

Bridges Bulletin

to the **Future** Capital Campaign for

Kansas United Methodists

2009 Kansas West Annual Conference

Through the faithful giving of individuals and churches across the Kansas West Annual Conference, camping, campus ministry and church growth and development ministries are moving forward with projects and expanding ministry in Kansas. The Conference Focus Team receives requests for funds at its quarterly meetings and approves distributions based on available funds. The Focus Team has approved more than \$1.4 million in distributions from the Bridges to the Future campaign.

Campus Ministries

The state board for United Methodist Campus Ministry in Kansas has purchased the run-down property directly to the west of the Emporia State campus ministry center. It will be torn down so that the current building can be expanded into that space in the near future. The **Emporia State Campus Ministry** also will be stuccoing their building and adding signage with part of their Bridges money, which includes \$33,000 from Kansas West and \$41,435.85 from Kansas East.

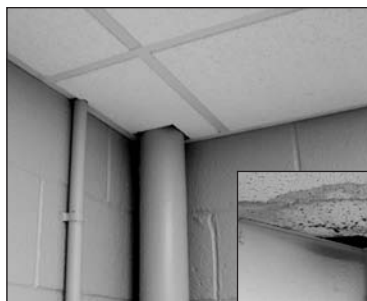
Fort Hays Protestant Student Center completed the remodeling of the bathrooms with a \$50,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. This brought the restrooms up to ADA code and made them more appealing to students who think of the center as their church home. The final \$5,000 of the grant will be used to complete another project on-site this spring.

Washburn University Campus Ministry purchased a building to replace its campus ministry building, which was deteriorating. The funds came from the Kansas East Bridges campaign. The campus ministry has moved into the new building and is awaiting permission from the Topeka

City Council to tear down the previous building, which is next door. Rev. Eduardo Bousson has been appointed campus minister effective July 1.



New bathrooms in the Protestant Campus Center at Fort Hays State University



BEFORE



Consecration of the new K-State Wesley campus ministry building



New campus ministry building at Washburn University.

K-State Wesley has purchased a building at the corner of Sunset Avenue and College Heights Road, just one block west of campus. The ministry received \$200,000 from West's

Bridges funds and additional money from East's Bridges funds toward the purchase of the building. Students first worshipped in the building in January and the building was consecrated March 29. Rev. Mike Toluba has been appointed campus minister as of July 1.

Renovations of the building will be completed in three phases. By late summer, they plan to have the first floor completely useful for worship, small groups, dining and housing the campus minister. Shortly after that, they plan to have the first-floor dorms converted into office space to house the Kansas State University United Methodist Foundation office and for possible rental space. The final phase should be complete by the fall of 2010, so students can move into the second- and third-floor dorms.

Pittsburg State Campus Ministry received \$8,500 from Kansas West and an additional \$10,000 from Kansas East to complete a kitchen remodeling project. Much of the work has been completed or will be finished over the summer.

Camping

Campers will find many new improvements in the facilities at Camp Horizon and Camp Lakeside when the summer season begins.

Distributions of \$500,300 have been approved for **Camp Horizon**. These funds have been used to pay off Horizon's debt and complete several important projects at the site. Combined with \$18,000 from Camp Horizon, \$340,000 of the Bridges money was used to pay off debts. This freed up \$3,000 a month for the camp, enabling them to hire a secretary.

The remaining funds were used to install a new sewer system, remodel four bathrooms and replace the windows in camp buildings with more energy-efficient windows.

Camp Lakeside's projects will receive \$245,000 in distributions for projects at the camp site. The four bathrooms in the main Lodge have been completely redone, new carpeting was installed in



Campers at Horizon



Dining hall and staff parking lot at Lakeside



Lakeside Improvements

the bedrooms and new windows were installed throughout the building. The cabinet doors in the kitchen also were replaced. Dirt was moved in and a new parking lot was completed behind the Lodge. Baker Cabin also was remodeled. The showers and restrooms were completely redone and privacy stalls were installed. In addition, a new closet was added and a new water heater was installed.



Baker Cabin tiled bathroom

Additional renovations were completed last fall with a combination of camp reserves and Bridges funds. A new septic system was put in place, a retaining wall was constructed behind the new dining hall, the electrical system was re-routed throughout the site and the parking area near the office was paved.

Church Growth and Development, Hispanic Ministries, and Revitalization

Most of the activity in church growth and development has been in revitalization of existing congregations and in Hispanic ministry.

Bridges money is currently funding the **Center for Small Membership Churches** that is located at Kansas Wesleyan University. Rev. Carl Ellis is offering a number of new and expanded programs that are available to help revitalize

small membership churches.

Atwood United Methodist Church has started working with Carl Ellis through the Center for Small Membership Churches.

"We are still in the beginning stages," said Gary L. Davison, pastor. "Someone from the 'conference-level' being here is important. And Carl's presence wasn't for administration or another fund drive. It was to talk about us and celebrate what has been done before and to look toward what we can do in the future as a revitalized congregation."

Hispanic Ministries

will receive \$85,000 for the support of faith communities at Hugoton and Liberal First and Salina University. This money also supports the work of Corey Godbey at Dodge City First's Hispanic ministry and as conference assistant coordinator of Hispanic Ministries.



Rev. Carl Ellis leading a workshop for small membership churches



Corey Godbey, assistant coordinator of Hispanic Ministries



District rally event by the Center for Small Membership Churches

