

**2011 School of Christian Mission**  
**(A cooperative event of the New England Conference and the United Methodist Women)**  
**“All Things Made New”**

**Please join us for the weekend or just Saturday at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH**

**Gathering and Opening Worship – Friday, July 15, 2011, 1:30 p.m.**

**Closing Worship – Sunday, July 17, 2011, 10:30 a.m.**

**Day Long Event on Saturday, July 16, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

As followers of Christ, we hold fast to God’s intention to bring hope and wholeness to the world. Grace-filled, we long for a world that moves from brokenness to wholeness, from suffering to healing, from injustice to justice, from scarcity to abundance, from estrangement to reconciliation, and from despair to hope. We believe that out of the rubble and ashes of devastation will come new life — a life of hope, a life of abundance, a life of joy for the journey.

The School of Christian Mission is an opportunity for you to learn more about the world without leaving New England. Each student registers for one course and has an opportunity for mini classes on Saturday afternoon. Study guides, identified in respective study descriptions, are available online at [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org) or call 1-8000-305-9857 or on site at the School of Missions. This year we are offering two one day schools; one in Korean and the other in English. English students will join sit in on regular class sessions and the afternoon sampler of classes.

### **Course Offerings**

- I. DISCOVERING HAITI:** It is nearly impossible to convey the full scope of Haiti’s culture and history in one study, and so Rev. Dr. Jacques E. Pierre freely admits that this mission study “does not assume it captures every aspect of Haiti and its people’s daily realities, their rich and vivacious culture, nor their long history of struggles.” What it does offer is an overview of the cultures that shaped Haiti’s past and the ongoing legacy of colonialism, along with glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti’s people through pictures and Creole adages. The study also includes the impact of the devastating January 12<sup>th</sup> earthquake. The book for this class is *Haiti—Challenges and Hope* (#3107-2011-01) and is available at [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org) or onsite at the School of Mission.

### **Our Teachers for this study include**



**Rev. Mike Clark**, pastor of St. John's UMC, Watertown, MA since 2002, has also worked full-time as a peace and justice worker with the National Council of Churches, Riverside Church, and Witness for Peace, and as Executive Director of their program in the US and Central America. On nine different occasions, he has been a Study Leader in Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission on peace and justice themes.



**Elizabeth Beane** attended the Schools of Christian Missions for many years, before moving into leadership as a teacher in the children's programs for 6 or 7 years, and then leading the adult programs "Living in a Multi-Cultural Society" and "Refugees." She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice in Gorham, Maine and a member of Hope.Gate.Way in Portland, Maine, serving as a member of the SPRC and helping with child care and community meals.

**I. COMING OUT ON THE SIDE OF GRACE: FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION** deals with the theme of how individuals, families, and communities are called to a life-long journey of practicing forgiveness, justice, and reconciliation in our relational lives. It includes biblical reflection on the real-life journey of Jacob in Genesis chapters 32-33, the key imperative of the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40) and the call to the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:16-20), the story of the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-29) and the story of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10). In short, this spiritual growth focus is on grace and restorative justice in rebuilding personal, familial, and communal relationships. The Spiritual Growth text for 2011, *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice, and Reconciliation* (#3m110-2011-01), is available at [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org) or on site at the School.

**Our teachers for this study include**



**Rev. Thomas Porter** is a United Methodist minister, teacher, mediator, and trial lawyer. He is co-executive director, Just-Peace Center for Mediation and Conflict Transformation Program at Boston University. After he graduated from Yale, he received a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary and a Juris Doctor from the Boston University Law School. He was a founding partner of the trial firm Melick & Porter LLP. He is a coauthor of our study book.



**Rev. LaTrelle Miller Easterling**, born into an active UM family, serves as pastor of Union United Methodist Church in Boston, the first female pastor in the church's 193-year history. Rev. Easterling practiced law for 10 years and served as a Human Resources Director in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She attended Boston University School of Theology, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2004 with her Master of Divinity.



**Rev. We Hyun Chang** will be teaching this class in Korean. He was born in Korea and graduated from Boston University School of Theology. He has been an elder in full connection in the New England Conference since 1999. He has served churches in Chicopee, MA, Concord and Manchester, NH, and currently is the pastor of Belmont UMC Belmont, MA. He is the Chair of the Conference Church and Society Committee and served as General Conference delegate in 2008.

**II. JOY TO THE WORLD: MISSION IN THE AGE OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY** explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a world-wide religion and invites us to look at why we are involved in mission and how we proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. What are the biblical mandates for mission? Does Christ call each of us to be his evangelist? Discover why Christianity is now the largest world religion and explore the theological foundations for Christian mission and evangelism. The book for this class is *Joy to the World* (#M3074-2010-01).



