

**Johnson City District Clergy
Announcements
January 12, 2010**

- **District Leadership Training:** The training scheduled for this past Sunday was rescheduled due to inclement weather. It will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2010 beginning at 2:00 pm at Wesley Memorial UMC.
- **Year End Reports are due this week!** You must have your completed reports turned in to the District Office by noon on Friday. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE because Betty must enter all of the data into the Conference database by January 29.
- **Direct Invoicing:** Wondering what impact Direct Invoicing will have on your congregation? Conference Treasurer John Tate will be in the district on Monday, January 25 at 6:30 to provide this information. We will meet in the sanctuary of Wesley Memorial UMC.
- **Partnership Emphasis:** Each church in the district will be visited by a speaker in February or March who has served on a Volunteer in Mission team to the Czech Republic. If you do not already have a date scheduled, please see Randy after today's meeting. We ask that you allow the speaker to use the entire sermon time on your assigned date, to share with your congregation their experience as part of a team. You are also asked to take up a special offering AFTER they speak to benefit the Czech Partnership. **The proceeds from this offering should be counted by your treasurer or financial assistant and a check for the total mailed to the District Office and designated for the Czech Partnership.** Please do not expect your speaker to carry the offering back to us. Bulletin inserts will be made available to you. It is your responsibility to duplicate enough inserts for your congregation and include them with the bulletin on that Sunday.
- **Ministers' Convocation:** February 2 – 5, 2010 at Lake Junaluska, NC. Keynote Speaker: Bishop Robert Schnase. For more information or to register go to www.convocation.holston.org. Please see the January 11 issue of The Call2 for information about a Book Shower for Rev. Mark Dowell, pastor of St. Elmo UMC, who lost his entire library when the church burned last year.
- **Sexual Ethics Training:** All clergy under appointment in Holston Conference are required to attend Sexual Ethics Training in 2010. Our district will be clustered with Kingsport, Big Stone Gap and Abingdon for training on Saturday, February 27 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Gray UMC. If you are unable to attend that day's training, contact the District Office for alternate dates and locations.
- **Appointment Week:** March 7 – 12, 2010. Randy will be making calls on the 12th and 13th to pastors who are projected to move in June. Please make certain he has a phone number where he can best reach you on those days.
- **Pre-Conference Briefing:** Sunday, May 16 at 5:00 pm – Colonial Heights UMC, Kingsport.
- **Holidays and Inclement Weather Policy:** The District Office will be closed November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving and December 24 – January 1 for Christmas. We follow the Johnson City School systems schedule of delays and closings in the event of inclement weather.
- **Cokesbury Events and Sales**
 - Vacation Bible School Preview Event will be Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 10am – 2pm. Representatives will be here to answer questions from Group, Standard, and Cokesbury. Planet Zoom from Concordia, Gospel Light's SonQuest Rainforest, and Baobab Blast from Augsburg Fortress will be on display for you to review. All VBS programs will be 20% off from January 25 – February 8.
 - Paraments, Banners, Choir Robes and Music are currently on sale. Ask the Cokesbury staff for details.
 - Christian Education Showcase will feature curriculum from Abingdon, Group, David Cook, Standard and Youth Specialties. Selected Youth Specialties titles are 30% off until February 28.
- **Upcoming Clergy Meetings:**
 - No meeting in February due to Ministers Convocation
 - Tuesday, March 2
 - Tuesday, April 6
 - Tuesday, May 4
 - No meeting June due to Annual Conference