

1 helped us recognize not just the scope but also the depth of resources needed to assist churches
2 in making disciples for Jesus Christ.

3 In an effort to help churches become more aware of resources that already exist in all of the
4 areas of discipleship we developed a brochure that was distributed at Annual Conference last
5 year. In addition a training regarding the development and ministries for small groups was
6 organized, and promoted for August 2010 to build on the conference theme of "Exciting for
7 intentional Faith Sharing". As fewer and fewer people are participating in training events we
8 began the shift to using our resources to help strengthen and encourage trainings at the local
9 churches. We see this as happening in several different ways:

- 10 1. Being trainers who will travel to local churches and district training events.
- 11 2. Using some of our resources to help churches purchase resources.
- 12 3. By helping church leaders and pastors connect with the resources that are available to
13 them.
- 14 4. Development of resources that address unmet needs.

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17 **CCYM Annual Conference Report**
18 **Tyler Ward, President, Council on Youth Ministries**
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21 *In connecting with the mission of the United Methodist Church and the Kansas West*
22 *Conference, the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) seeks to support teenagers and*
23 *youth workers in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*
24

25 It has been an absolute privilege to serve as this year's president of the Conference Council on
26 Youth Ministries. There has been no greater blessing than the opportunity to work with
27 passionate youth and youth workers as we do ministry within Kansas West Conference. With the
28 indescribable support of God, CCYM has started attempting new ministries while building upon
29 those that have been found most effective.
30

31 Last year, when our conference decided to share in *Chabadza* with Zimbabwe East Conference,
32 we as the youth decided to go all out! Since last May we have been in frequent communication
33 with Zimbabwe East youth leaders as we learn from each other and support each other in this
34 ministry. As CCYM, we even spent Lent in a "40 days of Prayer for Zimbabwe," where every
35 morning we received prayers (written by CCYMers) over text-messaging. There is a lot we can
36 learn from one another!
37

38 In the summer of 2010, CCYM held two amazing summer camps at Camp Horizon; LEAD
39 (Leadership Education and Development) in June for middle-schoolers and LDW (Leadership
40 Development Workshop) in July for high-schoolers. The breathtaking scenery, worship services,
41 friendships, workshops, games, and speakers led to an experience that left youth looking deeper
42 into their faith.
43

44 In August, we had the honor of being invited and hosted by Bishop Jones and Mary Lou in their
45 home for our annual CCYM "Vision Meeting." They were great hosts, and we cannot thank them
46 enough for their incredible hospitality and who can forget Mary Lou's chocolate malts! At this
47 meeting, we visioned where we wanted our ministries to be and what God was challenging us to
48 try over the course of the year. We decided to focus on the 2011 Annual Conference theme,
49 *"Worth it! Risk-Taking Mission."* In response, we decided to be "risky" by challenging all six
50 District Councils on Youth Ministries within Kansas West Conference to go out into their

1 communities, connect with local churches, and feed 5,000 people by Annual Conference 2011...
2 a total of 30,000 people conference-wide! We called it the Matthew 14 Challenge.

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4 This January, youth from across the conference converged upon Garden City, KS for MidWinter,
5 our winter camp for high-schoolers. The camp was absolutely amazing and fulfilled its purpose of
6 bringing youth closer to Jesus! Through the worship, the speaker, the fellowship, and the mission
7 project all of the youth in attendance learned how, with God's help, they can make an IMPACT
8 within their communities and their world.

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10 Revitalizing our District Councils on Youth Ministries (DCYMs) has been a priority this year for
11 CCYM. Our challenge is to reach the 4,400+ youth in our conference. To revitalize DCYMs, we
12 have been working to train youth as effective leaders, while strongly encouraging them to be
13 leaders at the district and local church level. The results have been a steady progress in the
14 revitalization of our district youth ministries. The future of our DCYMs is becoming exciting, but
15 only as long as we continue to invite passionate youth and youth workers to join us in this
16 ministry.

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18 As this year's president, I have witnessed the focus and the sacrificial labor of our youth and
19 youth workers. To these Servants of Christ, all across the conference, I thank them from the
20 depths of my heart. By the grace of God, we have accomplished the highest goal; we have
21 furthered Christ's kingdom here upon the earth. Blessings to you all!

22 23 24 **Campus Ministries**

25 **Ichthus @ Washburn University, Rev. Eduardo Bousson, Campus minister**

26
27 This year has been one of growth. We have lived in our new remodeled house with our sand
28 volleyball court and great outdoor space. We hold worship in our living room, Bible studies in our
29 TV room, and fellowship dinners all over the house. We have grown to love and use our new
30 space.

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32 We have also grown in our discipleship. In the Fall semester we studied "When Christians Get it
33 Wrong" and "Sex God." In the Spring we studied "Invitation to the New Testament" and "The
34 Christian Atheist." Through our study we wrestled with questions people ask today and where
35 motivated to increase our discipleship.

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37 We also continued very successfully our peer to peer ministry called "Companions." This ministry
38 give students the opportunity to meet with another student for one hour a week for prayer, study,
39 and fellowship. Through this ministry, students learn to pray for one another, speak about their
40 faith publicly, and take leadership in discipling a friend.

41
42 We continue to worship on Thursday nights. We have a mix of ancient-future worship with very
43 traditional elements coupled with contemporary music and media. Every week we serve
44 communion as a reminder of different things, always reminding us of the grace of God in our
45 lives. After worship we have a time of fellowship where we play games, talk, and de-stress from
46 the week.

47
48 On Sunday nights, the churches from the Topeka area help us in a Sunday night dinner where we
49 offer a simple, home-cooked meal for the participant students. This night has become quite
50 popular even among some unchurched students who join us just for that time of fellowship.

