



# THE NEW YORK/CONNECTICUT DISTRICT CONNECTOR

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**January/February 2009 Edition**

## **Reflections of an Itinerant Preacher i.e., A Word from the D.S.**



Dear Friends:

As the cabinet enters into the appointment season, I ask for your prayers. Despite rumors of dart boards and/or rolling dice, the superintendents and the bishop take seriously this important task.

I confess to you that I feel the weight of it. Of course, there is a very real gratification when I can be involved in making a "love match". There are times when I am absolutely thrilled with my involvement in bringing together a church and a pastor.

Nonetheless, I am keenly aware of all the lives that are disrupted, even if only for a few anxious weeks. I am aware that behind even pastors who want to move, there are often spouses and children whose lives are disrupted. I remember quite well the hole my son punched in the parsonage at Rockville Centre when I told him that I was being moved to Darien. In short order, he came to love Darien at least as much as he loved Rockville Centre, but that did not mitigate the pain he felt in the moment. I think more than you can imagine about that time when a pastor is moved who has a spouse and/or children.

I am also aware of how much hard work goes into forging a strong relationship between pastor and church, after July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. I know that sometimes the match seems flawed, even when it is not, simply because one party or the other fails to realize that good relationships are born through attending to the work of compromise, relationship-building, and focus on ministry. I ache for pastors and I ache for churches when the appointment doesn't work, for whatever reason.

So I have no shame at all in asking for your prayers. Those prayers give me the confidence that the cabinet does not do this weighty work alone, but alongside you folk, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Jeannette*

## **THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE**

### **Jan.**

- 18:** Appointment Cabinet at Camp Olmsted
- 19:** Appointment Cabinet at Camp Olmsted
- 20:** from Olmsted to Bishop's Convocation
- 21:** Bishop's Convocation
- 22:** Bishop's Convocation
- 23:** day off
- 24:** work from home
- 25:** worship, and work from home
- 26:** BOOM
- 27:** BOOM
- 28:** BOOM
- 29:** Living the United Methodist Way, Jacksonville, FL
- 30:** Living the United Methodist Way, Jacksonville, FL
- 31:** Living the United Methodist Way, Jacksonville, FL

### **Feb.**

- 01:** Living the United Methodist Way, Jacksonville, FL
- 02:** District Board of Ordained Ministry, Fishkill, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- 03:** DCOM, Brewster, NY 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- 04:** daytime: Cabinet evening: Parish Development
- 05:** Cabinet – Divine Compassion Retreat Center
- 06:** Day Off
- 07:** Work from Home
- 08:** Local Church Officers' Training, and Training for online Statistical Reports (Ridgefield)
- 09:** Office
- 10:** Office
- 11:** Cabinet
- 12:** Cabinet
- 13:** Day Off
- 14:** Work from Home
- 15:** Worship and probably intake or introduction
- 16:** Office
- 17:** Office
- 18:** Cabinet
- 19:** Cabinet
- 20:** Day Off
- 21:** Conference Nominating Committee
- 22:** (Local Church Officers' Training, Snow Date) or probable intake or introduction
- 23:** One to Ones
- 24:** Office
- 25:** Cabinet
- 26:** Cabinet
- 27:** Day Off
- 28:** Probable intake or introduction



# 2009 INTERCESSORY PRAYER CALENDAR

## Churches in the NY/CT District

You may use this list in worship...in meetings...in prayer groups, and print it...in Sunday bulletins and in monthly newsletters.

