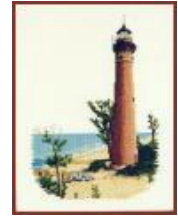


# North Michigan District of The Wesleyan Church



**Vision:** *Transforming people through Christ. Empowering an expanding number of churches to be missionally healthy, to passionately transform diverse cultures for Christ.*

**Mission:** *Exists to equip, enrich, administrate and communicate to pastors and laity in redemptive ways to accomplish the Great Commission*

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September 29, 2016

## **DS Tom Newsletter, Dan Reiland Leadership Article, Membership Information and Leader Connect using Zoom**

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,. To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Galatians 1:3-5

Yes, we live in a troubled time as the political environment continues to create strife. Economic concerns are proclaimed worldwide. Peace in communities and countries are compromised. Religion continues to be more about personal aspirations rather than a right relationship with Jesus Christ. Despair can be more evident than hope.

Look at what the Apostle Paul clearly stated in what was a time where Christ followers were threatened and harmed. God has come to rescue us in the midst of this unrest and spiritually difficult season.

No matter how the world might endorse and embrace the political, economic, spiritual and emotional climate of the world, we can know that “God is our refuge and strength!” Our hope is in Him and our Help is in Him.

Seek God first. Serve Him wholeheartedly. Celebrate victory that is found in Jesus Christ. Allow the Holy Spirit to fill and fulfill God’s purpose in His faithful followers. God is with us!

### **LEADER CONNECT**

**ZOOM Leader Connect** on Tuesday October 4 at 9 am or 7pm. Discussion led by Jack Steenbergh on “How do you recruit volunteers for ministry? Join in and share best practices. Another email will be sent on questions to consider for this next Zoom Leader Connect. Instructions on how to connect to Zoom are at the end of the newsletter.

### **PASTOR PRAYER & FAST EVENT**

Join together on October 27 & 28 at Whispering Pines Conference Center for a time of prayer and fasting. There will be time for personal reflection and collective discussions. This time is always a positive investment in spiritual growth. The retreat will start on Thursday at 3:00 pm and conclude on Friday afternoon.

**SURVEY** on best time for Celebration of Ministry Banquet and Ordination has been emailed. Thanks to those that have responded. Results will be submitted in the next week or so. So far the results indicate that the second Saturday of September is an overwhelming best time.

### **MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT – Contact District Missions Coordinator Todd Deuling at [haititodd@gmail.com](mailto:haititodd@gmail.com) HAITI – LAFOND CHURCH**

Many of the churches of North Michigan District have responded to help build the church in LaFond, Haiti. You might recall that Jayme Hazen from Midland Faith Wesleyan has been directing this ministry – Reach Out LaFond which includes sponsoring school children and building a new church. You might recall this part of the story - Pastor Jacques Meance was raised in LaFond, a little mountain community that didn’t have a school or church. He came to Christ and was called to be a pastor. He was burdened for his little mountain community and started going there to teach and preach. A school and church were started. There was a need for a church that would also serve the community as a gathering place. YOU responded financially and the building was started. There is a need for \$5,500 to finish this project. Dedication for the LaFond Wesleyan Church will take place on December 4, 2016 and I have the privilege of being invited for this special day of

celebration. Pictures and additional information is at the end of this newsletter. Contact Jayme at [jaymom2my3@gmail.com](mailto:jaymom2my3@gmail.com) or [reachoutlafond@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutlafond@gmail.com) or by phone 989-600.2464.

### **WORLD HOPE – The 5 & 2 Challenge**

World Hope would like you to give your loose change in November to provide funds to sponsor children in Haiti, Sierra Leone and the Philippines. Contact Wayne MacBeth at [waynemacbeth@worldhope.org](mailto:waynemacbeth@worldhope.org) for more information. There is still time to register and participate in the World Hope 5&2 Challenge this November! Connect on <http://www.worldhope.org/5and2o> see the one-minute video about 5&2 and sign up. Additional information is provided at the end of this newsletter.

