

DAKOTAS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 16, 2011



Live the Dream with Dakotas Campus Ministries

Young Adults and College Students of the Dakotas Conference, join us for a weekend of community service and fellowship with campus ministries from around the Dakotas. January 17 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and we thought a good way to serve his memory was the live the dream by serving and being in relationship with others. Students will gather in Bismarck, ND on Saturday, January 15 and spending the weekend in service, speaking to churches and curling in Bismarck. This trip is free for students, however attendee's will need to pay for own curling cost and food except Sun am breakfast. We'd love to see you there! Please send RSVPs and questions to revtheta@fmucm.org.

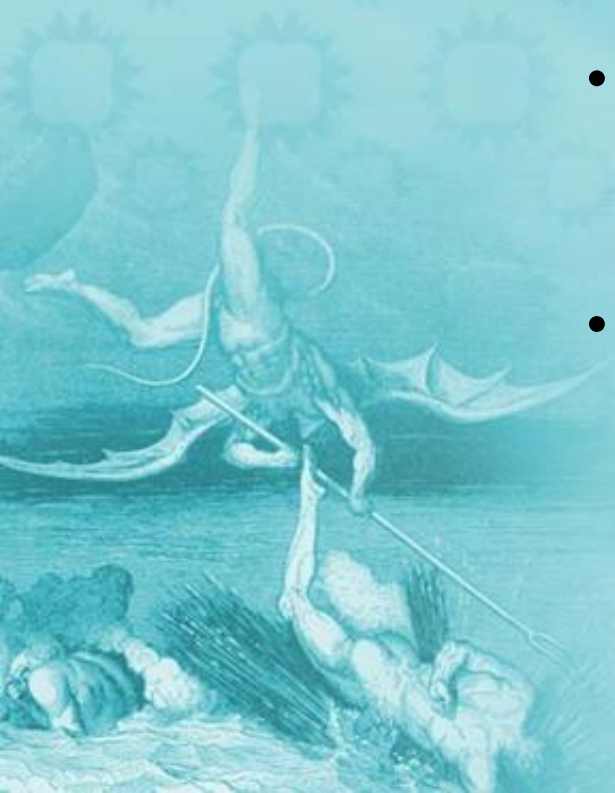
Help those in need on Human Relations Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011

Human Relations Day is one of the opportunities for United Methodist Churches to celebrate our connectional work. This day of social action and raising awareness aims to heal social ills at the national level. It supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service (UMVS), and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.



The Human Relations Day offering receipts will be allocated and administered as follows:

- Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program: 10%, administered by the General Board of Church & Society;
- Community Developers Program: 57%, administered by the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM); and
- United Methodist Voluntary Services Program: 33%, also administered by GBGM.



HAITI: ONE YEAR OF RELIEF AND RECOVERY

A year ago, on January 12, an earthquake shook Haiti and provoked massive damage. About 75 percent of the capital city crumbled, and rubble was piled high in the streets. Some 3 million people were affected, including a million left homeless and hundreds of thousands dead or injured. UMCOR is grateful to United Methodists and others of goodwill who have contributed so generously to our relief and recovery work in Haiti. Your generosity has placed UMCOR among the top ten organizations in terms of funds raised for Haiti recovery, according to *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*.

Adoption Information Meetings

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSS) will be holding information meetings for families interested in both domestic and international adoption services. Information meetings are scheduled for January 10, 2011 and February 7, 2011 at 6 pm at Lutheran Social Services – Center for Children and Youth, 621 East Presentation Street, Sioux Falls. If you are not able to attend either meeting an Information webinar is also scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 10am (CT). If you are interested in the wonderful experience of growing your family through adoption please RSVP to an Information meeting/webinar or to find out more about LSS Adoption Services please contact Dede Mogck, Adoption Director, at 221-2351, toll free at 1-888-201-5061 (extension 2351) or dede.mogck@lsssd.org.

Welcome news for those age 70 ½ and older!

The new Tax Reform Act that was just signed into law on December 17th restores the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Charitable Rollover for 2010 and permits its use through December 31, 2011. It was also approved for the entire year of 2011. If you own an IRA and are over age 70 ½, you may transfer your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly from your IRA to the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation, your local United Methodist Church, or any qualified public charity. Contact your tax preparer or accountant for specific information in your case.

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