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UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION (UMVIM-NCJ)

SEND Me 2010 Mission Discovery



Highlights of this Issue:

- ✚ MISSION DISCOVERY
- ✚ UPCOMING EVENTS
- ✚ TWO **NEW** SERVICES !
 - BACKGROUND CHECKS
 - MEDICAL TRIP INSURANCE



Local Church, District or Conference Youth and/or Young Adults leaders from the North Central Jurisdiction are invited to apply for a special trip to China, June 15-30, 2010. This team, headed by BISHOP HEE-SOO JUNG, Northern Illinois Conference will include a cadre of experienced UMVIM team leaders: REV. DAVID & MRS. CHRISTY NEWHOUSE (N IL), JEANIE BLANKENBAKER (retired Ass't Gen. Sec., Mission Volunteers, GBGM) and DIANE ALLEN (UM China Program, GBGM).

Team members will be trained in UMVIM Team Leadership best practices while on the ground—getting hands on direction in leading/designing an international youth mission team while experiencing the global outreach of the United Methodist Church.

This pilot program for training new team leaders was inaugurated with the August 2009 Costa Rica team. Read about that experience: [umvimncj.org], Mission Discovery menu.

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The Mission Discovery team to China will:

- ◆ Work with/relate to young adults while volunteering through Amity Foundation (AF), headquarters in Nanjing
- ◆ Visit and relate to the China Christian Council (CCC), headquarters in Shanghai
- ◆ Learn of life and culture in China
- ◆ Learn first hand about the fastest growing church in the world
- ◆ Visit Beijing for more work opportunities through CCC and AF
- ◆ Tour national sites near Beijing

Trip cost is estimated at \$3750 from Chicago. Write <umvim-ncj@brookings.net> for an application and trip details. Application deadline: Dec 15, 2009. The team is limited to 14 selected participants.



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2009 Team Gifts

The teams on the right donated \$10 per team member to UMVIM-NCJ since the last newsletter. Please consider adding this to your team budget! Thank you to these teams & leaders!

BOLIVIA, CARASSCO — *NORTHERN ILLINOIS*
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CHICKERING — *IOWA*
HAITI SOLAR OVENS, JOST — *DAKOTAS*

UPCOMING EVENTS

RxConneXion



“UMVIM Medical Team Consultation”

May 7-10, 2010, Walnut Hills UMC, Urbandale, IA. Information will be placed on the UMVIM-NCJ website as it becomes available.

<www.umvimncj.org> access the Rx ConneXion menu.

Continue to watch the Health Care Blog for up-to-date information pertinent to health care teams. <www.umvim4health.blogspot.com>, or email <umvim4health@ameritech.net>

teachUM



Light the Lamp
of Learning

“reachUM to teachUM” workcamp

June 20-25, 2010, Dayspring UMC, Native American Fellowship, East Peoria, IL. Information will be placed on the teachUM website as it becomes available: <www.umvimncj.org> access the teachUM menu

“Disaster Response”

For a current list of Authorized ERT Trainers, who are ready to instruct the Basic ERT classes in NCJ conferences visit: <umvimncj.org> and access the Disaster Response menu. You will also find a list of NCJ Disaster Response Coordinators at this menu.



“UMCOR Disaster Response Academy”

November 16-20, 2009, UMCOR Sager Brown, Baldwin, LA. Invitations went out to Conference Disaster Response Coordinators.

“Scheduled Initiative Consultations”

The 2009 EASTERN EUROPEAN AND BALKANS CONSULTATION will be held in Greensboro, NC, Nov. 5-7. This is a great opportunity for sharing God’s love with our European neighbors. Representatives from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Macedonia, Serbia, and Slovakia have “promised” to come and share their opportunities for Volunteers-In-Mission teams. More detailed information can be found in the SCJ newsletter: <<http://scj.umportal.org/main/newsletters.asp>>. Join us in this awesome experience! For a brochure, contact RON FONTENOT, <ronbo3@prodigy.net>.

FRIENDS OF LATVIA CONSULTATION – April 23-24, 2010 / RUSSIA INITIATIVE CONSULTATION XV - April 7-9, 2011
EASTERN EUROPE & BALKAN CONSULTATION – Oct / Nov, 2011 / CAMBODIA MISSION CONSULTATION – fall, 2011

More details can be found here: <www.umvimncj.org> under the Resources menu.

“Individual Volunteers”

April 15-18, 2010, Camp Kingswood, Mound, MN. Visit <www.individualvolunteers.info> for a complete description of this GBGM program. You do need to fill out an application, supply references, agree to a background check AND attend a *mandatory* training weekend in order to become an Individual Volunteer of the United Methodist Church. The cost is \$150 for the weekend, plus your cost to get there. Joins us and find out why this program is growing so fast!

“KAREN UJEREH, NCJ Missionary In Residence”

Karen Ujereh is available to speak from Sept—Dec. e-mail: <kujereh@yahoo.com> or call 504-782-7773.



