

2/8/2012



New England Transformation

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## NEWS

### 2013 Mission of Peace trip to Cuba

New England Youth: Applications are now being accepted for the 2013 Mission of Peace trip to Cuba

The Mission of Peace is a yearly journey of discovery and Shalom to nations in our global community sponsored by the Northeast Jurisdictional Council on Youth Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Each year, the New England Conference may select up to three youth to share in this experience. On each Mission of Peace (MOP), participants worship in churches, meet youth in churches and civic organizations, and share with people who have a similar longing for peace and understanding. Over the past five years, New England youth have travelled to Cuba, South Africa, India, China, and Nicaragua on this mission experience.

Youth are invited to apply using the [application/information packet](#). Please contact Bryan Pretzer with any questions. (New England Conference MOP Coordinator [pebwp@hotmail.com](mailto:pebwp@hotmail.com) 781-545-1459)

Visit the [Northeastern Jurisdiction Mission of Peace](#) webpage for more details.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

## Minister of Music

**Category:** Job Opening  
**Posted On:** 2/1/2012  
**Contact:** Mark Demers  
**Email:** firstumcburlingtonmusic@gmail.com  
**Phone:** 802-777-1952  
**Address:** Burlington, VT

Minister of Music First United Methodist Church in Burlington, VT is looking for a music leader who wants to be part of an emerging worship team. If you are skilled, passionate and ready to work for excellence in both traditional and emerging worship styles (half-time position), more info and an application are available by sending an email to firstumcburlingtonmusic@gmail.com.

**Church:**[Burlington - First UMC](#)

## Nursery Coordinator

**Category:** Job Opening  
**Posted On:** 1/25/2012  
**Contact:** Barbara Michel  
**Email:** michelb1@comcast.net  
**Phone:** (603) 531-0193  
**Address:** Hampton, NH

NURSERY COORDINATOR AT HAMPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH This position is responsible for child care and overseeing the Nursery facilities. The Nursery is open during both Sunday morning services every Sunday at from 8:45 am to noon. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, preferably with child care experience. Salary is \$10.82 per hour. For more info please contact Barbara Michel .

**Church:**[Hampton United Methodist Church](#)

## PART-TIME ORGANIST

**Category:** Job Opening  
**Posted On:** 1/25/2012  
**Contact:** Jan Campbell  
**Email:** ejgumc@myfairpoint.net  
**Phone:** 802-878-8071  
**Address:** Essex Junction, Vermont

PART-TIME ORGANIST One Sunday morning service, 3 weeks/month, year round; Sept - May. Accompany choir & choir rehearsals 3 weeks/month. Additional Christmas/Easter rehearsals & programs. Music range - classical to contemporary, organ & piano. Work w/ the support of the Music Committee. Details of instruments with receipt of resume w/ cover letter - Grace United Methodist Church, Attn: SPPRC, 130 Maple Street, Essex Jct., VT 05453 or ejgumc@myfairpoint.net.

**Church:**[Essex Junction - Grace UMC](#)

## VBS Camp Edge Materials

**Category:** Wanted  
**Posted On:** 1/25/2012  
**Contact:** Jody Hinds  
**Email:** jodyhinds@comcast.net  
**Phone:** 207-451-8542  
**Address:** Eliot, ME

Looking for resource materials for Cokesbury VBS 2009 program, Camp E.D.G.E, Experience and Discover God Everywhere. If anyone still has the materials I would love to hear from you. We are looking for a few things particularly the adventure and music DVDs. If anyone has posters, dog tag bible bites, student materials, etc we would appreciate hearing from you. Our VBS is small and we hope to have up to 20 students.

**Church:**[Eliot United Methodist Church](#)

## Youth Director/Sunday School Teacher

**Category:** Job Opening

**Posted On:** 1/25/2012

**Contact:** Rev. Jackie Brannen

**Phone:** (207) 242-2770

**Address:** Thomaston, ME

Thomston Federated Church in Thomaston, Maine is looking for a part time Youth Director/Sunday School teacher to both develop and implement a youth program in the Thomaston area. This position would be flexible in hours but would be for Sunday morning and four additional hours in the week. We are looking for someone who loves the Lord, is great with kids and good at starting a new program from the ground up. Call Rev. Jackie Brannen at 242-2770 to apply.

