NEEDS LIST:

Personal Care and Household Items: Women's personal hygiene products, toothpaste, shaving supplies, infant and toddler clothing, formula, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, toilet tissue, paper towels, scouring powder, disinfectant sprays, cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dish soap

Food Pantry: Baby Items (i.e. pampers-all sizes, baby food, formula), pasta, potatoes, peanut butter, canned meat, canned milk, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, dried beans, sugar, flour, paper and plastic bags

Child Development Center: Art supplies (i.e. paper, paint, glue, craft supplies, yarn, beading kits, picture frame kits, crayons, etc.), school supplies, coloring books, colored construction paper, small toys for children ages 5-12 (for prizes)

Housing Program: (home repair/new home construction): Tools (i.e. drills, screwdrivers, hammers, circular saws, etc.) Supplies (i.e. nail aprons, saw horses, extension ladders, utility knives, measuring tape, levels, brooms, tin snips, paint rollers, tarps, etc.)

General Office/Other: 42-cent stamps, copy paper, notebook dividers, 3-ring binders, 3-hole punch, post-it notes, liquid paper correction fluid, pots, baking sheets, mixing bowls, paper plates, cups, cooking utensils, plastic utensils, window air-conditioners, Campbell's Labels

TYRAND COOPERATIVE PARISH

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Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc. is a mission project in Randolph County that offers:

- Emergency assistance with rent, utilities and prescriptions
- Food pantry, Christmas baskets and Thanksgiving meals
- Thrift store - provides clothing and household items
- Christmas store - provides toys, underwear and other items and school supplies throughout the year.
- Home repair program
- Day camp – Bible School for children (K-6)
- Workshops on topics that help our clients become more dependent upon themselves and develop social skills.
- Bunkhouse is available to youth groups and adult groups for spiritual retreats and mission studies.
- Labyrinth available for those wanting to take a spiritual walk.
- Work with other local and federal service agencies
- Approved agency with the Randolph County Schools-- allowing students to get volunteer hours.
- Approved disaster shelter

NEEDS LIST:

Christmas Store: new toys, underwear, gloves, socks

Food Pantry: Canned vegetables, flour, dry beans, cereal, pork-n-beans, macaroni, peanut butter

School Store: 70 sheet spiral notebooks, glue, crayons, loose leaf paper, highlighters, rulers, book bags, erasers, scissors, folders, pens and pencils

Home Repair: hammers, nail aprons, paint brushes, rollers, & pans, work gloves, tape measures, chalk lines, drills, saws (hand or electric), shovels, posthole diggers and rakes

Main Building and Bunkhouse: paper towels, toilet tissue, dishwashing liquid, bleach, window cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, garbage bags, copy paper, computer paper, paper clips, staples

UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE

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The purpose of the Upshur Parish House is to minister to the needs of all people in Upshur County in the name of Jesus Christ. The parish meets these needs through helping with food, medical needs, transportation, prescriptions, utilities, clothing and housing.

The Parish House operates:

- A "Food Share" Co-op
- A Layette program
- A Housing repair program
- Crosslines and Emergency Assistance

The Upshur Parish's educational ministries include:

- Food Pantry
- Tutoring Program
- "Super Cupboard" workshops teaching about nutrition, meal planning, budgeting and parenting
- Resource Center for local churches on items such as Sunday School curriculum

NEEDS LIST:

General Needs: Work teams

Layette Kits: 2 sleepers, 12 diapers, 2 receiving blankets, 1 large blanket, sweater, hat, 2 t-shirts, wipes, powder, baby oil, bottles and nipples

Kid's Stuff: baby car seats and beds

Personal Care and Household Items: personal hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, food, school supplies

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

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The West Virginia Annual Conference has been organizing work teams since the mid 70's. At first, we organized for Central America and the Caribbean. More recently, we have been engaging more of the whole world. We also featured teams to Mississippi, Louisiana, Belfast-Northern Ireland, Alaska, New Zealand, Fairbanks-Alaska, Russia, Guatemala, The House of the Carpenter in Wheeling and beyond. We offer persons; young and old, male and female, an opportunity to experience mission first-hand in almost every corner of the world.

