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The United Methodist Church of Patchogue

July-August 2009

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In Koo Chung Ordained



In a colorful ceremony that concluded the New York Annual Conference session at Hofstra University on June 13, UMC Patchogue Pastor In Koo Chung was ordained as

an elder in full connection with the United Methodist Church. Thirty five Patchogue UMC members attended the celebration. In the photo, Pastor Chung waves to the crowd.

We're All Connected

The 2009 Annual Conference Session was finished in God's grace. Under the theme "For Such A Time As This: We Are a Beloved Community of Hope," we had a great chance to celebrate all together our vision and our work as the connectional church in mission.

During the Annual Conference Session, I was challenged and envisioned by the words of our bishop Jeremiah Park who constantly emphasized our ministry in mission. He men-

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Worship in July and August

July 5 (Communion Sunday; 5th Sunday After Pentecost)—2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Mark 6:1-13; "On Being Sent", (Rev. In Koo Chung).

July 12 (6th Sunday After Pentecost)—2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Mark 6:14-29, (Lay Speaker).

July 19 (7th Sunday After Pentecost)—2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56; "Come With Me and Get Some Rest", (Rev. In Koo Chung.)

July 26 (8th Sunday After Pentecost)—James 1:17-27, John 6:1-21; "Be Doers of the Words", (Rev. In Koo Chung).

August 2 (Communion Sunday; 9th Sunday After Pentecost)—2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a, John 6:24-35; "Jesus: Bread of Life", (Rev. In Koo Chung).

August 9 (10th Sunday After Pentecost)—2 Samuel 18:5-9; 31-33, John 6:35, 41-51; "Jesus: Eternal Life", (Rev. In Koo Chung.)

August 16 (11th Sunday After Pentecost)—1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14, John 6:51-58, (Lay Speaker).

August 23 (12th Sunday After Pentecost)—Ephesians 5:15-20, John 5:21-43; "Those Who Live Wisely", (Rev. In Koo Chung).

August 30 (13th Sunday After Pentecost)—Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23, (Lay Speaker).



**We wait for the blessed hope –
the glorious appearing of our great
God and Savior, Jesus Christ ...**

Titus 2:13, NIV

Circle of Concern

For Guidance:

Lisa D., Barbara McAllister, Joe Brentlink, Ray Gallo, Ray Clark, Maj. Don Cornwell stationed in South Korea, Cat Placement and Rescue, Christy Wood, Lois Wood, Michael Dellazizzi and family, Michael Amarati, Philip Demacos, Pat, and Joanne.

These Who are Hospitalized:

Josh Boneventure, Christine Quinn's cousin Frank, Nana Grace, Nancy Marshall, Baby Joseph, Bertha Smith (Bob Smith's mother.)

These at Home:

Betty Hansley, Joan Welsh, Joseph Weinzettle, Eric & Pat Carlson, Natalie Burnett-Lynch, Kathleen Chodorski, Philip Crandall, Kyra McCarthy, Debi DelRossi, Belle Barile, Tom Furman, Lisa Lopez, Dorotea Sanchez, Mary Jones, Shirley Scalice, Frank Westerland, John, Mike Welsh, Hazel Freely.

These who are in Rehab or Nursing Care Facilities:

Alice Zahnd in Patchogue Nursing Center, 25 Schoenfeld Blvd., Patchogue, NY; Anna Satterly in Brookhaven Health Care Facility, 801 Gazzola Drive, East Patchogue, NY 11772; Lew and Kitty Brunnemer in Cedar Lodge Nursing Home, 6 Frowein Road, Center Moriches, NY 11934; Gerry Flood in St. James Nursing Home (Room 269) 273 Moriches Rd., St. James, NY 11780; Doris Shrimpton in Bellhaven Nursing Center, 110 Beaverdam Rd., Brookhaven; Hazel Nargi in McPeak's Adult Home, 286 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue; Marian King in Sunrise Assisted Living, 2 Hills Rd., E. Setauket, Rm. 2; Anna Bonfe, Rm. 201, Cunningham Bldg, Loretto Rest, 708 E. Brighton Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205; Toby Miller (Room 213B) in Affinity Skilled Living and Rehabilitation Center, 305 Locust Avenue, Oakdale, NY 11769; Joan Simpson, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, 101 Elm Street, Sayville, NY 11782.

