2017 Session of Annual Conference
June 4-7, 2017
Jekyll Island Convention Center

Live Streaming
Watch all sessions live from your home or office, including all services of worship, Bible study sessions and business sessions www.sgaumc.org/aclivestreaming. Streaming will begin Sunday evening, June 4, with the opening worship service. Make sure to let others in your church know!

Social Media
Follow various social media outlets throughout the event.
Facebook:  www.facebook.com/sgaumc
Twitter:  www.twitter.com/sgaumc/ #sgaumc
Instagram:  sgaumc

Conference Website
Complete Annual Conference information can be found at www.sgaumc.org/annualconference. A daily wrap-up will be posted at the end of each day. The 2017-2018 appointment book will be available on Wednesday afternoon after adjournment. A bulletin insert will also be made available for you to use back in your local church to share the happenings of the Annual Conference Session.  

Northwest District Projected Appointments for 2017-2018 Conference Year

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<td>Phone 706-561-4541</td>
<td>Edwin M.(Buddy) Cooper, Jr.</td>
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Dr. Buddy Cooper is in the hospital following a heart attack May 26. On Friday he received stents in one artery and today received multiple bypasses for other arteries and is out of surgery. Though visitors are not allowed at this time, Buddy and Sheila covet your prayers for Buddy's recovery.

Wesley Kaylor had a minor heart attack on May 15th. He received one stent on May 18th and another on May 26th. An angiogram showed no heart damage. Please be in prayer for him and his recovery.

May 2017 Northwest District Newsletter
2017 Annual Conference Details

Special Offering - South Georgia Conference Disaster Response

The 2017 Annual Conference Special Offering will go to the South Georgia Conference Disaster Response fund to build our capacity to respond to disasters now and in the future. Every congregation is encouraged to collect an offering prior to Annual Conference. It will then be presented during the Opening Worship service. Materials to help you promote the special offering, including a bulletin insert and video, will be available soon at www.sgaumc.org/specialoffering.

Tuesday Night Beach Party

Come join the fun! On Tuesday evening, June 6, you are invited to a Beach Party at Great Dunes Beach from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Great Dunes is adjacent to the Convention Center. There will be fellowship, food and games galore, with live music provided by saxophone extraordinaire and Brunswick native Michael Hulett. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served to those who have pre-purchased a meal ticket. Meal tickets will be available at the information table upon arrival at Annual Conference. All are encouraged and welcome to attend. You don’t want to miss it!

Mission Outreach Emphasis

Agencies within the bounds of our Annual Conference are changing lives as they reflect the ways they are Alive Together in Christ. They are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ as they help to meet the most basic of needs. We are grateful for their work and want to show our gratitude. Each of the agencies listed below will have a collection box in the lobby. They have selected items that will help them in their day-to-day operation. So choose one or choose several, and let’s help fill up their boxes!

- Magnolia Manor: Jigsaw/Word Search puzzles, hardback books, $10 Walmart gift cards, Kleenex
- Methodist Home: Personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste)
- Open Door: Travel size personal hygiene items and small journals
- Vashti: Bath linens (towels & washcloths)
- Wesley Community Centers: baby wipes, diapers/pull-ups (any size), latex-free gloves
- Wesley Glen: Dove body wash, Aveeno or Eucerin lotions, adult wipes, regular size boxes of Kleenex packet/pocket size boxes of Kleenex

Meeting Details & Logistics

Schedule

The 2017 Annual Conference Session will begin with an Opening Worship Service on Sunday evening, June 4, at 7:00 p.m. Conference will conclude with the Sending Forth Service on Wednesday, June 7. Below is a tentative schedule of events.

