



# The Connection

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## UMACBA Annual Meeting and Events

at the NACBA National Conference in Washington, D.C., July 1-5, 2011

### Thursday, June 30

#### UMACBA Executive Committee Meeting

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (location TBA)

### Friday, July 1

#### Registration & Reception

**Registration 9am–5pm**

**Opening Reception 5:30–6:15pm** with hors d'oeuvres and punch (lower atrium area near fountain).

### Saturday, July 2

#### Annual UMACBA Meeting

10:30am–12:30 pm (location TBD)

#### Workshops

##### Workshop A

##### The Pyramid of Christian Generosity

**Rev. Andy Langford** is a United Methodist pastor from North Carolina and has degrees from Davidson College, Duke University Divinity School, and Emory University. He has written over twenty books on worship, music, the Bible, and United Methodism. The giving in his congregation has increased 50% over the past eight years. He and his wife Sally have practiced tithing and proportional giving throughout their ministry.

**Dr. Mark King** is also a United Methodist pastor from North Carolina. Mark graduated from Gardner-Webb University (B.A. in Religious Studies), Southern Baptist Seminary (M.Div.), Emory University (D.Min.), Pfeiffer University (MBA) and UNCC (MAcc). Mark is an expert in clergy finance, church budgets, and stewardship. Mark and his wife Pat have practiced tithing and proportional giving throughout their ministry.



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Look for the **National Association of Church Business Administration** group or go directly to [www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=352191086008](http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=352191086008), and click the button to join.

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Dear Friends, what a joy it has been to serve on the Executive Board for the past 5 years as vice-president and president of this wonderful organization. This is a bittersweet moment in my life, but I believe that now is the appropriate time to step aside as leader of our association. Change is always happening and that is certainly true for me as my church will receive new pastoral leadership in June. This will be the eighth senior pastor that I have worked with over the last 28 years! I believe that it is important that new leadership be ever flowing on our board. I look forward to continuing as an active member of UMACBA until my retirement in 2013.

from the pen of the  
**President**  
DIANNE WILKINSON

I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I have appreciated working with other members of your Executive Board. We have spent many hours together around a table or on the telephone conferencing and discerning how we can best lead your organization. It is a privilege to work with such a fine group of men and women. As I write this, I have not received the report of the nominating committee for the new slate of officers, but I know much prayer has been involved.

We are exploring some exciting opportunities of partnership in the near future that will strengthen our association and that will better serve our membership. Thank you for those who participated in our survey. This has given us some additional insight into your needs and concerns. We are working now on a new and improved web site that can be kept up to date with all the latest information you need. Thank you for your patience as we are making this transition.

I want to encourage you to support UMACBA with your membership and attendance at our National Conferences. Preparations for our conference in Houston in 2012 have already begun. Charles Bagley will serve as conference coordinator for Houston. Mark King has done a wonderful job as conference co-coordinator in Washington, D.C. for this year. What an exciting time to be in our nation's capital over the July 4th holiday!

Under the capable leadership of Dr. Bob Winstead, our National Certification Program in Church Finance and Administration at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, continues to lead the way in offering four weeks of study each summer. I encourage you take the courses and complete a project that will help you and your church. The networking and insight you will gain from being with fellow administrators cannot have a price tag that measures the value of growth you will experience personally and professionally.

I have adopted a new mantra from a story I read in *24 Hours that Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton: "You have to get up every day and seek to live in such a way as to be worthy of that kind of effort and sacrifice." (Major Tammy Duckworth, p. 92). That is what it means to live as Easter people. As we look at the cross of Christ, each of us are called to say, "I have to strive to live in such a way as to be worthy of that sacrifice."

We have just entered The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide. Easter is not simply a day, but an entire season of celebrating the presence of the risen Christ and learning to walk in newness of life. For fifty days in Eastertide, we try to wrap our minds around the fact that Christ lives, and because of him, so do we.

Living for the one who died for me,

Dianne

## Nominations Report

### Slate of Officers

**President:** Rev. Dr. Mark King (year 1 of possible 3, 1-year terms)

**Dir. of Communications:** Phil Greenwald (year 1 of possible 3, 1-year terms)

**Vice President:** Thomas D. Danklefsen (year 1 of possible 3, 1-year terms)

**At Large:**

- Molly Fairchild (finishing out year 3 of a 3-year term)
- Charles Bagley (year 2 of a 3-year term)
- Aimee McCullough (year 1 of a 3-year term)

**Secretary:** Barbara Nelson (year 2 of possible 3, 1-year terms)

**Treasurer:** Noah Allen, CCA, CUMCBA (year 3 of possible 3, 1-year terms)

Elections will be held at the business session at Annual Conference.

