



## North Michigan District of The Wesleyan Church

- NMD Vision:** *Transforming people through Christ.  
Empowering an expanding number of churches to be missionally healthy, to passionately transform diverse cultures for Christ.*
- NMD Mission:** *Exists to equip, enrich, administrate and communicate to pastors and laity in redemptive ways to accomplish the Great Commission*

### **DS Tom Newsletter**

**March 29, 2016**

Paul writes this message in Ephesians. "You were all called to travel on the same road in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all (people), works through all (people), and is present in all (people). Everything you are, and (everything you) think and do is (to be) permeated with oneness." (Ephesians 4:4-6, The Message).

Some of us in the district have joined with others around North America in an 8 week journey of having weekly learning interaction while discussing "The Multi-Ethnic Christian Life Primer". This intentional thinking and sharing time creates an opportunity to apply God's principles of "walking, working and worshipping God together as one."

We live in a world that continues to seek methods of separation. We need to seek ways of intentionally serving God to direct the people who live in our neighborhoods, communities and world to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord.

I am reminded that God only sees two types of people. Those that follow Him and those who need to follow Him. He died for us all.

Now take a moment to focus back on the verse at the beginning. In what ways am I living so that my walk with God has permeated everything I do with a oneness with others who are on this same journey? Oneness with God breaks down any barriers that separate.

The Resurrection of Our Lord is God's evidence that He desires for all people to be saved and unified in Him!

### **CHURCH MULTIPLICATION CONSORTIUMS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED**

**Please note** that *the April 10 and 12 Church Multiplication Consortiums have been postponed and will be rescheduled later in the year.*

### **LEADER CONNECT**

Leader Connect by Zoom on Tuesday April 5 (9am or 7pm). How to connect to Zoom is at the end of this newsletter. Follow up reminder will include the discussion subject and questions.

### **WHISPERING PINES CAMPGROUNDS INFORMATION EVENING**

You are invited to an evening banquet providing information about Whispering Pines Camp & Conference Center on April 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Brockway Wesleyan Church (10951 3 Mile Rd, Morley, MI). Please register on or before April 5 by contacting VJ Scarbrough (phone 616.780.2322 or email [vjscarbrough@gmail.com](mailto:vjscarbrough@gmail.com)).

### **THE WESLEYAN CHURCH SPIRITUAL FORMATION TOUR IN NORTH MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

Who should attend? If you lead or teach a ministry to children, youth or adults this event is for you. Register for the Church Multiplication and Discipleship SPIRITUAL FORMATION TOUR to be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Fremont Wesleyan. Register by visiting the following Wesleyan.org website: <https://www.wesleyan.org/sftour>.

### **GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORIAL DISCUSSION ON ZOOM**

Do you want to join in on a discussion about the Memorials being presented to 2016 General Conference? Attached is the file of Memorials. General Conference delegates will want to join in on one of the Zoom video conferences. Here are dates and times: Thursday May 5 at 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm; Tuesday May 17 at 9:00 am or 7:30 pm. How to connect to Zoom is at the end of the newsletter.

## **DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS JUNE 25 at FREMONT WESLEYAN**

This Celebration of Leadership will be directed toward training and interaction with your local church leadership team. We want to be able to resource your local church leadership at this event. Yes, district delegates will have responsibilities related to voting on General Conference Memorials, election of positions, hearing reports and approving pastoral positions and credentialing.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR MINISTRY?**

We want to share some stories and pictures of your local church ministries. Send them to: [nmdoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:nmdoffice@yahoo.com) and [nmdoffice1@gmail.com](mailto:nmdoffice1@gmail.com).

## **FOR SALE/RENT/GIVE AWAY and MINISTRY RESOURCE LIBRARY**

Do you have ministry resources (VBS, leadership, discipleship, spiritual formation etc.) that you would like to share with other leaders and churches in the district? Do you have audio or visual equipment, electronic devices, chairs, tables, stage items, building supplies or other stuff that is in good useable condition that could be bought, borrowed or given away? Send the information to Marla at [nmdoffice1@gmail.com](mailto:nmdoffice1@gmail.com).