51
52 Perhaps the biggest event we had this year was our mission trip to Shiprock, NM to the Navajo
53 Reservation. It was an eye-opening experience for all of us as we were submerged in a new
54 culture with struggles we did not fully realized. We heard from different generations of Navajos;
55 from one of the 13 surviving code talkers from WWII, to a college student who is committing to

1 work as a community organizer for the renewal of his people. We left Shiprock with the
2 commitment of going back and help them support their effort while we were away. We are
3 planning on doing several drives to send them needed items as well as inviting the code talker to
4 speak to the Washburn community.
5

6 We are also involved in missions in Topeka as we are one of the community partners for “Hands
7 on Topeka,” a ministry of the Topeka district, cleaning the parks of the city. We are also looking to
8 establish a partnership with other nonprofits that help the homeless and transient population. We
9 hope to see more involvement in this area next semester.

10
11 We are not looking to be a “church” for our college students. Our goal is to provide them with
12 experiences that will enable them to grow in their discipleship and that will equip them to be ready
13 to serve at any local church they join after their career at Washburn. One of these students is
14 graduating this May and will go to seminary to become a pastor. Another one will pursue a career
15 in law. A third one will seek to manage a nonprofit. My prayer is that the difference they make in
16 the world is fueled by a passion for Christ and his people that was kindled in their time with
17 Ichtus.
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19 I am grateful for the support that the United Methodist churches in Kansas have given us through
20 their gifts; in the shape of apportionments and pledges to Bridges to the Future, presence,
21 prayers, and witness. I believe that together we are shaping the Church that will continue to love
22 the world for Christ.
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25 **Commission on Camping Ministries**

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27 The Commission on Camping Ministries, along with our two on site camps and off site camps,
28 continue to offer strong ministry in the conference. During 2010, over 1325 campers were a part
29 of the Kansas West camping program. The camping commission along with the staffs at the
30 campsites work hard to provide a place set apart for spiritual growth and to provide opportunities
31 to make disciples for Jesus Christ. There are camping opportunities for people of all ages
32 available.
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34 **Commission on Global Ministries** 35 **Conference Mission Coordinator Paul Burger**

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37 This has been another great year for Missions in the Kansas West Conference. The needs have
38 been many in Kansas and around the globe. Our conference has been responding to these
39 needs. The Commission on Global Ministries’ budget directly supports the work of Open Door,
40 Western Kansas Mexican/American Ministries, and GraceMed Health Clinic. We also support
41 other important ministries through our Advance Specials. Thousands of disaster relief kits were
42 assembled by our members and sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief Depot for
43 Haitians after their devastating earthquake. Through our outreach we have been involved in
44 “intentional faith sharing” and “risk taking mission”. We have been promoting ways of sharing our
45 faith with others through both word and our service. A growing number of mission teams have
46 been able to serve Christ, grow in Christian discipleship, help others physically, and bring the
47 Good News of the gospel to others. Many new disaster responders and early responders have
48 been trained and are ready for risk taking missions. We have raised awareness and funds to
49 combat hunger and poverty. An exciting new partnership, Chabadza, has begun with the
50 Methodists of the Zimbabwe East conference.
51

52 Through the Global Ministries revolving loan fund we are currently assisting 10 churches with
53 over \$600,000 in low interest loans to fulfill the mission of the United Methodist Church to make
54 disciples of Jesus Christ.
55

1 This growth has been possible because of our part-time VIM coordinator, Disaster Response
2 coordinator, conference support staff, volunteers wanting to make a Christian difference, gifted
3 team leaders, active committee members, and because we're doing God's work. As a
4 conference we still have much work to involve more of our church members in mission and
5 further develop mission opportunities. Not only in the Kansas West Conference, but across the
6 United Methodist Church we are seeing rapid growth of Volunteers In Mission and Disaster
7 Responders. As the word spreads more and more church members want to put their faith and
8 funds into action through missions. We will continue with trainings for our church outreach
9 coordinators, mission celebrations in local churches, and in our districts. A conference wide
10 mission event is being planned for 2012. Join us in a "risk taking mission".
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VIM Committee Bonnie Laycock – Chair

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16 VIM in Kansas West is being revamped and re-energized and we are excited about what is
17 currently happening and what the future looks like. Starting last August, the VIM Committee grew
18 to include two representatives from each district with a few additional at-large members. The
19 committee starting meeting quarterly and there's been excitement, energy and yes, fun, at each
20 of our meetings! It's a great group and we are determined to bring VIM to the forefront of mission
21 outreach in the Kansas West Conference.
22

23 One of the first acts of business involved hiring a part-time Kansas West VIM Coordinator using
24 some funds which the committee had on hand. Janet Robinson, a strong Christian with a heart
25 for missions, was hired and hit the ground running last fall. Janet has since attended several
26 jurisdictional events and trainings, helped set up the conference 2011 mission teams, led an all
27 women's conference team, taught team leader training, redesigned and resurrected the VIM
28 Voice and has successfully set up a "mission library" with books that can be purchased... just to
29 mention a few activities she has been involved in.
30

31 The VIM Committee has been busy trying to improve communication concerning missions with
32 the local churches, improving the VIM Voice and recruiting new leaders and members for VIM
33 mission teams. The committee is passionate about mission and outreach and knows that the
34 more we can get the local churches involved in missions and outreach, the stronger they will be.
35 We call on God to lead us and to strength us, that we might be completely under the influence of
36 Jesus to do his work with our hands.
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Kansas West Disaster Response Committee Keith Fink, Chair

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42 As I drive through the city of Greensburg I see the continuation of new rebuilding after an F5
43 tornado demolished most of their city. In Chapman, following devastation from another tornado,
44 they have rededicated their church and parsonage as they continue to rebuild. As we enter into
45 this Annual Conference year of "Risk Taking Mission" the Kansas West Committee on Disaster
46 Response is continuing to build as well. We continue to build by holding our Basic Disaster
47 Response trainings which are greatly needed so people are prepared to enter into a disaster site
48 and respond to the needs of a community.
49