## News from GCFA

### GCFA Website

GCFA has been working for several months to launch a re-designed website. As a user, you know there are several features that are unique to our site. Among other features, you have the ability to search the church-wide calendar and there is a secure area for episcopal offices. These, and all other current features, will still be available. It has been our attempt with this new design to help you find information in fewer clicks. The newly designed site has a different layout than our current site, but all the information you are accustomed to finding on the site is still there. We encourage you to explore the site and find the items that you need. You can use QUICK SEARCH or click on FORMS/REPORTS and find the area you need there. A brief "How Do I..." segment is on the home page. It might help you learn how to navigate the site the first time.

If you have bookmarked on your computer or linked the GCFA website to your website, please check to be sure that you are linking to the appropriate place. The URL has remained the same: [www.gcfa.org](http://www.gcfa.org). However, there are instances where bookmarks will need to be refreshed to assure you have the latest update of the home page. Thank you for your patience as we begin this phase of working together. If you have questions about the site or need assistance finding anything, please e-mail [IT@gcfa.org](mailto:IT@gcfa.org).

### Cokesbury and Turbo Tax

Many of you may have seen the offer of the ability to purchase Turbo Tax from Cokesbury. While Turbo Tax is widely available, by purchasing through Cokesbury a donation will be generated for supporting a critical mission of The United Methodist Church. Staff members of several general agencies have worked with Intuit to make this offer available.

The site is now active. You can visit [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com). Be sure to scroll down the site and click on the "click here" link to be taken to the offer. Or you may go directly to [http://turbotax.intuit.com/microsite/home.jsp?priorityCode=3468348421&cid=all\\_cokesbury\\_aff\\_3468348421&\\_requestid=50701](http://turbotax.intuit.com/microsite/home.jsp?priorityCode=3468348421&cid=all_cokesbury_aff_3468348421&_requestid=50701). Just typing in [www.turbotax.com](http://www.turbotax.com) or [www.Intuit.com](http://www.Intuit.com) will NOT take users to the proper site to generate the donation.

We hope that the members of your church will find this a great benefit and an opportunity to give to the ministries of The United Methodist Church.



## Annual Conference, from front

The Pyramid of Christian Generosity is a comprehensive congregational financial stewardship model. All of the practices come from the Holy Bible. Many of these suggestions, individually, are also found in other stewardship resources. And all of these practices have been used successfully by many congregations. The Pyramid introduces to the leaders and members of your congregation the full range of possibilities for individual Christian financial generosity. The unique quality of The Pyramid of Christian Generosity is that it brings all levels of Christian stewardship into one easily understood structure and strategy. Most congregations and their leaders focus on just a few levels within The Pyramid. As a result, they overlook other significant opportunities to guide members of their congregations into a holistic lifestyle of financial stewardship. The Pyramid enlarges the vision of what is possible within individual Christian lives of leaders and members and in the total life of your congregation.

### Workshop B

#### Church and Politics 101

**The Rev. Neal Christie** was appointed to serve the General Board of Church and Society in 1996 as Program Director for the United Methodist Seminars on National and International Affairs. In 2001 he assumed duties as Assistant General Secretary for the Education and Leadership Formation area of the board. Neal's family emigrated from India and Pakistan and he was born in Brooklyn, NY. Neal is an ordained Elder in the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church. He attended Columbia University, the New School for Social Research, Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, and has completed additional graduate work at the Yale University Law School and the School of International Service, American University in Washington DC. Neal is currently a doctoral candidate at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC.

The Biblical call is to be politically engaged on behalf of equitable justice for all of God's people in the best of the prophetic tradition. But the church is never to be partisan. The church is to be firmly and constructively critical of social injustice. But it is also called to be civil. What are the principles that guide us? How do churches affirm moral convictions expressed in public arenas? What are the boundaries that distinguish faith-based advocacy from secular lobbying or political action committees? What are the truths and myths about the church's involvement in politics? What is the distinction between acts of mercy and acts of justice and their implications for political advocacy for sustained social change?

