

# NORTH EAST NEWS

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## Pilgrimage

Dear Colleagues in the Ministry of Jesus Christ,

I confess that I have not viewed "The Bucket List," but I do have one.

I bought the bucket and first began filling it six summers ago during a spiritual renewal leave. As part of the leave I decided to go on a pilgrimage. I didn't think of it or call it that, but that's what it was.

I decided that I wanted to hike the Appalachian Trail. The "AT," as many call it, stretches from northeast Georgia up to the middle of Maine, a 2,175 mile continuous footpath.

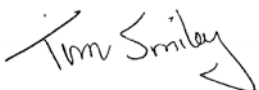
I announced to my congregation that this would be part of my renewal time. One member, a journalism professor who often sent me news articles and essays in response to my messages, dropped off Bill Bryson's book, *A Walk in the Woods*, his hilarious chronicle of just such a venture. After reading Bryson's account of his disastrous initial walk, I wrote him a note: "Don, thanks for the book. Are you trying to encourage me or scare the hell out of me?" Two friends came to me and announced they were coming with me. Later they confessed they were concerned that I might kill myself out there in the wild. They may have been perceptive. Off we went. And indeed we almost killed ourselves and each other on that initial walk in the mountains. But we survived, and learned, and continued. And we keep walking. 350 miles walked with, well now, more to go.

Brian McLaren recently wrote in *Sojourners'* magazine about spiritual practices that are both historic to Christianity and yet draw us into communion with almost every other major religious tradition. One such practice is pilgrimage. Pilgrimage is a journey toward God; pilgrimage puts feet on faith; pilgrimage calls us to shed much that we use to insulate ourselves and take – and trust – only what is essential for life. Pilgrimage is walked in community; community is what allows us the space for true solitude. The set apart and stripped down nature of pilgrimage gives us insight into how to walk the deeply connected and immersed nature of daily life. I walk on this annual pilgrimage and it helps me remember essential things about my daily walk as a follower of Jesus Christ.

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains –  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot slip –  
He who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
Psalm 121. 1-2, TNIV (A Song of Ascents)*

By the way, there will be no side trips to Argentina, but there will be a stopover in Damascus. And by the grace of God I will be home by Labor Day.

Yours in faith, hope and love,



Tim Smiley (a.k.a., Rainman)





## CHARGE CONFERENCE IS COMING

By Kathy Macaulay

As I write this, I know many of you in the church offices are anxiously (or maybe *dreadfully!*) *waiting for Charge Conference forms to go online later this week. Whether you are a first timer or a veteran, I have some suggestions that will hopefully make the process less stressful:*

- **Begin early.** The forms were posted online on the Conference website Friday, August 28, 2009. This week, begin by going to the website to be sure you can find and access the forms. A feature that was added last year, and available again this year, is the option to email the forms to persons. You should know who is responsible for the information on each form and immediately email the form to that person with a deadline for getting the information. **Remember the deadline for returning the completed, signed forms to the District Office is October 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of the date of your Charge Conference so plan accordingly.**
- **Use the checklist.** This seems to be stating the obvious but you would be surprised at how many files come into our office with no checklist or a blank checklist. Use the checklist as a working tool—print it off and determine which forms your church needs. Some forms are required of all churches but some are necessary only for specific situations (Report of the Deacon, Lay Speaker Report, etc). It is **not** necessary to include forms that do not apply to your church, simply write "N/A" on the checklist beside the item number. As reports are completed/received, check them off.
- **Ask Lay Speakers to complete their own forms.** Any member with internet access can go to the website and access specific forms. Lay Speakers are required to complete an Annual Report each year. Using his/her own computer (or if necessary allow them to use the church computer at a scheduled time) the Lay Speaker can prepare his/her own form, sign it and return it to the church office. We prefer to have the forms typed rather than handwritten but it is not necessary for the church office to be responsible for typing each person's form.
- **Remember each form must be prepared in one session.** It is not possible to start a form, save it and come back later to finish it. Once a form is started, it must be completed and printed at that time.
- **Maintain consistency between forms.** This applies primarily to the forms relating to the pastor's compensation package – 2010 Appointed Pastor's Compensation form, Accountable Reimbursement Policy and Housing Resolution. Figures reported on the Accountable Reimbursement Policy and Housing Resolution must agree with the figures reported on the 2010 Appointed Pastor's Compensation form.
- **Have all forms signed by all appropriate persons.** Arrange a time such as a Church Council meeting or a brief session following worship services to obtain the necessary signatures. Unlike days gone by there is no signing of forms at Charge Conference.
- **Call your District Office staff for assistance.** Tim, Debbie, Faye and I are here to answer your questions and help you in any way we can. We would much rather hear from you as you are completing the forms than return incorrect/incomplete forms.