50 The Disaster Response committee is not stopping our ministry of building there. We have trained
51 more of our district coordinators to provide all churches with "Connecting Neighbors" training.
52 This gives local churches and its members the tools they need to develop a disaster response
53 plan for families and for the local church. At this Annual Conference, Richfield UMC, one of the
54 first churches to take this training will be honored, from the United Methodist Committee on
55 Relief, with the first ever certificate of completion of this course. The Kansas West conference

1 also has its first “Early Response Team.” This team will have the knowledge to arrive at a disaster
2 site right after first responders have arrived. We are continuing to build our numbers with the
3 training of other teams as well. These teams will be self sufficient and will be able to minister to
4 those who are hurting by first making their homes safe and secure. This is a needed response so
5 that the recovery can be started. The committee hopes to continue to develop other teams
6 throughout the conference.
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8 Also as we build our physical response to disasters we have started on the road to developing
9 “Spiritual and Emotional Care” teams. These teams are highly specialized in providing the unique
10 Christian response that is so greatly needed after the crises of a disaster. We will keep you
11 informed as we continue the path of building a better ministry of Disaster Response in the Kansas
12 West Conference, in keeping with the ministry that we are called to by the parable of the “Good
13 Samaritan”.
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15 **College Advocacy Committee** 16 **Marshall Stanton, Chairman** 17

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19 The purpose of the College Advocacy Committee is to serve as the voice of Kansas Wesleyan
20 University and Southwestern College to the Annual Conference and the voice of the Annual
21 Conference to the two Conference colleges. To that end the following activities were conducted
22 within the span of the past 12 months.
23

24 The Committee advocated for financial support for both KWU and SC. (Within the past 25 years
25 this has shrunken from \$145,000 per college per year to \$7,500 per college per year.)
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27 The Committee awarded two churches with the Francis Asbury Award for Excellence in
28 supporting higher education through the two Conference Colleges: Grace United Methodist
29 Church in Winfield and University United Methodist Church in Salina. Also, the Committee
30 requested nominations for the award from persons and churches within the Conference for 2011.
31 (The award may be for either individuals or for churches.)
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33 The Committee awarded about \$2,400 in scholarship assistance to three United Methodist
34 students residing in the geographic bounds of the Conference from funds made available through
35 the Higher Education offering. (These funds represent 10% of the offering which is sent to the
36 Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville.)
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38 Students receiving the scholarships were Jonnelle Brunholtz, Richfield UMC to Kansas Wesleyan
39 University; Darren Gutheridge, First UMC, Wichita to St Paul School of Theology; and Anthony
40 Gropper, Grace UMC, Winfield to Southwestern College.
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42 The Committee also expanded its membership to better represent the Conference.
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45 **Report of the Retirement Home Committee** 46 **Jay Anderson, Chairman** 47

48 The Retirement Home Committee represents Asbury Park in Newton and Wesley Towers in
49 Hutchinson. The Committee held three meetings this past year. Those on the Committee are
50 Jay Anderson, chairman, Rick Sailor, Clyde Woolfolk, Phyllis Schneider, Bev Weber, Jim Rheese,
51 and Paul Burger

52 Besides publicizing the Retirement Home Sunday, which is the third Sunday in September, the
53 Committee focused our efforts on encouraging volunteers to provide assistance to the Homes in
54 repairs and maintenance. For example, at Asbury Park, the Volunteers in Mission of the

1 Conference came to repair the walls and holes left from insulation being inserted into the walls.
2 In the future they plan to repair sidewalks and provide parking space for RVs.
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4 We encourage church members in the Conference to visit each of the Homes and to support
5 them with their finances.
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8 **United Methodist Men**
9 **Loyd Hamrick – President**

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11 As I sit down and prepare this years Annual Report on United Methodist Men for the Kansas
12 West Conference – I am reminded where we started – as to where are now today in 2011. I am
13 also reminded of Jesus and the Disciples during this time of lent. As UMM we are still striving to
14 be a connectional ministry where we invite men and boys to participate in the opportunities to
15 grow spiritually and to continue building a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and especially with
16 each other.
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18 Just as Jesus taught His disciples, we to need to share with each other – as we look to one
19 another we should become models and guides. As UMM we need to keep our eyes on the central
20 reason why we are UMM – and that is to help others grow to a mature faith in Christ, which
21 moves us to action. We should always remember that “no matter where we are in our own
22 spiritual growth or journey, God is there with us.”
23

24 I am also reminded that we need to be steadfast and take significant strides to increase the
25 number of churches to charter. There are 360 + churches within our conference and through the
26 records with the General Commission on United Methodist Men twenty seven (27) churches in
27 the conference are chartered. The charter has been the uniting instrument for UMM ministries for
28 over 50 years. UMM ministries charter for all the reasons that a local church is chartered as a
29 UMC, making its annual contributions to the general church. We now have a wonderful staff with
30 the GCUMM that oversees, manages the mission and ministries that are funded by the UMM.
31 With the cooperation and help of the National Association of Conference Presidents (NACP), the
32 UMM Foundation and the National Association of United Methodist Scouters (NAUMS) - the staff
33 with the GCUMM takes on the task that relates to, promotes and seeks funds to maintain the
34 mission for UMM and we have now a strong voice with the general church through our General
35 Secretary – the staff is also manages the National Gathering of UMM, held every four years.
36

37 So again, as we move forward in 2011 it is my prayer and the prayer of those on the UMM
38 Steering Committee, that we take a strong stance for all men's ministry and set a goal to have as
39 many churches charter – so that men's ministry will have an effectiveness in our missions and
40 ministries that is not available through any other source.
41

