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Charitable Return-to-the-Community

After Annual Conference 2011, a plan was formulated which was presented first to the Finance Committee and then to the Church Council. The plan was adopted by the Church Council at their regularly scheduled meeting in September 2011 and was presented to the church membership on Sunday, September 18, at both services.

The plan recognizes that Giving by FUMC Deming church membership has been abundant, that Shared Giving for 2011 was paid-in-full in August, and that abundant Giving is expected to continue through the end of the year. Therefore the church intends to set aside all Giving beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving and continuing through the Sunday preceding Christmas, deduct any Giving that is designated for some other specified purpose, and use the remaining money to fund some charitable activity within Deming and Luna County that is over-and-above what is already planned.

The concepts of "return-to-the-community" and "over-and-above" are key to the plan. Current Giving rates predict the available money could be about \$25,000.

Deciding upon acceptable "over-and-above" activity(s) will be the joint responsibility of the Missions and Finance committees. These committees are in the beginning stages of their action. The plan also intends more than just money be involved. It wants "our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness," as recited in the membership ritual, to guide church participation through all aspects.



Jim Hendricks

Jim Hendricks returns once again to FUMC Deming on Sunday, October 2nd and brings us his beautiful music during both services. A **special concert** will be held that night at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. If you missed his last concert, this is your opportunity to hear him and to invite friends to join you!

UMW News

BITHELL FARMS frozen fruit order blanks are still available in the back of the Sanctuary and in a folder next to the UMW folder in the hall going to the Pastor's office.

The October 15 UMW regular meeting will be held in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. A program entitled "Reconciliation: The Real Life Journey of Rebecca's son Jacob" will be led by Jo Kruger. Hostesses are Beth Hastings and Debbie Robertson. All ladies are welcome.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- New Mexico Conference UMW 39th Annual Meeting at Trinity UMC, El Paso, TX. October 21-23.
- The UMW Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 19 - 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Set-up is Friday November 18 at 8:30 a.m. Help from the Congregation is always appreciated. Lots of nice items available. A Bonus of handmade craft items will be for sale in the GYM this same date.

Fall Festival

We are again hosting a Fall Festival in the gym on Saturday, October 15 from 4 to 6 pm. This is open to all kids, toddlers through 5th grade. There will be snacks, games, prizes and lots of fun. Make plans now to attend and invite some friends to join you.

Trunk or Treat

Halloween will be here before we know it. Once again, FUMC Deming is hosting *Trunk or Treat* on October 31st, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Church members start gathering at 5 pm by parking vehicles in the church paved parking lot (Buckeye side of the church). They then open their trunks or tailgates and prepare to hand out candy and other goodies to all the children of the community. You are encouraged to wear costumes and to decorate your vehicle. For those without wheels, we'll set up chairs so you too can join the fun! The church supplies fun and religious themed items to hand out. But candy is usually in short supply so participants are asked to bring some. If you would like to help by contributing candy, it would be appreciated because we usually have over 200 kids pass through our parking lot that night! Remember, this is open to the community so please spread the word and be prepared for an evening of great fun!

How To Go Green

With all of the products available for consumers to purchase, here is a list of potentially harmful ingredients to look for on labels. These are things you may want to avoid, or restrict use of, in your home. As always, these and other cleaning products should be kept out of the reach of children. Many of them should only be used in a well ventilated area. Wearing gloves while using certain cleaning products may help minimize your exposure.