**Charge Conference Schedule 2009****Cluster 1****Held at Southside UMC on Sunday, November 15 at 7pm**

First-Jax, Franklinton, Memorial, Mt. Moriah, Southside, Trinity-Fernandina Beach, Riverside Park

**Cluster 2****Held at Wesley UMC on Sunday, October 25 at 7pm**

Ebenezer, First-Callahan, Garden City, Highlands, New Life, Wesley Fellowship, Yulee

**Cluster 3****Held at Spring Glen UMC on Sunday, November 15 at 2:30pm**

Faith, Glynlea Grace, Spring Glen, Swaim

**Cluster 4****Held at First-Macclenny, on Sunday, November 8 at 7pm**

First-Baldwin, First-Macclenny, First-Starke, Grace-Lawtey, Pleasant Grove

**Cluster 5****Held at Ortega UMC on Sunday, November 8 at 2:30pm**

Asbury-Orange Park, Avondale, Fleming Island, Orange Park, Ortega, Middleburg

**Cluster 6****Held at Christ UMC-Neptune Beach on Sunday, October 4 at 2:30pm**

Beach, Christ-Neptune Beach, CrossRoad, Isle of Faith, Lakewood, Mandarin

**Cluster 7****Held at Oak Leaf UMC on Sunday, November 22 at 7pm**

Christ-St. Augustine, Dinsmore, Good Shepherd, Harmony, Oak Leaf, Ponte Vedra, River of Life, First-Haitian

**Cluster 8****Held at Murray Hill UMC on Sunday, October 11 at 2:30pm**

Asbury-Jax, Calvary, Lake Shore, Murray Hill, Oak Crest, Wesconnett, Woodstock Park, First-Green Cove

**Cluster 9****Held at St Paul UMC on Sunday, October 11 at 7pm**

Alexander Memorial, Arlington, Ft. Caroline, Mt. Zion, St. Joseph, St. Paul

**Cluster 10****Held at Simpson UMC, Jacksonville on Sunday, October 25 at 2:30pm**

Bowden, Inman Memorial, Simpson Memorial, Trinity-Jax

**Cluster 11****Held at First UMC-St Augustine, on Sunday, October 4 at 7pm**

First-St. Augustine, Grace-St. Augustine, Shores, Trinity-St. Augustine

**Cluster 12****Held at Keystone UMC on Sunday, November 22 at 2:30pm**

First-Lake Butler, Florahome, Greater Bell, Keystone, Worthington Springs

**Cluster 13****Held at Trinity UMC on Sunday, November 1 at 7pm**

Christ-Riverdale, Emmanuel, First-Interlachen, St. James, St. Stephens, Trinity-Palatka

**Cluster 14****Held at Georgetown UMC on Sunday, November 1 at 2:30pm.**

Welaka, Georgetown, Howe Memorial, Community



**"Deepening  
Your  
Effectiveness"**

## Intentional Discipleship Training

The second series of training on Intentional Discipleship "Deepening Your Effectiveness", will be held Sept. 11 at First United Methodist Church in Port Orange, and repeated on Sept. 12 at First United Methodist Church in Punta Gorda. Information regarding registration is posted at <http://www.congregationaltransformation.com>. The cost of each one-day workshop is \$45 per person, including lunch and snacks. For additional information, contact Vicky Tica at [vtica@flumc.org](mailto:vtica@flumc.org).