Sunday, June 4

3:00 PM  Registration Begins

(Sunday registration ends at 6:45 PM prior to the Opening Service)

7:00 PM  Opening Worship Service, Bishop James Swanson Preaching

Monday, June 5

7:30 AM  Extension Ministry Breakfast

8:00 AM  Registration Reopens (8:00 AM – 12:00 noon and 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

9:00 AM  Laity Session

9:00 AM  Clergy Session

10:30 AM  Opening Plenary Session

Board of Ordained Ministry Report

12:00 PM  Lunch Break

2:00 PM  Afternoon Plenary Session
Monday, June 5, Schedule, Continued
5:00 PM  Dinner Break (Methodist Home Barbecue)
7:00 PM  Ordination/Commissioning Service, Bishop Lawson Bryan preaching
8:15 PM  Reception for Ordained and Commissioned Ministers

Tuesday, June 6
8:30 AM  Limited Retiree Registration until 10:30 AM
9:00 AM  Morning Plenary Session
11:00 AM  Retiree Recognition
12:00 PM  Lunch Break
1:00 PM  Gathering for Families of Deceased Clergy
2:00 PM  Memorial Service, Bishop Michael Watson preaching
3:30 PM  Afternoon Plenary Session
5:00 PM  Beach Party

Wednesday, June 7
9:00 AM  Morning Plenary Session
11:00 AM  Fixing the Appointments/Sending Forth Service
12:00 PM  Adjourn

Hotels
For a list of hotel options, please visit www.sgaumc.org/annualconference.

EPIC Childcare & Beach Camp
We are so excited for some new adventures available for children and youth at this year's Annual Conference Session on Jekyll Island. We will be providing childcare for infants all the way up to middle school. It's going to be EPIC!

Childcare for infants through preschool age children will be available for all worship services and business sessions at Jekyll Island Baptist Church (501 Riverview Drive). We've got lots of fun things planned for our little ones - crafts, games, and lots more! Childcare cost is $5.00 per child/day.

Elementary and middle school age children will be participating in an EPIC Beach Camp hosted by the Camp Connect Leadership Team, under the direction of Suzanne Akins. EPIC Beach Camp will be available for opening worship and business sessions only. Cost for the Beach Camp is $5.00 per child/day with additional opportunities for an excursion for campers. The gathering place for EPIC Beach Camp will be at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.

Pre-registration for all childcare is REQUIRED by May 28 so we know how to plan for crafts, materials, snacks and lunch as well as to ensure our staffing is Safe Sanctuaries compliant. For all the details and to register, visit www.sgaumc.org/childcare or contact Allison Lindsey at allison@sgaumc.com.

Venue & Driving Directions
All conference business and worship services will be held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. The convention center is located at 75 Beachview Drive N, Jekyll Island, GA 31527. From US Highway 17, you will turn onto Jekyll via the Jekyll Island Causeway. Once on the island you will stay straight until you reach the roundabout. At the roundabout you will veer right and then circle around to your left, which will put you on Beachview Drive. The convention center and parking will be on your right. Handicap parking will be clearly marked. Golf carts will be available to provide assistance for people getting from their cars to the main doors of the convention center.

Parking and Getting on the Island
In some of our previous venues, we have had parking costs connected to the area around the venue itself or to the hotels in the area. At Jekyll Island, there are no parking fees, but there is a fee to get onto the
island. It is $6.00 per 24-hour period. For those who stay on Jekyll and don’t leave the island, it will be a one-time fee. Even if you come on the island each day in your own car, you can time your entrances to conceivably pay only twice, since the $6.00 fee is good for 24 hours.

**Banquets**

If you have a group that would like to plan a banquet or special event, contact Dr. Wright Culpepper at wrightculpepper@comcast.net or 912.261.8512, ext. 101.

**Displays**

Display spaces are available to groups and agencies related to the South Georgia Conference. Display spaces for United Methodist Church agencies cost $75 without power and $80 with power. This is the cost passed on to us by the Convention Center. Other non-UM agencies and vendors also have the opportunity to set up displays. Please see the display policy for those prices and conditions. The display policy as well as the registration form to reserve booth space can be found at www.sgaumc.org/displays. Reservations for the space must be made by the May 1 deadline prior to the conference.

**Registration**

The registration fee for all pastors and lay members to Annual Conference is $20. Retired clergy not serving a church are exempt from this fee. You will pay when you register at Annual Conference.

