



West Virginia Conference The United Methodist Church
Office of Connectional Ministries

We are
a **CHRIST-LED,**
spiritual breath
of **fresh air**
that
changes
the **WORLD.**



2017-2018



Mission Covenant,
Fair-Share Giving,
Apportionments...

Whatever we may call it, these stories illustrate the mission and ministry you support through your faithful giving.

We are the people of the United Methodist Church in the West Virginia Conference and together we are transforming the world through God's love.

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball



Innovative Congregations


The apostle Paul delivered the message to the Unknown God on Mars Hill in Athens. Ever since, Christians have been finding new ways to communicate timeless truths to new generations. Our Congregational Development and Evangelism office helps churches get out in their communities, meet new people, introduce them to Christ, and begin a disciple's journey.

Our goal is to learn and develop resources that churches need to continue fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandment in every place in WV and Garret County, MD.

▲ Northview added a Family Day to its Vacation Bible School and welcomed 160 people to fun and activities. They also distributed fliers with information about resources in the area for help with substance use disorder.



◀ Rev. Ella Dorsey is assigned to Fairfield Community Ministries, creating new connections with people in the Fairfield neighborhood in Huntington, WV. Area United Methodist churches are joining to support, staff and encourage this ministry. Rev. Dorsey says, "We're enriching the lives of these children and bringing them a ray of Sunshine."



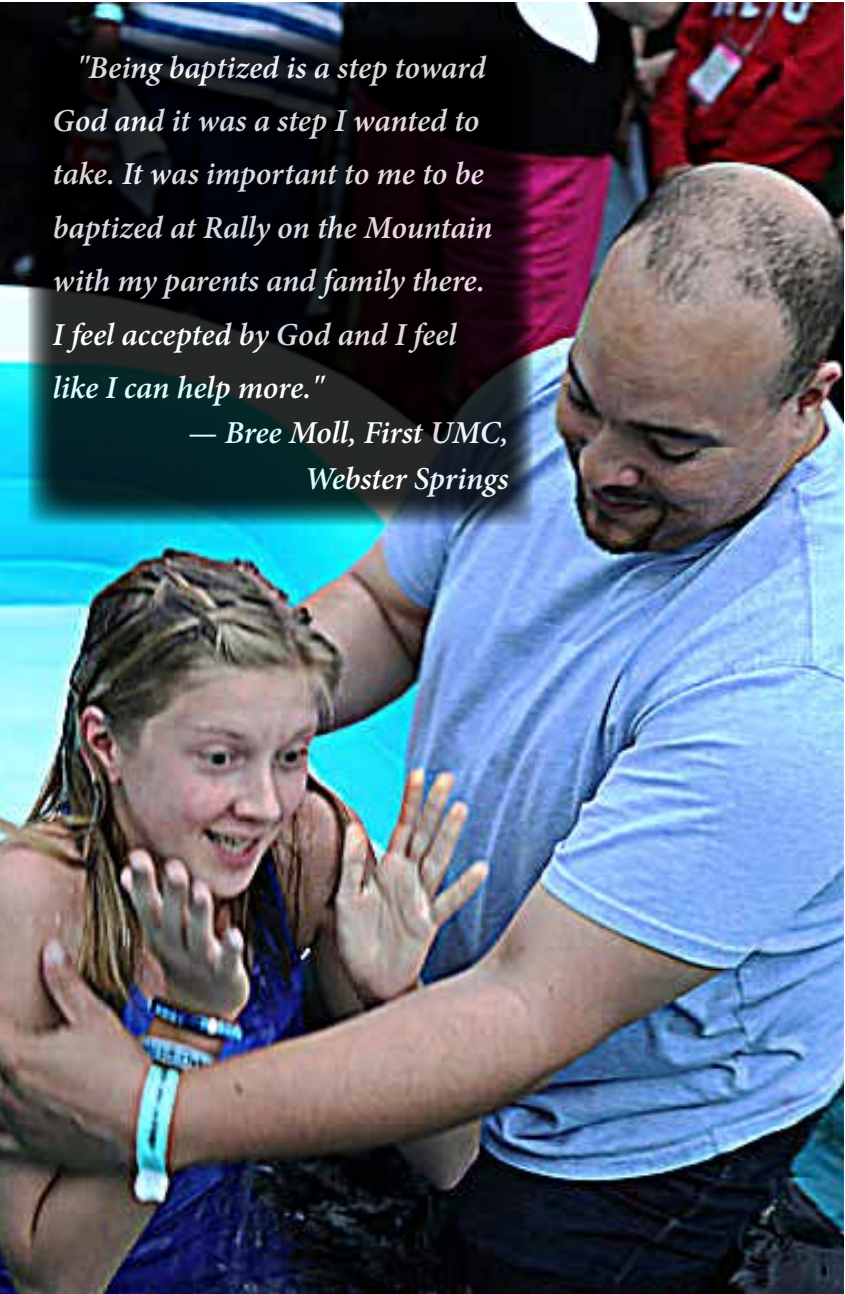
This summer the Spring Heights Camp team led DaySpring, a week-long day camp for youth affected by last years devastating floods in Rainelle and Clendenin. Meanwhile, back at camp, Spring Heights Camp continues to change lives of our youth by transforming campers relationship with God.

Young Disciples

Young Disciples are everywhere! In Sunday school, youth group, summer camp, college, worship services, or the local coffee shop.

You'll find many of us out in the community serving with local ministries, helping young children, building houses, and spending quality time with the elderly.