**Annual Insurance Survey dates have been extended until September 11, 2009**

**Please review your insurance information in the CONNECT database by going to the conference website [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org)**



## 2009 Small Church Retreat

Identity Theft: Retrieving Your I.D.(Intentional Discipleship)Registration begins at 3:00pm Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Our speakers for the retreat are Rev. Emily Oliver, Rev. Harold Lewis and Rebecca Lehman. Music will be led by Patricia Oglesby. For further information contact Sherri Lingle at 1-800282-8011 ext 132, email [slingle@flumc.org](mailto:slingle@flumc.org) or follow the link [Publication1 2009 scat brochure.pdf](#)

### Billing Info for :

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PROPERTY & CASUALTY  
HEALTH INSURANCE  
PENSION



Please be reminded to go for to [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org) for your worker's compensation, property and casualty, health insurance and pension invoices each month.

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## Don't forget to Report!

Pastors, please don't forget to contact your MVS Reporter and strongly encourage them to report your data. In addition to Passionate Worship, Radical Hospitality and Extravagant Generosity numbers, you should now be reporting data for Intentional Discipleship and Salty Service.

Attention Pastors who are also the MVS reporter for the church, if you are not receiving your reporting link via email please contact the District Office at 904-396-3026 or for further assistance go to: [www.congregationaltransformation.com](http://www.congregationaltransformation.com).

**2009 Apportionments . . .** It is very important to include an Apportionment Giving Report when sending in a payment. This lets the Conference know where you want the money applied. This will help save you and the Conference headaches at the end of the year! The form is located at [click here](#).



## Stewardship Summit Looks At Spiritual Roots Of Global Economic Crisis

The 2009 Stewardship Summit, sponsored by the Florida United Methodist Foundation, is **Saturday, Sept. 26**, at Harvest United Methodist Church in Bradenton in the Florida Conference's Gulf Central District.

This year's theme, "Spirituality and the Global Economy," will examine people's relationship to money and how the current economic crisis is intrinsically rooted in spiritual crisis.

The day's keynote speaker is financial expert Gary Moore, founder of The Financial Seminary and Gary Moore & Company of Sarasota. Moore has dedicated his life's work to helping people integrate personal financial management into a moral and spiritual framework. His company provides financial counsel to ethical and spiritual investors, including many nationally known religious organizations.

The program runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes a worship service, keynote address, question and answer period, lunch and afternoon workshops designed to help attendees implement "best stewardship practices" in the local church. It is open to all laity and clergy in the Florida Conference. A registration fee of \$50 covers all events, lunch, continental breakfast, snacks and materials for the day.

Foundation staff will present four workshops, including:

- "Creating Congregations of Givers: Developing a Theology of Stewardship for the Local Church" led by the Rev. John Peterson, vice president of Planned Giving.
- "Becoming a Good Steward: Practicing Personal Financial Stewardship," led by Christian Burns, CFP®, vice president of Planned Giving.
- "Next Generation Givers: Stewardship Practices for the Home and Family," led by Tom Wilkinson, vice president of Development.
- "Stewardship De-Coded: Practical Ideas and Resources for Teaching Stewardship in the Local Church," led by the Rev. Bonnie Ogie-Kristianson, vice president of Stewardship.

Overnight accommodations are available at two hotels near the University Parkway exit (#213) of Interstate 75, but deadlines apply. Rates are \$89 at the Comfort Suites on Tourist Center Drive, **if booked by Aug. 26**, and **\$99 at the Holiday Inn on Lake Osprey Drive, if booked by Sept. 4**. The Comfort Suites is located to the east of I-75, and the Holiday Inn is located to the west of I-75. Online registration is available at the Florida United Methodist Foundation Web site at <http://www.fumf.org>. More information is available by contacting the Foundation toll free at 866-363-9673.

## "Weaving a Web" one-day Internet ministry training event scheduled



"Weaving a Web of Connection: Internet Technology for Effective Ministry" is a one-day interactive training event presented by United Methodist Communications in partnership with the Florida Conference. This regional event covers the basics of starting a Web ministry in a local church, district or conference organization. The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park.

The event is designed to assist local churches and other organizations to use Web and Internet technology for effective ministry. It is open to all people who want to learn how to use today's digital technology to reach seekers, visitors and stay connected with members.

The training is ideal for pastors, staff, volunteers, webmasters/webservants and communications teams. It is largely geared for beginner and intermediate skill levels, but advanced and professional techies will not be disappointed.

