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ROCK: 'We Are One'



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ROCK keynote speaker B Haley, along with youth participants, raise index fingers as a symbol of being one in Jesus Christ. The 26th annual youth retreat drew more than 3,500 people to Ocean City, Md. See story, below.

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By Erik Alsgaard
UMConnection Staff

More than 3,500 youth, young adults, and youth leaders gathered in Ocean City Feb. 7-9 for the 26th annual ROCK retreat. It remains the largest annual gathering of United Methodists in the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

With the theme "Take heart! I have overcome the world," taken from John 16:33, those in attendance were treated to lively music from three-time Dove Award winner Aaron Shust, the Morgan State Dance Praise Team, and a message of unity and love from speaker B Haley.

Haley, is the former drummer for TobyMac (six Grammy Awards with DC Talk). His message to ROCK: Love people to Jesus; don't push them away.

"If your culture is causing you to hate anyone," Haley said, "put down your culture." His message, time and again, was that hate causes divisions of all type, but love — God's love — brings people together.

Haley used these examples and his own testimony to encourage ROCK. Haley, who grew up in East St. Louis, who said he had fathered three children by three different women, and who was shot in the arm at 15, noted that his life turned around after accepting Jesus.

At several points, Haley invited young people onto the stage to share their experiences and questions. During one of those times, Bailey, who identified herself as being in middle school, said that she started a club — "United" — to bring people together to make things better. "Middle schoolers can be really mean at times," she said. Nicholas, from Washington, D.C., said that one time he stepped between a kid who was being "jumped" by others.

At several points, Haley spoke about peer pressure and how to address it. "It's impossible to live a good life surrounded by bad friends," he said. "If you're rolling with somebody doing bad things, let them go. You're not called to be like the world, you're called to be like Jesus. When Jesus is your focus, you can't go wrong."

A new feature at this year's ROCK were regional breakout sessions. During this time, youth from the four regions of the BWC came together to connect with one another and discuss current issues of the day. The goal, leaders said, was for youth to

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Delegation does not endorse episcopal nominee

By Melissa Lauber
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The Northeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops may have two openings this year. Bishop Jeremiah Park of the Susquehanna Conference and Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar of the New England Conference are retiring, effective Aug. 31. However, proposed plans for the future of the denomination may affect the number of episcopal areas in the Jurisdiction.

But amidst the current uncertainty, church leaders are planning to ensure that candidates are available to fill the openings the retirements bring. In preparation, the delegation of Baltimore-Washington Conference to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional conferences heard from three candidates who shared their call to the episcopacy in The United Methodist Church at the delegation's Jan. 11 meeting.

The Revs. Giovanni Arroyo of the General Commission on Religion and Race; Ianther Mills, senior pastor of Asbury UMC in Washington, D.C.; and Melissa Rudolph, senior pastor of North Carroll Cooperative Parish, each met with the delegation.

Following a day-long process of interviews, prayer, discernment, and discussion, the delegation took a series of ballots.

Given the significant role that bishops serve in the church, the Baltimore-Washington Conference rules stipulate a two-thirds majority for the delegation's endorsement of an episcopal candidate. None of the nominees met the threshold necessary for an endorsement.

As a result, the delegation will not present an endorsed nominee to the Annual Conference Session, which meets May 27-29 in Baltimore.

According to the Baltimore-Washington Conference rules, which spell out the endorsement process in detail, nominations for candidates for the episcopacy can be accepted from the floor of the Annual Conference Session in May. If any nominations are received, lay and clergy members of the session will vote on whether to endorse that person to be considered by the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

The Northeastern Jurisdiction, which is made up of 10 annual conferences, meets July 13-17 in Hunt Valley, Md.

Statements compiled by Arroyo, Mills, and Rudolph and submitted to the delegates before the January meeting are online at www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/delegation-does-not-endorse-an-episcopal-nominee.

The Rev. Bryant Oskvig contributed to this story.



STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD

Ancient church mothers and fathers often greeted one another with the phrase, "Give me a word." This greeting led to the sharing of insights and wisdom. Today we continue this tradition with this monthly column.

By Mandy Sayers
Lead Pastor, Glen Mar UMC, Ellicott City

Originally stated as "attend upon the ordinances of God," but reworded by Jim Harnish, this is one of three "rules" laid out for Methodists by John Wesley. It's hard to know how to "stay in love with" someone we cannot take to lunch or meet on eharmony.

Wesley's suggestion for how to grow in love of God was to engage in spiritual disciplines; in means of grace. Things like worship, Bible study, the Lord's Supper, and prayer are practices that help us to "stay in love with God." I would also add works of mercy directed toward our neighbors, too.

I'm reminded of a story I heard of a preacher who used to tell people who would lament, "I just can't find God anymore…where is God? I don't feel connected," to "stop examining your navel and go to the soup kitchen. You'll find Jesus there."

I don't know that the preacher actually said that to her flock, but it was Jesus who said that when we feed, clothe, and visit those who are "the least of these," we do those things to Jesus.

This "rule" is a reminder that it takes practice to grow as a Christian. It takes intentionality to keep our relationship with God growing and vital, not unlike other relationships we care about.

I have been thinking a lot about John Wesley lately and his conversion experience when his heart was "strangely warmed." My church loves it when I remind them that this occurred when he went "very unwillingly" to a Bible study that night. Perhaps there was a chilly spring rain and he couldn't find his "horse things" (or whatever the equivalent of car keys would have been). Maybe he was tired after a long day filled with the mundane frustrations of ministry. I picture that on the way over to Aldersgate Street, he was mumbling about people and places he'd rather visit, maybe even thinking that it would be a better gig to be a blacksmith or a baker. Nonetheless, he persisted.

I know God could have warmed Wesley's heart anyplace, but I think his trudging over to Aldersgate made it much more likely. That dance of our openness, of intentionality, and God's grace — like love, you might say "It takes two." You already know love is a verb in the Christian world — pray, worship, study, serve.

Stay in love with God.

By Daryl Williams
Pastor, St. Paul UMC, Oxon Hill

As a pastor, I am called upon from time to time to do marital counseling. The couple is having some trouble or issue that they can't get past so they come and have a chat with me. They always fill me in on what is going on and then a strange thing happens every time.

No matter what the issue is at the time, at some point, someone in the couple always says some version of, "It's just not like it was anymore." No matter if that "was" refers to when they were first married, or when they were dating, or before the kids arrived, something is just different now.

The funny thing is, on further inspection, there is always a reason that things are not like they were. The couple always reveal that there are things that they used to do that they don't do anymore. There are ways that they used to interact with each other that they have fallen away from. Even things that they used to say that they don't say anymore.

It is not like it was because they have stopped being like they were. In most cases, when they pick up what they used to do, things go back to like they were and the problem is solved.

It occurred to me that this also can be a pattern in our relationship with God. Think back to when you first found the Lord. It was exciting. You felt warm and close to God. The opportunity to pray, meditate, and study the Word were blessings that you looked forward to.

But somehow, over time, something shifted. We went from I "get to" to I "have to." The relationship went from joy to duty. We don't want to be dutiful to God; we want to be joyfully in love with God.

Relationships are work. It doesn't matter if it is parent and child, husband and wife, or you and God. Our relationship with God requires work, too.

God does not move, so if you feel distant from God, it is not God, it's you. That also means that we can find God right where we left off. I invite you to take some time to remember how it felt and what you were doing when you were close to and felt in love with God.

Start doing that again and you will be right back where you were. That is how you stay in love with God.

ARE YOU . . .

- Just starting to wonder what the fuss is all about?
- Taking the first steps to consider the Reconciling Process?
- Confused about plans being developed for General Conference 2020?
- Hopeful or anxious about the recently released Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation?
- Wondering how you or your congregation can Resist Harm?

Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling Methodists (B-WARM) welcomes you to our meeting, February 29, 2020 at John Wesley UMC in Baltimore. Fellowship at 9:30 am (with coffee and breakfast snacks). Worship led by the Rev. Joan Carter-Rimbach, pastor of John Wesley UMC at 10:00 am. Program featuring the Rev. Will Green, Associate Pastor and Director of Discipleship at Foundry UMC in Washington D.C.

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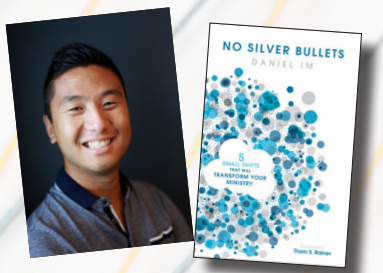
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Churches generate generosity

On these next four pages, you will find an alphabetical listing of every church in the Baltimore-Washington Conference and their mission share (apportionment) giving through the end of 2019. Last year, 80 percent, or 493 of the conference's 614 churches, paid 100 percent of their mission shares and the overall collection rate was 88.5 percent. As a connection, the Baltimore-Washington Conference contributed $13.7 million to mission and ministry in their communities and around the world. We are one: connected in generosity and going out in mission.