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2010 PRIMETIMERS OFFERINGS

Six options are available for 2010 and spilling over into 2011 ! These are elderhostel-like opportunities from a Methodist perspective — learning, service, fellowship and fun! These events will offer a range of themes and geographic locations from Alaska to Texas and into neighboring countries! Each event offers a unique way to learn about and be a part of United Methodism as you are engaged in mission across the country and around our world. Connect with our United Methodist missions projects like never before!

"Justice on the Border"

February 11-20, 2010

McAllen, Texas

*Event cost - \$950.00

"A Methodist Primer – Latin America "

May 8-15, 2010

San Jose, Costa Rica

*Event Cost - \$950.00

"Alaska: The Last North American Frontier"

August 20-28, 2010

Auke Bay, Alaska

*Event Cost - \$975.00

"New Mexico's Cultural Riches"

October 9-16, 2010

McCurdy School, Espanola, New Mexico

*Event Cost - \$800.00

"All Creatures Great and Small"

November 7-12, 2010

Epworth by the Sea - St. Simons Island, Georgia

*Event Cost - \$850.00

"Making Music – Jamaican Style"

January 8-15, 2011

Brownstown, Jamaica

*Event Cost - \$900.00

*Event cost does NOT include cost of transportation from home and return. For additional information: Nancy Eubanks
Toll free: (877)882-4724, Email: <Primetimers@gbgm-umc.org>, Website: <www.primetimers.info>

"New" Services Offered

The UMVIM-NCJ office is offering Background Checks and Medical Insurance options.

Find forms and information : <umvimncj.org> under the Resources menu

Background Checks

Background checks are being required more frequently for volunteers. We have contracted with National Background Investigations to offer this service. It is mostly for members of North Central Jurisdiction Conferences who need to have a background check to complete UMVIM Team Leader requirements or Early Response Team membership. All these records are held as highly confidential and will not be released to any organization or individual.

We prefer that you use the Background Check procedure set up within your own Conference, but if that is not available, please feel free to use this option until such time as your Conference has its own system in place.

For others needing a Background Check, you may also use this service, again after checking within your own conference for their procedure. We will also need to know who to notify once your background check is completed.

Download:

✓ Background Check Information Sheet

✓ Background Release Form

<www.umvimncj.org> under the Resources menu.

Medical Insurance for International UMVIM Trips

Volunteer teams are increasingly requesting Medical Insurance for their trips. We have contracted with Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company to offer you an Accidental and Medical Insurance Policy for International UMVIM teams. It is called "Passport to Ministry" (PTM).

- ◆ International coverage only
- ◆ \$25,000 coverage option offered
- ◆ All members on a team must take the policy
- ◆ Agents available worldwide to help in the event of an emergency

Forms and Full Coverage Information available
<www.umvimncj.org> under the Resources menu.

✓ Insurance Information Sheet

✓ Insurance Form

✓ Insurance Roster Sheet

✓ Insurance Policy complete version

✓ Insurance Policy— shorter detail version

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Lorna Jost, Coordinator

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2009 "Special Friends" of UMVIM-NCJ

Become a "Special Friend" by giving \$100 to UMVIM-NCJ in 2009.
Become a "Special Friend":

- ◆ Through Advance # 901375 - *your church* will be honored.
- ◆ Through online giving to Advance # 901375 - using your Credit Card, *your church* can be credited.
- ◆ Mail your donation to UMVIM-NCJ to get *your name* listed.

The following individuals or churches have joined the Special Friends list since the last newsletter (June 2009)!

WALKER UMC — WALKER, IA
IMMANUEL UMC — DES MOINES, IA
WESLEY UMC — OSHKOSH, WI
CLARE UMC — CLARE, MI
SELMA UMC — DOUDS, IA
DAVID HARSH — STURGEON BAY, WI
SIMPSONVILLE UMC — SIMPSONVILLE, NC
ADVENT UMC — SIMPSONVILLE, NC
BISHOP SHELDON DUECKER, FORT WAYNE, IN
RADCLIFFE UMC, RADCLIFFE, IA
GRACE UMC, LANSING, MI

We THANK them for becoming "Special Friends" of UMVIM-NCJ
and enabling the UMVIM-NCJ program to grow!

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2010...

CONFERENCE UMVIM COORDINATORS :

- Tentatively, Aug 6, 2010 prior to UMVIM-NCJ Board

MISSION DISCOVERY :

- Steering Committee — Jan 30, 9:00AM EST, teleconference call
- China team — June 15-30, 2010
- Steering Committee meeting — Aug 4-5, prior to Board meeting

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- Steering Committee — May 7, 2010, 2:00PM
- CONSULTATION X — May 7-10, 2010
Both held at Walnut Hills UMC, Urbandale, IA

TEACHUM :

- Steering Committee meeting — June 20, 1:00 PM
- teachUM Work Camp — June 20-25, 2010, East Peoria, IL. Dayspring UMC, Native American Fellowship

UMVIM-NCJ BOARD :

- Feb 3, 2010 — 5:30 PM Eastern time, teleconference
- August 6-8, 2010 — Indiana Conference

NEXT INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING IN NCJ :

- April 15-18, 2010 — Kingswood Camp, Mound, MN