Pray for our church and her future directions!

Please contact the Church Office if someone should be removed or added.

New York Annual Conference

When the clergy and laity of the New York Annual Conference gathered at Hofstra University, resident Bishop Jeremiah Park invited them to join him in a transformative journey befitting the theme, "For Such a Time as This: We Are A Beloved Community of Hope." In his episcopal message, the bishop pointed out several things that give him hope: a growing commitment to Volunteers in Mission, 100 churches in the Natural Church Development process, a new church start and a new church charter, participation in the Rethink Church launch, generous donations to the Bishop's Partners in Mission fund and the payment of 100 percent of the conference's apportionments for the fifth year in a row. This year's theme is an ongoing exploration of the conference's vision statement.

In his continuing mission to fill the Hofstra Arena with United Methodists, the bish-

op announced that all those who have joined United Methodist churches since he became bishop (2004) will be invited to conference next year. "Next year we are going to fill this place with 5,000 people – 5,000 witnesses for Christ," Park said.

Featured speaker, Erin Hawkins, who is top executive of the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race, continued the focus on the beloved community by stressing how vital hope is in our world. She stressed four points: the need to realize that every person and every issue counts; reclaiming courage in the face of adversity; understanding that healing builds community and the ability to take on the tough issues in a spirit of hope in order to move people to action.

Tackling divisive issues with hope and love was the focus of a 90-minute session on June 12 that was set aside for a thoughtful dialogue on the topic of human sexuality. The intention was to humanize the debate so that it can change the way the conference dialogues, and to create space for God to work in the hearts of conference members.

The dialogue, which was framed throughout by prayer and singing, provided opportunities for both the sharing of personal stories and the sharing of insights. After presentations from what were dubbed the "evangelical" and "progressive" sides, the process turned to conversations in gathered groups of four or five on the arena floor. The bishop invited everyone to share their stories with one another, speaking directly to how they have been affected by the issue.

After several minutes, the body was invited to share insights from the experience. While the differences remained, those who spoke expressed gratitude for

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Lift up your church with your prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Connected (from Page 1)

tioned how our churches had been doing the mission works all over the world, and he enthusiastically encouraged all the churches to participate in various mission works for the world.

There are many ways of participating in ministries and mission works, and supporting our “shared ministry apportionment” is the main way we can support the ministries and missions of the UMC.

Let me give you a brief information of the “shared ministry apportionment.” (From www.UMC.org).

A portion of our giving goes to the general church to support programs on a national and international level. We share the cost of these ministries, with each local church being responsible for contributing a fair portion or “apportionment.”

The general funds include World Service, Africa University, Black College, Episcopal, General Administration, Interdenominational Cooperation and Ministerial Education.

World Service Fund

The World Service Fund is the essential core of our global outreach ministry, underwriting Christian mission around the world. By giving to World Service we empower United Methodist evangelistic efforts...stimulate Bible study and spiritual commitment... encourage church growth and discipleship...and help God’s children everywhere.

Ministerial Education Fund

Men and women choose the ministry because God calls them. The Ministerial Education Fund is our way of helping them answer that divine

call. Our United Methodist seminaries lead the effort to proclaim God’s word in a world desperately in need of that message.

Episcopal Fund

Bishops have always had a very special role in our church...elected and consecrated to speak to the church...and from the church. The apostle Paul called it “a noble task,” but it is practical, too, since our bishops oversee and promote the church’s spiritual and temporal interests as well.

Black College Fund

The 11 U.S. historically Black colleges and universities supported by The United Methodist Church have played a unique role in U.S. higher education. Their graduates—teachers and doctors, ministers and bishops, judges, artists and entrepreneurs—are leaders in the African-American community and in a rapidly changing, more diverse United States.

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

We United Methodists acknowledge that we are but a small part of the worldwide Christian church—the living body of Jesus Christ. Our unity with other Christian communions is affirmed as we witness to a common Christian faith, meet human suffering and advocate for peace and justice all over the world.