Church, City	Pastor	2019 Goal	$ Paid	% Paid
ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT				
Adams, Lothian	Marilyn Lewis	$6,529	$6,529	100%
Asbury Town Neck, Severna Park	James Bishop, Sr.	$39,496	$39,496	100%
Asbury, Annapolis	Carletta Allen	$45,395	$45,395	100%
Asbury, Arnold	Jennifer Karsner	$33,899	$33,899	100%
Asbury, Jessup	Gay Green-Carden	$11,315	$11,315	100%
Baldwin Memorial, Millersville	Philip Tocknell	$50,520	$50,520	100%
Calvary, Annapolis	Conrad Link	$107,394	$107,394	100%
Cape Saint Claire, Annapolis	Dale Thomas	$24,011	$24,011	100%
Carters, Tracys Landing	Valerie Barnes	$10,326	$10,326	100%
Cecil Memorial, Annapolis	Patricia Turnage	$12,847	$12,847	100%
Cedar Grove-Oakland, Deale	Glen Arnold	$28,060	$28,060	100%
Centenary, Shady Side	Faith Wilkerson	$14,620	$14,620	100%
Chews Memorial, Harwood	Valerie Barnes	$11,391	$11,391	100%
Community, Crofton	Stan Cardwell	$55,945	$55,945	100%
Community, Laurel	Caprice Brown	$12,475	$12,475	100%
Community, Pasadena	Alex Tracy	$32,037	$32,037	100%
Davidsonville, Davidsonville	Wendy van Vliet	$48,666	$48,666	100%
Delmont, Severn	Kathleen Lossau	$7,038	$7,038	100%
Dorsey Emmanuel, Elkridge	Richard Oursler	$7,553	$7,553	100%
Eastport, Annapolis	Chris Broadwell	$30,900	$30,900	100%
Edgewater, Edgewater	Paulette Jones	$4,204	$4,204	100%
Faith, Pasadena	Ali DeLeo	$4,259	$4,259	100%
Ferndale, Glen Burnie	Steven Cochran	$17,283	$17,283	100%
First, Laurel	Ray McDonald	$41,019	$41,019	100%
Franklin, Churchton	Alhassan Macaulay	$19,619	$19,619	100%
Friendship, Friendship	Thomas Young, Jr.	$47,777	$47,777	100%
Galesville, Galesville	Joanna Marceron	$17,924	$17,924	100%
Glen Burnie, Glen Burnie	Ken McDonald	$46,328	$46,328	100%
Hall, Glen Burnie	Harry Smith, Jr.	$22,934	$22,934	100%
Harwood Park, Elkridge	Cynthia Belt	$5,705	$5,705	100%
Hope Memorial Saint Mark, Edgewater	Eddie Smith	$13,966	$13,966	100%
John Wesley, Annapolis	Jerry Colbert	$16,141	$16,141	100%
John Wesley, Glen Burnie	Lena Marie Dennis	$31,736	$31,736	100%
John Wesley-Waterbury, Crownsville	Frederick Price, Jr.	$6,690	$6,690	100%
Linthicum Heights, Linthicum	Michael Bynum	$59,568	$59,568	100%
Macedonia, Gambrills	Louis Shockley	$12,687	$12,687	100%
Magothy, Pasadena	Martin Brooks	$25,080	$25,080	100%
Marley, Glen Burnie	Stephanie Bekhor	$7,347	$7,347	100%
Mayo, Edgewater	Amanda McMurtrey	$23,097	$23,097	100%
Melville Chapel, Elkridge	Richard Oursler	$12,152	$12,152	100%
Messiah, Glen Burnie	Ben Rigsby	$14,143	$14,143	100%
Metropolitan, Severn	James Gosnell	$32,943	$32,943	100%
Mount Calvary, Arnold	Patricia Turnage	$12,581	$12,581	100%
Mount Carmel, Pasadena	Michael Fauconnet	$29,332	$29,332	100%
Mount Tabor, Crownsville	Stanley Bolds	$7,611	$7,611	100%
Mount Zion, Lothian	Vaughan Hayden	$43,761	$43,761	100%
Mount Zion-Ark Road, Lothian	Alhassan Macaulay	$11,104	$11,104	100%
Nichols-Bethel, Odenton	Clark Carr	$69,898	$69,898	100%
Pasadena, Pasadena	Mernie Crane	$37,279	$37,279	100%
Saint Andrews of Annapolis, Edgewater	Dave Thayer	$42,320	$42,320	100%
Saint Mark, Hanover	Herb Watson, Jr.	$75,903	$75,903	100%
Saint Mark's, Laurel	Eugene Matthews	$29,977	$29,977	100%
Saint Matthews, Shady Side	Marvin Wamble	$18,584	$18,584	100%
Savage, Savage	DaeHwa Park	$16,809	$16,809	100%
Severn, Severn	Kathleen Lossau	$17,378	$17,378	100%
Severna Park, Severna Park	Ron Foster	$172,872	$172,872	100%
Sollers, Lothian	Marvin Wamble	$13,218	$13,218	100%
Solley, Glen Burnie	Jeffery Postell	$7,164	$7,164	100%
Trinity, Odenton	Sandy Knepp	$5,070	$5,070	100%
Union Memorial, Davidsonville	Gregory McNeil	$10,552	$10,552	100%
Union, Lothian	Randy Truesdale	$3,754	$3,754	100%
Wesley Chapel, Lothian	Marvene Young	$8,143	$8,143	100%
Wesley Grove, Hanover	Elizabeth LeMaster	$18,047	$18,047	100%
Wilson Memorial, Gambrills	Jerome Jones, Sr.	$9,296	$9,296	100%
Wesley Chapel, Jessup	Richard Oursler	$2,961	$2,875	97%
Mount Zion, Laurel	Cynthia Belt	$16,870	$15,466	92%
Asbury-Broadneck, Annapolis	Stephen Tillett, I	$65,473	$53,465	82%
The Everlasting Love, Glen Burnie	Jong Hui Park	$6,816	$5,072	74%
Mount Zion, Pasadena	Robert Walker, Jr.	$34,904	$17,452	50%
Mount Zion, Annapolis	Patricia Johnson	$14,943	$3,736	25%
Trinity, Annapolis	Meredith Wilkins-Arnold	$50,017	$8,336	17%
Fowler, Annapolis	Patricia Johnson	$10,081	$1,000	10%
Annapolis District Summary	**Rebecca Iannicelli**	**$1,935,735**	**$1,841,074**	**95.10%**

Church, City	Pastor	2019 Goal	$ Paid	% Paid
BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT				
Arnolia, Baltimore	James McSavaney	$27,652	$27,652	100%
Back River, Essex	Donna Nelson	$13,146	$13,146	100%
Bethesda, Baltimore	Dan Gleckler	$13,642	$13,642	100%
Brooklyn Community, Baltimore	Sonia King	$23,908	$23,908	100%
Catonsville, Catonsville	David Jacobson	$90,593	$90,593	100%
Chase, Baltimore	Walter Jackson, III	$18,491	$18,491	100%
Christ Church of Baltimore County, Baltimore	Richard Keller	$10,643	$10,643	100%
Christ Church of the Deaf, Baltimore	Sandi Johnson	$5,613	$5,611	100%
Emanuel, Catonsville	Levon Sutton	$11,606	$11,606	100%
Emmarts, Baltimore	Isaiah Redd, Sr.	$9,132	$9,132	100%
Epworth Chapel, Baltimore	Tony Hunt	$54,731	$54,731	100%
Essex, Essex	Mary Robinson	$17,206	$17,206	100%
Faith Community, Baltimore	Ronald Dodson, Sr.	$8,398	$8,398	100%
Good Shepherd, Baltimore	Bonnie McCubbin	$29,267	$29,267	100%
Govans-Boundary, Baltimore	Andrea King	$7,304	$7,304	100%
Grace, Baltimore	Amy McCullough	$97,084	$97,084	100%
Graceland, Baltimore	Daniel Kutrick	$8,078	$8,078	100%
Halethorpe-Relay, Halethorpe	Chris Dembeck	$19,500	$19,500	100%
Hampden, Baltimore	Galen Zook	$10,947	$10,947	100%
Hiss, Baltimore	Mark Mooney	$46,267	$46,267	100%
Lansdowne, Baltimore	Emily Skorupinski	$16,251	$16,251	100%
Loch Raven, Baltimore	George Winkfield	$41,233	$41,233	100%
Lodge Forest, Baltimore	Katie Grover	$10,380	$10,380	100%
Lovely Lane, Baltimore	Deb Scott	$37,119	$37,119	100%
Magothy Church of the Deaf, Pasadena	Sandi Johnson	$2,110	$2,110	100%
Martin Luther King Memorial, Baltimore	Michael Carrington, Jr.	$11,550	$11,550	100%
Mount Olivet, Catonsville	Melvin Bond, Sr.	$7,618	$7,618	100%
Mount Washington-Aldersgate, Baltimore	Vera Mitchell	$11,614	$11,640	100%
Mount Winans, Baltimore	Nathaniel Green	$6,824	$6,822	100%
New Covenant Worship Center, Baltimore	Clarence Davis	$16,944	$16,944	100%
Old Otterbein, Baltimore	Jessica Hayden	$14,698	$14,698	100%
Orems, Baltimore	Gail Button	$26,125	$26,125	100%
Saint Johns, Baltimore	Irance Reddix-McCray	$12,458	$12,458	100%
Saint Lukes, Baltimore	Shirley Myers	$7,449	$7,449	100%
Salem, Baltimore	Andrew Shropshire	$11,495	$11,495	100%
Salem-Baltimore Hispanic, Baltimore	Gustavo Segovia	$1,003	$1,003	100%
Union Memorial, Baltimore	Jason Jordan-Griffin	$35,731	$35,731	100%
Violetville, Baltimore	Scheherazade Forman	$7,786	$7,786	100%
Patapsco, Dundalk	Katie Grover	$14,657	$13,436	92%
Trinity, Catonsville	David Carter-Rimbach	$16,282	$14,925	92%
Arbutus, Baltimore	Ira Barr, Jr.	$35,100	$27,550	78%
John Wesley, Baltimore	Joan Carter-Rimbach	$49,351	$37,013	75%
Towson, Towson	Mark Johnson	$103,666	$75,930	73%
Saint Paul Praise and Worship Center, Pikesville	Denise Norfleet-Walker	$14,103	$9,902	70%
Saint James Memorial, Fulton	Curtis King	$13,640	$8,210	60%
Northwood-Appold, Baltimore	Cecil Gray	$30,990	$17,748	57%
West Baltimore, Baltimore	Anthony Forman	$20,733	$12,094	58%
Ames, Baltimore	Rodney Hudson	$15,399	$7,700	50%
Eastern, Baltimore	Jay Blake	$23,777	$11,888	50%
Saint Matthews, Baltimore	Kay Albury	$23,096	$11,548	50%
Sharp Street Memorial, Baltimore	Cary James, Jr.	$24,922	$12,461	50%
Cherry Hill, Baltimore	Daryl Foster	$11,801	$5,083	43%
Arlington-Lewin, Baltimore	Dell Hinton	$15,178	$6,324	42%
Saint John, Baltimore	Bernadette Armwood	$21,398	$7,393	35%
Gwynn Oak, Baltimore	Dell Hinton	$26,575	$7,400	28%
Elderslie-Saint Andrews, Baltimore	Denise Norfleet-Walker	$18,091	$4,523	25%
Metropolitan, Baltimore	Howard Hinson	$19,694	$4,923	25%
Mount Zion, Baltimore	Isaiah Redd, Sr.	$32,404	$8,100	25%
Piney Grove, Middle River	Christine Kumar	$12,621	$3,152	25%
Unity, Baltimore	Anthony Forman	$7,198	$1,800	25%
Saint Luke, Baltimore	Alfreda Wiggins	$10,740	$2,000	19%
Christ, Baltimore	Twanda Prioleau	$36,410	$6,068	17%
Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore	Rod Miller	$38,704	$6,678	17%
Saint Matthews, Baltimore	Kay Albury	$2,482	$400	16%
New Waverly, Baltimore	Andrea King	$23,214	$3,560	15%
Saint Matthew's New Life, Baltimore	Andre Briscoe, Jr.	$17,246	$1,500	9%
Cowenton, White Marsh	Christine Kumar	$10,001	$600	6%
Beechfield, Baltimore	Joel Holmes	$17,016	$0	0%
Baltimore Metropolitan District Summary	**Wanda Duckett**	**$1,508,082**	**$1,131,527**	**75.03%**
BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT				
Ames, Bel Air	Marlon Tilghman	$23,205	$23,205	100%
Asbury, White Marsh	Herman Randall	$4,120	$4,120	100%
Ayres Chapel, White Hall	Linda Yarrow	$6,062	$6,062	100%
Bel Air, Bel Air	Byron Brought	$163,407	$163,407	100%
Bentley Springs, Parkton	Fred Sipes	$2,529	$2,529	100%
Bixlers, Manchester	Blake Smarr	$6,283	$6,283	100%
Boring, Upperco	Anissa Johnson	$1,955	$1,955	100%
Bosley, Sparks	Kathleen Cheyney	$3,584	$3,584	100%
Camp Chapel, Perry Hall	Carol Pazdersky	$31,068	$31,068	100%
Cedar Grove, Parkton	Fred Sipes	$5,077	$5,077	100%
Centre, Forest Hill	Mark Gorman	$11,470	$11,470	100%
Chesaco, Baltimore	George Weitzel	$5,520	$5,520	100%

