



News and Notes: April 6, 2021

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Christ is Risen!

Registration Open for 2021 Virtual Annual Conference

The 52nd session of the West Ohio Annual Conference will be held virtually via Zoom Webinar. Registration is now open.

The theme of Annual Conference is "Run the Race with Perseverance" based on the scripture Hebrews 12:1-2.

The dates and times are:

- Sunday, June 6, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm and
- Monday, June 7, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

[Registration](#) is required and will end at May 5 at 5:00 pm.

As part of the registration process you will be able to select if you would like to receive the Book of Reports electronically or a printed copy by mail.

There will be three training/practice sessions that you will be able to choose to participate in during registration. The sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes each and are:

- May 13 at 9:00 am
- May 18 at 12:00 pm
- May 26 at 6:00 pm

Information sessions will be held virtually prior to Annual Conference so you will have the opportunity to learn more about the recommendations before conference. Dates and times for these sessions will be announced soon.

If you are a Clergy member and unable to participate, you must seek permission from the Annual Conference Secretary Rev. Amy Haines to be excused. You can make your

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request online by [clicking here](#).

If you are unable to fulfill your role as Lay Member to Annual Conference representing a local church, you should contact your pastor. Lay Members At Large should contact their district office.

**Bishop Palmer's Leadership Clinic
with Carey Nieuwhof:
"Burning Out and Coming Back"
Thursday, April 15 - [Register by Sunday!](#)**



Bishop Palmer's next Leadership Clinic guest is Carey Nieuwhof, best-selling author, pastor, and leading voice in church innovation. Carey Nieuwhof is a former lawyer and founding pastor of Connexus Church in Canada. He's the author of several best-selling books, including his latest, [Didn't See It Coming: Overcoming the Seven Greatest Challenges That No One Expects But Everyone Experiences](#).

Carey holds degrees in law, theology and history and speaks to leaders around the world about leadership, change, and personal growth. He writes one of today's most widely read Christian leadership blogs at www.CareyNieuwhof.com and hosts the top-rated Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast where he interviews some of today's best leaders. His content is accessed over a million times a month. He is passionate about helping people thrive in life and leadership, both personally and within their organizations.

Carey's previous books include Lasting Impact: 7 Powerful Conversations That Will Help Your Church Grow, Leading Change Without Losing It, and Parenting Beyond Your Capacity, co-authored with Reggie Joiner.

Carey's title for the training portion of the Leadership Clinic will be "Burning Out and Coming Back." Chances are that you know someone who has burned out or might be on the edge of it yourself. Burnout today seems almost to be a rite of passage. In this talk, Carey looks at signs of burnout and identifies several types of burnout that impact more leaders than most people realize. He shares about how to recover from burnout and stay healthy.

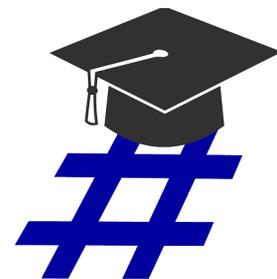
Carey's LIVE training will be followed by an interactive interview with Bishop Palmer about the future of church, and your questions. The live webcast will be **Thursday, April 15 from 10:00am – 12:00pm EST. [Register here](#)**

Resources

Upcoming Zoom Teaching Tuesdays

**April 13 at 11:30 AM
Courageous Conversations –
Structured Dialogues for Learning**

In this workshop, Rev. Dr. Scott Hughes from Discipleship Ministries will explore the need for dialogues and how the church can witness to the world through engaging in Courageous Conversation styled events. Additionally, we'll see why setting up a Design Team, Facilitators, and Covenants are crucial for fruitful dialogues.



**May 4 at 11:30 AM
Nurturing the Soul**

ORV Lay Leader, Mrs. Linda Young, will discuss how the demands of everyday life keep

us from tending to the inner life. Sometimes, we severely under-value the importance of our interior world. But the rock solid truth is this: our soul's health drives everything that matters to us. It is foundational to who we are. You'll be reminded of the importance of nurturing your inner life and learn how to notice the 'fingerprints of God' that nourish your soul as you tend to your inner life.

