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Upcoming Events - Don't Miss Out!

Don't forget:

- United Methodist Women will host a covered-dish luncheon on Wednesday, October 6, 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend this time of warm fellowship and good food. A special program will follow lunch.
- Deadline for the UMW Annual Celebration on Oct. 8-9 at Cleveland is September 27.
- The deadline for the District UMW Conference on October 30 at Coshocton Grace UMC is October 15. Contact Angie Richards with your reservations at 392-7904.



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All Women Are Invited . . .
to attend a covered-dish luncheon
hosted by the Gay Street United Methodist
Women on October 6, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.
Come enjoy good food and fellowship.
A special program will follow lunch.

THANKS to all who helped make the Rummage / Bake Sale a success. I had such great help from so many people. I can't thank all of you individually, but thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The Sales raised \$1,197.84 for mission outreach through United Methodist Women.

~Peg McCracken



UMC Bishop Thomas Bickerton Speaks on Ending Malaria Deaths at U.N. Panel

By Leigh Rogers
September 22, 2010

[United Methodist Women](#) had a presence at the [United Nations \(U.N.\) Week's Digital Media Lounge](#) Tuesday during which a panel discussion was held about malaria that included United Methodist Bishop Thomas Bickerton of the Pittsburgh Episcopal Area, who spearheads the [Nothing But Nets](#) campaign.



Earlier in the day he also attended the United Nations summit on the Millennium Development Goals as a speaker at the "Champions of Health" event hosted by the [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria](#), which included Thomas Kemper, general secretary of the United Methodist [General Board of Global Ministries](#), as an invited guest.

Global Health has been one of the initiatives of the United Methodist Church, which helped found [Imagine No Malaria](#) to hone in on the issue and lead a global grassroots movement to end malaria deaths by 2015, [according to a United Methodist News Service report](#). Nothing but Nets is a campaign of the United Nations Foundation in which the United Methodist Church is an active fundraiser. The [United Nations Foundation](#), a U.S.-based U.N. support organization, is also a partner of the U.N. Week Digital Media Lounge.

Malaria is a leading killer of children in Africa with roughly 500 million cases reported worldwide each year. Every 45 seconds, a child is dying of malaria.

U.N. Week Panelists Optimistic

The panel hosted at the [92nd Street Y](#) in New York featured WNBA star and Nothing But Nets Champion Ruth Riley and Mikkel Vestergaard Frandsen of the Vestergaard Frandsen Group along with Bishop Bickerton. They answered the initial questions, "Where are we now? Will we achieve the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of eliminating malaria deaths?"

Overall, the panel had a positive outlook on eliminating Malaria by 2015. Frandsen was optimistic: "We can do it in my lifetime," he said.

Recognizing the interesting connection of a bishop, basketball player and businessman on stage for a panel on combating malaria, Bishop Bickerton said, "This is not the first time we're together: faith, business and sports can come together because faith-based orgs play an important role in solving issues" alongside other organizations.

The United Methodist Church's Unique Perspective in Global Health



Bishop Bickerton said The United Methodist Church has a unique perspective and prerogative for its Nothing But Nets malaria work in Africa since the denomination is growing there. For the church, this focuses the issue by integrating conversations of faith with conversations about social issues in order to implement a successful fight against malaria.

In addition, The United Methodist Church is so far the only faith-based organization directly contributing to the Global Fund. The designated United Methodist donation to the Global Fund was \$28 million toward a \$75 million fundraising campaign. "We are honored to [donate] because we're a partner," he said.

United Methodist Bishop Thomas Bickerton (right) is welcomed as part of a delegation dedicated to helping to end malaria.

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Why the United Methodist Church's Strategy Fighting Malaria Works

Bishop Bickerton elaborated on why the church partnership is effective: "The United Methodist Church knows not only the names of people who give to Nothing But Nets but also who get the nets." This is based on the church's 200-year history developing hospitals, clinics and community centers, he said, along with building relationships with individuals in the communities in which the church works and knowing who is in the pews.

Many of these early church initiatives were started by predecessors of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, the policy-making body of United Methodist Women. The Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society organized women missionaries to aid women in other countries, such as Dr. Clara Swain, who was sent to India in 1869 because Indian women and girls couldn't be seen by male doctors, and there were no women doctors to treat them. The Women's Division continues this work through its focus on funding international and national initiatives for the most vulnerable in society, including women, children and youth.

Today, Nothing But Nets connects people to causes and helps people respond to global needs. People respond to upturn of need even in downturn of economy from the Christian prerogative of compassion and justice.

Thomas Kemper writes in an upcoming New World Outlook article, "I consider health and education ministries for children and young people to be at the top of our United Methodist mission-priority list today. We should never forget Jesus' words to his adult disciples: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matthew 19:14)

"I know of no greater mission mandate for the contemporary church. One important component of our 'Imagine No Malaria' campaign is that it targets a massive killer of children," he says.

Keeping the Momentum Going

The panel moderator asked, "Where is the epicenter of how people can effect change?" Bishop Bickerton responded that it is passion and awareness: "The more we tell the story, the more we market the message, the more heat will radiate and more likely we can deliver the goods."