For more information about Weaving a Web, go [here](#). A training event overview and schedule can also be downloaded from this site.

The cost for this event including registration, class materials, continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack is \$75. To register for this event, go [here](#). **Registration deadline is September 27.**



**North East District October 2009 Lay Speaking Ministries** courses will be held on **Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 6:30pm –9:00pm & **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 8:30am–5:00pm at Lake Shore UMC • 2246 Blanding Blvd • Jacksonville, FL  
For more information contact Gwen Dube at (904)751-4912 [ggdube@comcast.net](mailto:ggdube@comcast.net)

### Ministers' Mates Retreat

"Embracing Change" on November 5-7



All Ministers' Mates are invited to come and enjoy a special time away on November 5-7, 2009, to have fun row spiritually, and celebrate your faith. You will meet a group who understands your unique role and lifestyle as pastor's spouse; but more importantly, you can be yourself and you will be loved and accepted just as you are.

The theme for this year's retreat is *Embracing Change: Life Cycle Changes, Ministry Career Changes, and Personal Changes*. The speakers are Ministers' Mates, like you, who will share how their faith has enabled them to grow spiritually and persevere during challenging times in their lives.

The cost for the weekend at the LEC in Leesburg is \$140 and must be mailed by September 30, 2009 to Pam Rosenberg in Bradenton. Please download the brochure from [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org) and click on *Calendar* and then *Event Brochures*. There are scholarships available for those who need assistance.

We are praying and looking forward to seeing you in November. If you have any questions, please email Darlene Waller, Retreat Chair, at [kraftvlady1951@yahoo.com](mailto:kraftvlady1951@yahoo.com) or call her at 386 717-3586.



### Save the date: Life Enrichment Center celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, FL will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Nov. 15. All Clergy and Laity are invited to attend.

The celebration will begin at 2 p.m. with an open house, tours of the Life Enrichment Center presentations and more. At 5 p.m. guests will gather for dinner and a look at the center's future. The celebration will close with worship service at 6:30 p.m. A special rate for lodging will be available the night before and after the celebration. More details will be provided at a later date. Information about the Life Enrichment Center and its ministry is available at <http://www.lecretreats.org>.

Pastors scheduled the next day for Clergy Day Apart can stay overnight for \$20 per person plus meals.



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### Save the date! Clergy day apart

Bishop Tim Whitaker is inviting all clergy in the Florida Conference to come for a day of spiritual renewal, worship and conversations with colleagues, Monday, Nov. 16. There will be nothing to vote on; clergy are simply invited to come and connect with God and others before heading into a busy Advent season. The day will offer structured times of worship and reflection, as well as unstructured time to spend alone with God and in community with others.

More details are coming soon, but plan now to save the date: Monday, November 16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park.

## Older Adult Ministries—Grant Opportunities

These grants will be available to local United Methodist congregations, districts, annual conferences, central conferences, and United Methodist-related institutions.

### Intergenerational Ministry with older adults

- August 2009 – Applications available
- December 15, 2009 – Submission deadline
- June 2010 – Grant funds are awarded

### Care-giving Ministry with older adults

- August 2010 – Applications available
- December 15, 2010 – Submission deadline
- June 2010 – Grant funds are awarded

Please note that grant applications for Intergenerational Ministry may only be submitted between August 1 and December 15 in 2009 and grant applications for Care-giving Ministry may only be submitted between August 1 and December 15, 2010.

There will be no other opportunities for receiving grants during this quadrennium.

To receive your Older Adult Ministry Grant Application Form with procedures and criteria, please contact:

Teri Kline, Project Coordinator,  
Center on Aging & Older Adult  
Ministries - GBOD  
POB 340003  
Nashville, TN 37203-0003  
Telephone: 615-340-7177  
Toll free: 1-877-899-2780 ext. 7177  
Email: [tkline@gbod.org](mailto:tkline@gbod.org)

### Beginning Grant Writing Workshop

From the benefits of the Second Black Tie Blue Jean Gala this past spring, we will be hosting another FREE grant writing workshop for beginners from our North East District UMCs. Last year's workshop was well attended, and so we thought there may be others who might benefit from learning how to partner with outside funders.

