



CAPITAL DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST MEN (CDUMM) – DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS – JUNE 5, 2017

Brothers,

ANNUAL CONFERENCE UMM BREAKFAST

It's Annual Conference time! [Click this link](#) and spread the word that the Jarvis UMM in Greenville are hosting a **breakfast on Saturday the 17th** at 7:00 am. Their President, James Enos-Edu is a chef and during a Fish Stew fundraiser for Hurricane Matthew, they raised over \$4000. You may know their pastor, past DS, Rev. Jon Strother, he will be there. Our current DS, Rev. Gray Southern is also planning on attending. The Jarvis UMM placed 3rd last year in the National Association of Conference Presidents annual contest for local fellowships. [See the flyer, RSVP, and share the info with your friends and family.](#) They need a head count by next Monday the 12th.

WHATS HAPPENING IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT?

The CDUMM raised \$4500 from the Seafood Festivals held in our two western sub districts for a Capital District contribution to the Hurricane Matthew Response. The Seafood Festivals were held in Raleigh in February and Wilson in March. We sent out highlights about the Raleigh turnout as we were heading to Evansdale in Wilson. Now let me share with you how the Evansdale boys and gals roll. This is as we prepare to promote St. Luke in Goldsboro, which will be after Annual Conference. More information on the St. Luke event coming out soon.

Evansdale UMM, led by Jimmy Skinner, rallied the church and community with over \$1500 in donations. In addition to Jimmy and Rev. Bobby Fletcher volunteering Evansdale as the host for their sub district - Knightdale, Kenly, Winstead, Eureka and Millbrook sent men and women to come along-side to help staff the event. Our CDUMW President, Becky Brock from Eureka was present and has supported this endeavor in many ways. Gary Locklear was there to share about the devastation brought about by Hurricane Matthew. In addition, there was a NCCUMC Leadership event that day. So many pastors from the Capital District were present. Rev. Dan Baer volunteered St. Luke – Goldsboro for our next UMM sub district location. It was a blessed day.

Two Disaster Response fundraising festivals down, with two to go. Our next round of fundraising festivals is earmarked for Project AGAPE – Armenia. We also want to expand the awareness of the Armenian families that were uprooted generations ago and currently are fleeing hostel areas to come back into their homeland as refugees. More on this as we move forward. I too, am learning more as we proceed, but what I do know is that it is a sad situation. The UMC committed to assisting this region and ministry many years ago. I am looking forward to our Project AGAPE focused events.

I want to congratulate the **Millbrook Iron Men** for placing 2nd in the 2017, National Association of Conference Presidents (NACP) annual contest for the five top performing Local UMM Fellowships. This is a special group of men that always have my back even when I make a mess of things and use the wrong words. They made a large donation to Disaster Response-Hurricane Matthew on behalf of the

CDUMM in support of the connectional effort of bringing churches together in mission and building relationships. Thank you Millbrook and again, Congratulations.

There were other donations that touched the heart. During the Raleigh event, an anonymous donation of \$250 came in from a member of Benson Memorial UMC. During the Evansdale event, a lady from the community gave a donation of \$500 and a member gave \$300. At both festivals there were many \$25 - \$50 - \$100 and some \$150 personal donations. A few UMM's contributed too. As we move forward, I think we'll see more donations given in the spirit of interaction & building relationships between churches - even though they may have previously given for the same mission. It's been called a Seafood Festival, but it's a LOVE FEAST. Oh what a blessing it is to be among you all!

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY OUTREACH MINISTRY - DBOM

The UMM at First UMC – Cary are hosting a banquet fundraiser for Disciple Bible Study Outreach Ministry (DBOM) on August 26th. Rev. William Green is leading this event and is passionate about this prison system ministry. He reminded me that the UMM are formal sponsors of this ministry. Our support is needed by increasing awareness of DEBOM and promoting participation from more of our Capital District UMCs and to solicit donations. I encourage the UMMs to get behind this and to come along-side Rev. Green and the FUMC-Cary gang in this endeavor. More on this to come.

IMPACT 2017

The Capital District IMPACT celebration and sharing of missions was held in April at Johnston County Community College. There were breakout sessions, table top presentations, hands on mission projects, as well as a food court with multiple stations, including the UMM & UMW. We concluded the day with a worship service that really brought the proper perspective to His day of celebration. We were moved in worship by the Pilgrimage House Band and Bishop Hope touched us with her sermon. The offering was split between Hurricane Matthew Response and Armenia Relief. The CDUMM prepared and served chili and provided tents as well as serving supplies/products for the different stations. Edgerton UMC brought in their Wheels of Hope food trailer, which is always a hit, serving nutritious samples that they serve in impoverished neighborhoods. Thank you to those that assisted the CDUMM and those that participated in the programs or just showed up to support the event. I'm looking forward to next year.

Please help in getting all this information to the men throughout the Capital District. The current list comes from the EMS (Evangelize-Missions–Spiritual Formation) member list that each UMM President and Secretary give the GCUMM as you re-charter each year. This is why it is important to give the GCUMM your correct names and emails as you re-charter. We also use the UMM information that is given during Charge Conference by each church in the Nominations Reporting. Again, please check with your church staff in making sure they are reporting the correct names and emails for your UMM. In addition, if you know men in your church are not receiving this information, please pass it along.

Peace and Blessings,

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