<b>Week/Date</b>	<b>Church</b>
Week of Jan. 11	Bangall UMC
Week of Jan. 18	Beacon: Christ UMC Bellvale UMC
Jan. 18-25	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
Week of Jan. 25	First UMC of Brewster
February 25	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
March 1	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
March 6	<i>World Day of Prayer</i>
Week of Mar. 8	Buchanan: Trinity-Boscobel UMC Carmel: Drew UMC
Week of Mar. 15	Central Valley UMC
Week of Mar. 22	Cold Spring UMC Cornwall UMC
Week of Mar. 30	Danbury UMC UMC in Darien
Week of Apr. 5 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i>	Dover Plains UMC
April 5-11	<i>Holy Week</i>
April 9	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
April 10	<i>Good Friday</i>
April 12	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Week of Apr. 19	Fishkill UMC
Week of Apr. 26	Fort Montgomery UMC
Week of May 3	Goshen UMC
May 4-10	<i>Christian Family Week</i>
May 7	<i>National Day of Prayer</i>
Week of May 10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	Greenwich: Diamond Hill UMC Greenwich: First UMC Greenwich: First Church of Round Hill
Week of May 17	Harriman UMC
Week of May 24 <i>Aldersgate Day</i>	Highland Falls UMC Highland Mills UMC Holmes UMC
Week of May 31	Hyde Park UMC
Week of June 7	Katonah UMC
June 10-13	<i>New York Annual Conference</i>
Week of June 14	LaGrangeville: Trinity UMC Lake Mahopac UMC
June 21	<i>Father's Day</i>
Week of June 28	Mahopac Falls: Mt. Hope UMC
Week of July 26	Milan: Rowe UMC Millbrook: Lyall Memorial Federated Church Millerton UMC Monroe UMC
Week of Aug. 2	UMC in Mount Kisco Mountainville UMC



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Week/Date	Church
Week of Aug. 9	UMC in New Canaan
Week of Aug. 16	New Milford UMC Newburgh: First UMC Newburgh: Gardnertown UMC Newburgh: Grace UMC Newburgh: Trinity UM Parish
Week of Aug. 23	Norwalk: East Avenue UMC Norwalk: El Camino UMC
Week of Aug. 30	Norwalk UMC
Week of Sept. 6	Pawling UMC Peekskill UMC Pine Plains UMC Pleasant Valley UMC
Week of Sept. 13	Poughkeepsie UMC Poughkeepsie: Mid-Hudson Korean UMC
Week of Sept. 20	Poughquag UMC Pound Ridge Community Church Purdys UMC Putnam Valley: Grace UMC Red Hook UMC
Week of Sept. 27	Rhinebeck UMC Ridgefield: Jesse Lee Memorial UMC Ridgebury: Grace UMC
Week of Oct. 4	Norwalk: Rowayton UMC
Oct. 9-11	<i>Children's Sabbath</i>
Week of Oct. 18 <i>Laity Sunday</i>	Shrub Oak UMC Sloatsburg UMC
Week of Oct. 25	South Highland UMC South Salem: Stevens Memorial UMC
Week of Nov. 1	Stamford: First UMC Stamford: Korean UMC Stamford: Ridges-Roxbury UMC Stamford: Springdale UMC
Week of Nov. 15	Sugar Loaf UMC Tompkins Corners UMC
Week of Nov. 22	Vail's Gate UMC
Week of Nov. 29 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Van Cortlandtville Community Church Verbank: On-the-Green UMC Wappingers Falls UMC
Week of Dec. 6	Warwick UMC
Week of Dec. 20	Wicopee Community Church Wilton: Zion's Hill UMC Windale: South Dover UMC
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
December 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Week of Dec. 27	Yorktown Heights UMC

Vision Statement  
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The New York Annual Conference through the grace of God embodies a beloved community of hope, building up a healthy Body of Christ, with heart-warmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.



**ALL CHURCH LEADERS** are invited to  
*A District Training: Bold Leadership in Time of Adversity*

When? Sunday, February 8 (snow date Feb. 22)

Where? **Jesse Lee Memorial UMC**

207 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT (203)438-8791

Time? **3 to 6 p.m.**

You are invited to come and explore questions or gain new information regarding the committee you chair or serve on.

This is a time to become informed and empowered.

**Rev. Scott Summerville**—will lead us through a workshop based on

*Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times*

**Small Group Workshops:**

Trustees; Lead by Rev. David Johnson

Finance: Lead by Mr. Ernest Swiggett

Staff-Parish Relations: Lead by Rev. Jeannette Bassinger-Ishii  
and Rev. Scott Sommerville

Lay Leadership: Lead by Mr. Henry McCarter and Rev. Evy McDonald

**Dinner** will be at 6:00pm, no charge. Healing prayer, in the chapel, available throughout the afternoon for everyone,



REGISTRATION FORM, Pastors, please let The District Office  
Know Your Registrations by February 1, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_  
email \_\_\_\_\_

Small group you will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

## Out and About the District

**Poughkeepsie UMC** had a Church Activities Fair in January to highlight the activities of the different groups and committees and share opportunities with the congregation.