### **BRAZIL – Saracoba Ingreja Wesleyana Metodista**

How about a mission trip to Brazil? Work teams could teach, provide children's ministries, preach, renovate facilities or serve in another way. The Ingreja Wesleyana Metodista is an affiliate church with The Wesleyan Church North American. In 2015 Denise and I were privileged to learn about this ministry by being in Brazil. It is possible to have a ministry team go to Brazil with limited costs as the leadership in Brazil have offered to provide transportation, lodging and meals while serving in country.

### **FLINT WATER CRISIS OUTREACH**

Several NMD churches have been working to provide water to the people of Flint. Many have sent funds to buy water, collected water and transported it to Flint or sent work teams to be involved in distribution of the water to the residents of Flint. Contact person for Wesleyan outreach for the Flint water outreach is Scotty Grigonis and his contact information is [scottgrigonis@hotmail.com](mailto:scottgrigonis@hotmail.com), cell phone 989-293-7992. Contact The Journey of Traverse City or Fremont Wesleyan if you want to know how they have assisted the distribution of water in Flint.

### **DISTRICT MINISTERIAL RETREAT AT THE SHACK**

Mark your calendars for a fantastic Ministerial Retreat at The Shack January 27, 28 & 29 with Rev. Santes Beatty as our speaker. The Shack is a rustic décor with exceptional amenities. For those interested in a room with a fireplace and hot tub there will be a need for early registration. Registration will be forthcoming from the District Office. Cost will be \$310 for a regular room to \$410 for a fireplace/hot tub room. Cost includes two nights lodging, 5 meals, 2 banana splits and ministry costs.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER: 2016-2017 Dates**

October 4 – Zoom Leader Connect at 9:00 am or 7:00 pm  
 October 21 & 22, 2016 – DBA Meeting at Little Eden Camp of Onekama (Friday & Saturday)  
 October 27 & 28, 2016 – Pastor Prayer & Fast at Whispering Pines (Thursday & Friday)  
 November 1 - Leader Connect by ZOOM 9:00 am or 7:00 pm (Possible afternoon time)  
 November 7 & 8, 2016 – Lead On & Lead Up Investment – Locations to be Determined  
 December 6, 2016 - Leader Connect by ZOOM 9:00 am or 7:00 pm (Possible afternoon time)  
 January 3, 2017 - Leader Connect by ZOOM 9:00 am or 7:00 pm (Possible afternoon time)  
 January 27, 28 & 29, 2017 – District Ministerial Retreat at The Shack near White Cloud  
 February 7, 2017 - Leader Connect by ZOOM 9:00 am or 7:00 pm (Possible afternoon time)  
 March 7, 2017 - Leader Connect by ZOOM 9:00 am or 7:00 pm (Possible afternoon time)  
 April 4, 2017 - Leader Connect by ZOOM 9:00 am or 7:00 pm (Possible afternoon time)  
 May 2, 2017 - Leader Connect by ZOOM 9:00 am or 7:00 pm (Possible afternoon time)  
 June 24, 2017 – District Conference is scheduled to take place at Houghton Lake

### **TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND PRAISE FOR....**

- PRAY FOR A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN THE COMMUNITIES OF NORTH MICHIGAN DISTRICT
- Pray for Crystal Lake Community leadership as they seek a pastor.
- Rev. Gene & Pat Kelly as they begin pastoral ministry at Pinconning.
- Rev. John & Rhonda Tousciuk as they begin pastoral ministry at Sterling
- Rev. Rich & Patty Cook as they begin pastoral ministry at Sheridan Bible.
- Students Deepen Weekend for Junior High and Senior High - October 1 & 2
- Mark & Tracy (Lanning) Ausema have departed Michigan and are now serving the Karis people. Pray for their ministry adjustments and for Mark as this is a new ministry location.

- Pray for God's direction in providing wisdom and the right church planters for reaching the unchurched and dechurched of North Michigan District.
  - Praise God for faithful leaders serving as local church laity and pastors.
  - Pray for pastors and local church leadership to have their primary focus on worship of God, reaching people who need to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and discipling followers of Christ.
  - Pray for retired minister Lewis Campbell who had cancer surgery. Lewis lives in Georgia.
  - Pray for those who have lost loved ones: Guy Rayle (Lois, his wife), Joel Heron (his father, Sam)
- Serving God to reach the people of our communities through the truth of God's Word,

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

## Leadership Article by Dan Reiland – September 27, 2016

### Young is a State of Mind

My father-in-law is 84 years old. "Pop" as we call him, never misses his daily fast-paced five mile walk. He's tech savvy and knows more about current events than most people half his age. He still mows his lawn in 90 degree Georgia weather and never meets a stranger.