42 Part of our growth this year is that we announced a new lay leadership in the Wichita East District
43 – by naming Joe Warne the new President of this district. Joe comes to us by way of the Mulvane
44 UMC and he is taking an active roll in this position. We are still looking for leadership in the
45 Wichita West District, the Dodge City District and anyone with passion to the Scouting Ministry,
46 Hunger Ministry and Disaster Ministry, we would like to set up Coordinators to those ministries to
47 lend support and resource. UMM across the conference are involved and implementing models,
48 visions for men ministries, and are involved in the four areas of focus, outlined at the last general
49 conference, but until we come together and form a spiritual relationship our connectionedness as
50 men of the church is not going to happen.
51

52 The following are some exciting witnesses of the spirit leading us and the renewing energy Men's
53 Ministry across the conference for 2011:
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1 The South Central Jurisdiction Gathering: The United Methodist Men of the South Central
2 Jurisdiction and the GCUMM are inviting all men to attend the UMMen's SCJ Gathering on **July**
3 **29- 31, 2011**. The theme of the Gathering is **"Knowing Christ – Sharing Christ"**
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5 The Gathering will be held at First United Methodist Church, in Wichita and is hosted by the
6 Kansas East/West Conferences of UMM. We are encouraging men to come to Wichita and to feel
7 the spirit as it fills each of us that attend. Have you ever experienced the sound and spirit of 200 +
8 men worshipping and singing God's praises together. If not here is your chance.
9

10 For those who can not come to Wichita, the Gathering will be webcast across the country to
11 remote locations and sites. For more info go to the following website: www.tcumm.org
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13 The Gathering will open Friday evening (July 29th) with a message from Bishop Scott Jones, who
14 will be encouraging us to Know Christ better. On Saturday morning (July 30) Rev. Todd Guinn,
15 Assoc. Pastor at 1st UMC in Wichita, will encourage to share our Knowing Christ with our youth
16 that surrounds us. Men are being challenged to invite the youth, bring a son, a grandson or any
17 youth they know to share the gathering. Following Rev. Guinn's message, the men and youth
18 attending in Wichita will have the opportunity to share Christ with the hungry through a Potato
19 Drop and distributing Strength for Service devotionals to the local military, firemen and police
20 officers. Those attending at remote sites will have this time to share Christ in a project sponsored
21 by the site facilitator. After lunch, the Rev. Marvin Hood will talk about how we can share Christ
22 with men who are incarcerated. Rev. Kevass Harding will follow Rev. Hood, later in the afternoon.
23 Following dinner, Bishop Hays, of the Okla. Conference will address the gathering and share
24 communion.
25

26 Music will be conducted with Roger Cooper, with his sharing stories and his music. Brett Vallent,
27 of 1st UMC organist will accompany Roger. The music will be outstanding.
28

29 Men attending Wichita are invited to stay Sunday morning (July 31st) for worship with the
30 congregation at 1st UMC. Rev Michael Gardner will be preaching and Roger Cooper will be guest
31 singer. This service will be broadcasted all over the Kansas West.
32

33 Come join us – with the new technology we will be part of the body of Christ all across Kansas
34 and the country. Check out the details and download an event brochure at www.tcumm.org.
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36 **The Prison Ministry**

37 Part of the vision of the "Prison Ministry," not only for the UMC, but for the whole Faith-Base
38 Community is to bring a connectedness of all churches together that are involved with this
39 ministry. As we all move forward and develop this ministry, we will be able to provide offenders a
40 clear, structure and support for a new life upon release.
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42 At the present time there are several prison ministries taking place across the state and in our
43 conference. As network churches come together they will be able to provide guidance and
44 direction to the participants in their communities. The prison ministry has emerged from years of
45 experience and influences from previous programs. The prison ministry in Kansas works closely
46 with the Kansas Department of Corrections to assist offenders preparing for reentry into the
47 community while also supporting the Department's mission of "actively encouraging offenders to
48 become law-abiding citizens."
49

50 In September 2010, at the NACP Executive Committee meeting, in Nashville, TN, the GCUMM,
51 officially announced that they were making the "Prison Ministry" an official Men's Ministry of the
52 UMC.
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54 By making this announcement, God is opening yet more doors, not only for the UMC, but for the
55 whole Faith-Base Community, who are having an impact on those inmates who are incarcerated
56 and the support for those being released back into the community.

1 Part of this announcement – the Kansas East/West Conferences have been selected or named
2 as one of the five states across the country to be an “Affiliate Program” with the parent
3 organization the “Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries” (DBOM). DBOM is a collaborative ministry
4 established by the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences of the UMC for the
5 promotion and development of Disciple Bible Study ministries in local churches and other
6 outreach settings in the state of North Carolina.
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8 This ministry has received under girding support from The Connectional Table of the UMC, The
9 General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, GCUMM and UMM organizational support and
10 volunteers in the prisons.
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12 On January 15th, 2011, we invited Dr. Mark Hicks, founding Director of DBOM, to come to Wichita
13 and hold a seminar on how we can develop and to make DBOM part of our ministry here in
14 Kansas. We invited several leaders from various Faith Base Community involved in prison
15 ministry, prison chaplains and Kansas Department of Corrections. From this seminar we listened
16 and had discussions on many prison ministry related topics and how we can all come together to
17 regenerate the local churches by developing the leadership needed around the state.
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19 With the endorsements from the Kansas Department of Corrections, we will open doors to many
20 congregations across the state and by linking inmates with local congregations, we have an
21 added benefit – that a network of caring Christian friends can be established to help nurture
22 inmates as they rediscover their place of belonging within the community.