**Warwick UMC** Youth will hold a 30 HOUR FAMINE on February 27 & 28. The purpose of the 30 hour fast/lock-in is to raise funds and awareness of world hunger. The event finishes with a break-feast. Proceeds support projects through World Vision.



**The UMC of New Canaan's** supplies of donated clothing for the homeless in New York City are at an all time LOW. Their next scheduled Midnight Run to New York City is March 24th. If you have access personally, through colleagues or friends, contact UMC of New Canaan at 203-966-2666.

They need Men's CASUAL Clothing (ONLY): jeans, sweatpants, coats, sweaters, warm long-sleeved shirts, casual shoes (sneakers, boots etc.), and hats, gloves and scarves



**Jesse Lee Memorial UMC** in Ridgefield, Connecticut welcomes all who are thirsty to come to their monthly Healing Service. They hold a service on the last Saturday of every month with wonderful gifted speakers both laity and clergy. There is no registration or fee to attend. Come and be blessed. March 28 is going to be special as they welcome back Father Nigel Mumford. See page 15.



Internet Wisdom... The Cell Phone vs. The Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?



What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? .



What if we flipped through it several times a day?



What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?



What if we used it to receive messages from the text?



What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?



What if we gave it to kids as gifts?



What if we used it when we traveled?



What if we used it in case of emergency?

Email material about church events  
to newsletter editor

**Marilyn McCarter.** We would very  
much like to include news about your  
church, so let us know what is  
happening! And put Marilyn on your  
newsletter mailing list:

[mccarte@optonline.net](mailto:mccarte@optonline.net) or  
34 Kelly Lane, Pine Island NY 10969

This is something to make you go hmmm.... now - where did I put my Bible? Oh, and one more thing-unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Reprinted in UMC of Wappingers *Satellite*

## OTHER NOTES...

**MENTORS NEEDED...** We need more mentors in our district. A mentor is a full member (sorry to Local Pastors, but the Discipline required this) who is willing to work on the candidacy process with persons who are exploring their call to ordained ministry. In order to be a mentor, you **MUST** attend training. Bill Pfohl has arranged for this training, to happen in three different locations around the conference. The training on Feb. 4 will be at one of the northern churches in our district, or one of the southern churches in the Catskill Hudson District. There will also be training at the Conference Center on Feb. 9th. There will be an additional offering in March at a church in one of the boroughs of New York City - probably NOT Manhattan. If you want to be a mentor, and have served as an elder in an appointment to a local church for at least five years, then please contact Jeannette.

**MISSION SPEAKERS AVAILABLE...** Would you like a mission speaker for your church? If so, the NY/CT District Mission Committee would like to help you! Contact us and we will try to arrange a speaker for you whether you want someone for a meeting or church service! Speakers are available to talk about NY Annual Conference mission opportunities in general or specific opportunities like Haiti, Bolivia, Mozambique, Camp Hope, ASP, UMARMY, Disaster Relief in Iowa or Biloxi, and much more! Contact us at: Terry Temple, [hoopster2@optonline.net](mailto:hoopster2@optonline.net), Christy Pishedda, [capmetro@optonline.net](mailto:capmetro@optonline.net), and Thora Rippens, [tvrippens@juno.com](mailto:tvrippens@juno.com).

**DELL COMPUTER DISCOUNTS...** United Methodist Communications announced on Dec. 1 that Dell is offering an additional 7 percent off the discounted prices already available through the UMC Member Purchase Program, an exclusive discount program available to United Methodist churches, members, employees and volunteers. The additional discount is available on Dell laptop or desktop computers—including featured systems, as well as those customized to fit specific needs. It is not necessary that the computers be purchased for a church. They can be for home use or purchased as gifts by anyone who is affiliated with The United Methodist Church. Through the UMC Member Purchase Program, discounts are also available on electronics, printers, digital cameras, televisions and other items. For details, go to [www.dell.com/umc](http://www.dell.com/umc) and follow the link for a home computer purchase.

