

Stop Hunger Now

Packing Event at Annual Conference

June 10-11, 2011 at Gordon College, Wenham, MA

Volunteer Packagers! Annual Conference attendees, guests and other volunteers will pack nutritious grain-based meals to address global hunger. Our goal: 142,000 meals! Church groups including Confirmants, youth groups, lay leaders, mission teams are invited to come to AC Friday or Saturday for this exciting hand-on project. Visit www.stophungernow.org to learn more about this United Methodist ministry. The nutritious, easy to prepare meal only costs 25 cents per serving! Sign-up as an individual or a team for one of the volunteer packaging shifts by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator, Debi Henry, at debratleighenry@yahoo.com or (508) 651-0256.

Mission Financial Support! Join these Lead Churches and Ministries who have already committed to help purchase the meals we will package: **Conference Council on Youth Ministries, Londonderry NH UMC, Sudbury MA UMC, Aldersgate and West Chelmsford MA UMC's, NUHOPE Mansfield MA, St. Matthew's UMC Acton MA, Northfield VT UMC, Brunswick ME UMC and Rockingham-Plaistow NH UMC** – Thanks for your leadership! Other churches and members are invited to support this project by sharing this information and offering financial support for the New England event in June, 2011. Lead churches are asked to commit to financial support in the range of \$500 to \$1,000.

If the New England Conference reaches the goal of funding 142,000 meals for packaging in June, Stop Hunger Now will donate another 142,000 meals!

Contributions from individuals and groups interested in supporting this exciting goal can be sent to the New England Conference Advance Special #683. For more information or to contribute financial support to this mission project, please contact David Arruda at pastordavida@verizon.net, or Bonnie Marden at BonMarden@comcast.net.





2011 In-Gatherings

Socks for Shelters and Such – Launching Imagine No Malaria

New white socks gathered during Wednesday Evening's Opening Worship will be distributed to Shelters in New England and African missions as part of our Imagine No Malaria initiative. See other Imagine No Malaria education and opportunities during Conference. Also see www.malariajournal.com – Yeast-produced CO₂ will significantly reduce costs and allow sustainable mass-application of [smelly sock] odor-baited devices for mosquito trapping in remote areas. We will need:

- ✓ People to collect new socks at their churches to bring to Conference
- ✓ Names of Shelters in the New England Conference to receive socks
- ✓ Volunteers to help package the socks for distribution
- ✓ Volunteers to deliver the socks to the Shelters in their area
- ✓ Prayers for a successful mission

Please contact A-J Alexander to participate in this project. .

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- **UMCOR Health kits** collected in the Chapel parking lot
For instructions, contact Rosemary McNulty RMcNulty@neumc.org
- **"Give a Phone . . . Save a Life"**
The New England Annual Conference, in partnership with Safe Havens, will gather used cell phones to be reprogrammed for emergency use by victims of domestic violence or recycled to support Safe Havens' work to end domestic violence. Collection Box located in Chapel Foyer
- **Nicaragua Covenant** will collect **fabric and sewing goods** at Chester's Place, Lane Student Center. Boxed or bagged Sewing Supplies ONLY. We are requesting dressy, white fabric for making wedding gowns and fancy dresses (silk/satin), lace, buttons, binding tape, thread, and all light weight kinds of white fabric, as well as colorful fabric of cotton blends for making casual clothing. (We DO NOT need any heavy, wool, nor gabardine fabric.). Contact Sara Parker, 860-928-6159 or e-mail shatz5sp@aol.com
- The CCYM challenges each church to bring a check for a minimum of \$25.00 for the **Penny/Check Challenge** to fund youth ministry and the Youth Service Fund. Awards will be presented to the District with the highest percentage of participating churches and to the District raising the most funds.
- **"Eye Glasses For Haiti"**
The Haitian Methodist Church is establishing an eye clinic and welcomes good, used eye glasses. To help the clinic collect used eye glasses and deliver to the Chapel foyer where there will be a collection tub. The goal is 2000 pairs of glasses. Recycle those outdated eye glasses and to help hundreds of Haitian poor to improve their vision.