For example, "Two hundred thousand mothers saw their children lead healthy lives" since Nothing But Nets. There is an "imbalance in the world of those who have and those who have not," he added. "Our job is to balance the equity."

Ms. Riley added, "Utilize your area of influence to end malaria."

Bishop Bickerton said the fight against malaria is a "concentrated, coordinated and integrated effort to get the job done." In this way, it's more than just nets, he said.



Nathalie Naman holds her daughter, Dunongo, in front of the mosquito net she received at her home. A UMNS photo by Mike DuBose.



Leigh Rogers is the web content and public relations associate for the Women's Division of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.

Gloria Wysner Circle On Board the Winkle Express

~Linny McNeill



The Winkle's train display attracted a lot of attention for Gloria Wysner Circle.

The September 8 meeting of the UMW Gloria Wysner Circle met at the home of Marge Winkle on a beautiful late summer day. In attendance were - Kathy Blackburn, Kathleen Breneman, Helen Connell, Emily Gordon, Barb Humphreys, Bonnie Magaw, Linny McNeill, Trish Rankin, Maurine Scott, Alta Smith, Carol Topping, Marge Winkle, host - Marshall Winkle, guests - Elliott and Trudy Bush.

Our program speakers, The Rev. Elliott and Trudy Bush were introduced by Maurine Scott. They spoke on "Radical Hospitality," which is to extend hospitality to those outside your "comfort zone," or outside your church community. The Bushes are on the Board of Global Ministries and worked

with Muslim communities in Algeria and Malasia. In Algeria they taught English literature and cultural differences. Sometimes the perception of American women in those countries by the native men was that of loose morals, (thanks to some of our movies) but over time they realized and accepted the respectability of the American women and teachers. In Malasia the religion is 60% Muslim, and about 30% is made up of Chinese, Buddhist, Methodist and Indian. Many of the Malasian students come to the United States for college.

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Marshall Winkle, Kathy Blackburn, Bonnie Magaw, Emily Gordon, Maurine Scott, Helen Connell, and Alta Smith enjoy the garden.



Marshall narrates train information to Trish Rankin, Barbara Humphreys, Linny McNeill, Kathy Blackburn and Bonnie Magaw.

*Pictures courtesy of Marge Winkle

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The Bushes were asked how the people they worked with viewed the radical Muslims: with shame and guilt, especially the American Muslims. Since Muslims in other countries have skewed opinions of Americans, the American Muslims are rather desperate to change this perception. They denounce the terrorists and radical Muslims as extremists.

Working together can be effective if each different religion respects differences and compares similarities. A good rule - "Don't compare the best of your religion with the worst of their religion." Be fair and open-minded.

Some interesting facts about Islam:

- The name of the religion is Islam.
- Those who practice it are Muslims.
- One-fourth of the World's population is Muslim
- The goal is submission to God.

To be a good Muslim do these five things:

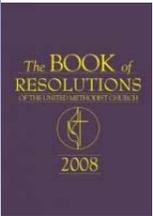
1. Pray five times daily
2. One fifth of your net worth given to poor or wherever it's needed.
3. Once in a lifetime go to Mecca
4. Observe Ramadan
5. Stand before a community and say: "There is one God, and Mohammed is his prophet."

The Koran is the holy book of Islam. Not all Muslims are Arabs and not all Arabs are Muslims. Most Muslims live in Southeast Asia and South Asia. Indonesia has the most, then Pakistan, India and Bangladesh. Only 15% of Muslims worldwide are Arabs. There are about six million Muslims in the United States. Some are immigrants, many are educated professionals. Others are refugees from war-torn countries like Somalia. Columbus, Toledo and Indianapolis have large Somali populations.

After the program, Marshall Winkle entertained us outdoors with his amazing trains, transversing the backyard and delighting us like children. We also enjoyed a beautiful rock garden, with a pond and goldfish and waterfall. Marge served us a delicious apple cake with ice cream and chocolates before our business meeting with cat-in-residence, "Calli" looking on.

Our next Glora Wysner meeting is October 13 at Emily Gordon's home with Trish Rankin presenting the program. Also, don't forget our UMW Fall Luncheon is **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 at 11:30 a.m.** All UMW members are invited, and those who are able area asked to bring a covered dish. If you cannot carry a covered dish, please come anyway! There will be plenty. It is to be picnic style.

UM Social Principles condemns persecution of religious minorities. The resolution is #3128 in the 2008 UM Book of Resolutions. It is titled "Prejudice against Muslims and Arabs in the U.S.A." In the resolution, United Methodists are called to counter bigoted statements made against Muslims and Islam.



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Dates for Your Calendar

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bring a covered dish if able.

UMW Annual Celebration on October 8-9 at Cleveland.

Dorcas Circle will meet at Virginia Kline's home on October 13, 9:30 a.m.

Glora Wysner Circle will meet at Emily Gordon's home on October 13, 1:30 p.m.

District UMW Conference October 30 at Coshocton Grace UMC