**Expenses / Per diem**

Clergy and lay delegates who represent a local church shall have their expenses (including registration) paid by the local church (this includes retired clergy who are serving a church). Lay delegates who represent an organization and extension ministers shall have their expenses paid by the organization they represent. Retired clergy not under appointment and clergy on disability shall receive a per diem of $65 per day for each day attended. Lay members who do not represent a local church or conference organization shall receive a per diem on the same basis. Retired local pastors who are not serving a church do not retain their clergy status according to the Book of Discipline, and so do not qualify for a per diem.

**Change in Lay Member**

If there has been a change in the lay member representing your local church/charge, please make sure to pass this information onto the correct person. Please share the change with Meredyth Earnest at meredyth@sgaumc.com or let your district office know.

**Receiving the Communications Needed for the 2017 Annual Conference Session**

As a delegate to Annual Conference, you will receive several important communications leading up to Annual Conference. The purpose of these communications is to inform you of the matters you need to know about the ministry of the church, its organization, and any decisions you will be asked to make during the conference session. Because of action taken by the 2015 South Georgia Annual Conference, we no longer print and mail our communications. Instead, all communications related to the 2017 Annual Conference Session will be disseminated through conference emails, district newsletters and other district communications, our conference Advocate, and other conference communications. This saves us thousands of dollars in printing and postage costs each year.

Most of the business items for the conference session are contained in the Book of Recommendations and Reports (BOR). Inside the BOR you’ll find a complete conference agenda, driving and parking information, helpful annual conference information, detailed reports from conference ministries, pension and benefits recommendations, conference budgets, and much more. One of the purposes of the BOR is to allow you to read the recommendations and reports before you come to conference. A good delegate is a prepared delegate. In May, the BOR will be made available in two ways. It will be made available for download as a PDF file at no cost, in its entirety or in sections, on our conference website (www.sgaumc.org/annualconference), and disseminated through other electronic means. You will also be able to purchase a professionally bound printed copy for around $5.00 through lulu.com. Ordering information will be provided when the BOR is ready. The Book of Recommendations will not be mailed nor will printed copies be available at the Annual Conference session. If you prefer a printed copy versus a digital download, you must print it at church, at home, or purchase one through lulu.com.
Please continue to visit www.sgaumc.org/annualconference often as we approach annual conference. Some reports that do not make the BOR publication deadline will only be available on the website. These reports will be important to have during the Annual Conference session.

Prior to arriving at Jekyll please download onto your digital device or print all the materials you want to have with you during the Annual Conference session. Although we have been told that the wireless internet capabilities will be better at the Jekyll Island Convention Center than in other venues, you may still want to download documents to your device prior to coming to be safe.

Questions
For questions regarding the business of Annual Conference, please contact Dr. Jay Harris at jharris@sgaumc.com. For questions regarding local arrangements or any general questions, please contact Bill Allen at billallen4@comcast.net or Kelly Roberson at 912-270-6172 or kelly@sgaumc.com.

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Episcopal Office: P.O. Box 7227 - Macon, GA 31209 478-475-9286
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Connectional Ministries: P.O. Box 20408 - St. Simons Island, GA 31522-0408 Toll-free: 888-266-7642 / Local: 912-638-8626

Below is a list of groups that have planned banquets and special events during the Annual Conference Session.

Monday

Breakfast
• Extension Ministers Breakfast
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ballroom F
  Contact: Rev. John Walker (jwalker@magnoliamanor.com)

Lunch
• Small Membership Luncheon
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ballrooms H & G - 12:00 noon
  Contact: Rev. Earnestine Campbell (earnestine@sgaumc.com)
• Spouses Luncheon
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ben G. Porter Salon - 12:30 pm
  Contact: Mrs. Jane Ramsey (jramsey@crispschools.org)
• Congregational Development Proposal Team Luncheon
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ballroom F
  Contact: Mrs. Denise Roy (DRoy@thechapelbrunswick.com)