In the tough economic climate we minister in, it is harder than ever to engage in outreach to serve our neighbors without some creative funding strategies. One way your Community Outreach Agency has been able to help our District churches is to empower them to seek grant funding. We have had numerous successes doing this, so last year we offered this seminar to North East District UMCs. We will again offer this basic training on how to research, write and manage grant funds next month. We will begin with lessons on grant writing, followed by lunch provided by COA, then onto writing a mini-grant that afternoon in which the churches can both practice their new skills and compete for the five grants offered by Community Outreach.

**Main Grant: up to \$1,000. 4 Mini-grants: up to \$500. Each October 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am-2 pm**

**Orange Park UMC Fellowship Hall      RSVP 396-0073**

**The Beyond 50 Ministries Task Team** is excited about its upcoming conference, *Tapestry III: Maturing Spiritually*, to be held February 26-28, 2010, at the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg. Workshops include

- Someone I Love Is Aging – And So Am I
- Autumn Saints
- Living Fully, Dying Well
- Holistic Faith: Body, Mind & Spirit
- Retired & Re-fired: Service Projects
- Nothing Off Limits: Money and Christian Maturity.

**Early-bird registration ends November 15<sup>th</sup>.** A brochure for the conference can be accessed at [http://www.flumc2.org/event\\_detail.asp?pkvalue=2326](http://www.flumc2.org/event_detail.asp?pkvalue=2326).

### District Youth Retreat at Epworth Nov 6-8th!

The annual youth retreat for the NE district is ready to go and your youth are invited! November 6-8th at Epworth by the Sea we will explore the Everlasting God. This retreat is led by several area youth directors and is full of worship, music, games, breakout sessions, and fun. Last year we had over 200 participants and are looking forward to even more this year. The cost is \$90 a person. That covers 4 meals, lodging in the spectacular youth cabins, and all programming. To register your youth group or for more information, please contact Mike Hudson at Ortega UMC, 389-5556 or email address:

[mikehudson@ortegaumc.org](mailto:mikehudson@ortegaumc.org).

### Salty Service Opportunity - Hart Felt Ministries

I'm always on the lookout for opportunities for my people to serve beyond our church. Here's one I commend to you.

**Hart Felt Ministries' mission is to enable the frail elderly to age in place.** Some volunteers offer a brief weekly respite to a client's primary care giver simply by being with their family member. Others do small household chores for clients who live independently but need a little help. Some build wheelchair ramps, some transport clients to medical appointments, some make grocery shopping trips. Volunteers are assigned to clients whose needs match what the volunteers are willing and gifted to do. Hart Felt engages people in meaningful kingdom work that serves "the least of these."

I've known founder Jane Hart for years; she's an active member of Beach UMC. And this faith-based non-profit organization benefits from an outstanding working board. Five years in, 221 volunteers (of whom 171 are United Methodists!) have served 433 clients. Yet there is **a waiting list of 250 potential clients** throughout Duval County. Your people can help meet the need and will be blessed themselves.

Hart Felt will be glad to present their mission to you, your leaders, or your church. Contact Jane Hart at (904) 538-0306 or visit [www.hartfelt.org](http://www.hartfelt.org). And I'm more than happy to field questions from a pastor's perspective.

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## Vans for the Bahamas

As you know, the conference insurance does not want to insure 15 passenger vans and when they do, have raised the price considerably. Consequently, several churches have gotten rid of them. The Bahamas conference would like to obtain any we can get. The most urgent is for a Haitian church in Nassau with seven hundred members and no transportation. There are three cars among them and one is the pastors. A van could be used to transport their people to the doctor, immigration, school church etc.

The Haitians have no money so if a church has any type of transportation to give, it would be deeply appreciated. The other two have about \$5,000 and could pay something. However, they have to pay shipping of \$1,500 and whatever customs charges them to bring it into the country. Sometimes they let it in free because it is for a church.

There are two shipping lines that will get the vehicles to the Bahamas, one in West Palm and the other in Ft. Lauderdale. If your church has a van they would like to donate or get rid of for a minimal donation, arrangement can be made for pick up or delivery for shipment by contacting Pastor Gene Zimmerman at (407)423-2776.