A listing of resources or items available will be posted on the district website:

[northmichigandistrictofthewesleyanchurch.org](http://northmichigandistrictofthewesleyanchurch.org)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**April 5, 2016 – Leader Connect (ZOOM) 9:00 am or 7:00 pm**

**April 30, 2016 – Spiritual Formations Tour – Lighthouse Leadership Event** Register by visiting the following Wesleyan.org website: <https://www.wesleyan.org/sftour>.

**May 3, 2016 – Leader Connect (ZOOM) 9:00 am or 7:00 pm**

**May 5, 2016 – General Conference Memorials Discussion (ZOOM) 9:00 am or 7:00 pm**

**May 17, 2016 - General Conference Memorials Discussion (ZOOM) 2:30 pm or 7:00 pm**

**May 31, 2016 – Leader Connect (ZOOM) 9:00 am or 7:00 pm**

**June 25, 2016 North Michigan District of The Wesleyan Church District Conference at Fremont Wesleyan Church 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.** Celebrating Leadership in the North Michigan District!

Plan now to have your leadership team at this event.

**August 2, 2016 – Leader Connect (ZOOM) 9:00 am or 7:00 pm**

**September 6, 2016 – Leader Connect (ZOOM) 9:00 am or 7:00 pm**

**September 10, 2016 – Celebration of Ministry and Ordination**

**November 7 & 8, 2016 – Lead On & Lead Up Investment**

## **CHURCH MINISTRY PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Pastoral Search for Cornerstone Mt.Pleasant, Crystal Lake Community, Greenville Community, Shoreline Church Alpena and Solon Center Wesleyan
- Pastors who have resigned their ministries: Chad & Tracy Brown; Jim & Rachel Gulish; Joel & Marlene Heron; Stephen & Michelle Mowat; Steve & Dorothy Pense.
- Praise God for the Easter reports of salvations, rededications, Easter events and guests.
- Praise God for renewed health following medical procedures for Roger Warmuskerken, Robin Veltkamp and Luke Hansen.
- Praying for families of former pastors who died recently: Rev. Glenn Hinterman & Rev. Leonard Strait
- Praise God for local church renovations at Ferry Wesleyan Church and property purchase for Lakeview Community Church. Pray for those working on these renovation projects.
- Praise God for the final payment made on the Big Rapids Property loan to WIF. Debt remaining on the Big Rapids property is under \$30,000.
- Pray for ministry transition of Stone Pillar and new ministry relationship with Hart Wesleyan.
- Pray for professors, administration, staff and our North Michigan students at Asbury Seminary, Houghton College, Indiana Wesleyan, Kingswood University, Oklahoma Wesleyan, Southern Wesleyan & Wesley Seminary at IWU
- Praying for a great last month of ministry for the 2015-16 fiscal year in North Michigan District.
- Pray for District Conference to be celebratory, challenging, a time impactful leadership application and great fellowship.

Praising and serving God for His continued work in my life and in your life!

***D.S. Pastor Tom***

## Instructions for Connecting on Zoom Meetings:

1. Goto <https://zoom.us>
2. Look in the upper right hand corner and find where it says... JOIN A MEETING, then double click.
3. You will be asked for a MEETING ID. Our meeting ID is... 9897790188 Please enter and double click, JOIN .
4. You will then need to install the Zoom software. Please follow all the instructions from Zoom.
5. Following installation, execute the software and open.
6. Or, there should be a Zoom Icon on your desktop. Double click.
7. Once you have double clicked the icon, this may take you right into the Zoom Online Meeting or you may have to reenter the MEETING ID.
8. Make sure your audio is unmuted and running through your computer.

## Instructions For Zoom Meetings on cellular smart phones (Apple and Android)

1. Go to your app store.
2. Download Zoom
3. Select, Join A Meeting
4. For meeting ID, type in, 9897790188, and select JOIN.
5. You will now be connected.

## Other information:

- Zoom can be used across all platforms, computers, tablets and smart phones.
- You do not need to create a user account to be a part of a meeting, but you may want to.
- If you are getting feedback from your speakers, you may need to turn the speakers down or your mic down. The best way to communicate without feedback is by using a headset with a microphone built in.