Some fifty year olds are young, some are old.

Some sixty year olds are young, some are old.

You get the idea.

What makes the difference? **Young is a state of mind.**



### **10 lifestyle habits to help you remain young at heart:**

1) Keep up with current culture.

Culture changes at a rapid pace. Having interest and a basic awareness of pop culture including things such as entertainment, social media, politics, fashion, the arts, news, and technology is important. Don't be too quick to label this as trivial and shallow. It's not. There are more important things such as faith and family, but our current culture is what people think about and interact with on a daily basis.

2) Connect with young adults.

This is one of my favorites. I'm a dad of two twenty-somethings and I learn so much by listening, talking and a few minutes of hang time. I love asking young adults questions. They see the world differently than I do and it

makes for fascinating conversation. I often ask my daughter, son and new son-in-law “What do you think?” and I take their advice!

### 3) Keep up with the latest technology.

This is essential. You don't have to be brilliant at this, I'm certainly not. But I intentionally learn new stuff all the time. I'll admit that my patience runs low when any of my devices jam up, but just being aware that I'm probably the one that caused the problem is a good place to start! Here's one simple idea, check out a new app every week.

### 4) Focus on the future.

Great memories and stories of the past are important, but dreams of the future are better. For example, I deeply cherish the memories of my kid's childhood. We tell stories and watch the DVD's often, but I'm even more excited about their future. Another example, I'm pumped about the books and articles I've written, but the ones in the future are my greater dreams. I'm grateful for all that God has allowed 12Stone to accomplish, but my Kingdom dreams for 12Stone's future cause me to believe the best is yet to come. What are you dreaming about?

### 5) Invest in your health.

Trust me on this one, investing in your health now is one of the best investments you'll ever make. It's not complicated. Eat smart and exercise. Get your annual physical. Drink lots of water. Cut back on sugar and red meat. You know the drill. It's up to you. Like your savings account, it's hard to catch up if you wait till you are “older” to start taking care of yourself.

### 6) Meet new people.

This one gets a surprising amount of resistance. The objection is: “I don't have time.” I'm not saying you need to make every person you meet your new best friend. But your life can be so enriched by meeting new people in elevators, the gym, restaurants, seminars and the list goes on! Try it. See how much you can learn in three to five minutes from someone you've never met before! It's amazing!

### 7) Remain curious.

Travel, try new foods, ask questions, try a new hobby and always keep learning. My son and I go to concerts together. We enjoy a wide variety of music, and we've just agreed to try bands and musicians we know almost nothing about! We're just curious and it's fun to experience something new.

### 8) Stay positive.

When it comes to people, ideas and work – stay positive. It's usually better to remain silent than complain without offering a solution. A positive attitude keeps you young at heart. Believe the best, offer hope, and add value to people. Smile often. It's really true, whether or not the cup is half full or half empty is up to you.

### 9) Adapt to your energy.

It's true that even though you are young at heart, your body continues to age. You can give in or keep going. I'm a night owl. For decades I've worked till 1:00AM several nights a week and thought nothing of it. Now my battery starts to run low a little earlier. That's okay. Adapt. Adjust. Work smart. Lean into wisdom. I'm writing this post at 11:00PM and need to shut the engines down soon. Tomorrow's another day, and I'll be back at it!

### 10) Increase your faith.

The only thing that seemed to frustrate Jesus about the disciples was when their faith was small. It's easy to coast in your spiritual life as you mature. Stay hungry for God, pray much and seek to know Him more. God renews our heart and mind so we may live our lives to the fullest.

## **ADDITIONAL HAITI INFORMATION**

Dear Pastor Tom and North Michigan Wesleyan District,

Just over a year ago, June 2015, I stood before you at Conferences in Traverse City. I shared with you a little bit about Reach Out: LaFond, Pastor Jacques Meance and the Wesleyan Church in LaFond Haiti.