Africa University Fund

This vital fund supports the only United Methodist-related, degree-granting university on the continent of Africa—serving students from 21 countries, all across the continent of Africa. Africa University provides higher education of excellent quality,

enriched with Christian values, for both men and women, developing visionary leaders of tomorrow.

General Administration Fund

This fund underwrites and finances general church activities that are administrative in nature, rather than program-related—like General Conference, the legislative branch of the church. General Council on Finance and Administration coordinates and administers the finances of the church, receives, disburses and accounts for the church’s general funds, safeguards the denomination’s legal interests and rights, compiles and publishes denominational statistics and maintains the church’s records.

Last year, our church was not able to support our “shared ministry apportionment” in full. However, this year, as our church’s financial situation is getting better, we are able to increase the amount of our payments for the apportionment. I would like to give thanks to all the members and friends of the UMC of Patchogue for their efforts and prayers. And, let us continue to pray for this and make efforts so that our church can support fully the “shared ministry apportionment.” In this way, we are participating in mission and ministries of the church which we are called to do.

In Christ,

—*Rev. In Koo Chung.*

Summer Office

The office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.–2:00 p.m., during July and August. Please have all Sunday bulletin information in the office by Tuesday.

Stewardship

Our congregation is so proud and happy for pastor In Koo Chung on his Ordination, June 13, 2009. An inspiring Charge Conference ceremony ended with the Ordination of nine new pastors. At Church on Sunday (June 14) we celebrated by presenting him with stoles – the symbolic cloth worn around the neck and down the front of his robe. This day was also set aside to recognize our dedicated Sunday School Teachers and present Bibles to our deserving third and fourth graders.

Following Church we all went to the Holtsville Ecology Site for our annual picnic. After feasting on all the good food, we presented In Koo with a cake celebrating his Ordination. Pastor's wife, Myung Jin, took group photos that will be on display at Church for those who could not attend. Ted Davies and Bob Prince of the United Methodist Men hosted the picnic. Bob spent a good part of Saturday buying food and preparing for the event. Proceeds from flower sales, dinners

and yard sales paid for the picnic. Monies were also given to the Church and scholarships for our graduating high school students that are going on to college.

Since the tragic death of a young girl in a day care facility in New York, the state and federal government have inspected our facilities several times. One violation was that the lower staircase grating was disintegrating. Barry Burnell, Ray Henson and Dave Hollowell replaced it with Barry's idea of using Trexx (lumber substitute made from recycled plastics) on CCA stringers. Thanks guys.

The most recent "telethon" was accomplished during June 4-12, 2009. The Membership Committee uses telephoning to reach out to our less active members providing information on coming events and celebrations. An added benefit is that people do return to Church. We had one hundred parishioners at the June 7 service and 130 members attended the picnic. We would like to thank the good stewards

who made the calls: Cecelia Alvarado, Elizabeth Beiderman, Carol Berntsson, Hoy Chae, Ted Davies, Jean & Al Eid, Madge & Ernest Ikpe, Kevin Leahy, Trudy Mansfield, Lenny Pearson, Bob Prince, Betty Rice, Steve Rice (two), Bob Rogers, Geri Sheridan (two), Helen Smith, Linda Werner, Frank Whalen, and Dave Hollowell. Thank you all for your fidelity. One problem commonly encountered is that people have taken the internet/cable packages and received new telephone numbers. If you have a new number, please call the Church (475-0381) and let us know. This way we can keep you aware of coming events.

The office will be on a summer schedule for July and August: Tuesday and Thursday 9AM to 2 PM.. Please call Chris with bulletin information on Tuesday for it to be included in that Sunday's bulletin. You can reach the office at: patchogueumc@yahoo.com and our pastor at InKooChung@Yahoo.com. May God be with you.

—Dave Hollowell



The United Methodist Church of Patchogue
June 14th, 2009
Holtsville Ecology Center

Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!