23 This ministry not only benefits the inmates, but also benefits our local congregations. It opens the
24 heart of many congregations to the needs of prison ministry and missions in general. Because
25 inmates are brought to the local churches on passes for worship and other programs,
26 participating churches have witnessed the breaking down of many barriers, such as race, fear,
27 and misunderstanding that divide God’s people.
28

29 The Men’s Ministry Specialist program continues to provide men specialist to serve congregations
30 by supporting clergy and lay leaders in ministry with men. This program is a response to the
31 shortage of qualified leadership in men’s ministry and the leadership emphasis of the church’s
32 four areas of focus. These specialists will motivate, inspire and serve as coaches for the local
33 churches. Joe Warne, the new Wichita East District President, will be enrolling as a new
34 candidate. If there are any questions concerning this program, please contact George Houle, the
35 Conference Spiritual Coordinator, at Ghoule1@att.net.
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37 The Wesleyan Building Brothers continues to serve the local church by assisting them in
38 developing a leadership core of men who are pursuing God and capable of reproducing that
39 pursuit in the lives of other men within the church. The key to this process is establishing a clear
40 pathway with the church to lead men from spiritual immaturity to spiritual fatherhood, developing
41 leaders who can minister to others. If there are any questions concerning this program, contact
42 George Houle, at Ghoule1@att.net.
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44 The Men/Boy’s rallies continue to be a vital ministry and are stilling growing in the Hays, Salina,
45 and Hutchinson Districts. These rallies continue to support the youth in their areas, by granting
46 scholarships opportunities for students going to our Methodist colleges in the state.
47

48 So as I sit here and close this report – I think of what we have done. We have done some good
49 work, but still, have more to do. We need to develop and find ways to grow new pathways for
50 men showing them how to be Godly men, we need to develop new leaders and we need to
51 develop a closer relationship with each other – so we can **“Help Men to Grow in Christ – So
52 That Others May Know Christ.”**
53

54 Thanks for the opportunity to serve and May God Bless all men of the Kansas West Conference.
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1 **United Methodist Women**
2 **Thelma Miller, President**
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4 January 15, 2011 the Executive Committee met at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend.
5 We welcomed new members and reports of our year 2010 were given. Treasurer report of 2010
6 was: Mission Giving \$287,375.75; Call to Prayer & Self-Denial \$18,326.82 and Mission Giving
7 Plus \$13,384.86 for a total giving to Women's Division of \$319,069.44
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9 February 9, 2010, Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith, "Christians Caring for Creation" (Psalm
10 8:6) First United Methodist Church, Topeka, opened with worship, with speaker, followed by
11 "What's happening in Kansas, Sister Therese Bangert and Paul Johnson, ending with a panel
12 discussion. LUCH with our legislators, after which we had choices of workshops.
13

14 March and April Conference and District are busy planning for Spiritual Retreats and Annual
15 meetings. June 13 met our bus with 39 young women and six sponsors left Wichita headed to the
16 southeast going as far as Red Bird Mission and Henderson Steelement. They traveled with
17 enthusiasm and open minds to learn about United Methodist mission projects and saw the sights
18 and wonders of the world God has created for us.
19

20 June 26-29 Conference school committee, deans and teachers attended Regional School at
21 Dillard University, New Orleans. Jodi Patton of Sott City logo for the theme "Faith-Hope-Love-In
22 Action" was chosen for the cover of the Regional School program book and also was used on
23 our Kansas West School program book.
24

25 July 27-30 Kansas West school of Missions was held at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina.
26 August we had an executive meeting and conducted training for District Officers. September our
27 annual conference meeting was held at First United Methodist Church in Hays. Opening Friday
28 was by Conference Social Action, Janice Elmore presented "Look at Social Issues". Dinner was
29 followed with entertainment by "Crossroads" and Story Telling by Steve Johnson, Campus Center
30 Director. Saturday Mille Holacher, author and active UMW member was keynote speaker. Title
31 of her speech "Bag Ladies", each woman received a small burlap bag. Business meeting reports
32 were given, election of officers and installation. The afternoon session ended with special music
33 and Holy Communion.
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35 October 1-2 Mini School of Missions was held at Camp Lakeside. District Annual meetings were
36 held in various locations and time. In November newly elected Conference Officers attend
37 Leadership Training Event in St. Louis. This ended our 2010 year.
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40 **The Chabadza Leadership Team**
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42 With the passage of the Chabadza Covenant agreement at the 2010 Kansas West Annual
43 Conference and Zimbabwe East Conference in December of 2010, the Chabadza Leadership
44 Team has moved forward in connecting Kansas West Churches with Zimbabwe East Churches.
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46 The District Partnerships are as follows:

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| 47 | • Dodge City | Chimanimani-Chipingwe |
| 48 | • Hays | Marange |
| 49 | • Hutchinson | Mutare (23) |
| 50 | • Salina | Makoni-Buhera (2*) |
| 51 | • Wichita East | Harare East / Chitungwisa – Marondera (3*) |
| 52 | • Wichita West | Mutasa-Nyanga (2)(6*) |

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54 *() Number of paired churches Kansas West Churches in the District*

55 ** In the process of being paired*

1 \$12,256.02 has been sent through the conference treasury for support of Zimbabwe East
2 congregations and their ministries since the 2010 annual conference.

3
4 \$39,715.00 was sent for materials used by two VIM Teams in building the Zimunya Skills Training
5 Center: one in July 2010 and the other in February 2011.

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7 For a total of \$51,971.02 sent by congregations and work teams of the Kansas West Conference
8 in support of ministries in the Zimbabwe East Conference.

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10 Although financial support for the ministries of the Zimbabwe East Conference and churches
11 should not be neglected, the Chabadza Leadership Team continues to stress that *relationships*
12 are at the heart of the Chabadza Covenant: exchanging information about paired churches,
13 exchanging prayer concerns, taking time to learn about one another. The Chabadza Leadership
14 Team would like to remind the annual conference that this is a new way of being in partnership
15 with another conference half way around the world, *both* conferences working to make disciples
16 for the transformation of the world.