**2008 CONFERENCE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY...** has been published and is available for viewing online. To access the directory go to <http://om349519.onlineolanmills.com/>. Select “Photo Directory” from the navigation bar at the top and then type in this case-sensitive password to view the directory: EXgdgT.

**WORSHIP PLANNING...** Dean McIntyre from the General Board of Discipleship, has prepared planning calendars for worship. These planning calendars for 2009 and 2010 contain the Revised Common Lectionary citations for every Sunday and major day of the church year, as well as United Methodist observances and special days and holidays from the secular and civil calendars. They are available for use to all our pastors and musicians, worship leaders and planners, choir directors and members, Sunday School teachers, and committee members. To download the calendar for 2009 or 2010, click on [Worship Calendar](#).

**YOUTH EVENT... IGNITE “Love Laugh Live” January 23, 24, 25 2009** The Crown Plaza, White Plains NY [www.umyouth.com](http://www.umyouth.com)



## Training Sessions on the Subject of Table I, II, and III

To: All Pastors, Local Church Treasurers, Finance Chairs, and District Statisticians  
From: Gunshik Shim, Dean of the Cabinet  
Subject: Training Sessions on the Subject of Table I, II, and III  
Date: January 15, 2009

I greet you all in the most precious name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. On behalf of the cabinet and Bishop Park, I want to express my gratitude for your faithful ministry in fulfilling the calls from God.

This is to announce that an important training session will be offered by Mr. Ernest Swiggett and Ms. Margaret Howe to help you report accurately the Tables I (Statistical Information), Table II (Local Church Expenditure Report), and Table III (Stewardship/Pledge Income). Needless to say, these reports must be accurately done. Table II, for instance, determines your church's shared ministry apportionment base.

**Pastors and treasurers are strongly urged to attend one of the following sessions.** I also recommend district statisticians to come to the meeting. It will take approximately three hours.

Tuesday, Feb. 3	Fordham UMC, Bronx, NY	6:30 pm
Thursday, Feb. 5	Park Ave UMC, NYC	6:00 pm
Sunday, Feb. 8	Jesse Lee UMC, Ridgefield, CT	3:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Marn Baeksung UMC, Staten Is.	6:30 pm
Thursday, Feb. 12	Memorial/Central Korean, White Plains	6:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 14	Floral Park, Long Island	9:30 am
Tuesday, Feb. 17	Great Hill at Seymour, Conn.	10:00 am
Thursday, Feb. 26	Smithtown, Long Island	1:00 pm

### *Second Annual Women's Retreat* *Saturday, April 25, 2009*

*9:00 am-4:00 pm*

Warwick United Methodist Church Forester Avenue, Warwick, NY

### *"Faith for Life's Journey"*

Featuring Keynote Guest Speaker ***Esther Hughes***  
sharing her inspirational journey & faith as a Breast Cancer Survivor

Registration forms are available by calling 845-986-1030 or email [Wretreat09@optimum.net](mailto:Wretreat09@optimum.net)

**"On the day I called to you, you answered me. You made me strong and brave."**

— Psalm 138:3

# SODA CAN SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29, 2009



The NY/CT District Mission Committee invites your church to join us in collecting refundable soda cans and bottles at your church on Sunday, March 29, 2009 to raise money for a mission opportunity of your choice!

**Here's how it works:**

- ⇒ **Ask your congregation to save all of their bottles and cans during the month of March and have them bring them to your church on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**
- ⇒ **Arrange for some group/person from your congregation (e.g. the mission committee, youth group) to take the bottles and cans and turn them in for cash.**
- ⇒ **Decide what mission opportunity in your community, district, or the conference you would like to donate the money to.**
- ⇒ **Report back to us by April 19<sup>th</sup> (via email to Terry Temple, [hoopster2@optonline.net](mailto:hoopster2@optonline.net)). Include your church name, contact information, how much was collected and the cause it was donated to. Contact Terry with any questions as well.**
- ⇒ **We will report back to the NY/CT District with the results!**



Thank You!





# Cornerstone Cafe

A  
Christian  
Coffee  
House

ROMANS 1:16 - I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
because it is the power of GOD

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST PARISH - 1 OWENS ROAD, NEWBURGH  
AT THE CORNER OF FOSTERTOWN AND NORTH FOSTERTOWN ROADS.