Dinner
• Methodist Home Barbecue
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ballrooms E, F, G, H - 5:00 pm
  All are welcome for this free dinner sponsored by the Methodist Home for Children & Youth

Evening
• Ordination Reception
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ben G. Porter Salon
  Immediately following the Ordination Service
Banquets and Special Events, Continued

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast**

- **Candler Breakfast**  
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ballroom F - 8:00 a.m.  
  Contact: Rev. Ted Goshorn (tgoshorn83@gmail.com)

- **Duke Club Breakfast**  
  The Reserve at The Westin  
  Contact: Rev. Aimee Baxter (aimeebax@gmail.com)

**Lunch**

- **Eagles Luncheon**  
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ben G. Porter Salon - 12:00 noon  
  Contact: Rev. Charles Whatley (cbwhatley@hotmail.com)

- **Educational Opportunities Luncheon**  
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ballroom F  
  Contact: Rev. Jimmy Cason (jcason@statesborofirst.com)

- **Foundry Luncheon**  
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ballroom G  
  Contact: Rev. Ben Gosden (bgosden1982@gmail.com)

- **Gathering for Families of Deceased Clergy and Clergy Spouses**  
  1:00 pm  
  Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ballroom H

**Dinner**

- **Beach Party**  
  Great Dunes Beach Pavilion (adjacent to the Convention Center)  
  5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
  All are encouraged and welcome to attend. Click here for more info.

- **Asbury Club Dinner**  
  Jekyll Island UMC - 6:00 pm  
  Contact: Doug Walker (doug.walker.75@gmail.com)

- **BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) Dinner**  
  Old Times Country Buffet - 6:30 pm  
  Contact: Yolanda Sewell (maniyola@knology.net)

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**The Northeast District Spouses Invite You to . . .**

**The Clergy Spouses’ Luncheon**

**In The Garden**

Monday June 5, 2017

Gather Time: Noon  
Lunch: 12:30

Jekyll Island Convention Center  
Cost: $20.00

Deadline for reservations: May 12, 2017

For brochure and reservations: www.sgaumc.org/clergyspouses

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May 2017 Northwest District Newsletter
“Celebrating Small Church Leadership and Vitality”
Small Membership Churches play a vital role in the mission and ministry of the South Georgia Annual Conference. The South Georgia Annual Conference, Conference Board of Laity, and Connectional Ministries have partnered to provide a luncheon promoting ministry resources for small churches during the 2017 Annual Conference Session.
Are you a pastor or an annual conference delegate from a small membership church (average worship attendance 100 or less)? If so, the invitation below has been designed especially for you!

“Celebrating Small Church Leadership and Vitality”
Monday, June 5, 2017
12:30 pm
Cost: $10 (payable online, or at the door)
Jekyll Island Convention Center
Registration Deadline: May 15, 2017
This time of lunch and learn is intended for clergy and the annual conference delegate(s). There will be two sessions offered at the same time during the lunch hour on June 5. The first session will be for churches with an average worship attendance of less than 50 people. The second session will be for churches with an average worship attendance between 50 and 100 people. Both sessions will share vital information for celebrating and strengthening small congregations.
Guest presenters include:
Rev. Carrie Myers
Ashburn/Sycamore Circuit
Dr. Nita Crump
Southwest District Superintendent
Discipleship Ministries
Next Step Ministries
To register online please click on the link below:
You may also contact Rev. Earnestine Campbell, Associate Director Connectional Ministries, with any questions, at 912-638-8626 or earnestine@sgaumc.com.
This invitation is designed for clergy and delegates of small membership churches with an average worship attendance of 100 or less. If you are no longer the delegate for your church, please share this email with the annual conference delegate. Not a small membership church? Please keep us in your prayers as we plan for this event.

2017 Book of Recommendations and Reports (BOR) for the South Georgia Annual Conference is now available
The BOR contains complete conference agenda, helpful conference information, detailed reports from ministries, resolutions, proposed constitutional amendments, pension and benefits recommendations, conference budgets, and more. The BOR will be an invaluable resource prior to and throughout the Annual Conference session. A good delegate is a prepared delegate.
Download as PDF at no cost. Bound book can be purchased for $5 (+tax and shipping) from lulu.com.