2019 MISSION SHARE REPORT

Church, City	Pastor	2019 Goal	$ Paid	% Paid
Clarks Chapel, Bel Air	James Hamilton	$11,893	$11,893	100%
Clynmalira, Phoenix	John Dailey	$11,965	$11,964	100%
Cokesbury, Abingdon	Sarah Elliott	$19,444	$19,444	100%
Cranberry, Perryman	Tiffany Patterson	$6,260	$6,260	100%
Darlington, Street	Sarah Ingalls Howard	$5,463	$5,463	100%
Deer Creek, Forest Hill	Paul Krebs	$3,393	$3,393	100%
Dublin, Street	Sarah Ingalls Howard	$10,810	$10,810	100%
Ebenezer, Fallston	Mark Gorman	$10,786	$10,786	100%
Edgewood, Lutherville	Buster Lievers	$5,547	$5,547	100%
Emory, Street	Steve Smith	$20,209	$20,209	100%
Emory, Upperco	Peggy Click	$14,526	$14,526	100%
Epworth, Cockeysville	Terri Cofiell	$39,576	$39,576	100%
Fairview, Phoenix	Anne McCorkle Garrett	$9,385	$9,385	100%
Falls Road, Sparks	Scott Shumaker	$2,287	$2,287	100%
Fallston, Fallston	Karin Walker	$59,938	$59,938	100%
Fork, Fork	Daniel Montague, III	$13,504	$13,504	100%
Frames Memorial, Cockeysville	Curtis Senft	$2,240	$2,240	100%
Glyndon, Glyndon	Vivian Lee	$32,369	$32,369	100%
Gough, Cockeysville	Winnie Griffin	$3,028	$3,028	100%
Grace, Aberdeen	Robert Clipp	$47,849	$47,849	100%
Grace, Upperco	John Rudolph	$8,097	$8,097	100%
Greenmount, Hampstead	John Rudolph	$13,258	$13,258	100%
Greenspring, Owings Mills	Buster Lievers	$4,035	$4,035	100%
Havre De Grace, Havre de Grace	Norman Obenshain	$42,107	$42,107	100%
Hereford, Monkton	Bill Thomas	$35,051	$35,051	100%
Hopewell, Havre de Grace	Lynne Humphries-Russ	$12,972	$12,972	100%
Hunt's Memorial, Towson	Travis Knoll	$46,956	$46,956	100%
Idlewylde, Idlewylde	Nick Bufano	$7,498	$7,498	100%
Jarrettsville, Jarrettsville	Linda Yarrow	$15,901	$15,901	100%
John Wesley, Abingdon	Darius Butler, Sr., Sr.	$14,801	$14,801	100%
Mays Chapel, Timonium	Laurie Tingley	$33,279	$33,279	100%
Millers, Manchester	Blake Smarr	$5,911	$5,911	100%
Monkton, Monkton	Bruce Frame	$5,720	$5,720	100%
Mount Gilead, Reisterstown	Anissa Johnson	$2,222	$2,222	100%
Mount Olive, Randallstown	Sheridan Allmond	$36,789	$36,789	100%
Mount Tabor, Bel Air	Paul Krebs	$4,704	$4,704	100%
Mount Vernon, Whiteford	Ernest Gayles	$4,242	$4,242	100%
Mount Zion, Bel Air	Craig McLaughlin	$151,738	$151,738	100%
Mount Zion, Mechanicsburg	Dennis Schulze	$2,471	$2,471	100%
Mount Zion, Upperco	John Mayden, Jr.	$5,561	$5,561	100%
Mount Zion-Finksburg, Finksburg	Lou Piel	$9,484	$9,484	100%
New Beginnings Fellowship, Jarrettsville	Ernest Gayles	$5,790	$5,790	100%
Norrisville, White Hall	Melissa McDade	$12,187	$12,187	100%
Parke Memorial, Parkton	Dennis Schulze	$4,480	$4,480	100%
Patapsco, Finksburg	Barbara Allen	$4,509	$4,509	100%
Perry Hall, Baltimore	Victor Harner	$35,600	$35,600	100%
Pine Grove, Parkton	Andrew Greenwood	$15,759	$15,759	100%
Piney Grove, Reisterstown	Anissa Johnson	$1,836	$1,836	100%
Pleasant Grove, Reisterstown	Dick Harden	$12,532	$12,532	100%
Pleasant Hill, Owings Mills	No Current Appointment	$29,306	$29,306	100%
Poplar Grove, Cockeysville	Curtis Senft	$3,944	$3,944	100%
Presbury, Edgewood	Tiffany Patterson	$7,389	$7,389	100%
Providence, Towson	Jackson Day	$8,271	$8,271	100%
Reisterstown, Reisterstown	Vivian McCarthy	$66,384	$66,384	100%
Rock Run, Havre de Grace	Earl Mason	$4,096	$4,096	100%
Saint Johns, Hampstead	John Rudolph	$18,899	$18,899	100%
Saint Johns, Lutherville	Nick Bufano	$13,550	$13,550	100%
Saint Luke, Monkton	Winnie Griffin	$1,647	$1,647	100%
Saint Luke, Reisterstown	LaReesa Smith-Horn	$6,530	$6,530	100%
Saint Paul, White Hall	Melissa McDade	$8,525	$8,525	100%
Salem, Hampstead	Jarrett Wicklein	$12,697	$12,697	100%
Salem, Upper Falls	Stacey Nickerson	$32,276	$32,276	100%
Shiloh, Hampstead	Barbara Allen	$6,625	$6,625	100%
Smiths Chapel, Churchville	David Roberts	$7,345	$7,345	100%
Stablers, Parkton	Fred Sipes	$1,878	$1,878	100%
Texas, Parkville	Sharon Meyer	$4,946	$4,946	100%
Union Chapel, Joppa	David Coakley	$21,436	$21,436	100%
Union, Aberdeen	James Hamilton	$9,176	$9,176	100%
Union, Baldwin	Jennifer Kokoski	$4,293	$4,293	100%
Wards Chapel, Randallstown	Steven (Sunghwan) Cho	$33,538	$33,538	100%
Waugh, Glen Arm	Daniel Montague, III	$7,077	$7,077	100%
Wesley, Hampstead	Amy Lewis-Rill	$33,829	$33,829	100%
Wesleyan Chapel, Aberdeen	Lynne Humphries-Russ	$8,072	$8,072	100%
West Liberty, White Hall	Kathleen Cheyney	$8,825	$8,825	100%
William Watters Memorial, Jarrettsville	Mark Gorman	$10,439	$10,439	100%
Wiseburg, White Hall	Scott Shumaker	$5,846	$5,846	100%
Vernon, White Hall	Dennis Schulze	$2,085	$1,877	90%
Linden Heights, Parkville	Alicia Vanisko	$19,711	$16,754	85%
Milford Mill, Pikesville	Lemuel Dominguez	$27,130	$22,608	83%
Deer Park, Reisterstown	Jerry Gautcher, III	$5,659	$3,301	58%
Maryland Line, Maryland Line	Dennis Schulze	$2,432	$1,419	58%
Mount Carmel, Parkton	Scott Shumaker	$12,466	$5,194	42%
Timonium, Timonium	Chris Gobrecht	$49,345	$16,450	33%
Pine Grove, White Hall	Winnie Griffin	$1,848	$600	32%
Union Chapel, Monkton	Winnie Griffin	$1,758	$0	0%
Baltimore Suburban District Summary	**Ann Laprade**	**$1,649,511**	**$1,595,283**	**96.71%**