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18 Mark Conard traveled with the February VIM Team and spent time with the district
19 superintendents of the Zimbabwe East Conference continuing to develop our relationship.
20 Bishop Jones will travel with members of the Kansas West Annual Conference in August. Again,
21 time will be spent with paired churches and districts developing our relationship.

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23 We are still very early in developing our relationship with the Zimbabwe East conference and we
24 are pleased at the progress that we are making. We encourage churches to explore the
25 possibility of a paired relationship. However, a paired relationship may not be suitable for every
26 congregation, in which case, we encourage congregations and groups to explore supporting other
27 projects and possibilities with the Zimbabwe East Conference. We are currently exploring the
28 possibility of matching individuals and couples within the two conferences.

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30 A covenant application form may be found on the Kansas West Web site (at
31 www.kswestumc.org/zimbabwe). For more information, or to request a speaker for your group or
32 church, please contact Quentin Bennett (q_bennett@mac.com) (620) 257-5161) or Mark Conard
33 (fumhutchpastor@sbcglobal.net) / (620) 662-2386).

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35 **Chabadza Leadership Team**

36 Quentin Bennett – Chair	46 Aaron Madondo
37 Mark Conard – Church Coordinator and	47 David Perry
38 Liaison to Zimbabwe East	48 Lea Ann Reber
39 Kennedy Mukwindidza - Mission Team	49 Brittany Roberts
40 Coordinator	50 Larry Swanson
41 Jill Foss (Conference Lay Leader)	51 Glenn Tombaugh
42 Linda Budde	52 Dennis Wallace
43 Andrew Conard	53 Bob Unruh
44 Nicole Conard	54 Lisa Diehl (Conference Staff)
45 Harry Cross	55 Linda Louderback (Conference Staff)

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58 **Committee on Native American Ministries**

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60 Thank you Kansas West United Methodist Churches your generous offering given freely for the
61 mission work to Native Americans in Kansas. Thank you for observing Native American Day April
62 18, 2010 or whatever day you chose to remember that Native Christians have a story of their faith
63 and culture.
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1 Our purpose is to be a resource and advocate for Native American ministry within the Annual
2 Conference. We continue to recommend how the Native American Awareness Sunday funds will
3 be used that is kept by the conference. We have members of the committee that have a strong
4 traditional background, and those who have just become aware of their Native American
5 background as well. We strive to balance both of these values.

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7 We continue to support our college students with funds for books and supplies. We awarded
8 three students for the 2010 year. The scholarships are renewable for the spring semester of
9 2011. Recipients were : Sara Rowe, Kansas State University, Rachel Womack, Wichita State
10 University, and Michael Rowe, Newman University who graduated December 2010.

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12 The 3rd annual "Keeping All God's Children Warm for the Winter" was held December 14, 2010,
13 at the Mid American All Indian Center in conjunction with their annual children's Christmas party.
14 We have established a relationship with the Indian community and they look forward to receiving
15 gloves and scarves. We received an offer from a lady to help us with the scarves in 2011. Fifteen
16 \$30.00 Dillon's gift cards were given to families and the recipients were very appreciative to
17 receive the assistance.

18
19 Twice a year we meet with the Kansas East CONAM. The dates were March 27, 2010 and
20 October 30, 2010. We met at Sullivan Chapel UMC, Topeka, KS and Emporia's First UMC. The
21 purpose of these meetings, are to share, listen, support each other. As members of CONAM we
22 have the responsibility and privilege of talking with the church at large and sharing the Good
23 News as it is and as it needs to be made manifest among the Native Americans peoples in
24 Kansas. Our mission includes being there to speak for those who are not "at the table" and who
25 need a voice in the church and community. Rev. Julianne Judd of Oklahoma Indian Missionary
26 Conference is the Co- Chair of Rev. Don Anderson, Kansas East Conference.

27 28 Plan of Ministry:

29 The Kansas West Annual Conference will continue to be supportive of the work of the Oklahoma
30 Indian Missionary Conference in providing for the needs of the Native Americans living within the
31 geographic bounds of Kansas West Annual Conference.

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33 We meet once a quarter at the Mid American All Indian Center, Wichita, KS. We appreciate
34 everyone's commitment to attend our meetings.

35 36 37 **Hispanic United Methodist Ministries** 38 **Lance Carrithers, Chair**

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40 Hispanic United Methodist Ministries Committee (HUMM) has enjoyed a fruitful year with the
41 appointment of new pastors to serve in new places, the revitalization of some of our existing
42 ministries, and an overall expansion of ministry with and for Hispanic persons in the Kansas West
43 Conference. This has happened as we followed our vision: **We aim to be a "conference of**
44 **Hispanic Disciples in Leadership for the Kingdom of God."** (*"Una conferencia de*
45 *Discipulos Hispanos en Liderazgo para el Reino de Dios."*) This requires work across four
46 different areas:

47 48 **New Congregational Development**

49 July brought new appointments to El Mesias, and Evangelica, our two conference mission
50 congregations. Tim Jepsen and his wife Jennifer are building up the El Mesias congregation in
51 Wichita, while also pastoring St. Paul UMC, where El Mesias is presently located. Sergio
52 Tristan, and his wife Patricia were appointed to Evangelica UMC in Garden City. Sergio's work
53 has been one of restart for the congregation, including rehabilitating facilities and building a
54 worshipping congregation. Also in July, Rev. Tania Montero joined the staff at First UMC in
55 Dodge City, to lead the fellowship there known as Casa de Oración. Since Tania and her

1 husband Gabriel arrived the congregation has more than tripled! Walter Marsela was appointed
2 to Brookside/Vida en Cristo in Wichita, a congregational restart. Pastor Juan Garcia continues to
3 lead the Spanish speaking UMC congregation in Liberal. Nearly all of these new ministries have
4 been made possible by Bridges to the Future funding, thanks to the generosity of the Kansas
5 West Conference and its churches. Total attendance in these five Hispanic congregations has
6 increased 60% (100 persons) over a 6 month period ending in February, 2011. During that same
7 period, total monthly giving has increased 102% from \$4600 to over \$9300 per month!