Pathways
Saturday, August 26, 2017
Trinity UMC, Warner Robins
Vibrant, relevant, practical teaching and training will help equip you to become healthier and to fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. For more information and to register, visit www.sgaumc.org/pathways (registration will open in June.)
E-mail from Don Rhodes: “Please help us publicize the fund raising challenge. Thank you. Blessings. Donald E. Rhodes” . . .

Excerpt from letter from Gene Trulock, President Lifeline Ministries, Inc . . .

“There was a person at the Men’s Retreat at Epworth that gave for a church project in Mexico. This was for one of the projects that was presented by Mary Carmen Padilla from her conference in Mexico. He said he did not want any recognition for this generous gift but wanted to challenge others to match it for another church project. His gift was $5000 and will do the first project (materials only) but we will need to send a team to do the work. We also had a person volunteer to go on the next team but we need more help. Please pray about this.”

Completed 3rd-5th Grade . . .

DOOLY KID’S CAMP
June 21-24, 2017
Dooly Campgrounds
Vienna, GA
$100/kid

Brochures and online registration will be available soon. Contact Kathy Minor, Kids Camp Director, at doolykidscamp@gmail.com to volunteer to serve!

2017 Summer Camps
HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
June 12-16, 2017
For those entering 9th-12th grades and graduating seniors
Registration Fee: $300

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPS
Mid Camp 1: June 19-23
Mid Camp 2: June 26-30
For those entering 6th-8th grades
Registration Fee: $300

ELEMENTARY CAMPS
Elem. Camp 1: July 10-14
Elem. Camp 2: July 17-21
For those entering 4th-5th grades
Registration Fee: $300

Grown Up Summer Camp with Andy Offutt Irwin
Epworth By The Sea
July 28–30, 2017
Numerous outdoor adventures: kayaking, horseback riding on the beach, fishing, bike tour, zip lining, paddle board. Full service gym available. Join loggerhead turtle hatchling watch. Enjoy a sunset cruise on a working shrimp

Beginners to seasoned participants encouraged! Details: www.epworthbythesea.org or call 912-638-8968
Several South Georgia pastors attended the Southeastern Jurisdiction Hispanic-Latino UMC Assembly, or Asamblea de la Jurisdiccion del Sureste, May 15-17 in Charlotte, NC.

Northwest District Clergy Families Graduates

Noel Perez, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Noel Perez, graduated from Americus Sumter County High School in May, 2017.  
Catherine Wooden, daughter of Chris and Stephanie Wooden, graduated from Americus Sumter County High School.  
Benjamin Luther Porter, son of Rev. and Mrs. Rodney Porter, graduated from Reinhardt University, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Sociology.  
Elizabeth White, daughter of Howard White and Lynn Meadows-White, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Berry College with a BS in Early Childhood Education.

J Grantham received his Masters of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary on May 13, 2017.

2017-2018 Sexual Ethics Workshops

In the South Georgia Conference, any person serving under appointment by the bishop is required to attend a Sexual Ethics workshop every three years. For more information or to register, visit www.sgaumc.org/sexualethicsworkshops

- Thursday, September 21, 2017-Tifton UMC 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 20, 2018, Camilla First UMC 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 15, 2018, Epworth By The Sea, Nalls Building 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 10 2018, Vineville UMC, Macon 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Northwest District Ministers due for Sexual Ethics Workshop by Annual Conference 2018 are:


SEJ Hispanic-Latino UMC Assembly

Several South Georgia pastors attended the Southeastern Jurisdiction Hispanic-Latino UMC Assembly, or Asamblea de la Jurisdiccion del Sureste, May 15-17 in Charlotte, NC.