### Job Postings

**DLC Nurse & Learn** a United Methodist Ministry for children with special needs is looking for a part-time LPN/RN. Contact Amy Buggle At 904-387-0370 or email resume to [dlcnlinc@bellsouth.net](mailto:dlcnlinc@bellsouth.net)

**Christ United Methodist Church** Is seeking a part-time Pre-School Director, who will work approximately twenty-five hours per week. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Education and experience working with pre-school children. Director Credentials and Certification through the Department of Children and Families required. Please submit your resume to Pastor Nancy Stiles at Christ United Methodist Church, 400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach, FL 32266 or email your Resume to [stilesrev@aol.com](mailto:stilesrev@aol.com). Additionally, you may fax us your resume at (904) 249-6005

**Riverside Park** Is searching for a part-time Youth Minister/Intern and a part-time Minister of Evangelism. For details and job expectations please contact Rev. Rafe Vigil at the church, 355-5491. To apply please send a resume to the church at 819 Park St. Jacksonville, 32204.

**Lake Shore UMC** is looking for a part-time office manager to work 20 hours per week (9am-1pm Monday thru Friday). Characteristics of the position include: A Christ-like spirit of acceptance, warmth, and conviction; the ability to work as a team player with other staff members, and the discretion of confidentiality. Please submit resume via email to [LakeShoreUMC@cs.com](mailto:LakeShoreUMC@cs.com) or mail to Lake Shore UMC; Attn: Office Manager Position; 2246 Blanding Blvd; Jacksonville, FL 32210, or phone 904-388-1780.

### Seeking Ministry Employment

**Youth Minister** I am excited to have completed my degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. I am now ready to use my education and training as a full-time Youth Minister. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss my passion for youth ministry. I would be an asset to your church and youth program. Please contact the district office to obtain my resume'.

**Professional program and event coordinator** I have an emphasis on older adult issues, and the ability to work independently; I have a Master's degree in Ministry, Leadership Certified Bereavement Ministry and Creative Solution Finder. For additional information of my experience, education, published writings, and community activities, please contact the district office for a copy of my resume'.

**Bookkeeper** It is my hope that I may have the privilege to serve as a part-time church financial secretary. I believe that I have the training, integrity, and experience to help your church in financial bookkeeping and to insure good financial reporting. Please contact the district office to obtain a copy of my resume'.

**Music Minister** I am preparing to enter into full ministry in the area of Music and Worship. At this time I am finishing up my formal education in music after spending several years in a different career. I will graduate in May and have an interest in relocating to serve in your area. If you would like a copy of my resume' which includes more details about my background, education and experiences please contact the district office at (904) 396-3026.

**Contemporary/Traditional Musician** with many years of experience in arranging, accompaniment, recording studio work and providing music for several churches in Jacksonville and surrounding areas. Please contact the district office for a copy of my resume and references.

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## Upcoming Events Calendar

### September 2009

- 7 Conference & District Offices Closed for Labor Day
- 10 DCOM Meeting -- District Office at 9 am
- 18-19 Small Church Retreat  
Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg
- 24 Clergy Team Meeting 9:30am  
Lakewood UMC – 6133 San Jose Blvd  
Jacksonville, FL 32217
- 28 District Leadership Council Meeting – 7pm

### October 2009

- 1 Charge Conference Forms due in District Office
- 1 Beginning Grant Writing Training at Orange Park UMC
- 2 Lay Speaker Training -- Lake Shore UMC, 6:30-9:00 pm
- 3 Lay Speaker Training – Lake Shore UMC, 8:30 am – 5:00pm
- 3 Weaving Web of Connection
- 26 District Leadership Council Meeting
- 26 Health Options Open Enrollment
- 27 Open Enrollment Webcast for Active Clergy 10am-12noon
- 31 Clergy Assessment Process “Understanding our Ministry Together” Form/Report Due
- 31 Continuing Education Forms/Report Due

### November 2009

- 11 Conference & District Offices Closed for Veterans Day
- 15 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park
- 16 Clergy Day Apart, LEC
- 26-27 Conference & District Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

\*Please go to the website: [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org) for the calendar reports due.

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