[Register here via SignUpGenius](#)



What do I do?

A Reflection on Affordable Housing from Vicki Robinson

This Lent, Vicki Robinson at Church of the Saviour led a “Color of Compromise” book study as part of the Ohio River Valley District's continuing commitment to anti-racism. Now, as religious and political leaders wrestle with different solutions to social inequalities – and as we United Methodists seek to live out our baptismal vows – prayerfully consider the following.

Note: While the Mission Foundation has not endorsed this particular ballot initiative, individual congregations have agency to do so.

“Pastor, what do I do?” she desperately asked me over the phone.

She called from a nearby motel lobby. She was out of money. Her new job didn't pay until next week. A month ago, she was just getting by until her landlord raised her rent and her work hours were cut back. Now, she was trying to live in a nearby motel to avoid sleeping in her car.

“Pastor, what do I do?” Her question shook my mind, heart, and faith. She did not need a gas card or a food pantry. Her immediate need was money for one more motel night, but the uncertainty would haunt her again in the morning. She needed affordable housing to get back on her feet.

“Lord, what do I do?” As I prayed, Jesus led me to the root of the problem. There is a lack of affordable housing. Take one look at the prices of available housing and rental market in Cincinnati and you can't deny it. Ask any local pastor and they will tell you the calls due to lack of affordable and sustainable housing has increased.

Recently, the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC) asked **“Lord, what can we do?”**

MARCC brought the real need for housing to Cincinnati voters through the special Affordable Housing Amendment on the ballot for May 4 election. Our own Ohio River Valley District occupies a seat at the MARRC table along with one representative from each major Christian church, Jewish Synagogue and the Cincinnati Islamic Center. Our siblings in faith are advocating for sustainable change and affordable housing for all people in Cincinnati. It is not a perfect solution and there will be details to debate. But are we willing to answer God's call and face the brave question, **“Lord, what can we do together?”**

Affordable housing is both an issue of economic and racial justice. Church of the Saviour will continue to offer important studies to fight racism. We also are finding ways move to action and advocacy in our community and our church. **If you are interested in stepping out and advocating for affordable housing and anti-racism advocacy, [contact ORV Urban Ministries Director David Meredith.](#)**

God calls all our hands and hearts for justice, Micah 6:8.

**AMOS Project:
Affordable Housing Informational Meeting Next Week**

The AMOS Project and MARCC (Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati) are working together on initiatives for affordable housing in our city.



The AMOS Project has extended the invitation to a discussion group [next Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00pm](#) as Amos members from Greater Cincinnati discuss Issue 3 from Cincinnati Action for Housing Now advocates. Learn more and register at the link.

**UMC Foods - Deadline April 9
for Summer Meals**

Doing VBS this summer?
Planning for kids' activities?
**Consider getting your meals
from UMC Foods!**

"SUMMER is right around the corner! As we return to in-person activities in some ways, we want to make sure that our children are fed, and that your programs have great meals to give your kids



[Please use the link to tell us about your need](#) for SFSP meals to pass out at your sites. Please note: This is primarily for in-person eating at your program site. The majority of our meals delivered to your site will be hot meals.

IF YOU ARE A CHILD CARE currently operating with UMC Food, please DO NOT fill this form out. This form is for all of our sites that serve only school-age children, and have in-person activities happening this summer

DEADLINE IS April 9 to guarantee your spot with UMC Food.



Multiply Minis are live, 90-minute, relevant, timely trainings for ministry leaders and churches to multiply their impact. There are 22 minis from April thru May this year.

Have you ever wondered:

"How are we going to do online worship and in-person worship?"

"What is the future of youth ministry?"