**Church:**[Thomaston Federated Church](#)

## Adult Choir Robes

**Category:** Free Items

**Posted On:** 1/22/2012

**Contact:** Annie Huebner

**Email:** hueby@comcast.net

**Address:** Kittery, Maine

St. Mark's UMC has 16 blue adult choir robes that are in good condition. We would love to donate these to another church. For additional information, please Annie Huebner at hueby@comcast.net

**Church:**[Saint Mark's United Methodist Church](#)

## Part time Administrative Assistant

**Category:** Job Opening

**Posted On:** 1/19/2012

**Contact:** Peter Hey

**Email:** peter@concordwumc.org

**Phone:** (603) 224-7413

**Address:** Concord, NH

Part time Administrative Assistant to work in a busy church office. Duties include: office management, clerical support, and producing a weekly worship bulletin and church wide e-mail. This is a 20 hour a week position and the hourly wage will be commensurate with experience. Please send a resume and cover letter to Wesley United Methodist Church 73 Clinton Street, Concord, NH 03301 or office@concordwumc.org.

**Church:**[Wesley United Methodist Church](#)

## Vehicle for Pastor

**Category:** Wanted

**Posted On:** 1/16/2012

**Contact:** Robert Archambault / James Lambert ( Trustees )

**Email:** therivercommunities@verizon.net

**Phone:** 401-765-2412

**Address:** Woonsocket

Pastor of The River U.M.C in Woonsocket, RI has unfortunately lost her vehicle due to mechanical issues. She is highly involved in urban ministry work and needs to be mobile. She is responsible for doing all the shopping for the meal site and visits throughout the community including but not limited to driving into the woods to where people live. If any one has or knows someone who may have a small truck or minivan type vehicle please call and lets see what we can work out. We need to keep her mobile. God Bless

**Church:**[The River United Methodist Communities of Faith](#)

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## EVENTS

### MBH District Lay Speaking Academy-Day 2

2/18/2012

### Tending the Fire Retreat 2

3/20/2012

### Tending the Fire

Clergy, how do you maintain yourself in the midst of the demands of ministry?

Even at its best, pastoral ministry is a demanding profession. And when conflicts rage in a congregation ... when old solutions don't work any more ... when you have cared for those in pain and those with questions that don't have easy answers ... how do you keep your balance in the midst of it all?

Tending the Fire is a process based on Bowen Family Systems Theory as applied to the church. It offers clergy a new understanding of their church's emotional dynamics, and new energy for ministry.

Tending the Fire will be offered at the Essex Center UMC in Essex, Vermont in a series of three retreats in January, March and May 2012. For more information, contact Barbara Lemmel, at [barblemmel@mac.com](mailto:barblemmel@mac.com) or [www.tending-the-fire.com](http://www.tending-the-fire.com), or 802-881-3267. [BROCHURE](#)

### A Notorious Hope: Clergy Retreat 2012

4/10/2012

### Clergy Retreat Tuesday April 10 - Thursday April 12

### A Notorious Hope

Come away for a time of retreat and renewal during the week after Easter Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Robert Mulholland will be the retreat leader.

The schedule includes time for worship, 5 sessions with Dr. Mulholland, and gracious space for personal retreat and reflection.

Location: [Marie Joseph Spiritual Center](#) in Biddeford Maine - on the ocean

Additional information and registration details available at a later date.

CEUs available.

### VMT District UMW Spring Gathering 2012

4/14/2012



**Saturday, April 14, 2012**

Spring gathering of United Methodist Women First United Methodist Church, BRATTLEBORO VT Deaconess Lucie Fortier, presenter  
Flyer available soon!

## **Tending the Fire Retreat 3**

5/22/2012

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## **Basic Retreat Leaders Training**

6/21/2012

### **Thursday - Saturday, June 21-23, 2012**

Learn the basics of effective retreat leadership with Susan MacKenzie, Ph.D., experienced retreat leader and spiritual director.

Sessions will include presentations, individual reflection, small group sharing, and creative experiences. Handouts will be available. Over the course of the training, each participant will design a retreat framework based on his or her own spiritual interests.

Registration deadline: May 31, 2012

[Click here](#) for a brochure with details and registration information.

Location: [Bishop Booth Conference & Retreat Center](#)

## **Academy for Spiritual Formation**

9/30/2012

### **Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation**

#### **SUN - FRI, 30 SEP - 5 OCT, 2012**

Speakers: Robert Morris and Susan MacKenzie

How can we find spiritual grounding in the face of the difficulties of our time? Come explore spiritual responses to this question with us!

Location: Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, North Andover Ma.

Additional information and registration details available at a later date.

## **2012 School of Congregational Development**

11/16/2012

Plans

for the 2012 New England School of Congregational Development (Nov. 16 - 17, 2012) are well underway!

Be sure to put it in your calendar now because you will want to be sure to bring a team from your church to be part of it.

We're excited to announce that we have confirmed our keynote speakers, leaders in the global church. They are Alan and Deb Hirsch (Alan is the author of *The Forgotten Ways* and leader of The Forge network.) They will be joined by Linnea Good, musician and worship leader from British Columbia, and last but not least, Ian Morgan Cron, Episcopal priest, author and retreat leader.

Early registration will begin in June 2012.