**Our Teacher for this study is Lorene F. Wilbur.** Rene served as Deputy General Secretary for Administration of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM), for seventeen years. A graduate of Trinity College (Burlington, VT), Rene did graduate studies in theology and holds a Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary. Formerly in leadership in the Troy Annual Conference, Rene now serves as the chair of the New England Conference Board of Global Ministries, as a member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and on the Nominations Committee of UMW.

## Children and Youth Studies Overview and Teachers

**CHILDREN: KRIK, KRAK: THE STORY OF HAITI:** Written by Delia Halverson, “Krik?” (Shall I tell a story?) “Kraak!” (Yes!), this children’s mission study includes stories that will draw the children together and guide them through the background of the country, the life of the people of Haiti, the earthquake, and how they can work in mission with Haiti. The sessions include activities, games, songs and food that carry out the themes.



**Ms. Sarah Laflamme** is our teacher. After graduating from the University of Rhode Island, Sarah worked in the Early Childhood Education field, as an accreditation officer with the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Washington, D.C. and a teacher and associate director in various child care centers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. In 2008, Sarah began her ministry at West Chelmsford (Massachusetts) UMC as Director of Christian Education. As a child she attended the School of Christian Mission with her mother, and is looking forward to sharing this experience with her four year old son, Jefferey, and one year old daughter, Kaylee.

**YOUTH: FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION: COMING OUT ON THE SIDE OF GRACE:** Forgiveness is hard. Reconciliation is even harder. But by God’s grace we are capable of both. This study leads participants through the stages of forgiveness and reconciliation, beginning with biblical evidence that flawed human beings can forgive and ending with means of healing and living a grace-filled life. The study discusses ways to conquer anger, acknowledge wrongdoing, overcome pride, apologize and forgive. This work is not easy, but Jesus calls us to extend the grace that God so freely gave us.

**Ms. Cat Jansen** is accepting her fourth year as our youth leader. She works in urban mission and with youth. She founded the York County Partnership for Homeless Youth, was Director at HALO House (a Salvation Army Teen Center), has been involved with Joyful Harvest Neighborhood Center since 1999, and is currently an Outreach Worker for York County Community Action. Cat has been “Mom” to more than 25 youth including her own children.



### Music Leader



We are happy to welcome Evie Doyon as our song leader. She is currently taking on new duties in the Vermont District Superintendent’s office after serving as the Faith Development Coordinator for Troy Conference for a couple years. She is Lay Leader of the Green Mountain District. Trained as a spiritual director, Evie has led spiritual formation groups and retreats, and she occasionally writes songs for worship. Music has always been a part of her life and leading others into worship or prayer through song is one of her greater joys.

### About the Facility

Southern New Hampshire University, a small college in Manchester New Hampshire offers a hospitable environment and clean rooms. Meals are excellent and will be served in the dorm and in the dining hall where classes are located. Double and single rooms are available in suites with private shared bathrooms. Handicapped accessible rooms are also available. Children & youth must be accompanied by an adult. Prices include two nights lodging and five meals, Friday dinner – Sunday breakfast. Commuter prices include lunch and dinner.

## New England Conference School of Christian Mission Registration Form

Online registration is available at [www.neumc.org](http://www.neumc.org) or mail to Kim Gontarz, Registrar, 88 Back River Rd., Merrimack, NH 03054.  
 Questions? Email Kim at [kgontarz@juno.com](mailto:kgontarz@juno.com) or call 603-424-9534. Registrations are due by June 24, 2011.

Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  

Street or post office box
City
State
Zip

In case of emergency, notify \_\_\_\_\_  

Name
Relationship
Phone number

Allergies or Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose your course.**

**Discovering Haiti** \_\_\_\_\_     
 **Coming Out on the Side of Grace** \_\_\_\_\_     
 **Joy to the World** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Saturday Only** \_\_\_\_\_ **English** \_\_\_\_\_ **Korean** \_\_\_\_\_     
 **Youth Study** \_\_\_\_\_     
 **Children's Study** \_\_\_\_\_  
**I will purchase my book online in advance? Yes No**     
 **I will purchase my book at School? Yes No**

Family members accompanying you:

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a note with other special needs for your children.

	On Campus	How many?	Amount Owed
Adult, double occupancy	\$200		
Adult, Single occupancy	\$220		
Youth (13 to 18, sharing with adult)	\$150*		
Children (6 to 12, sharing with adult)	\$116*		
Children (under five)	\$50*		
WeekendCommuter (includes lunch and dinner)	(Adult) \$110		
	(Youth) \$60*		
	(Child) \$36*		
	(Under five) \$10*		
Saturday Only (Includes Lunch and Dinner)	\$70		
First Time Attender	\$50 scholarship*		-50.00
Scholarship for UMW officers (circle one)	Conference	District	
		<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	

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Roommate preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_  

Name
Town
State