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC,  
COFFEE & DESSERTS  
Friday February 6 - 7:00pm  
SUGGESTED \$5 DONATION**

Our goal with this outreach mission is to provide a wholesome entertainment venue to the greater Newburgh area. We invite you to join us the first Friday of each month as we host local Christian musicians in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere, as they share their talents, testimonies, and Love for our Savior Jesus Christ. Come as you are and be refreshed. All are welcome!

Visit our website at  
[www.cornerstonechristiancafe.com](http://www.cornerstonechristiancafe.com)

Or contact Jim Schoonmaker

For more information

(845) 649-0963

- ✚ How is your spiritual life?
- ✚ Do you know your spiritual gifts?
- ✚ Is there a ministry for your talents?
- ✚ How about leading in new ways?



**THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR INDIVIDUAL HALF-DAY CLASSES:  
February 7 & 21; March 7 & 21**

**Danbury UMC, Clapboard Ridge Rd. Danbury, CT**

<b>Class 3: February 7 , 2009</b>		
<b>Time:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>
8:30-8:45	Set up, Sign-in, Food, Fellowship	Class Members
8:45-9:00	Opening devotion	Class Member(s)
9:00-12:00 (two breaks)	<b>Teaching &amp; Preaching Old Testament</b> <i>appreciation, structure, roles, understanding language and culture.</i>	Rev. Gordon Bienvenue VanCortlandtville UMC
12:00-12:30	Lunch	
12:30- 2:00	<b>Prayer:</b> How to pray, care for, and provide lay ministry to individuals	Pastor Debbi Mygatt Jesse Lee Ridgefield
2:15 - 3:45	<b>Healing Ministry</b> Healing in the Methodist Tradition. Healing Service	Pastor Debbi Mygatt & Jesse Lee Healing team
3:30 - 3:45		Closing prayer ministry
<b>Class 4: February 21 , 2009</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>
8:30-8:45	Set up, Sign-in, Food, Fellowship	Class Members
8:45-9:00	Opening devotion	Class Member(s)
9:00-12:00 (w a break)	<b>Teaching/Preaching New Testament</b> <i>Gospel and Good News, Paul, 1<sup>st</sup> Church, Revelation</i>	Rev. Bill Pfohl Jesse Lee Ridgefield
12:00- 2:45	Lunch	
<b>Class 5: March 7 , 2009</b>		
<b>Time:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>
8:30 - 8:45	Set up, Sign-in, Food, Fellowship	Class Members
8:45 - 9:00	<b>Opening devotion</b>	Class Member(s)
9:00 – 1:45 (w a break)	<b>Why it's cool to be Methodist</b> <i>The Wesley Brothers, early history, traditions. be able to communicate who we are, what we do, and how we are different.</i>	Rev. Gordon Bienvenue

HALF DAY REGISTRATION ADVANCED CLASS

The NY/CT District of the UMC Lay Speaker Ministry 2009 is offering the following for anyone interested (not just Lay Speakers) to sign up for one or two days

at the 2009 Full Certification Lay Speaking Ministry Course held at Danbury UMC

This is being offered in addition to those taking this entire course to become a Lay Speaker.

~~Please see schedule on previous page~~

~~Register at least 2 weeks prior to the class(es) you select please~~

++++Please print++++

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please see the schedule and fill in the classes and the date you would like to attend.

For example: T&Preaching the NT, Prayer, Healing Prayer date: Feb. 7

I am a Lay Speaker and am signing up for \_\_\_\_\_  
on (date)\_\_\_\_\_ I would like credit for this class\_\_\_\_\_

I am *not a Lay Speaker* and am signing up for \_\_\_\_\_  
on (date)\_\_\_\_\_

Continental breakfast \$2.

Cost for ½ day is \$10. Lunch \$5(hot delicious meal) is extra, or feel free to bring your own.

Please make your *check out to NY/Ct. Lay Speaking*. Pay for breakfast/lunch at the class.