Church, City	Pastor	2019 Goal	$ Paid	% Paid
CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT				
Alberta Gary Memorial, Columbia	Shawn Vollmerhausen	$7,964	$7,964	100%
Araby, Frederick	TJ Mount	$10,834	$10,834	100%
Asbury, Germantown	John Ampiah-Addison	$7,916	$7,916	100%
Ashton, Ashton	Emily Berkowitz	$47,842	$47,842	100%
Bethany Korean, Ellicott City	Dae Sung Park	$8,262	$8,262	100%
Bethany, Ellicott City	Andrew Cooney	$120,336	$120,336	100%
Bethesda, Damascus	Henry Butler, Jr.	$39,621	$39,621	100%
Calvary, Mount Airy	Bill Maisch	$25,517	$25,517	100%
Christ, Columbia	Zelda Childs	$9,290	$9,290	100%
Clarksburg, Clarksburg	David Hodsdon	$9,769	$9,769	100%
Community of Faith, Clarksburg	Carmen Collette	$15,588	$15,588	100%
Covenant, Montgomery Village	Dawn Stewart	$54,277	$54,277	100%
Daisy, Lisbon	Gertie Williams	$2,589	$2,589	100%
Damascus, Damascus	Kathryn Woodrow	$122,427	$122,427	100%
Dickerson, Dickerson	Kevin Cameron	$6,099	$6,099	100%
Ebenezer, Ijamsville	Vivian Martin-Jones	$5,394	$5,394	100%
Ebenezer, Sykesville	Judith Emerson	$28,422	$28,422	100%
Emory Grove, Gaithersburg	Timothy Warner	$32,996	$32,996	100%
Emory, Ellicott City	Sam Moore, Sr.	$12,619	$12,619	100%
Epworth, Gaithersburg	Jennifer Fenner	$54,304	$54,304	100%
Fairhaven, Gaithersburg	Ken Hawes	$33,501	$33,501	100%
Fairview, New Windsor	Daphne Fraser	$2,992	$2,992	100%
FaithPoint, Monrovia	Chris Bishop	$20,992	$20,992	100%
Flint Hill, Adamstown	Rod Fry	$4,249	$4,249	100%
Flohrville, Sykesville	Keystone Lee	$3,407	$3,407	100%
Forest Grove, Dickerson	Kevin Cameron	$3,266	$3,266	100%
Friendship, Damascus	Tyree Newman	$8,627	$8,627	100%
Gaither, Sykesville	Doug Tzan	$11,382	$11,382	100%
Gary Memorial, Ellicott City	Karen Pax	$12,227	$12,225	100%
Glen Mar, Ellicott City	Mandy Sayers	$219,254	$219,254	100%
Glenelg, Glenelg	Alice Ford	$42,482	$42,482	100%
Goshen, Gaithersburg	Eric King, Sr.	$51,885	$51,885	100%
Grace, Gaithersburg	Jim Miller	$111,276	$111,276	100%
Hopkins, Highland	Terry McCain	$15,923	$15,923	100%
Howard Chapel-Ridgeville, Mount Airy	Phil Ayers	$15,499	$15,499	100%
Hyattstown, Clarksburg	David Hodsdon	$8,150	$8,150	100%
Ijamsville, Ijamsville	Rod Fry	$5,741	$5,741	100%
Jennings Chapel, Woodbine	Robert Cook	$8,050	$8,050	100%
Linden-Linthicum, Clarksville	Gayle Annis-Forder	$74,515	$74,515	100%
Lisbon, Lisbon	Heather Olson	$19,888	$19,888	100%
Locust, Columbia	Marion Easterling, Jr.	$22,081	$22,081	100%
Marvin Chapel, Mount Airy	Trenton Prieshoff	$8,085	$8,085	100%
Memorial, Poolesville	Tim Dowell	$37,660	$37,660	100%
Mill Creek Parish, Derwood	Tim Warner	$71,832	$71,832	100%
Morgan Chapel, Woodbine	Jim Skillington	$3,126	$3,126	100%
Mount Gregory, Glenwood	R. Lorraine Brown	$5,365	$5,365	100%
Mount Olive, Mount Airy	Jim Skillington	$5,936	$5,936	100%
Mount Tabor, Laytonsville	Karen Davis	$8,304	$8,304	100%
Mount Zion, Highland	Gary Sheffield-James	$83,217	$83,217	100%
Mount Zion, Olney	Olivia Gross	$7,016	$7,016	100%
Oakdale Emory, Olney	Kevin Baker	$199,289	$199,289	100%
Poplar Springs, Mount Airy	Robert Cook	$7,420	$7,420	100%
Prospect, Mount Airy	Trenton Prieshoff	$9,850	$9,850	100%
Providence, Monrovia	Dauba Adams	$17,901	$17,901	100%
Saint John United Church, Columbia	Mary Ka Nippard Kanahan	$18,626	$18,626	100%
Saint Luke, Sykesville	Rony Young	$8,615	$8,615	100%
Saint Paul, Laytonsville	Jean Lee	$14,021	$14,021	100%
Saint Paul's, Sykesville	Doug Tzan	$54,341	$54,341	100%
Salem, Brookeville	Sue Shorb-Sterling	$25,590	$25,590	100%
Salem, Germantown	Karen Davis	$7,680	$7,680	100%
Sharp Street, Sandy Spring	Diane Dixon-Proctor	$22,353	$22,353	100%
Simpson, Mount Airy	R. Lorraine Brown	$3,256	$3,256	100%
Washington Grove, Washington Grove	Andrew Peck-McClain	$10,880	$10,880	100%
Wesley Chapel, Frederick	Sandi Phillips	$14,668	$14,668	100%
Wesley Freedom, Eldersburg	Ian Collier	$118,680	$118,680	100%
Wesley Grove, Gaithersburg	Karen Davis	$18,253	$18,253	100%
West Liberty, Marriottsville	Barbara Sands	$5,200	$5,200	100%
West Montgomery, Dickerson	Wilhelmina Street	$10,875	$10,875	100%
Mountain View, Damascus	Myungha Baek	$7,580	$6,927	91%
Trinity, Germantown	Bonnie Scott	$46,367	$39,756	86%
Saint Marks, Boyds	Joy Camper	$4,509	$3,011	67%
Pleasant Grove, Ijamsville	Myungha Baek	$7,735	$5,000	65%
Saint James, Marriottsville	Patricia Abell	$21,186	$12,712	60%
Montgomery, Damascus	John Rudisill, Jr.	$57,509	$20,600	36%
Central Maryland District Summary	**J.W. Park**	**$2,260,376**	**$2,203,496**	**97.48%**

WE CELEBRATE THESE BLESSINGS:

- Central Maryland had the best collection rate on record with 97.48%
- 30 churches in the BWC moved up to pay 100%
- Baltimore Suburban and Cumberland-Hagerstown both improved their giving rates from 2018

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CUMBERLAND-HAGERSTOWN DISTRICT