Since all of the salary support, except housing, and all operating expenses come from a combination of Partner Church Support, "Work Team of One Thousand", and numerous fundraising occasions, any and all financial support is greatly appreciated.

NEEDS LIST:

1. Become a Partner in Ministry Church
2. Become a member of the "Work Team of One Thousand"
3. Hold a fundraising event for VIM at your church.
4. Invite Rev. Clark to speak to your church and church groups
5. Participate in any work team offered by VIM
6. Donate to any of our 4 Youth Scholarship Programs
7. Remember VIM in your will so your gift can continue to give.

BLUEFIELD PARISH – MARY’S CRADLE

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In the Bluefield Parish, Kathleen is assigned to lead the Parish in outreach ministries to children and families. Her focal point is the Mary’s Cradle ministries. By means of direct services and systemic change, Mary’s Cradle Maternal and Infant Resource Center seeks to respond to the needs of pregnant women, new mothers, and their families, especially those “at risk.” Areas of particular emphasis are low birth weight babies and other special needs infants, young children and their families. Educational opportunities are offered to parents in cooperation with other community agencies. Special assistance for teen-age moms is a priority. All services are free to those who present a need.

NEEDS LIST:

General Needs: Large infant diapers (size 3, 4, 5) and pull-up style (sizes 2T - 5T), diaper wipes, baby wash, shampoo, lotion, standard nursing bottles (8oz. & 4oz.), infant sleepers, gowns, and undershirts (sizes Preemie, NB, Small, Medium), receiving blankets

Furnishings: Bassinets, cribs & mattresses, car seats (all 3 sizes), potty chairs, infant gates, exersaucers

New Mom Gift Bags: bath soap, lotion, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, cologne, shampoo, brush & comb

GREATER CLARKSBURG COOPERATIVE PARISH

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The Greater Clarksburg Cooperative Parish consists of 22 United Methodist Congregations located across the communities of Clarksburg and Bridgeport in north central West Virginia. The people of the parish serve God and their neighbors through a variety of outreach ministries such as the 2 food pantries, serving the physical needs of low and fixed income families.

“Open Heart Ministries,” a shared outreach ministry of the cooperative provides emergency funds to assist families in crisis with utility, heat and rent bills.

In addition, the cooperative parish conducts a yearly leadership training event, sponsors parish-wide youth ministries/activities, Booth Festival, worship services and a parish picnic.

NEEDS LISTS:

General Needs: canned food, non-perishable items, paper products and personal hygiene items.

I John 3:17 (The Message): *If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God’s love? It disappears. And you made it disappear.*

**RICHWOOD-CRAIGSVILLE-WEBSTER
COOPERATIVE PARISH**

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Richwood-Craigsville-Webster Parish, the newest ministry of the West Virginia Conference Church and Community Workers, is located in the Greenbrier District. Historically, the Webster County area has been served by faithful Church and Community Workers. The ministry of the Church and Community Worker is to assist in providing lay leadership for churches, designing programs for need-based evangelism and assist in assessing the needs of the cooperative parish. A strong outreach ministry of the parish includes Webster County HOPE (Helping Other People Eat) and Women's Aid in Crisis.

UNITED METHODIST MINISTRIES

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As a Church and Community Worker, Judy is assigned to United Methodist Ministries and works with the Pinnacle Cooperative Parish and the Southern Coalfields Cooperative Parish

Through the ministries of the two parishes (emergency funds, revolving loan fund, and food pantry), Judy provides persons having little or no income with emergency assistance with utility bills, food, and other special needs. She also distributes baby items and cleaning supplies by working with case workers from other agencies.

NEEDS LIST:

Baby Items: Diapers (all sizes), wipes, diaper ointment, baby wash, shampoo and lotion,
Household items: Laundry soap, dishwashing liquid, disinfectant, bleach, toilet paper