The West Virginia Conference seeks to meet with young disciples, wherever they might be, and equip them and empower them to be world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ. Thanks to your fair-share giving we nurture faith development and challenge young disciples to follow Christ each and every day!



"Being baptized is a step toward God and it was a step I wanted to take. It was important to me to be baptized at Rally on the Mountain with my parents and family there. I feel accepted by God and I feel like I can help more."

— Bree Moll, First UMC,
Webster Springs



Change the World

We are a Christ-led spiritual breath of fresh air that changes the world.

Global ministries, Ethnic ministries, Volunteers in Mission, Mission Projects, Church and Community workers, Parish Development, United Methodist Women, and United Methodist Men are just some ways that your fair share apportionment giving allows the mission and ministries of the Conference to fulfill its vision to change the world. The vision of the West Virginia Conference Board of Global Ministries is to equip and transform people and places for God's mission around the world.



◀ "This summer one of your Volunteers in Mission teams traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska to build cabins for the Joshua Community Project, a ministry of the Fairbanks Rescue Mission. As a way to help people transition out of homelessness, this ministry helps provide shelter in some of the most extreme climates in the world."

– Rev. Dr. Ken Krimmel,
Assistant to the Bishop,
Director of Connectional Ministries

The Board of Global Ministries seeks to equip and transform people and places for God's mission. We ask that every church strive with us as we carry forth these goals.

- Making disciples of Jesus Christ
- Strengthening, developing, and renewing Christian congregations and communities
- Alleviating human suffering
- Seeking justice, freedom and peace



◀ Right here at home, our West Virginia Conference mission projects serve thousands of low income families through a variety of ministries.

From the Northern Panhandle, to the Potomac Highlands, to the Appalachian coal fields, WVUMC mission projects are reaching into communities to build relationships and transform lives.





Passtionate Spiritual Leaders

The West Virginia Conference helps develop and support those who are called to be leaders, whether clergy or laity, through a culture that is hopeful, innovative, invitational, and generative. Passionate spiritual leaders are on a life-long journey of spiritual formation, learning how to follow Jesus and how to lead using their unique gifts.

Your fair-share giving supports people in this kind of discernment and helps them take the next faithful step along their path, as they become the leaders God intends them to be.



“As a busy wife and mom of three young children, who is also a Part-Time Local Pastor and bus operator for Putnam County schools, there is no way I could complete my educational requirements as a new pastor without the Spring Heights Extension School for the Course of Study. The flexible schedule allows me to work at my own pace to fulfill the call God has placed on my life...not to mention I get to spend four weekends a year at one of our family’s favorite places!”

– Rev. Erin Gibson Daniels

WVUMC Leadership Development Programs:

- Candidacy Retreats and Vocational Discernment
- District Lay Academies
- Seminary (coursework and scholarship support)
- Pastoral Ministry Licensing School
- Course of Study
- Residency for Provisional Clergy Members
- Continuing Formation Funding for Clergy



Health care for our clergy represents more than 30% of our Conference budget. Apportionment support of clergy health insurance helped Rev. Bill Wilson (retired) survive a life-threatening condition and continue in ministry following his health crisis in 2000.

"I am very humbled about this and thankful, by the grace of God, to the Annual Conference and our local churches," Bill said. "When you pay that apportionment you have helped to supplement and provide for the insurance that has basically saved my life."

Bill has served the WVUMC as a local church pastor, hospital chaplain, District Superintendent, and Assistant to the Bishop/Director of Connectional Ministries. Now in retirement, he continues to serve as a member of Board of Ordained Ministry. He also teaches in Course of Study at MTSO and Spring Heights, and is President of the Conference Trustees.

We're here for you!
Your Conference
Connectional

Ministries team is here to walk alongside our local churches, parishes, and districts to fulfill our shared mission of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!

If you would like more information, resources, or assistance please give us a call!

Director of Connectional Ministries

- Volunteers in Mission
- Disaster Response
- Mission Projects
- Nominations
- Covenant Council
- Ethnic Local Church Concerns
- Commission on Religion and Race
- Church & Community Workers
- Diversity/Inclusion resources

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Communications

- Website Development
- Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Conference photo archives via Flickr
- Video production and editing
- Mail Chimp, Survey Monkey and other methods of email communication
- Stories and events shared via wvumc.org
- Training events with topics that include: social media, photography, story curating
- Special event support
- News event reporting
- Church Marketing
- Church signage (interior and exterior)

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Evangelism and Congregational Development

- Evangelism
- Congregational Development
- Discipleship Pathways
- Vision and Strategic Planning
- Ministry Action Planning
- Community Demographics/
Mission Insight
- Older Adult Ministries
- Fresh Expressions
- Reaching New People
- Lay Mobilization Institute

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Youth and Outdoor Ministry

- Ministry with Youth
- Conference Council on Youth Ministries
- Young Adults
- Camping
- Radical Discipleship Academy of Appalachia
- Discover U
- Child Protection Policy/Safe Sanctuaries

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Leadership Formation and Ministry Support

- Campus Ministry
- Leadership Development/
Vocational Discernment
- Candidacy & Credentialing Support
for licensing & ordination
- Pastoral Ministry Licensing School/
Course of Study
- Seminary/Residency
- District Committees on Ministry and Board
of Ordained Ministry training and support
- Continuing Formation for Clergy
- Leadership Standards

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Office of the Treasurer

- Connectional giving resources
- Special offerings
- Pension
- Remittance
- Health care
- Clergy taxes
- Statistical Reports
- Mileage rates

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