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# OBITUARIES

## Holt, Donald

Please keep Don's wife, Deborah, and his family in your prayers. A Memorial Service for Don will be held this Saturday, February 4th at 1:00 PM at the First UMC of Chatham, MA, located at the corner of Main St. and Cross St. Deb has requested that those clergy who plan to attend wear a stole in remembrance of Don and his faith filled ministry. Don served 36 years in the New England Conference at churches in Massachusetts including churches in Byfield & Newburyport, Worcester, Oxford, Lynn, Chelmsford, and Eastham. Rev. Donald Lee Holt, a United Methodist minister for 40 years, died peacefully at Cape Regency Nursing Home in Centerville on January 31, 2012, following a lengthy struggle with dementia. Born October 11, 1936 in Malden, MA to the late Ebert A. and Dorothy R. (Gerry) Holt, Rev. Holt graduated from Malden High and began his involvement in church life at Centre United Methodist Church where his parents worshipped. He received a B.A. from Union College (KY), and graduated from Drew University Theological School (NJ) in 1962 with a Masters in Divinity degree. A lifetime of service as a United Methodist minister began as a student preacher and youth minister at three churches in KY, and continued over four decades at churches in Island Heights, NJ and in Byfield, Newburyport, Worcester, Oxford, Lynn, Chelmsford and Eastham, MA. He also served as Chaplain to the Newburyport and Oxford Fire Departments; at Oxford he was thrilled to serve as a volunteer firefighter. Don's social justice legacy extends to many organizations. He saw the inauguration of affordable senior housing in Oxford while Chair of the Oxford Housing Authority, and involved his congregations over the years in civil rights marches, Habitat for Humanity, the Nicaragua Covenant program, and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) activities, among many other organizations. Don was an avid mountain climber for almost half a century, often accompanied by his best friend and brother-in-law Rev. James Todd. Together they climbed mountains from Mt. Washington in NH to the Colorado Rockies. Before dementia limited his speech and mobility, Don played a mean hand of cribbage, collected elephants, loved camping, could not resist adding books to his collection of thousands, and was proud to wear both the chaplain's collar and a fireman's helmet. Don will be remembered for his enthusiastically off-key singing, his huge bear hugs, and his heart for God and others. Don is survived by his beloved wife of 13 years, Pastor Deborah Buck Fulcher Holt of Chatham, MA, and his children with Ruth (Krebs) Holt: Barry Holt of Arlington, MA and his wife Jennifer Nelson; Donna Holt of Darien, CT and her husband James Archibald; Thomas Holt of Dudley, MA and his wife Pamala; his grandchildren: Nikki, Sam and Annie Archibald; TJ, Jimmy and Daniel Holt; and Jackson Schilling. He is also survived by his loving sister Priscilla Holt West of Ada, OH, and his step-children and their families: Sharon Fulcher Rieck and her husband Harry of Easton, MD and their sons Will and Benny; Gregory Fulcher and his wife Petra Steinbuchel of San Francisco and many nieces, nephews and extended family members. He was pre-deceased by his second wife, the late Norma MacDonald Holt, and his adored aunt, Laureita (Babe) Crombie. Don's family would like to recognize with gratitude the staff of both Cape Regency and Beacon Hospice for their devoted care and concern for Don these past several years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Don's name to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087.

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## UMC.ORG NEWS

### **Africa becomes theology professor's passion**

Through Africa University connections, Otterbein professor forges connection with Muslim women in Malawi.

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### **Meharry attacks HIV/AIDS in lab, streets**

African-American women are 15 times more likely to become infected with HIV. One medical school is trying to find out why.

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### **Sex harassment suit hits Dallas pastor**

Cockrell Hill pastor accuses St. Luke pastor of incidents beginning in 2003 when plaintiff worked at St. Luke.

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### **At Meharry, M.D. means 'Make a Difference'**

United Methodist-related medical college works to change inequity in health care that racial and ethnic minorities often face.

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### **Young leaders watching church in action**

The Bishop Melvin G. Talbert Leadership Institute Fellows are being nurtured to become ethical leaders of vital congregations.

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### **Alternate game plan for Super Bowl**

United Methodist Women join others in bringing awareness of human trafficking to festivities in Indianapolis.

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### **Ending hunger in 5 years 'doable'**

Include God and make the effort, urges president of international hunger-relief organization.

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### **Food ministries flourish on different paths**

Two churches in the heart of Indianapolis find different ministries to feed the hungry and enable people to reach potential.

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### **Black College Fund celebrates 40 years**

United Methodist support helps recruit outstanding faculty and provide students with academic, cultural and spiritual guidance.

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### **Will restructuring cut vital ministry?**

That's the question church staff want General Conference delegates to consider in weighing various reorganization proposals.

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