Church, City	Pastor	2019 Goal	$ Paid	% Paid
Allegany, Frostburg	George Harpold	$1,622	$1,622	100%
Alpine, Berkeley Springs	Kenny Mason	$4,041	$4,041	100%
Asbury, Hagerstown	Sharon Gibson	$6,811	$6,811	100%
Barton, Barton	Sandy Cowan	$6,239	$6,239	100%
Bethel, Rohrersville	John Schildt	$6,019	$6,019	100%
Calvary, Great Cacapon	Dick Craig	$4,236	$4,236	100%
Calvary, Ridgeley	Rick Jewell	$7,988	$7,988	100%
Carlos, Frostburg	George Harpold	$1,231	$1,231	100%
Catalpa, Hancock	Joshua Rider	$739	$739	100%
Centenary, Cresaptown	Marjorie Hurder Buhrman	$5,274	$5,274	100%
Cherry Run, Hedgesville	Anthony Pirrone	$2,636	$2,636	100%
Christ, Cumberland	Harold McClay, Jr.	$9,323	$9,323	100%
Cresaptown, Cresaptown	Patrick Hurder Buhrman	$20,143	$20,143	100%
Davis Memorial, Cumberland	Rob Pierson	$7,744	$7,744	100%
Dawson, Rawlings	Mike McGowan	$6,682	$6,682	100%
Eckhart, Frostburg	George Harpold	$3,908	$3,908	100%
Ellerslie, Ellerslie	Sandy Burchell	$8,532	$8,532	100%
Emmanuel, Cumberland	Rob Pierson	$11,970	$11,970	100%
Emmanuel, Hagerstown	Randy Reid	$31,026	$31,026	100%
Fairview Avenue, Cumberland	Dan Taylor	$3,367	$3,367	100%
First, Lonaconing	Heerak Kim	$10,393	$10,393	100%
Flintstone, Flintstone	Trish Bittner	$3,057	$3,057	100%
Frostburg, Frostburg	Kyle Durbin	$27,084	$27,084	100%
Garfield, Smithsburg	Mary Ricketts	$9,684	$9,684	100%
Grace, Hagerstown	Margaret Clemons	$36,531	$36,531	100%
Grace, Midland	Heerak Kim	$7,101	$7,101	100%
Greenwood, Berkeley Springs	Lloyd McCanna	$6,117	$6,117	100%
Hancock, Hancock	Josh Gillen	$21,039	$21,039	100%
Highland, Berkeley Springs	Kenny Mason	$2,300	$2,300	100%
Holy Cross, Carpendale	Brent Wiles	$11,976	$11,976	100%
John Wesley, Hagerstown	Katie Hamilton	$35,258	$35,258	100%
LaVale, Lavale	Frankie Revell	$39,815	$39,815	100%
McKendree of Potomac Park, Cumberland	Lisa Boone	$6,119	$6,119	100%
Melvin, Cumberland	Dan Taylor	$8,597	$8,597	100%
Michaels, Hedgesville	Barbara Suffecool	$2,213	$2,213	100%
Mount Bethel, Smithsburg	Ron Kurtz	$9,090	$9,090	100%
Mount Carmel, Big Pool	Al Deal	$4,244	$4,244	100%
Mount Hermon, Cumberland	Trish Bittner	$2,601	$2,601	100%
Mount Lena, Boonsboro	Ron Kurtz	$7,773	$7,773	100%
Mount Nebo, Boonsboro	Bob Ruggieri	$13,817	$13,817	100%
Mount Olivet, Berkeley Springs	Lloyd McCanna	$4,942	$4,942	100%
Mount Pleasant, Berkeley Springs	Kenny Mason	$2,151	$2,151	100%
Mount Savage, Mount Savage	Sandy Burchell	$10,890	$10,890	100%
Mount Tabor, Oldtown	Charlie Riggleman	$4,327	$4,327	100%
Mount Zion, Berkeley Springs	Anthony Pirrone	$3,629	$3,629	100%
Mount Zion, Myersville	Mike Beiber	$20,019	$20,019	100%
Mount Zion, Sabillasville	Lisa Wirkus	$3,007	$3,007	100%
Murleys Branch, Flintstone	Trish Bittner	$2,004	$2,004	100%
New Covenant, Cumberland	Donna Renn	$23,477	$23,477	100%
Oldtown, Oldtown	Charlie Riggleman	$4,195	$4,195	100%
Oliver's Grove, Oldtown	Charlie Riggleman	$4,217	$4,217	100%
Otterbein, Hagerstown	Elizabeth Jackson	$67,954	$67,954	100%
Park Place, Lavale	Vicki Cubbage	$9,250	$9,250	100%
Parkhead, Big Pool	Al Deal	$5,568	$5,568	100%
Paw Paw, Paw Paw	Darlene Powers	$3,365	$3,365	100%
Piney Plains, Little Orleans	Joshua Rider	$2,898	$2,898	100%
Pleasant Walk, Myersville	Lisa Wirkus	$3,178	$3,178	100%
Rawlings, Rawlings	Lisa Boone	$9,898	$9,898	100%
Rehoboth, Williamsport	Michael Bennett	$19,591	$19,591	100%
Saint Andrews, Hagerstown	Christopher Serufusa	$17,293	$17,293	100%
Salem, Keedysville	Suzanne Jones	$10,786	$10,786	100%
Salem, Myersville	Bob Snyder	$16,476	$16,476	100%
Shaft, Frostburg	Heerak Kim	$5,843	$5,843	100%
Shiloh, Hagerstown	Dee Hall	$13,724	$13,724	100%
Sulphur Springs, Oldtown	Barney Piper	$1,610	$1,610	100%
Trinity, Cumberland	Mary George	$3,244	$3,244	100%
Trinity-Asbury, Berkeley Springs	Chuck Bergen	$12,238	$12,238	100%
Union Chapel, Berkeley Springs	Mike Leedom	$19,687	$19,687	100%
Vale Summit, Frostburg	George Harpold	$2,592	$2,592	100%
Washington Square, Hagerstown	Jerry Lowans	$17,925	$17,925	100%
Westernport, Westernport	Sandy Cowan	$3,379	$3,379	100%
Williamsport, Williamsport	Ray Roberson	$30,765	$30,765	100%
Zion, Cresaptown	Marjorie Hurder Buhrman	$4,405	$4,405	100%
Saint Paul's, Smithsburg	Mary Ricketts	$6,807	$5,105	75%
Benevola, Boonsboro	Bob Sharp	$24,043	$12,021	50%
Bethel, Smithsburg	Jim Johnson	$31,316	$15,658	50%
Wesley Chapel, Berkeley Springs	Chuck Bergen	$7,190	$3,595	50%
Prosperity, Flintstone	Trish Bittner	$4,461	$1,861	42%
First, Berkeley Springs	Doug Hoffman	$33,082	$7,578	23%
Central, Cumberland	Lee Brotemarkle	$5,742	$479	8%
Mount Zion, Great Cacapon	Dick Voorhaar	$3,283	$0	0%
Cumberland Hagerstown District Summary	**John Wunderlich**	**$894,788**	**$825,164**	**92.22%**

FREDERICK DISTRICT

Church, City	Pastor	2019 Goal	$ Paid	% Paid
Arden, Martinsburg	Mi Cho	$21,505	$21,505	100%
Asbury, Charles Town	Duane Jensen	$37,955	$37,955	100%
Asbury, Frederick	Mark Groover	$29,283	$29,283	100%
Asbury, Shepherdstown	Rudy Bropleh	$51,946	$51,946	100%
Bedington, Martinsburg	Scott Summers	$34,470	$34,470	100%
Berkeley Place, Martinsburg	Lisa Franzen	$3,468	$3,468	100%
Bethel, Bakerton	Scott Sassaman	$3,592	$3,592	100%
Bethesda, Shepherdstown	John Langenstein	$4,309	$4,309	100%
Blairton, Martinsburg	Gary Gourley, Sr.	$7,387	$7,387	100%
Bolivar, Harpers Ferry	Sam Tryon	$5,064	$5,064	100%
Brandenburg, Sykesville	Mark Eyler	$7,847	$7,847	100%
Brook Hill, Frederick	Dana Werts	$98,333	$98,333	100%
Buckeystown Rt 85, Buckeystown	Charles Rice	$14,818	$14,818	100%
Buckeystown Rt.80, Buckeystown	Derek Shackelford	$1,560	$1,560	100%
Bunker Hill, Bunker Hill	Danny Breidenbaugh	$17,150	$17,150	100%
Calvary, Martinsburg	Lynn Wilson	$30,906	$30,906	100%
Camp Hill-Wesley, Harpers Ferry	John Unger	$5,200	$5,200	100%
Catoctin, Thurmont	Terry Orrence, Jr.	$4,870	$4,870	100%
Darkesville, Inwood	Thomas Sigler	$13,798	$13,798	100%
Deer Park, Westminster	John Dean	$23,123	$23,123	100%
Deerfield, Sabillasville	Ray Dudley	$3,681	$3,681	100%
Doubs-Epworth, Adamstown	Kathryn Bishop	$2,463	$2,463	100%
Engle, Harpers Ferry	Sam Tryon	$2,830	$2,830	100%
Friendship, Hedgesville	Lisa Franzen	$3,098	$3,098	100%
Ganotown, Martinsburg	Bill Arnicar	$1,901	$1,901	100%
Gerrardstown, Gerrardstown	Gary Sieglein	$8,067	$8,067	100%
Harmony, Falling Waters	Jeff Zalatoris	$24,457	$24,457	100%
Hopehill, Frederick	David Fossett	$4,193	$4,193	100%
Inwood, Inwood	John Lewis	$3,073	$3,073	100%
Jackson Chapel, Frederick	Rex Bowens, Sr.	$22,003	$22,003	100%
Jefferson, Jefferson	Kathryn Bishop	$8,564	$8,564	100%
Johnsville, Randallstown	Thomas Cook	$1,928	$1,928	100%
Johnsville, Union Bridge	Shari McCourt	$9,553	$9,553	100%
Leetown, Kearneysville	Deborah Mooney	$7,704	$7,704	100%
Lewistown, Thurmont	Katy Mossburg	$11,293	$11,293	100%
Liberty Central, Libertytown	Jerry Cline	$11,730	$11,730	100%
Linganore, Union Bridge	Stephen Ricketts	$15,867	$15,867	100%
Marvin Chapel, Inwood	John Lewis	$5,108	$5,108	100%
Messiah, Taneytown	Richard Baker	$11,800	$11,800	100%
Middleburg, Westminster	Darrell Davis	$2,961	$2,961	100%
Middletown, Middletown	Ken Dunnington	$69,424	$69,424	100%
Middleway, Kearneysville	Scott Sassaman	$12,269	$12,269	100%
Mount Carmel, Frederick	Jennifer Smith	$30,400	$30,400	100%
Mount Pleasant, Frederick	Rich Gibbs	$5,051	$5,051	100%
Mount Wesley, Shepherdstown	Ed Grove	$7,638	$7,638	100%
Murrill Hill, Harpers Ferry	Donnie Cardwell	$3,133	$3,133	100%
New Hope of Greater Brunswick, Brunswick	Kathryn Bishop	$21,519	$21,519	100%
New Hope of New Windsor, New Windsor	Mary Buzby	$4,218	$4,218	100%
New Market, New Market	Scott Clawson	$20,312	$20,312	100%
New Street, Shepherdstown	Dee-Ann Dixon	$21,497	$21,497	100%
Oakland, Sykesville	Bob Wellman	$17,649	$17,649	100%
Paynes Chapel, Bunker Hill	Dawn Reidy	$6,786	$6,786	100%
Pikeside, Martinsburg	Bill Ball	$13,291	$13,291	100%
Pleasant View, Adamstown	Margaret Clark	$2,996	$2,996	100%
Saint James, Westminster	Mary Buzby	$5,896	$5,896	100%
Saint Lukes, Martinsburg	Mike Cantley	$46,125	$46,125	100%
Saint Paul, New Windsor	Shari McCourt	$15,555	$15,555	100%
Sandy Hook, Knoxville	Sharon Lowans	$2,090	$2,090	100%
Sandy Mount, Finksburg	Kathy Altman	$43,522	$43,522	100%
Shenandoah Memorial, Harpers Ferry	Sharon Lowans	$3,168	$3,168	100%
Stone Chapel, New Windsor	YuJung Hwang	$11,164	$11,164	100%
Strawbridge, New Windsor	Blango Ross, Jr.	$10,364	$10,364	100%
Taylorsville, Mount Airy	Julie Wilson	$20,025	$20,025	100%
Thurmont, Thurmont	Ken Fizer, Jr.	$22,916	$22,916	100%
Tom's Creek, Emmitsburg	Heath Wilson	$18,415	$18,415	100%
Trinity, Emmitsburg	Richard Baker	$15,017	$15,311	100%
Trinity, Martinsburg	Ken Walker	$62,167	$62,167	100%
Uniontown, Westminster	Darrell Davis	$6,128	$6,128	100%
Uvilla, Shepherdstown	John Langenstein	$3,334	$3,334	100%
Walkersville, Walkersville	Michael Henning	$49,077	$49,077	100%
Weller, Thurmont	Bob Kells, Jr.	$20,521	$20,521	100%
Westminster, Westminster	Malcolm Stranathan	$73,781	$73,781	100%
Williams Memorial, Shepherdstown	John Langenstein	$3,393	$3,393	100%
Zion, Westminster	YuJung Hwang	$10,994	$10,994	100%
Mount Zion, Martinsburg	Edward Hall	$11,721	$9,415	80%
Bethesda, Sykesville	Richard Lindsay	$11,470	$8,557	75%
Calvary, Frederick	Stephen Larsen	$96,303	$72,227	75%
Otterbein, Martinsburg	Patricia Sebring	$30,471	$22,605	74%
Greensburg, Martinsburg	Ed Grove	$4,468	$2,979	67%
Trinity, Frederick	Eliezer Valentin-Castanon	$60,215	$35,125	58%
Centennial Memorial, Frederick	Debra Linton	$20,343	$10,343	51%
Chestnut Hill, Harpers Ferry	Bill Rowley	$9,438	$4,719	50%
Silver Grove, Harpers Ferry	Mike Lida	$3,846	$1,923	50%