**Please mail this form with your check for \$10.00 per ½ day to:**

**Elaine Winward**

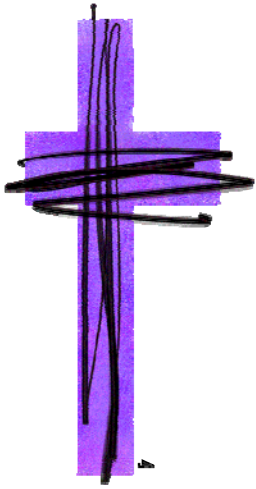
**NY/Ct. District Lay Speaking**

**P. O. Box 347**

**No. Salem, N. Y. 10560**

**questions? contact Elaine Winward [ewinward@optonline.net](mailto:ewinward@optonline.net)**

**or 914 669-5264**



# 2009 Lenten School of Religion

Grace United Methodist Church  
468 Broadway Newburgh, NY

## During the six Sundays of Lent

(March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and April 5<sup>th</sup>).

### Schedule:

4:00 - 4:30 Soup and Sandwiches

4:40 - 5:00 A brief worship service

5:00 - 7:00 Class time

The following classes will be offered this year:

- 1) Basic Lay Speaking Course (to be taught by Pastor Steve Knutsen and Certified Lay Speaker Jim Schoonmaker) - this course is for those interested in being a lay speaker in their United Methodist Church.
- 2) Advanced Lay Speaking Course - 1 (to be taught by Pastor Kent Jackson)
- 3) Advanced Lay Speaking Course - 2 (to be taught by Pastor Bob Milsom)  
The advanced lay speaking courses are for local lay speakers who wish to become a certified lay speaker.
- 4) Lay Speaking Refresher Course - 1 (a study on the Sermon on the Mount, to be taught by Certified Lay Speaker Tony Mitchell)
- 5) Lay Speaking Refresher Course - 2 (topic and leader to be announced)  
These courses are for local and certified lay speakers who need to meet the recertification requirement of one course every three years.
- 6) Grab bag of courses - a different topic each week; for general information and not recertification.

Cost for the Basic Course or the Advance courses - \$25.00

Cost for the Refresher Course - \$15.00

For additional information, contact:

Tony Mitchell (914-456-9247 or [TonyMitchellPhD@verizon.net](mailto:TonyMitchellPhD@verizon.net))

or Pastor Steve Knutsen (845-635-3540 or [pastorsteveknutsen@in4web.com](mailto:pastorsteveknutsen@in4web.com))

# Biblical Storytelling Gathering

save the dates **March 13 to 15, 2009** save the dates

## Mark as Story

With emphasis on the Passion Story from Mark  
(the liturgy for Palm/Passion Sunday in 2009)

**Workshops, Worship, Storytelling, Special Keynote and  
More Storytelling!**

**Leadership will include Dr. Albert Hahn, Raymond Gombach,  
Vincent Cummings, Pastor Martha Epstein, The Rev. Richard J. Rice  
and others**

At

Olmsted Center, Cornwall-On-Hudson, New York  
50 miles north of NYC available by train, car and bus

From Friday dinner to Sunday Lunch  
(Special provision for those who must leave on Saturday evening)

\$175 for Six meals and two nights; \$120 for Four meals and one night.  
Single room supplement \$15

*Early registration by February 1, 2009 subtract \$15 from total and be on list for a room in the beautiful  
Victorian Kirkwood House.*

For further information contact: Rev. Richard J. Rice [RevRJR@AOL.com](mailto:RevRJR@AOL.com) (914) 948-6375

Or

Olmsted Center [olmstedctr@AOL.com](mailto:olmstedctr@AOL.com) Carla Maisonet, Administrator (845) 534-7900

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### Biblical Storytelling March 13-15, 2009 REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Room: Single or Double (circle one)

Room mate name \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions (circle): Vegetarian Vegan No red meat No pork Lactose Intolerant

*Please send a \$50 deposit payable to Five Points Mission, P.O. Box 291, Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520*

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**\*\*\*SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 10AM\*\*\***

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207 MAIN STREET, RIDGEFIELD, CT**

**For more information, contact Pastor Debbi Mygatt**

**[www.prayandsee.org](http://www.prayandsee.org)**

**203-438-8791**

January 10, 2009

**Dear Elders and All Clergy Members of the New York Annual Conference:**

Blessings of heavenly Love, Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! After going through a very difficult economic crisis in the year 2008, in our homes and our ministries, all of us are exhausted. As we sincerely pray that many good things and positive changes will happen everywhere in the year 2009, we are also eagerly welcoming a new year with anticipation, expectation, hope and vision.