8 9 **Advocacy**

10 As legislation is proposed in both the Kansas state legislature and the U.S. legislature that
11 adversely affects Hispanic persons living in Kansas, Hispanic Ministries works to raise awareness
12 and activate leadership.

13 14 **Leadership Training**

15 In 2010-2011, Hispanic Ministries and New Church Development retained the services of Leo and
16 Carmen Rodriguez as coaches to help our new Hispanic pastors develop best practices in their
17 ministry settings. This has been an invaluable help as we begin so many new ministries.

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19 Other efforts to provide training and support included:

- 20 • Boot Camp for church planters conducted in Spanish
- 21 • Benchmark sessions held with pastors and lay leaders in each local congregation
- 22 • Pastor and Spouse Retreat

23 24 **Connections with Existing Congregations**

25 UNIDOS|UNITED Services held quarterly, hosted by local congregations throughout our
26 conference.

27 Two new Spanish language camps were initiated at Camp Lakeside, Camp Familiar for families
28 and Camp Xpresar for youth which were well attended and will be repeated in 2011.

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30 Though there is much to celebrate in the past year, the future looks even brighter and more
31 hopeful! Please join your prayers with those engaged in these vital ministries.

32 33 34 **Hunger Committee** 35 **W. Harlan Rittgers, Chair**

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37 Each year I have given a report to the Annual Conference on what the Kansas West Hunger
38 Committee has been up to during the last year and, especially, how much money we have
39 collected from the local churches through the ONE ROUND – ONE FIELD PROJECT, the Hunger
40 Offering and the UNmeal at Annual Conference registration. I will do that again, although, the
41 amounts continue to decline each year. It raises the question WHY? when the NEED is greater
42 than ever, when more and more individuals and families are affected, when children and women
43 find it harder and harder to make ends meet.

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45 We can always point to the depressed economy (in spite of the stock market gains), the loss of
46 jobs, and increasing disasters in Japan, New Zealand and Australia. We can even dismiss our
47 apathy and stagnation with the scripture that says, “You will always have the poor (and hungry)
48 with you.” (insertion mine- Mt. 26:11, Mk. 14:7, Jn. 12:8)

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50 On the Jeopardy TV show a week or so ago, one of the categories was entitled “Who Cares?” I
51 wonder, is that our attitude, when it comes to responding to the poor, the hungry, the homeless,
52 the jobless. Is the reality of the situation so overwhelming, so massive, so pervasive that we are
53 stifled, stunned, shocked into inaction? Are there too many options, which we don’t know what to
54 choose? Or, in our frustration, do we settle for the easiest, the most convenient, or the minimum
55 response?

1 Who Cares? GOD DOES! Do we? Lent is a good time to examine our hearts, our commitments,
2 and our priorities. What would God in Christ have me/us do in response to those who have little
3 or nothing to eat?
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5 The Hunger Committee provides three avenues for your response: **1) ONE ROUND- ONE FIELD**
6 (23 churches/2 individuals gave \$8,952.84 last yr.), **2) the Hunger Offering** (we raised \$8,056.06
7 in 2010), **and 3) the UNmeal** brought in \$657.24 last yr. We are grateful for each gift, but we
8 can do so much better, if we put our minds and hearts to it. Think of those children in Haiti, those
9 families served by UM OPEN DOOR in Wichita and United Methodist Mexican-American
10 Ministries as well as those in our own communities. They need our help. They need to know WE
11 CARE! What will be your answer?
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14 **Rural Issues Task Force**

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16 Fourteen congregations received an offering on Rural Life Sunday in 2010. The total amount
17 given was \$1,287.73. Many thanks go to all who contributed to this offering. The money was
18 given to the Rural Division of the Kansas Ecumenical Ministries which worked in partnership with
19 the Kansas Rural Family Helpline to provide direct assistance to rural families struggling with
20 unmet emotional, medical, financial or legal needs. The funds have already been distributed to
21 families in need and were much appreciated; however, since the Kansas Rural Family Helpline
22 has lost its funding and is no longer in existence and since there is uncertainty regarding the
23 future of the Kansas Ecumenical Ministries, the Rural Issues Task Force is recommending that
24 the 2011 Rural Life Sunday offering be given to the Kansas West Conference Center for Small
25 Membership Churches to be used to strengthen and revitalize rural churches. This
26 recommendation is a part of the 2011 Rural Life Sunday Resolution.
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29 **Rural Life Sunday Resolution** 30 **Bishop's Rural Issues Task Force**

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33 Whereas, the United Methodist Churches of the Kansas West Conference are predominantly in
34 small towns; and
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36 Whereas, the primary economic engine of western Kansas communities is agriculture and related
37 service providers; and
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39 Whereas, the high cost of producing agricultural products compared to the erratic nature of prices
40 received for commodities is making it difficult for farmers to make long term decisions; and
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42 Whereas, the decline in population in rural areas is creating a crisis for communities and
43 churches; and
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45 Whereas, the future spiritual and financial health of many parishes in our Annual Conference is
46 dependent upon the health of the agricultural economy of our region; and
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48 Whereas, many of us no longer make a mental connection between the farm and the food on our
49 table; and
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51 Whereas, one role of the local church is to address the real needs and issues facing the
52 community;
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54 Therefore be it resolved that the Congregations of the Kansas West Conference of The United
55 Methodist Church enthusiastically observe Rural Life Sunday annually on the third Sunday of

1 September (or any Sunday) that suits local needs. The purpose of this observance shall be to
2 raise awareness of the relationship between agriculture and the food we eat; to inform
3 urban/suburban dwellers of the plight of farmers and rural communities in our region; to affirm
4 those who grow the food we eat; and to give thanks to God for the unique joys of rural living. A
5 special offering is to be taken to be given to the Center for Small Membership Churches, Rev.
6 Carl Ellis, Director, to be used to strengthen and revitalize rural churches.