- Aerosol products – These may contain propane, formaldehyde (a carcinogen, neurotoxin and central nervous system depressant), methylene chloride (a carcinogen, neurotoxin and reproductive toxin) and nitrous oxide.
- Alkyl phenol ethoxylates (APEs) and nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEs) are surfactants found in laundry detergents, stain removers and all-purpose cleaners. They have been found to reduce embryo survival in fish and alter tadpole development.
- Ammonia – A severe eye and respiratory irritant that can cause intense burning pain, corrosive damage including chemical burns, cataracts and corneal damage. It can also cause kidney and liver damage. Did you know that ammonia reacts with bleach to form a poisonous chlorine gas? These two chemicals should NEVER be mixed together. Ammonia is found in a wide range of cleaning products.
- Diethanolamine (DEA) – Listed as a suspected carcinogen by the State of California, this chemical is a skin and respiratory toxicant and a severe eye irritant. It is also used in a wide range of household cleaning products.
- Glycol ethers – These chemicals, such as 2-butoxyethanol, are solvents commonly found in glass cleaners and all-purpose spray cleaners. They have been associated with low birth weight in exposed mice.
- Monoethanolamine – May cause liver, kidney and reproductive damage, as well as depression of the central nervous system. Inhalation of high concentrations, when cleaning an oven for example, can cause dizziness or even coma. Monoethanolamine can also be absorbed through the skin. It is a moderate skin irritant and a severe eye irritant. It can be found in many cleaning products, including oven cleaners, tub and tile cleaners, laundry pre-soaks, floor strippers and carpet cleaners.
- Phthalates – These are carriers for fragrance in glass cleaners, deodorizers, laundry detergents and fabric softeners. They are linked to adverse effects on male children, reduced sperm count in adult men and increased allergic symptoms and asthma in children.
- Sodium hypochlorite (bleach) – Bleach is a corrosive chemical, eye, skin and respiratory irritant, as well as a sensitizer. It is especially hazardous to people with heart conditions or asthma, and can be fatal if swallowed. It may be a neurotoxin and toxic to the liver. It is contained in a wide range of household cleaners under its chemical name.

Next Month – How to Green Your Heating (winter will be here before we know it).

October Bread Basket

In the spirit of generosity, for which this congregation is known, special monthly offerings (called Bread Baskets) are taken for a variety of ministries. In October, the offering is designated for *Casa de Amor Para Ninos*, otherwise known as the orphanage in Palomas, Mexico. We have been supporting the orphanage for many years, in a variety of ways. Your donation on Sunday, October 16th, will help the orphanage meet many needs, including basics such as food, clothing, and educational materials. We have been blessed to be a blessing. Let's pay our blessings forward!

A Thank You Received

Dear Church Family,
Thank you all for the cards, flowers, food, and memorials you sent in memory of our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, Ouida Donaldson. The food prepared by Pat Porcher and her volunteers was super. The visiting with friends and relatives made it complete at her memorial service. She would have loved it all! Thanks again for your support.
Sylvia Ligocky, Bryan Donaldson, Carole Pierce, Chris Donaldson and families.

Marriage Connection Seminar

October 21, 5:30 - 9:00 pm at St. Mark's UMC, 5005 Love Rd., El Paso TX. Guest Speakers: Dr. Raleigh and Mrs. Paulette Washington (Promise Keepers President, and Director of Young Adults). \$25 per couple includes simple dinner. Childcare is available and free. RSVP deadline is October 17.

[Publicity Poster](#)

[Reservation Form Marriage Conn.](#)

Lay Speakers School

The school will be held on October 14-15 at Peralta Memorial UMC, 25 Wesley Road, Peralta NM. The registration deadline is October 4th! [Lay Speakers School flyer](#)

Some of My Thoughts

Next week I will spend two days with Dr. Gil Rendle and the active Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction. This gathering is always a challenging time as we examine the ways we are presently leading, or attempting to lead, our annual conferences, and discovering better questions to ask as we provide leadership. On several occasions Gil has reminded us, "We were taught how to make church members and now we are expected to make disciples of Jesus Christ." When I began my ministry, it was assumed that a vast majority of the people in the community were Christians. Some were Baptists, Catholics, Pentecostal, or Methodists, but it was rare for someone to claim no allegiance to the Christian faith. Several scholars claimed these members professed a cultural religion rather than the Christian faith. However, they all claimed the Christian faith. The role of the Church was to move them toward reflecting Christ more clearly. Those circumstances dramatically changed over the past four decades. A major portion of the population no longer claims allegiance to one of a number of Christian Churches. They know very, very little about the Bible, or what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ; and many pastors and laity do not know how to go about this task.



The necessity of every congregation developing a clear discipleship process is self evident. If our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, that includes church members as part of the process, then every congregation must have a clear, easily articulated process that members of the local church embrace and implement. If the discipleship process is unclear, or reluctantly embraced, few congregations can fulfill their mission.