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Calvary, Finksburg	Beth Anne Hutton	$27,967	$13,322	48%
Memorial, Summit Point	Ed White	$8,159	$2,400	29%
Union Street, Westminster	Richard Lindsay	$6,142	$1,500	24%
Hedgesville, Hedgesville	Dennis Jackman	$16,460	$2,500	15%
Butlers Chapel, Martinsburg	Forrest Cummings	$3,801	$0	0%
Oakland, Charles Town	Richard Shuman, II	$40,568	$0	0%
Frederick District Summary	**Edgardo Rivera**	**$1,610,062**	**$1,446,602**	**89.85%**
GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT				
Asbury, Washington	Ianther Mills	$152,736	$152,736	100%
Bells, Camp Springs	Michael Parker, II	$10,807	$10,807	100%
Bethesda, Bethesda	Jenny Cannon	$103,714	$103,713	100%
Bradbury Heights, Washington	Bernard Harris	$10,484	$10,484	100%
Brightwood Park, Washington	Gerald Elston, Sr.	$14,395	$14,395	100%
Cabin John, Cabin John	Ek Hii	$14,816	$14,816	100%
Capitol Hill, Washington	Alisa Lasater	$66,576	$66,576	100%
Centenary, Flatts FL Bx	Dick Stetler	$14,788	$14,788	100%
Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase	Kirkland Reynolds	$67,736	$67,736	100%
Christ, Washington	Monica Raines	$27,784	$27,784	100%
Church of The Redeemer, Temple Hills	Michael Parker, II	$16,999	$16,999	100%
Colesville, Silver Spring	Michael Armstrong	$61,315	$61,315	100%
College Park, College Park	Fay Lundin	$12,868	$12,868	100%
Concord-Saint Andrews, Bethesda	Curtis Ehrgott	$40,308	$40,308	100%
Dumbarton, Washington	Mary Kay Totty	$41,357	$41,357	100%
Ebenezer, Washington	Bresean Jenkins	$20,926	$20,926	100%
Emmanuel, Laurel	Stephanie Vader	$65,552	$65,552	100%
Emory, Washington	Joe Daniels, Jr.	$76,563	$76,563	100%
Faith, Rockville	Laura Norvell	$99,580	$99,580	100%
First, Hyattsville	Yvonne Wallace-Penn	$96,933	$96,933	100%
Foundry, Washington	Ginger Gaines-Cirelli	$307,522	$307,522	100%
Franklin P Nash, Washington	R. David Hall	$5,251	$5,251	100%
Gethsemane, Capitol Heights	Ronald Triplett	$53,577	$53,577	100%
Glenmont, Silver Spring	Kara Scroggins	$45,501	$45,501	100%
Good Hope Union, Silver Spring	Tori Butler	$27,258	$27,258	100%
Good Shepherd, Silver Spring	DaeHwa Park	$40,190	$40,190	100%
Hughes Memorial, Washington	Paul Johnson	$39,812	$39,812	100%
Hughes, Wheaton	Diana Wingeier-Rayo	$64,653	$64,653	100%
Liberty Grove, Burtonsville	Miguel Balderas	$65,993	$65,993	100%
McKendree-Simms-Brookland, Washington	R. David Hall	$66,164	$66,164	100%
Memorial First India, Silver Spring	Samuel Honnappa	$33,396	$33,396	100%
Metropolitan Memorial, Washington	Doug Robinson-Johnson	$300,777	$300,777	100%
Mizo, Rockville	Biak Chhunga	$15,320	$15,320	100%
Mount Vernon Place, Washington	Donna Claycomb Sokol	$126,464	$126,464	100%
Mount Zion, Washington	Selena Johnson	$36,122	$36,122	100%
North Bethesda, Bethesda	Jeff Jones	$52,376	$52,376	100%
Petworth, Washington	Armon Nelson	$16,405	$16,405	100%
Potomac, Potomac	Laura Blauvelt	$81,505	$81,505	100%
Rockville, Rockville	Martha Meredith	$54,627	$54,627	100%
Ryland-Epworth, Washington	Samuel Holdbrook-Smith	$15,494	$15,494	100%
Saint Paul, Chevy Chase	John McCauley	$17,805	$17,805	100%
Saint Paul's, Kensington	Pat Allen	$139,490	$139,490	100%
United, Washington	William Federici	$27,659	$27,659	100%
University, College Park	Michelle Mejia	$47,967	$47,967	100%
Van Buren, Washington	Lucinda Kent	$5,767	$5,767	100%
Jerusalem-Mount Pleasant, Rockville	Ashley Hoover	$29,717	$27,241	92%
Community, Washington	LaTaska Nelson	$11,171	$7,446	67%
Randall Memorial, Washington	Brian Jackson	$24,836	$15,331	62%
Brighter Day, Washington	Tommy Murray	$16,497	$8,772	53%
Mowatt Memorial, Greenbelt	Fay Lundin	$7,895	$3,947	50%
Forest Memorial, Forestville	Esther Holimon	$17,258	$7,744	45%
Millian Memorial, Rockville	Ty Blackwell	$55,717	$23,215	42%
Douglas Memorial, Washington	LaTaska Nelson	$14,535	$5,000	34%
Grace, Takoma Park	Samson Nortey	$11,057	$3,686	33%
Cheverly, Cheverly	Lillian Smith	$41,890	$11,472	27%
Lincoln Park, Washington	Richard Black	$29,140	$6,140	21%
Ager Road, Hyattsville	Samson Nortey	$16,224	$2,704	17%
Simpson-Hamline, Washington	Yvonne Mercer-Staten	$36,320	$6,053	17%
Oak Chapel, Silver Spring	Sherri Wood-Powe	$31,770	$4,608	15%
Silver Spring, Silver Spring	Angela Flanagan	$129,137	$15,000	12%
Jones Memorial, Washington	Loretta Johnson	$18,032	$2,000	11%
Albright Memorial, Washington	Gerald Elston, Sr.	$14,595	$500	3%
Marsden First, Smith's	Joseph Whalen, Jr.	$30,376	$1,000	3%
Francis Asbury National Korean, Rockville	Seung-Woo Lee	$31,826	$0	0%
Mount Vernon, Washington	Armon Nelson	$12,950	$0	0%
Greater Washington District Summary	**Gerry Green**	**$3,284,272**	**$2,855,190**	**86.94%**