7 8 9 **Africa University**

10 **James H. Salley, Assoc. Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement**

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12 *Africa University: Serving God. All the Time. Everywhere.*

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14 Support from United Methodists around the world has enabled Africa University to strongly
15 emerge from Zimbabwe's recent economic and political crises.

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17 "As we have endured Zimbabwe's national crisis, we have, indeed discovered not only what we
18 are, but reinforced whose we are," says Dr. Fanuel Tagwira, vice chancellor. "We are preparing
19 Africa's newest generation of leaders while proclaiming our faith and allegiance to Jesus Christ."

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21 The University is preparing to celebrate its 20th anniversary of ministry and service to Africa in
22 2012.

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24 **The University offers its thanks** to the 21 annual conferences that met 100 percent of their
25 apportionments for the Africa University Fund. In 2010, United Methodists contributed nearly \$2.2
26 million to the Africa University Fund. That represents more than 86 percent of the \$2.5 million
27 goal. The Fund supports general operating costs, such as faculty and staff salaries and upkeep of
28 facilities.

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30 While meeting apportionments is important, second mile giving to the University's endowment for
31 student scholarships is vital. Our students have a great need for scholarship support.

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33 **Africa University graduated 349 students in June 2010**, and opened the 2010-2011 school
34 year with 1,200 students representing 25 African countries. Since opening in 1992, more than
35 3,500 students have earned bachelor and master's degrees. Africa University prepares leaders in
36 theology, agriculture, business and social sciences, health sciences, and peace and justice.

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38 Africa University's curriculum and support of the surrounding community reflects our biblical
39 commitment to service and our Wesleyan heritage. Our graduates are prepared to serve Africa in
40 ways that reflect the church's four areas of focus, ministering to the poor, combating diseases of
41 poverty, creating and revitalizing congregations, and developing principled Christian leaders.

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43 The 2010 graduating class included 39 recipients of the University's inaugural Master's Degree in
44 intellectual property. They represented 15 African countries. Africa University is the first
45 university in sub-Saharan Africa to offer this degree. It stresses the value of protecting intellectual
46 property for the people of Africa. It is one more example of the ethos of the University – preparing
47 leaders who remain in Africa to serve Africa.

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49 Another important aspect of the University is our commitment to gender diversity. Our student
50 body is nearly evenly divided between females and males. That is a significant development in
51 Africa – a positive sign for the expanding role of women across the continent.

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53 **Another positive sign** is the commitment of African United Methodists to take an even more
54 active role in supporting the University. African bishops broke ground in the 2010-2011 academic

1 year on a new housing facility for staff – funded by annual conferences in Africa. This housing
2 unit is expected to be ready for the opening of the 2011-2012 academic year in September.
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4 **Africa University is preparing to add additional cyber campuses.** Student applications far
5 outstrip our ability to educate students on our Old Mutare campus. That is why we are adding
6 more locations to our on-line cyber courses. Our first virtual campus is located in Maputo,
7 Mozambique. As we broaden our service to all of Africa, we are planning virtual campuses in the
8 Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone. A key to the success of
9 these cyber campuses will be our new, expanded ability to reach the world through the Internet.
10 We recently finished connecting with a new high speed, fiber optic cable system that links
11 Zimbabwe with the world.
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13 All of this is happening through the prayers and financial support of United Methodists around the
14 world. Encourage your church to meet its Africa University Fund shared ministry obligation this
15 year. Your support is part of The United Methodist Church's response to God's call to serve
16 Africa. Your support helps to prepare Africa's next generation of leaders. They will spread the
17 Gospel of Jesus Christ, improve health care and living conditions, expand business and
18 commerce, and educate another generation of leaders in this rapidly changing region of the
19 world.
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21 **Kansas Area Health and Wellness Committee**

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24 The Kansas East and West Conferences continue to work together to promote wholistic health
25 and wellness in our congregations, our clergy and our communities. We recognize that the
26 healthier we are in mind, body and spirit the more effective we can be in nurturing healthy
27 relationships and making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
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29 The past year our focus has included:
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- 31 • Monthly health bulletin inserts for downloading from the websites
- 32 • **Clergy health focus:** The first pilot *Clergy Wellness Program* was held in August, 2010
33 and was deemed a success. Twenty-eight randomly selected clergy attended. Two more
34 retreats are scheduled in 2011, one for the extended cabinet and one for up to 24 clergy.
35 The Clergy Wellness Program is funded by grant partnerships established with the
36 Kansas Health Foundation and the UM Health Ministry Fund.
- 37 • **Health programs, models, and activities:** The annual Kansas East and West walking
38 challenge continues. Kansas West won in 2009.
- 39 • Health ministry liaison job description has been developed and training is being
40 developed for local churches.
- 41 • Work has started on development of resources for Staff/Pastor Parish Relations
42 Committees on strategies for supporting clergy health at the congregational level.
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44 Members of the committee for 2010:

45 Kansas East

46 John McCabe, Co-Chair
47 Charlotte Olsen, Secretary
48 Janie Van Wallegghem
49 Charlotte Coates
50 Helen Stuckey Risdon
51 Jennifer Bryan
52 Mary Lu Wilkerson
53 Lonnie Bailey
54 Carol Fusaro

45 Kansas West

Susan Harvey, Co-Chair
Cheri Baer
Bob Cox
Lisa Thompson
Sarah Cooper
Amy Lippoldt
Kim Moore
Linda Louderback
Carol Jackson

55 If you have questions or ideas for the committee, please contact any of the members.