Yesterday was the fifth and final Sunday of charge conferences meaning we are finished for this year! Churches and pastors, thank you for your patience as we navigated the waters of electronic submission for the first time. Host churches and presiding elders, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you so very much! Please call the ORV office if you have any trouble submitting your forms. We are here to help!

The deadline to order your Upside

Stay connected:

ORV Superintendent Brian Brown and district staff are praying this week for these ORV churches:

**Milford First**, Rev.
Down materials and get discounted pricing is this Friday, November 20. This series is suggested to begin January 10. Upside Down looks at the words spoken by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. The themes for the 4 week series are:

- Happiness Redefined
- You Can Change Your World
- A Higher Standard
- Love The Ones You Hate

The Upside Down series is available from Cokesbury and is distributed as a flash drive. Learn more by clicking here.

Clark Hess
New Vienna, Rev.
Sarah Chapman
Oregonia, Rev.
Scott Hicks
Zion, Rev. Rod Fightmaster

Please join us as we ask the Holy Spirit to breakthrough and renew and revive each church, unleashing new life!

The November donation suggestion for Wesley Education Center is disposable diapers (infant - toddler up to 37 lbs). Please drop off at the district office or directly to the center at 525 Hale Ave, Cincinnati 45229.
This is the time of the year when the letter comes. Yup. The letter. The letter that informs pastors of what the apportionment number is for the next year. For those who are not United Methodist, each one of our congregations is assessed an amount to support the mission and ministry of the global church.

After cringing, here's what one pastor does when he opens "the letter."

Breakthrough Luncheon Celebrates Missional Ministry
On Thursday, November 12 eight churches were recognized in Worthington for meeting or exceeding at least one of their 2015 breakthrough goals. The Ohio River Valley church that was honored was Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church, who exceeded their projected marks in Radical Hospitality and Risk-Taking Mission and Service.

You may have received an email letter from Bishop Palmer last week stating that these Breakthrough Luncheons are "among the best 90 minutes I spend every month." He enjoys the time he and the Cabinet spend with these churches breaking bread together, celebrating, encouraging and learning from one another. **Click to read the letter in its entirety.**

**Young adults, consider being a 2016 Global Justice Volunteer**

The Global Justice Volunteers Program of the General Board of Global Ministries is a short-term service opportunity for young adults, ages 18 to 30.

Participants are from all over the world and serve all over the world. Small teams of volunteers spend eight weeks during the summer months exploring the links between faith and social justice as they work with local grassroots organizations. Volunteers work alongside their host community to address critical issues such as HIV and
AIDS, poverty, human trafficking, and migrants' rights.

This program gives the volunteers the opportunity to develop new skills, to learn from local experts, and to channel their passion to help build just communities.

Applications are now available for the June 9-August 12, 2016 season. Click here to learn more or to complete your application.

Cincinnati Refugee Resettlement Initiative

MARCC and Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio invite people of goodwill in all faith traditions to learn how they can welcome the stranger in our community as part of Catholic Charities refugee resettlement program. More than 200 refugees were resettled last year by Catholic Charities in Greater Cincinnati. The non-profit agency just welcomed its first Syrian family. They will not be the last to find safe haven here.

This act of Mercy requires the support and involvement of the entire faith community. Join a meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at 5:30pm at Hebrew Union College and learn how your congregation can get involved.

For details visit www.CCSWOH.org/FaithResponse or register at Eventbrite so they may plan accordingly.

How to Address the Hot Topics

Rev. Adam Hamilton, Ministry Matters

Politicians, preachers, teachers, and others are faced regularly with the challenge of speaking on controversial issues. What makes an issue controversial, among other things, is that a significant number
of people understand and interpret the issue differently, and the issue stirs deep emotions for people on both sides.

When preaching, speaking, or teaching on these issues it is particularly important for the speaker to identify his or her goal. I'll put the question bluntly...

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