Church, City	Pastor	2019 Goal	$ Paid	% Paid
WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT				
Alexandria Chapel, Indian Head	Judith Bennett	$6,037	$6,037	100%
Asbury, Brandywine	Gladman Kapfumvuti	$18,110	$18,110	100%
Bethel, Upper Marlboro	Thomas Long, Sr.	$17,231	$17,231	100%
Bethesda, Valley Lee	Irvin Beverly	$7,575	$7,575	100%
Brookfield, Brandywine	John Warren	$7,456	$7,456	100%
Brooks, Saint Leonard	Jason Robinson	$56,940	$56,940	100%
Carroll-Western, Prince Frederick	Roland Barnes	$11,574	$11,574	100%
Cheltenham, Cheltenham	Mark Schaefer	$15,188	$15,188	100%
Chicamuxen, La Plata	Edward Voorhaar	$5,417	$5,417	100%
Christ, Aquasco	Coni Smith	$18,264	$18,264	100%
Clinton, Clinton	Dorothea Stroman	$34,991	$34,991	100%
Coopers, Dunkirk	Vincent Cooke	$7,359	$7,359	100%
Eastern, Lusby	Brenda Mcilwain	$6,856	$6,856	100%
Emmanuel, Huntingtown	Matthew Tate	$16,666	$16,666	100%
Faith, Accokeek	Peggy Ireland	$14,344	$14,344	100%
First Saints Community Church, Leonardtown	Chris Owens	$110,430	$110,430	100%
Glenn Dale, Glenn Dale	Adam Snell	$21,670	$21,670	100%
Grace, Fort Washington	Robert Slade	$41,885	$41,885	100%
Hollywood, Hollywood	Katie Paul	$41,676	$41,676	100%
Huntingtown, Huntingtown	Corey Sharpe	$57,521	$57,521	100%
Immanuel, Brandywine	John Warren	$12,928	$12,928	100%
Indian Head, Indian Head	Cindy Banks	$5,014	$5,014	100%
La Plata, La Plata	Susan Boehl	$76,355	$76,355	100%
Lanham, Lanham	Kevin Slayton	$23,498	$23,498	100%
Lexington Park, Lexington Park	Douglas Hays	$59,973	$59,973	100%
Metropolitan, Indian Head	Darryl Mason	$31,094	$31,094	100%
Mount Calvary, Charlotte Hall	Kevin Brooks	$10,715	$10,715	100%
Mount Hope, Sunderland	Nona Colbert	$9,176	$9,176	100%
Mount Olive, Prince Frederick	Dana Jones	$21,678	$21,678	100%
Mount Zion, Mechanicsville	Steve Humphrey	$45,027	$45,027	100%
Mount Zion, Saint Inigoes	Doris Rothwell	$7,737	$7,737	100%
Olivet, Lusby	Linda Motter	$18,266	$18,266	100%
Oxon Hill, Oxon Hill	Pat Allen	$29,440	$29,440	100%
Patuxent, Huntingtown	BK Fleet	$16,574	$16,574	100%
Pisgah, Marbury	Jeanne Parr	$6,892	$6,892	100%
Plum Point, Huntingtown	BK Fleet	$16,776	$16,776	100%
Providence-Fort Washington, Ft Washington	Kermit Moore	$26,259	$26,259	100%
Queens Chapel, Beltsville	Will Butler	$57,128	$57,128	100%
Saint Edmonds, Chesapeake Beach	Joan Jones	$13,473	$13,473	100%
Saint John, Lusby	Brenda Mcilwain	$11,921	$11,921	100%
Saint Luke, Ridge	Delonta Hicks	$5,758	$5,758	100%
Saint Matthews, Bowie	Daniel Mejia	$94,944	$94,944	100%
Saint Matthews, La Plata	Kevin Brooks	$4,211	$4,211	100%
Saint Paul, Lusby	Walter Beaudwin	$56,909	$56,909	100%
Saint Paul, Oxon Hill	Daryl Williams	$71,851	$71,851	100%
Shiloh Community, Newburg	Jacques Banks	$15,334	$15,334	100%
Smith Chapel, Marbury	George DeFord	$14,984	$14,984	100%
Smithville, Dunkirk	Paul Papp	$25,090	$25,090	100%
Solomons, Solomons	Dottie Yunger	$27,481	$27,481	100%
Trinity, Prince Frederick	Jim Swecker	$72,897	$72,897	100%
Union, Upper Marlboro	Kendrick Weaver	$46,524	$46,524	100%
Waters Memorial, Saint Leonard	Brian Berger	$13,715	$13,715	100%
Westphalia, Upper Marlboro	Timothy West	$68,084	$68,084	100%
Zion Wesley, Waldorf	Gladman Kapfumvuti	$10,643	$10,643	100%
Zion, Lexington Park	Kenneth Moore	$29,708	$29,708	100%
Peters, Dunkirk	Sonja Penny	$11,104	$9,253	83%
Mount Oak, Mitchellville	Bob Barnes, Jr.	$69,848	$45,000	64%
Bowie, Bowie	Angela Kittrell	$15,252	$9,152	60%
Ebenezer, Lanham	Mark Venson	$42,592	$24,500	58%
Mount Harmony-Lower Marlboro, Owings	Faith Wilkerson	$31,122	$18,155	58%
Wards Memorial, Owings	Eloise Newman	$11,914	$6,182	52%
Emmanuel, Beltsville	Jalene Chase	$34,150	$17,075	50%
Journey of Faith Church;The, Waldorf	Reginald Tarpley	$43,204	$21,602	50%
Calvary, Waldorf	Sarah Schlieckert	$22,329	$5,582	25%
Nottingham-Myers, Upper Marlboro	Coni Smith	$20,995	$5,249	25%
Good Shepherd, Waldorf	Laurie Gates-Ward	$49,098	$6,000	12%
Corkran Memorial, Temple Hills	Lesley Newman-Adams	$14,956	$400	3%
Shiloh, Bryans Road	Cindy Banks	$5,385	$100	2%
Washington East District Summary	**Johnsie Cogman**	**$1,947,193**	**$1,743,497**	**89.54%**

BWC Summary (Budget Goal & Received)		Budget	Received	%
BWC Grand Total	**Bishop Easterling**	**$15,537,932**	**$13,745,975**	**88.47%**

For every $100 given to a local church, $89 stays with the church; $11 goes to Mission Shares as follows:



$3.90 GOES TOWARD BWC MINISTRIES

$2.90 SUPPORTS THE GENERAL CHURCH*

*Your $2.90 that support the General Church goes toward the World Service Fund, Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, General Administration Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Ministerial Education Fund and Northeast Jurisdictional Mission Shares.

$2.60 GOES TOWARD BWC OPERATIONS & FINANCE

$0.80 GOES TOWARD BWC ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATIONS

$0.80 GOES TOWARD BWC DEBT REDUCTION

A word from the bishop

Peacemaking is focus of pilgrimage to India

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

In his commentary on the book of Matthew, Douglas R. A. Hare states, "It is clear that peacemakers designates not those who live in peace, enjoying its fruits, but those who devote themselves to the hard work of reconciling hostile individuals, families, groups and nations."

Peacemaking is hard work. Perhaps in its deepest sense, peacemaking is working toward the welfare of all people. For all to enjoy a measure of well-being, there must be mutual respect, care, and the recognition of the personhood of others. I know no other way of creating that kind of mutuality than through the cultivating of relationships. Relationships break down barriers and dispel stereotypes.

Whether we travel across the street or across the globe, building relationships can happen as we experience new persons and communities. I had the opportunity to do so when I traveled to India with the NEJ Mission of Peace in December. This pilgrimage of 16 young adults, including Elizabeth Anderson, Nito Slack, and Maya Tzan of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, was an immersion in diversity and the beauty of God's creativity. From families opening their homes to us and sharing delicious Indian cuisine, to congregations holding special services to lay hands on us and pray, to local entrepreneurs giving us a glimpse of their businesses, we formed relationships that will provide opportunities for inter-faith ministry and friendship.

As we were given the privilege of entering the sacred spaces of our hosts, we encountered a holy presence that was both familiar and yet quite unique. Within the 800-year old Hindu Temple in Dharmasthala, we witnessed pilgrims who had traveled for days to pray, receive an anointing of oil and water, and ask for healing. Although we could not understand their words, we felt the depth of their prayers and related to the earnestness of their supplications.



COURTESY OF THOMAS SCHMIDT

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, center, and Rev. Marion Easterling with Nito Slack, Elizabeth Anderson (left) and Maya Tzan.

We also witnessed the incredible feeding ministry that takes place within the Temple every day. Without regard to wealth, station or title, thousands of sojourners are fed in a large common space. They sit next to one another giving thanks and feasting together as one people.

We also felt a deep presence of holiness as we entered the Tibetan temple in Coorg. Sitting together on the floor in prayer, one of the pilgrims asked me if I could feel the heat. Upon further inquiry, I learned he was speaking of the heat emanating from the statues in the center of the Temple. This holy space, built in the 1960s as Tibetans were exiled and migrated to Coorg, is the site of deep prayer by Tibetan monks every day. As I looked into the eyes of the monks gathered for prayer, I saw the seriousness of committed disciples. The collective power of their prayers was generating a literal physical heat.

In our current climate of xenophobia and the rising suspicion of persons of other faiths, it was refreshing to visit The Henry Martyn Institute on the trip. This Institute, which is located Hyderabad, India, is dedicated to promoting reconciliation between people of different faiths and cultures. As we received a tour of the facility and heard engaging presentations, we encountered scholars of varied religious traditions, including Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism.

Being in their presence I was keenly aware of and compelled by their deep respect for one another's beliefs and traditions. Each one was squarely rooted in their own faith, but their intellectual curiosity and desire for greater understanding created a safe space for dialogue and learning.

The director of the Institute, Rev. Packiam T. Samuel, invited us to return to the Institute for an intentional time of study and reflection. He said, "This is not the kind of work that can be done as tourists; you have to spend time getting to know one another and learning of each other's faiths."

In other words, Rev. Samuel was reiterating that reconciliation requires relationships. At the heart of each of these religions is a desire for peace and the fulfillment of human life. In the halls of the Institute I did not feel any fear of the other; rather, I felt immense hope at the possibility of real understanding and peace.

While serving as a district superintendent in the New England Conference, I was invited to serve as the keynote speaker for a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. In preparing for that address, the questions that kept percolating within me were, "Who do we invite into our homes? Who do our children see as guests at our tables?"