In order to move forward, we need to lift up our tired souls, spirits and bodies. We also need rest and renewal in the presence of Jesus: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Once again, the Leadership Team of the Order of Elders is inviting you to a four-day rejuvenating retreat, **April 21-24, 2009, at Mount Saint Alphonsus in Esopus, New York**. This sacred gathering is open to all Elders including those to be ordained as Elders in June 2009, and all clergy members of the New York Annual Conference. It is also an opportunity to earn 1.3 points of continuing education credit.

Under the theme of "**Sabbath, Worship, and all that Jazz**," we have invited two very highly gifted leaders for the event. The first session will be lead by **Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones**, Professor of Ethics and Preaching at Andover Newton Theological School. He is a well-known author who published many best-selling books, including Rest in the Storm: Self-Care Strategies for Clergy and Other Caregivers, Addicted to Hurry: Spiritual Strategies for Slowing Down, The Jazz of Preaching, The Jazz of Public Speaking, You Were Born to Play and Soar, and Morning B.R.E.W.: A Divine Power Drink for Your Soul. Dr. Jones is also a dynamic speaker who has been hailed by preachers and preaching professors as "awesome," "remarkable," and "amazing." He will help us to learn the breakout principles of personal time-making, rush-resistance, solitude creation, how to preach and speak with great freedom, joy, confidence and passion, and how to enjoy the Jazz of life and ministry with holy playing.

The second session will be lead by **Rev. Dr. Miyoung Paik**, a multi-gifted artist and creative worship designer. Presently she is an associate pastor at Lexington UMC, Lexington, South Carolina and has served as the resident visual artist for the South Carolina Annual Conference for many years. She has also served on the Design Teams of the United Methodist Clergywomen's Consultation in 2002 and 2006, and created the backdrop designs for the convention's room worship center. During our retreat, Rev. Paik will help us to interweave prayer and worship as one monolithic entity so that prayer would be an integral and organic part of the whole worship experience. We will accomplish this entity by using our talents and many gifts, creativity, art, songs, dance, labyrinth, silence, anointing with oil, and by transforming the plain room/gym into a sanctuary. By attending her workshops and seminars, the participants will take at least three or four completely designed worship service programs and practical ideas to their congregations.

The fee at the retreat center has been raised substantially. However, considering the difficult financial situations in all churches, the Order of Elders provides scholarships and keeps the registration fee as low as possible. **If you register by March 18, 2009, the discounted fee is \$290.00 for regular registration and \$240.00 for retirees and clergy who are serving less than full-time appointments, and after that day, it will be \$320.00 and \$270.00 respectively.** Please keep the deadline in mind because the retreat center gave us the absolute cut line date of March 18th in case they have a chance to rent rooms we don't use to another group. If you have any questions, please contact me at (516) 671-1847, or [pastorconstance@msn.com](mailto:pastorconstance@msn.com)

We are certain that you will be nurtured with spiritual "comfort food." Why not take advantage of this unique opportunity and encourage your friends and colleagues to come along with you? We look forward to seeing you there. Blessings!!!

Sincerely in Christ,  
**Rev. Constance Y. Pak**  
Chairperson of the Order of Elders

\* Another date to put on your calendar is the Clergy Day Apart on Thursday, October 15, 2009. Detailed information will follow.

# Registration for *Order of Elders* Spiritual Renewal Retreat

April 21-24, 2009

Mount Saint Alphonsus, Esopus, New York

It is important that you be present for the full four days in order to earn your continuing education credit (1.3 points).

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# The Oratory of the Little Way Presents:

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If you are concerned that your family has a predisposition to a physical illness such as arthritis, cancer, or heart trouble; or if you have noticed a negative family pattern such as anxiety or depression, broken relationships or alcoholism, these areas can be turned over to God for healing. As part of the Communion celebration, we will also thank God for all the positive gifts and talents that have come down to us through the generations.

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