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John C. Holbert was born in Indiana, raised in Arizona, and educated in Iowa & Texas, receiving a Ph.D. in the Hebrew Bible in 1975. He retired from the faculty at Perkins School of Theology, having served as the Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homelietics in 2012. He has preached and taught in over 1000 churches in 40 states and 20 countries. In 2007, he was named an Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor at Southern Methodist University. His first novel, King Saul was published in 2014.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- CHILDCARE AVAILABLE. SEE REGISTRATION FORM
- ADVENTIST LENTEN DISASTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

Lenten Disaster Used Clothing Drive

Plan to be a part this year.

*Ash Wednesday, February 10-Friday, March 18,
2016*

Have you heard about the Lenten Disaster Used Clothing Drive?

The partnership between the Hill Country District churches and the Seventh-day Adventist Disaster Services worked extremely well in 2015. The Texas Division of Emergency Management classes use this collection as a good example of filling the pipeline before the need.

This year's collection will be **Ash Wednesday, February 10 – Friday, March 18, 2016.** The Adventist truck will come to make the pickup as soon after that as they can schedule it. That will get the bags and piles out of our buildings for Easter.



Thanks for helping!

**George Barnette, Mission Team Leader,
Hill Country District.**

Instructions are the same as previous years:

- ⇒ Notify the HCD Mission Team that you are participating.
- ⇒ Put out the word in your community that you're collecting used clothing for survivors of any disasters that might occur in the coming year (2016).
- ⇒ Invite other churches (Methodist or not) in your community to join in.
- ⇒ Then call George Barnette (see below) at the end about how big your pile is (pickup load or less, U-Haul load, or bigger). We'll pass it on to the Adventist truck dispatcher who will plan the route and the schedule. When the truck arrives, help load the clothes, and you're done. The Adventists will take the load back to their warehouse south of Ft. Worth, where volunteers will sort the clothes, sanitize (a step beyond just cleaning) and package the items by size and gender. Then when the need arises, they can send their delivery truck from the warehouse within hours to provide clothes to people affected by the disaster.

Why not wait and do a drive when the disaster occurs? Because the need for used clothing last only 24-48 hours. By the time we could mount a campaign, collect the clothes and deliver them to the disaster site, we would just be adding to the trash pile.

Where do our clothes go? Last year they went to the Blanco –Wimberley- San Marcos flood victims. They mainly go to our neighbors in Texas, but the Adventists go wherever they are asked. Including hurricanes, blizzards and forest fires happening all over the country.

But they can't do it from an empty warehouse. That's why they are counting on our Hill Country District churches to replenish their stock for upcoming disaster events. Our job is to fulfil Jesus' guidance in Matthew to "clothe the naked." (Matthew 25:31-46)

If you're going to join in this year, please let me know so I can direct folks with smaller donations to partner with you as a pickup location. And, of course, call if you have any questions or need support.

A lot of people who do not even know it yet will be counting on you.

"The Mission Fair is here for everyone to walk around, view and ask at 10:00 til 11:45 or even during lunch. Please take time to visit with f get some new ideas."

SCHEDULE

8:45-9:15 Registration

9:15 – 9:45 Worship with Dr. John Holbert preaching

SESSION SCHEDULE

Morning Session I 10:00-11:45

Disaster Response: Ground Zero

Stewardship of God's Provision: Local Church Finance:

Intergenerational Faith Formation

Being on the Lay Servant Team

So, I am the new Youth Leader-What now?

Local Church Trustees

Domestic Violence (UMW)

LUNCH - SPEAKER-Dr. John Holbert

12:00 - 1:30

Afternoon Session II 1:45-3:30

PPR/SPRC

Children For Sale Documentary and Discussion (UMW)

The Future is Now—Children Serving in Church

Afternoon Session III 1:45 p.m.-2:35 p.m.

