

February 2017



the Dundalk Church Hall, 2660 Yorkway, Baltimore, MD 21222, sponsored by Church Extension and Evangelism Ministry Team/Mid-Atlantic District.

Good to be Together on the Journey,

Gene Hagenberger
Mid-Atlantic District Executive Minister

Together on the Journey with your District Executive Minister.....

Most of our congregations have Joys and Concerns as a part of their worship service. As a visitor, so often I hear J&C used as a time to ask for prayers for self, loved ones, church members, or friends who are seriously ill or in crisis, and to share medical updates in general. And there's a place for that. It helps the church to know and respond, and I know what that has meant to me a couple of times in my life. It concerns me, though, that so often J&C is only that: no mention of the mission of the church beyond the sanctuary walls, no mention of the homeless, the hungry, immigrants, refugees, the lost. I worry for a church that sees inwardly, but not outwardly.

A restart is underway in Dundalk. The former Dundalk congregation had a celebration and closing worship service on January 15. The remaining members of that congregation gifted the district restart with their property and remaining resources toward seeing something new take root from what was. Former members have decided to continue meeting together for now in members' homes. Yakubu Bakfwash, called by the district to be the restart pastor, since December has been in the process of making connections, developing relationships, and inviting people to be a part of a new, multi-ethnic church, with an eye toward a kick-off worship as early as Sunday, February 5. This has been a fast-moving and fluid situation requiring flexibility and out-of-the-box thinking. Church Extension and Evangelism Ministry Team members and other district leaders who have been involved have felt God's will and providence in what has been happening. Your prayers and financial gifts are needed to support this effort. Please pray for Yakubu and the community and district leaders, and send a check made out to Mid-Atlantic District, noted "Dundalk restart," to Mid-Atlantic District Office, 19 Bond St., Westminster, MD 21157. There will be an opportunity to meet and greet Yakubu Bakfwash and learn a little more about the restart on Sunday, February 19 beginning at 3:00 p.m. in

ARE YOU A DR, NURSE PRACTITIONER, RN, LPN, OR EMT?

The First Aid Office at Annual Conference in Grand Rapids is looking for DRs, RNs, LPNs, and EMTs who would be willing to volunteer a few hours during Annual Conference this summer. Dr. Rosalie McBride of Northern Indiana District is coordinating the First Aid Office this summer in Grand Rapids and would be glad to hear from willing volunteers. Please contact her at: rosalie.l.mcbride@gmail.com

NOAC 2017

Consider using the Mid-Atlantic bus to travel to NOAC, a one-day trip with cost not to exceed \$135 per person for a round trip. The 2017 NOAC is September 4-8 at the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.

For More Information, contact the District Office

PLACEMENT UPDATE

Broadfording	Searching
Easton	Searching
Frederick	Preparing profile
Friendship	Searching
Ridgeley	Called Paul Dodd as of 2/4/17
Woodbridge	Called Claire Flowers-Wagner as of 6/1/2017

Directory Update

Please let the District office know of any changes in your mailing address or your phone number. The 2017 Directory will be coming out in March, so please let the District office know of any changes in street address, phone numbers, and email addresses.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

March

15 LCT 6 pm/ P&A 7:30 pm at Frederick CoB

April

1 LT Meeting 10 am-3 pm at District Office

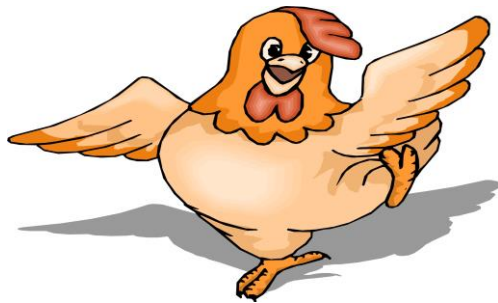
17-20 Meat Canning

19 P&A 6 pm at District Office

22 ACTS Formation 9 am-12 pm at the District Office

24-25 Meat Canning

28-30 New Pastor Retreat at Rhodes Grove



Meat Canning Project
April 17, 18, 19, 20, 24 & 25, 2017

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Contact the District Office to sign up today!

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