### Special Event

#### Monuments and Moonlight

**6:00pm** This event is in combination with NACBA and is a DC bus and walking tour. (Departure location TBA)

## Sunday, July 3

### Workshops

#### Workshop C

#### Right Brain vs. Left Brain People, Part 2

**Dr. J. Robert Nations, Jr.** is Associate Minister of Counseling and Congregational Care for Centenary United Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, NC. He received a B.A. and M.Div. from Duke University. He received his D. Min. from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA. He has 31 years experience as pastor, counselor, and psychiatric hospital administrator. Professional memberships include American Counseling Association, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, and Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. He also serves as Associate Professor for Pfeiffer University.

## Annual Conference, from page 3

Based on the popularity of this workshop at our 2010 conference, new material will be introduced that will enhance understanding and use of Right Brain/Left Brain theory. Understanding our own and others tendency to be a Right Brain or Left Brain person helps build effective communication and healthy working styles in church administration. This workshop will provide a right brain/left brain test for use with participant's staff. Participants will be able to identify their favored tendency and how it enables each person to function in their preferred role. An emphasis on effective communication will provide examples and skills on how to speak and how to listen using both sides of the brain. Practical examples of church life will be discussed in order to create desired outcomes in our working relationships. You need not have attended Part I to benefit from this workshop.

### WORKSHOP D

#### Beyond ADA

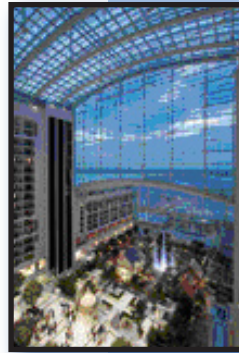
**Dr. Pamela Danklefsen** has made a career of supporting people with disabilities. A licensed speech/language pathologist, she has extensive experience in meeting the unique needs of children with disabilities and their families and in creating environments that facilitate learning. Dr. Danklefsen holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership and a Master degree in Gifted Education. She teaches a course on Language Acquisition and Communication Disabilities at Ashland University's Columbus, OH branch. She has presented at the Council for Exceptional Children's national conference, the Ohio School Pathologist and Educational Audiologist Coalition conference, and the national Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference. Pam is married to Tom Danklefsen, Director of Communications for UMACBA and a member of the NACBA Board of Directors.

Often, people with disabilities find themselves on the fringes of the worship experience. Despite advancements, people with disabilities frequently remain outside the reach of the church. From preschoolers to young adults, people with disabilities are often uncomfortable and sometimes feel unwelcome in church. How can we reach these families and provide the support and encouragement they need to become an active part of our church family? This workshop explores how churches can best meet the needs of people with disabilities. With a nod to what the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires, we will discuss ways to accommodate the needs of people with "hidden" disabilities and ways to provide ongoing support. An overview of autism, cognitive disabilities, hearing impairments, and learning disabilities will be presented. Ways to make worship more inviting and meaningful, especially for young adults and children with disabilities, will be offered.

### Social Event

#### Dinner Cruise and Mount Vernon Tour

**6:00 – 9:00 pm:** Once again the UMACBA executive committee has planned an evening of fun, food and fellowship. While in Washington, D.C., we thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to learn about this great country of ours and tour George Washington's home in Mount Vernon. We will be leaving the National Harbor Pier by 5:45 pm for a dinner cruise up the Potomac River to Historic Mount Vernon. While on board our chartered yacht, we will enjoy a buffet dinner and fellowship with each other on our 50 minute ride up the Potomac to Mount Vernon. Upon arrival at Mount Vernon we will experience a candlelit tour of the mansion. After the tour, we will head back to the yacht for the installation of officers. The evening will conclude back at The Gaylord National Harbor. This event is included in your UMACBA Conference fee and additional tickets are available on a limited basis.



## 2011 NACBA Annual Conference Hotel Information

Online hotel reservations at the Gaylord National are available through a link from the NACBA 2011 Conference Web page.

- NACBA's special conference room rate (Deluxe Room) is \$155 per night.
- National conference attendees receive a \$30/night credit at check out for up to five nights.
- For reservations that require splitting the charges with another attendee, please call the hotel reservations office at 1-301-965-4000.
- Sub-blocks and multiple reservations cannot be accommodated through the website; please contact the hotel directly to assist. Each reservation must be made with a name and valid credit card number.
- For inquiries for rates in suites (Executive, Hospitality or Presidential), please contact the hotel reservations office at 1-301-965-4000 or group housing coordinator at 1-301-965-4010.