Pictured above are Revs. David Diaz, Daniel Medina, Felipe Ricardo, and Rev. Dr. Ivellise Quinones

Looking Ahead

2017 Annual Conference Session - June 4-7
Clergy Spouses Luncheon, Small Membership Church Leadership Luncheon - June 5
Eagles Annual Conference Lunch June 6
Peace with Justice Sunday - June 11
Wesley Glen Day - June 18
Dooly Kids Camp - June 21-24

May 2017 Northwest District Newsletter
L.R.E. Training Weekends
Loving, Relating and Encouraging
Proactive Ministries
Jim Hollis

Round #1 of District Training Experiences or: Comprehensive Prayer Ministry

Host Churches, Host Pastors & Date of Training - Round #1:

1. Vienna UMC – Pastor Daryl Brown/ March 24-25 (Friday and Saturday) completed
2. Americus FUMC – Pastor Jerry Roe/ April 21-22 (Friday and Saturday) completed
3. Upatoi UMC – Pastor Sam Vernon/ June 2-3 (Friday and Saturday)

Times for Round #1 - Comprehensive Prayer Training Experience.
Friday:
5:30 p.m. - Prayer in Sanctuary (Everyone invited)
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Dinner for everyone
7:00 - 7:40 p.m. - Discussions around the tables
7:50 - 9:00 p.m. - Worship Celebration Service
Saturday:
8:00 -8:45 a.m. - Breakfast for everyone
9:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Teaching Session (Who, Why & How of Prayer)
12:30 -1:30 p.m. - Lunch for everyone
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Practical Applications for Prayer Ministry TEAMS
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Churches prioritize their Prayer Ministry strategies
3:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Sharing of each church’s Prayer Priority plans

Round #2 of District Training Experiences on: Missional Outreach - L.R.E. (Loving Relating and Encouraging others both in and beyond our congregations).

Host Churches, Host Pastors & Dates of Training - Round #2:

1. Vienna UMC - Pastor Daryl Brown/ August 11-12 (Friday and Saturday)
2. Upatoi UMC - Pastor Sam Vernon/ August 18-19 (Friday and Saturday)
3. Americus FUMC - Pastor Jerry Roe/ August 25-26 (Friday and Saturday)

Times for Round #2 - Missional Outreach - L.R.E.
Friday:
5:30 p.m. - Prayer in Sanctuary (Everyone invited)
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Dinner for everyone
7:00 - 7:40 p.m. - Discussions around the tables
7:50-9:00 p.m. - Worship Celebration Service
Saturday:
8:00 -8:45 a.m. - Breakfast for everyone
9:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Teaching Session (Missional Outreach Ministry)
12:30 -1:30 p.m. - Lunch for everyone
1:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Organizing Outreach Teams
1:30 - 1:40 p.m. - Break and coordinate cars
1:45 - 2:45 p.m. - Missional Outreach around Host Church area
2:45 - 3:00 p.m. - Teams prepare to share about their visits
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. - Sharing and Prayer Time with all Teams
3:45 - 4:30 - What’s next for us back home? Next Steps . .
## 2017 Cluster Conferences Schedule

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*If your church needs a separate charge conference it will scheduled for the week of your Cluster Conference.*
It is about people lives being changed!

We have a goal to increase our average weekly worship by 10% by January 2018.

That is what we call a WIG (Wildly Important Goal)!

It means we would go from 49,424 people in January 2016 to 54,366 people in worship in January 2018.

Here is how that breaks down by Districts:

**Coastal District** average worship attendance goes up by **1,167 people.**

**North Central District** grows by **1,094 people.**

**Northeast District** grows by **639 people.**

**Northwest District** grows by **733 people.**

**South Central District** grows by **655 people.**

**Southwest District** grows by **655 people.**

That is **4,943 people whose lives will be changed!**

My hope is that this goal will inspire us and not discourage us. That it will motivate us to try new things and discover new ways to share the Good News with people that really need some good news.

Let’s continue to find ways to keep this goal before us and constantly look for practical action steps that we can take toward making it a reality. This is a game changer!

In the days ahead we will be rolling out more tangible opportunities offered by Congregational Development. Please keep us in mind as you discover opportunities in your district. WE WANT TO HELP!