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July 2009

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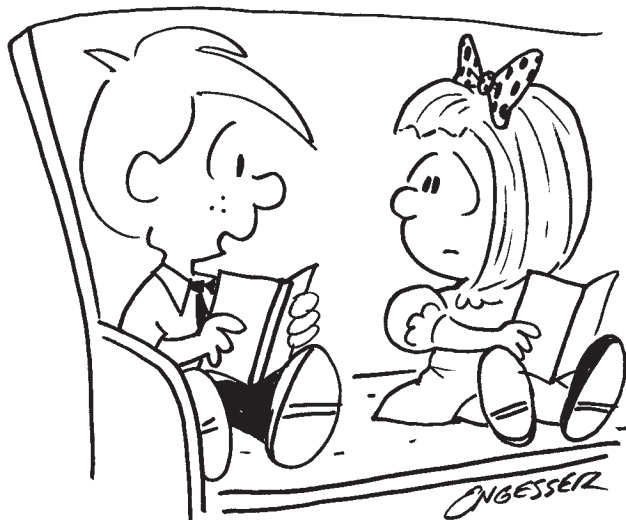
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"Moses could've really used GPS."

Annual Conference (from Page 2)

the experience and suggested repeating the model at conference.

The conference was blessed by the presentations of the husband-wife team of the Rev. Kwasi Kena and the Rev. Safiyah Fosua, both of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship. Fosua, the director of invitational preaching, led a three-day Bible study on Esther focused on accepting God's call to be a voice for change. Hundreds of lay speakers attended a special two-day evangelism workshop with Kena, who is director of Evangelism Ministries. The event culminated in an exciting service on June 13 with more than 650 lay speakers in attendance.

Other highlights of conference included:

- The welcoming of new ministers: Three were presented with the license for pastoral ministry, two received professional certification, 11 were commissioned as provisional elders and two as provisional deacons, and nine were ordained as elders in full connection.
- The honoring of 13 retiring clergy members who have served for a total of 352 years.
- A celebration of the 315 people from 29 churches who have served as Volunteers in Mission during the last year. Bishop Joaquina Nhanala of the Mozambique Area, the first woman United Methodist bishop in Africa, spoke during the celebration.
- Celebrations for New Day United Methodist Church in the Bronx, which is a new church start, and for the chartering of the Tian Fu church in Brooklyn;
- A rousing message from Bishop Richard Wilke, co-author and developer of the Disciple Bible study program, during the ordination service.
- A memorial service honoring the passing of 22 members of the clergy, their spouses and children. Conference Treasurer Ernest Swiggett delivered an inspiring sermon.
- Approval of a 2010 conference budget of \$9,060,238, which is a reduction of about one percent from last year.

— Joanne S. Utley, *United Methodist News Service*

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William Thompson
Meghan O'Leary
7/6 Taylor
Bomschein
7/8 Nicholas

Turano

- 7/10 Ralph Marques
- 7/11 Cassandra McMillin
- 7/12 Cassidy Naekel
- 7/13 Christina Stawecki
William Andrew Rose
- 7/16 Alex Schiavone
- 7/19 Christopher Geist
Justin Garbarino
Krista Collazo
- 7/21 Brianna Barbaro
- 7/22 Andrew Aldrich
- 7/26 Nicholas Moffitt

- 7/28 Jaime Morello
- 7/31 Savannah Lanzetta
Jasmine Igel
Zachary Barbaro
- 8/1 Ava Walsh
- 8/2 Evan Michael Louis
- 8/3 Dalen Pereira
- 8/4 Erin Hutchens
- 8/7 Paul Rice
Jordan Thompson
- 8/8 Samantha Petrosian
- 8/9 Katie McCatham
Alexandra Wertz
- 8/11 Gloria Leahy
- 8/18 Justin Zimmerman
- 8/19 Meghan Braille
Kaitlin Braille
Jacqueline Braille
Christopher Algieri

- 8/21 Kristyn Brewer
- 8/24 Samantha DelGuidice
Sarah Tumer
Sophia Eucar Nacion
- 8/25 Jacob Miller
- 8/31 Kaitlin Ficurilli

Defensive Driving

A Six hour Defensive Driving Course is scheduled at UMC of Patchogue for Saturday, Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. The cost will be \$45. per person. Registration will be done by Driver Education, and they can be reached at 631-360-9720, Mon.-Fri., 9a.m.-4p.m.

The deadline for the September edition of **The Link** is August 14. Please e-mail your copy to gbhoag@optonline.net.