While we extol the virtues of Dr. King each year, are we moving beyond our cultural, racial and religious peer groups to build relationships across broader constituencies? Reflecting upon the words of Rev. Samuel, making King's dream a reality will require more than commemorative tourism; it will require spending some time with one another. It will require creating safe spaces for conversation, learning, and the dismantling of years of learned bias.

The only lasting path to reconciliation and peace is through creating meaningful relationships with persons of other races, nationalities, beliefs and customs. May the words of Lao-Tzu, a Chinese philosopher, guide us. He teaches:
If there is to be peace in the world,
there must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,
there must be peace in the cites.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
there must be peace between neighbors.
If there is to be peace between neighbors,
there must be peace in the homes.
If there is to be peace in the homes,
there must be peace in the heart.

As children of God, may we open our hearts, minds and homes to new friends. May we become peacemakers. Yes, it is hard work, but many hands make the burden easier.

Nito SLACK

"Seeing the face of God in India was something I expected, but how it was revealed to me is something I will never forget. Standing in a room no bigger than many of our living rooms sat nearly three dozen wooden slats that were used as beds. All of them were filled by the orphans of the Church of South India. I began to cry. Feeling the presence of God in this place was nothing I have ever felt before.

"I reached out my hand and placed my hand on a bed and began to pray. I asked God to bless the child that slept there, asked God to pour out his love and grace upon her head and to never let her forget who's she is. My hands slid from one splintered panel to another and then another and then another until I realized I was all alone. Just me and the Holy Spirit in an orphanage in southern India."

"We weren't in India to share our beliefs, customs, and ideas; we were there to listen, to absorb, and to learn from others. Our task now that we have returned is not to speak as though our eyes have already been opened and we suddenly know everything that India has to offer. Instead, it is to speak as our eyes are still being opened, and only to begin to open the eyes of others by the grace of God.

"I understand more fully now the importance of seeing the world not from a Christian or American perspective but stepping into the shoes of others and taking in new perspectives no matter how different they are from my own. I also realize that words alone, on paper or in speech, cannot accomplish this."

Elizabeth ANDERSON

Maya TZAN

Read these participant's full articles at bwcumc.org/news-and-views/mission-of-peace-2020-india/

"One experience … was at the Henry Martyn Institute (HMI), a center for reconciliation and understanding between religions. There we heard Abdul Kareem, a very faithful Muslim man. When asked about his thoughts on Islamophobia, his response nearly brought me to tears. He said that extremists are not, in any way, following Islam. The idea of Islam being used in the name of hatred made him extremely upset. I was moved by his passion when it came to his religion. Islam is a religion of peace, he said.

"As Christians, we cannot be the ones to propel a negative and completely false stereotype of Muslims due to an untrue picture painted by the media, hate groups, and society. When the world tells us to see differences with a negative lens, we should choose to see God in all of those that are different. "

ROCK: Youth explore questions of faith and unity

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connect at ROCK so that ministry could happen together when they got home.

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling spent more than an hour with ROCK participants during a time of questions and answers. Some of the questions were easy ("What is your favorite animal?" A: "Cat") and some were poignant ("What can I do about peer pressure?").

Olivia from Calvert County asked why she wanted to be a bishop.

"I didn't want to be a bishop," Bishop Easterling said, "but I felt called to it." She said that a long period of prayer and discernment, which included her whole family, led her allowing her name to go forward as a candidate.

Carolyn asked about the bishop's views on LGBTQ rights, and "on being gay in general."

Bishop Easterling said that growing up and attending a church in Indianapolis, she heard from the pulpit that homosexuality was sinful. When she went away to college, she said, she began to meet and make friends with gay and lesbian people. And it was in seminary, at Boston University School of Theology, that her heart began to be changed.

"I let go of that old belief," she said. "I have come to believe that we box God in. Who are we to say that they are wrong or sinful? They are who God created them to be."

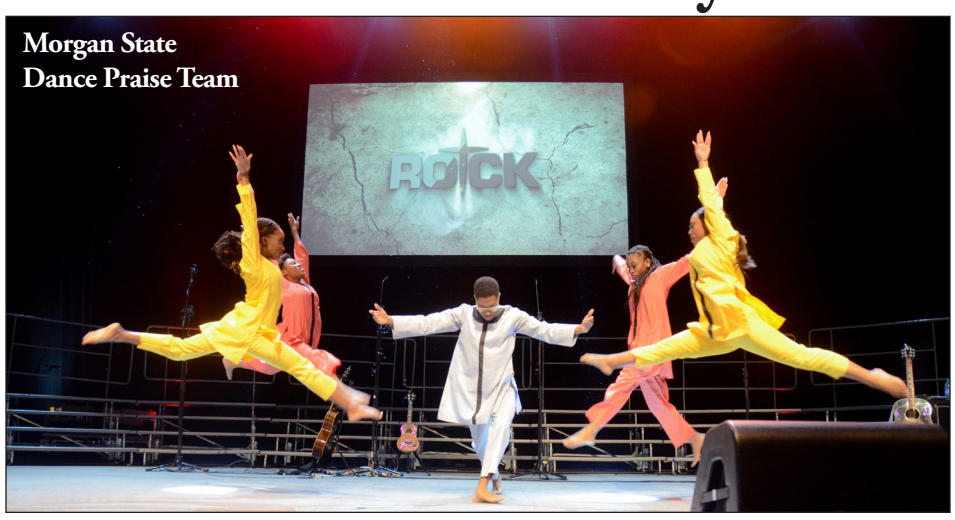
Victoria from the University of Maryland asked the bishop about which pronouns for God she is most comfortable using.

"An excellent question," said the bishop. "What we learn earliest is often what is most deeply rooted in us. I was taught that God was male." However, she said, she later came to learn that in Hebrew, God is "spirit," and spirit has no gender.

"Be careful not to chastise people who use other pronouns for God," she said.



Youth from throughout the Baltimore-Washington Conference join in the praise and worship time with Aaron Shust, ROCK's featured musician.



The offering at ROCK always goes to support a cause chosen by the youth. This year's offering of $9,357 will go to expand suicide prevention and wellness resourcing for youth and those who love them. Learn more at bwcumc.org/article/stay-suicide-prevention-campaign/.



Youth Moral Courage Award winners Ethan Tiao and Abbey Duncan (in red shirts) stand with Bishop Easterling (center) and Rev. Stacey Cole Wilson. Learn more at www.bwcumc.org/moral-courage-awards/.

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Proposed SNAP cuts could affect Baltimore UMCs

By Erik Alsgaard
UMConnection Staff

According to a recent story in the Baltimore Sun, more than 15,000 people in Baltimore could lose access to food under proposed changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). New eligibility requirements would make it harder for the State of Maryland to issue waivers to laws that allow people access to SNAP for longer periods of time.

The results, experts say, would be devastating. Maryland recently joined more than a dozen states in suing to block the U.S. Department of Agriculture from moving forward with the cuts.

Under current rules, the Sun reported, "adults 18 to 49 years old who work less than 20 hours a week can receive only three months of food stamp benefits during a three-year period. But for areas with high rates of unemployment or a demonstrable lack of sufficient jobs, states can seek waivers of the time limit on benefits."

Even though unemployment in Baltimore City is higher than the national average, because the new rules loop in Columbia and Towson to the unemployment data, waivers would no longer be allowed.

It would also hit hard at United Methodist churches in the city, according to several pastors.

The Rev. Cary James serves as pastor at historic Sharp Street Memorial UMC. He said the proposed cuts would disproportionately affect residents of the Upton Neighborhood the church serves.

The church already ministers to those needing food assistance by serving hot meals twice a week, giving away free fruit and vegetables through a partnership with Furman L. Templeton Preparatory Academy, giving away free turkeys for Thanksgiving, and serving free breakfast and lunch as Free Summer Food Service Program site for students, the pastor said.

"The median household income is $15,950, and 85 percent of residents live below the poverty line," James said. "The unemployment rate is 26.3 percent."

The urgent challenge that his community faces, he said, is access to healthy and affordable food due to a lack of grocery stores, lack of transportation, and increases in food costs.

At Sharp Street, they see a surge in meals served during the third and fourth weeks of the month, because food stamps benefits have all been used. "A cut in food stamp benefits to one of the most impoverished neighborhoods in Baltimore City will adversely affect the wealth and health of our community," James said.

Sharp Street received a grant from Global Ministries to build five, 30-by-20 feet container gardens on church-owned land to increase access to healthy locally grown fruits and vegetables.

"We recognize the role that food justice plays in communal wellbeing," James said, "so we want to start new gardens on church-owned land and expand existing church gardens; establish pop-up farm stands at churches to sell produce on days and at times when the congregation normally gathers; and link black farmers with black churches to pipeline fresh produce grown by black farmers and local churches directly to the sanctuaries of black churches."

At Epworth Chapel UMC, the church helped distribute more than 40,000 pounds of free, non-perishable food and produce last year to its community. They operate a food pantry, host free monthly community hot meals, and are looking to expand all this in 2020.

The proposed cuts, said its pastor, the Rev. Tony Hunt, would be "devastating.

"In a nutshell," Hunt said, "government cutbacks will continue to have a potentially devastating impact on people in our communities, but churches like Epworth Chapel realize that this means we have to do even more, and remain committed to helping to ensure that nobody is hungry in our community."

The church, Hunt noted, has a partnership with the Maryland Food Bank. Pat Williams chairs the Mission Outreach Faith in Action Team at Epworth, and she noted in the church's report to the Food Bank that hunger is no respecter of person.

"We know that hunger has no color, gender, age, or even ZIP Code," she said. "It's everywhere."

As part of the Team's ministry in 2019, they were able to deliver food to three senior citizen communities: Parkview Coldspring; Parkview Woodlawn; and Parkview Randallstown.