Some congregations may respond that all we need to do is return to the 1940's and 1950's and everything will function effectively and efficiently. Such suggestions are fancies. We cannot turn back history. Instead, we must design approaches that reach out to people, connect them to God in Jesus Christ, teach them the faith as reflected in Holy Scripture, equip them to live lives that reflects the life and practice of Jesus, and send them forth for witness and service in the world. The process must include all of these approaches or disciples cannot and will not be formed in the twenty-first century. This task is challenging and will require creativity, courage, and persistence. Some techniques will fail and we must seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discover the best practices to make disciples of Jesus Christ in the twenty-first century.

The task is challenging, but Jesus Christ is leading the way. We must learn to make disciples of Jesus Christ, rather than 'church members.'

Grace & Peace, Max

Shared Giving Paid In Full

We are a generous church. Your Giving, through the Sunday collections and otherwise, has been abundant. So abundant that the Church Council, at their regularly scheduled August meeting, authorized payment **In Full** of the Shared Giving (apportionment) for 2011. This will provide the New Mexico Conference with funds in advance of what would normally be expected and permit the Conference to do good works for others. Thank you.

Stepping Out (Seasoned Citizens Retreat) - October 10-14

This is a week-long retreat in October for the young-at-heart! Join for engaging classes, walks through the forest, great food, fellowship, and wonderful Bible study and messages all leading you to "step out" in your faith. There'll even be some adventure activities available for you to do (or try)! Darla McGregor (Camp Dean),

and Roland McGregor (Camp Preacher), invite you to join them for this week in the nice cool mountains. The registration brochure is available on the Sacramento Methodist Assembly website, or please feel free to call them for details. Seasoned Citizens Retreat is sponsored jointly by Landsun Home and Sacramento.

Aspen Tour 2011- September 30-October 2

Enjoy the fall color in the nice cool mountains and join us for this exciting event! Bring your own ATV / UTV or register early for one of the limited rentals. We'll ride some of the best ATV trails in New Mexico as well as take part in lots of other fun activities and fellowship. The tour is open to beginners and expert riders. Aspen Tour 2010 was a great success with over 30 ATV riders, and we hope to have even more participants this year. The registration brochure is available on the Sacramento Methodist Assembly website, or you can call us for more information. Don't miss it!

1 Click = \$1

Mark your calendar and spread the word! From October 10th through the 19th, there will be a 10-day online event that will mobilize passionate people to stand up and be counted for causes they believe in, called 10-Fold. Each day will feature a different United Methodist ministry supported by Global Ministries and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Through live webcasts, streaming video, online chats and other media, you will learn about these amazing ministries that are changing people's lives. Just by clicking on the site each day (www.10-fold.org), you register your interest in a ministry, triggering a \$1 donation given by one of the sponsors. Each project can receive up to \$10,000. How easy is that? Just 10 clicks, one each day and you can make ten \$1 contributions. That's it—no obligation, no nasty salesmen to bug you later, no weird emails—just 10 clicks for \$10. Your participation comes with the guarantee that 100% of all money raised goes directly to the project or ministry you donate to or support. 10-Fold began as a campaign on 10/10/10 and lasted for 10 days. This year, beginning 10/10/11, 10 new projects will be introduced.

Here is a daily schedule of projects that will be featured at 10-Fold.org this October:

- October 10: **Imagine No Malaria**—A world of people unified in the fight against a needless killer.
- October 11: **Missionaries in the US**—Dedicated men and women living their faith through remarkable service.
- October 12: **Missionaries Around the World**—Growing a global force for faith and hope in over 60 countries.
- October 13: **Church Planting Worldwide**—From Asia to Latin America, introducing the United Methodists and sharing the gospel through word and deed.
- October 14: **YAYA (Youth and Young Adults)**—Providing young adults with life changing opportunities for service.
- October 15: **Developing Community Leaders**—Scholarships that respond to the needs of individuals and communities at the grassroots level.
- October 16: **With Kamina**—Working with the community of Kamina in the DRC to bring about sustainable and exciting changes.
- October 17: **With the Philippines**—Working with the people of the Philippines to address education, sustainable agriculture, community-based health, and livelihood projects.
- October 18: **US Disaster Response**—Responding when a disaster in the United States overwhelms a community's ability to recover on its own.
- October 19: **International Disaster Response**— Responding in concrete ways to ease human suffering and restore normal life.

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<http://www.facebook.com/GlobalMinistries>

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Want more information? A 10-Fold tool kit is available on the conference website or visit www.10-Fold.org.