

DAKOTAS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 23, 2011



Nominations Form: Make a Difference with your gifts and talents

The new Platform for Ministry adopted at last year's annual conference is in the process of coming together. In this process is the need for the formation of temporary task forces, committees and work groups. The nomination committee has put together an application form that gives all clergy and laity an opportunity to express an area of interest in which they would be willing to serve. ***Please complete this form even if you have filled out a form previously.*** The form can be found at www.dakotasumc.org or ask your pastor.

Building Blocks for Empowering Leaders

Spearfish UMC, January 29, 2011, 1-4:30 p.m.---

Get the year off to a great start by participating in this training for leaders in our churches. Topics will include how to conduct a meeting, duties of chairpersons, how we fit into the new conference structure plus devotions and team building. Each participant who is pre-registered will receive a notebook and the Guidelines booklet for your team or committee. Contact Janelle Jones for more information at 605-722-5911, jljones@rushmore.com .

Guidelines for the last Rose Herr VIM Mission Grants

From Zion United Methodist Church - Wishek, ND

Rose Herr, a long time member of Zion UMC in Wishek, ND, gifted the church through her estate for the support of foreign missions. In this final year of the disbursement of these funds, the Zion UMC decided to make two \$1,000 grants available for any VIM Mission Teams from the Dakotas Conference.

Requirements:

- 1) Funds are available in whole or part to Volunteer In Mission (VIM) Teams in the Dakotas Conference.
- 2) The VIM Team(s) must be going outside US borders to an approved General Board of Global Ministries mission site.

Guidelines for the last Rose Herr VIM Mission Grants (count'd)

Requirements: (count'd)

3) Representative(s) of the VIM Team are requested to present a personal report or testimony of the VIM trip funded, and do so during worship on a Sunday at Zion UMC in Wishek, ND.

4) Completed applications for the funds should be submitted by February 28th, 2011 to the Missions Committee at Zion UMC in Wishek.

5) Funds will be awarded in the Spring with the approval by the Church Council of Zion UMC in Wishek.

Guidelines for the last Rose Herr VIM Mission Grants (count'd)

Requirements: (count'd)

6) Funds will be awarded only to VIM Teams and not to individuals.

7) Contact Person for applications and questions is Verna Zimmerman rvzbek@bektel.com , PO Box 308, Wishek, ND 58495, 701-452-2557



Haiti One Year Later

United Methodists have used their long-standing connections with the people of Haiti to assist with earthquake relief. To mark the first anniversary of the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti, a four-part series by United Methodist News Service examines the efforts by volunteer teams, Haitian Methodists and relief agencies, as well as the stumbling blocks to rebuilding one of the poorest nations in the hemisphere.



Haiti: Progressing with Hope



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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.

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