*Included* in the NACBA conference room rate at the Gaylord National Hotel are the following:

- Local phone calls up to 20 minutes (\$.10/minute thereafter)
- Toll-free and credit card calls up to 20 minutes (\$.10/minute thereafter)
- Bottled water (2 per room, per day)
- Daily newspaper
- Access to the resort's state-of-the-art Fitness Center
- High-speed internet access in each guestroom
- Wireless internet access in the atriums

## Job Opportunity

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is currently seeking applicants for a Vice-President of Finance due to the retirement of their present finance person effective the end of July. This position provides for the management and accounting of all funds of the Florida UM Children's Home. The V.P. of Finance is responsible to provide leadership, coordination of company financial planning, budget management, reporting and ensure company accounting procedures and reporting conform to generally accepted accounting principles. To apply, email resume to [jobs@fumch.org](mailto:jobs@fumch.org) or fax to 386 668-3363. Attn. Human Resources.

Visit the website, [www.allchildrenfirst.org](http://www.allchildrenfirst.org), or copy and paste the link below to your browser to view the job posting:

<http://www.allchildrenfirst.org/fumch/Portals/0/PDFs/Vice%20President%20of%20Finance%20-%202011.pdf>

## News from NICFA

We have just learned that it is not too late to apply for scholarship money for NICFA 2011 from NACBA. You have to be a member and also a member of your local chapter. The application is attached to the end of this newsletter.

NICFA is not only for church administrators. If you have staff or church lay leadership who you think would benefit let them know about NICFA.

The National Institute in Church Finance and Administration can help! For more information on registering for NICFA go to [www.certain.com/system/profile/web/index.cfm?PKWebId=0x205011d6c4](http://www.certain.com/system/profile/web/index.cfm?PKWebId=0x205011d6c4).

<http://candler.emory.edu/programs/oll/nicfa.cfm>

**Need Help with Ministry Business?**

The National Institute in Church Finance and Administration Can Help!


Seminar I A: May 31 - June 3, 2011:  
 Property Management; Theology of Stewardship; Information Management; Communication and Marketing; UM Polity and Issues of Diversity (requirement for certification by UMACBA)

Seminar I B: June 6-10, 2011:  
 Personnel/Human Resource Management; Office Management; Staff Development; Congregational Leadership

Seminar II A: June 12-16, 2011:  
 Legal & Tax Matters; Theology & Ethics of Church Administration; Christian Perspective & Theology of Church

Seminar II B: June 19-23, 2011:  
 Strategic Planning; Financial Management; Stewardship of Self

For more information and registration go to:  
[www.candler.emory.edu/ACADEMIC/OLL/nicfa.cfm](http://www.candler.emory.edu/ACADEMIC/OLL/nicfa.cfm)



**United Methodist Association of Church Business Administrators  
Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 2011**

Noah Allen, CCA, Treasurer

**YTD April 21, 2011**

<b>Income</b>	
Membership Dues	\$ 850.00
Net Conference Income /(Loss) - (see below)	(4,892.04)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(\$ 4,042.04)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Marketing/Membership Development	\$ 3,559.24
Newsletter	328.70
Executive Committee Meeting Expenses Paid by GCFA Grant	6,228.99
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 10,116.93</b>
Net Income/(Loss)	(14,158.97)
January 1, 2011 Fund Balance	\$ 36,552.69
December 31, 2010 Fund Balance	\$ 22,393.72

<b>2011 Annual Meeting Net Conference Income</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
NACBA/UMACBA Combined	-
UMACBA Only	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Entertainment	\$ 2,895.19
Marketing/Souvenirs	1,996.85
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 4,892.04</b>
Net Income/(Loss)	(4,892.04)

The purpose of the United Methodist Association of Church Business Administrators shall be to support the ministry of Christ and the Christian Church by providing leadership, training, and encouragement in the areas of church business administration for individuals and organizations of The United Methodist Church.

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More information on workshops and events is inside this issue of *The Connection*.

The 55th Annual NACBA National Conference will be held at the Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center in Washington, DC on July 1-5, 2011. The DC conference will bring everything together under one roof, including more than 200 church suppliers, 80 church workshops and networking that is unbeatable! NACBA's National Conference makes it easy to create relationships and reconnect with church administrative leaders from across the country, while gaining helpful church business knowledge. Register today at [www.nacba.net](http://www.nacba.net)!

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