"What's next for Children's ministry, we've barely been able to connect during the pandemic?" **There's a Mini for that!**

Join us in April for Multiply Minis devoted to these topics:

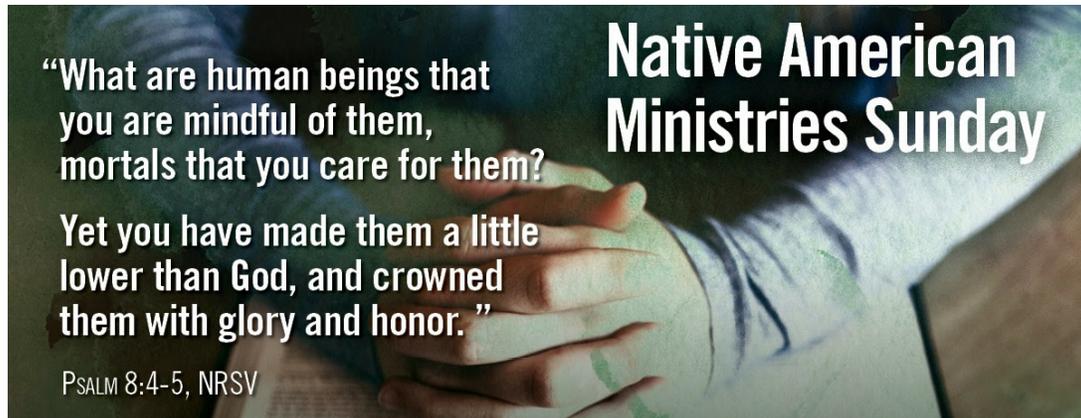
April 20: Both/And: Maximizing Hybrid Worship - featuring Jason Moore

April 27: Youth Ministry: What's Next? - featuring Colocate Ministry

April 27: Children's Ministry: What's Next - featuring Colocate Ministry

If you would like a consultation to determine which Minis might be best for you, please contact [Allyssa Graves](#) in the Office of Fresh Starts & New Beginnings, 614-505-7405.

Multiply Minis are free for West Ohio clergy and laity. Space is limited to 150 participants per Mini. To view the full listing of this year's Multiply Minis and/or to register for any of the sessions, visit www.multiplyminis.org. CEUs are available for all Multiply Minis.



Sunday, April 18 is Native American Ministries Sunday

Although congregations may observe Native American Ministries Sunday at any time, they are encouraged to celebrate with a special offering on the Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2021.

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You also empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ. [Get resources here](#)

One of The United Methodist Church's six special offerings, Native American Ministries Sunday equips and empowers Native American pastors, congregations, and seminary students to do what only they are called to do: authentically worship and serve Jesus. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in the conference and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally.

Dear Friends,

The Order of Deacons for the West Ohio Conference invite you to the 2021 Virtual Deacon Formation Event on **Saturday April 17, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm**. The event will feature West Ohio Conference's Resident Bishop, Bishop Gregory V. Palmer and Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Rev. April Casperson. The day will also feature stories of Deacons on varying paths of ministry along with opportunities to connect with Deacons throughout the United Methodist Connection.



The registration link for the event is: <https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/2021-bi-annual-deacon-formation-event>

Scripture: I John 3:2-3

"Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when God appears we will be like God because we'll see God as God is. And all who have this hope in God purify themselves even as God is pure."
We're looking forward to being with you via Zoom.

Classifieds

Paid and unpaid job openings:

Director of Camps, Retreats & Next Gen Engagement -

West Ohio Conference

Director of Connecting and Discipleship Ministry -

Hyde Park Community UMC

Senior High/Young Adult Minister - Lebanon UMC

Summer Americorp Interns - UMC Food Ministry

Preschool Director - Sharonville UMC

Director of Finance - Epiphany UMC

Director of Family and Student Ministry - John Wesley UMC

Keyboardist/Pianist - North Bend UMC

Director of Student and Family Ministries - Shiloh UMC



Items needed and available:

Free! Hand sanitizer for spray bottles - St. Mark's UMC

Free! Choral music - Daphne Robinson

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