While there, your generosity was overwhelming and \$6000 was promised. However, since this time over \$13,000 has come in from the Wesleyan churches in our district. We praise God for His goodness and your generosity!

By the grace of God we are almost there. The church is almost done and it is all thanks to God and to donors like you. Reach Out: Lafond and the community of LaFond are so thankful for your support.

Reach Out brought a team to Lafond during the first week of August where we were able to hold a medical clinic under the protection of the church building. Although the church is not finished it still offered us protection from the sun and the rain. However, when the hurricane type winds blew the rain sideways one day it reminded us why we need to keep up the effort to fundraise as windows with no glass do a poor job of keeping people dry when it rains horizontally.

At the medical clinic we received 688 people. We gave everyone, young and old, well check-ups including taking their blood pressure, checking their sugar levels, offering pregnancy testing and just being there to listen to their needs. Because this was our first medical trip, we took only nurses and offered only over the counter meds along with toothbrushes, toothpaste and vitamins. Our efforts were well received by the community and we were told how thankful they were we came.

Since the medical clinic was set up inside the church; our lead contractor was forced outside for the week. The beatification process was beginning. The masons started the finish work around the stones to make it look smooth and finished! And they did sneak in to the church one day to straighten and cut rebar... only in Haiti do you have a medical clinic and a construction site in the same open room. ☺

Once the team left, the real work began...

I am excited to tell you this week the tile was laid on the floor and oh WOW is it beautiful. I asked pastor Jacques if the people were happy about it. His exact words were, "They are astonished, overwhelmed!" Needless to say they are praising God for the opportunity to build His house of worship and excited that soon they will be able to worship Him in it. We just can't believe how it is starting to come together.

At the beginning of June we still needed to Raise \$13,000.00. But praise God that number is down to just \$6,200.00 now! We are SO close to finishing the church. Please pray with us that we will be able to raise the last \$6200 before the end of the year. We know our God is big and he can do all things!

I am attaching pictures for you to see the progress of the church and to rejoice with us for all God has done. Thank you again to those churches who have generously donated. We could not do any of this without donors like you. We pray God's blessing on you and your church family.

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*"This, then, is the test we must set for ourselves; not to March alone but to March in such a way that others will wish to join us."*  
Hubert H. Humphrey





## ADDITIONAL WORLD HOPE 5 & 2 PROJECT INFORMATION

Church Leaders,

Last week we invited your church to take part in The 5&2 Challenge. This no-frills campaign is an opportunity for your church to collect your small change to make a powerful difference in the lives of children waiting for sponsors in World Hope International Child Sponsorship programs in Sierra Leone, Haiti and the Philippines. More than 500 children are hoping and praying for an opportunity to continue school or to step into a classroom for the very first time!

To make this challenge as easy as possible for your church to participate we have developed some resources and incentives to help equip and motivate everyone – from pre-schoolers to retirees – to dive into such a life-changing mission! [Learn more about The 5&2 Challenge.](#)

### Here are a few 5&2 Challenge highlights:

We encourage the **youth in your church to take the lead** in organizing and promoting this campaign!

We believe so much in them, that we will be **awarding five trips to Haiti** to the young people collecting the most in four church-size categories, with a special fifth category reserved for the most creative fundraising activity!

If your church registers by September 30<sup>th</sup>, **we will supply free coin banks** for your collection! Your littlest ones will love that they can color and bedazzle their very own bank!

Check out all of the [user-friendly resources](#) that we've compiled (like children's lessons, bulletin inserts and sample sermons) on [The 5&2 Challenge website!](#)

We love partnering with you in ministry each year. We think you're great! So, let's have some fun together and help some pretty awesome kids by collecting our small change for The 5&2 Challenge this November. [Register your church](#) today!

Wayne MacBeth  
Director of Church Engagement

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**PS. Did you know that many children waiting for a sponsor in Sierra Leone are living with a physical disability? With your help, we can continue to give them the physical therapy they need!**

### **Instructions for Connecting on Zoom Meetings:**

1. Go to <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 or click on Launch Application. 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.