Simplified Structure (Administrative Board/Council)

Methodist Heritage & Doctrine

Emergency Preparedness Plan for the Local Church

Praying Through the Hours

Local Church Lay Leader

Media & Technology

Virtual Church Secretary-Using Power Church Program

Afternoon Session IV

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Cultural Competency

Let's Talk Youth Panel

Disaster Response-Not Ground Zero

Communicating Your Church's Missional Story



**Go Preach!
A Primer For
Beginning
Preacher**

**ADVANCED
LAY SERVANT
MINISTRY
COURSE AND
LEADERSHIP
ORIENTATION**

APRIL 9 & 23, 2016

**FUMC JOHNSON
CITY**

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DISTRICT OFFICE**

kduc@kduc.org

830-896-6400

**Course books will
be mail when
registration and
payment are
received.**

**questions. It can be in lieu of a session; done
folks and talk about your stories and maybe**

LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S PROVISION: LOCAL CHURCH FINANCE

– A look at how to account for and plan to handle the annual budget cycle in our congregations. The how and why of “apportionments”; planning for facility maintenance, risk management and week to week cash handling/banking relationship and auditing. *Keni Rodgers is a CPA and Treasurer of Lakehills UMC. She has served for more than 10 years as either Finance Chair or Treasurer in the local church*

CHURCH TRUSTEES -Effective Trustees are Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to the congregation. Effective trustees supervise and maintain the property of the congregation to ensure that disciple-making ministries of the congregation are effective and that local legal requirements related to the property are satisfied. *Larry Harrison has served as Chair of Trustees in the previous Southwest Texas Conference and is a member of FUMC Junction.*

PPRC -The committee leads the congregation to encourage, strengthen, nurture, support, and respect the pastor(s) and staff and their families. It helps the staff set priorities that strengthen the congregation's total ministry. *Rev. Bill Henderson is currently District Superintendent of the Hill Country District. He has served this district for 5 years and strives to empower laity in the local church.*

BEING ON THE LAY SERVANT TEAM – Come hear about the opportunities to serve the mission of the church through being a Lay Servant, a Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Speaker. How these have evolved from previous Lay Speaker ministry and discussion of how lay servants can fill missional opportunities within your area. *Scott Maderer serves as the Lay Leader at Lakehills UMC. He is currently the District Lay Servant Team Director.*

LOCAL CHURCH LAY LEADER – The Lay Leader promotes the role of laity as we work to fulfill our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local Church leaders have huge potential for increased vitality throughout The United Methodist Church. *David Rush is District Lay Leader for our district. He was very active with FUMC Eagle Pass before retiring in Kerrville.*

LET'S TALK YOUTH – Panel forum with youth leaders AND **youth** as well as youth workers that are volunteers not staff. Discussion about why those youth come. *Christy Wynn is the youth director at Leakey & Utopia UMCs.*

I AM THE NEW YOUTH LEADER-WHAT NOW

Session will address information and questions of new youth leaders. *Carrie Anders is the youth director at FUMC Johnson City.*

SIMPLIFIED STRUCTURE – Imagine having a church council structure that is less cumbersome than our multi-committee, multi-meeting structure. Can it be done? Is it legal? Do you want to focus on ministry or meetings? *Dr. Ralph Mann, Senior Pastor of Bulverde UMC and HCI consultant/coach, will teach us the Healthy Church Initiative method of a simplified structure using the Single Board Model. The 1300 member Bulverde UMC has successfully used this structure for three years. Their 16 person church council (14 lay, 2 clergy) operates as the church council, SPRC, Finance, and Trustees and the congregation is dynamic, alive, and growing. (Remember: ministry – not meetings)*

CULTURAL COMPETENCY- Culture is dynamic and diverse. Each nation, race, town, family, and individual lives into its own culture. When we correctly engage our work in making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world, we also correctly engage in the work of intercultural fusion. This session is meant to serve as a spring-board for this very thing. Here, you will learn how to begin articulating a cultural awareness—both of your own culture and the cultures of those around you—and how to begin the work of becoming culturally competent, so that you can better participate in the work of making disciples of all nations, races, and peoples." *Rev. Wes Cain is currently serving a new appointment as the Associate Pastor of Student Ministries at FUMC Boerne. Wes has a passion for bridging gaps that form between the church and world, seeking ways to remind himself and the church that Jesus is God With Us, and if we are to be Body of Christ, we need to constantly seek new ways to bring the Word to the masses.*

PRAYING THROUGH THE HOURS- We all lead busy lives. This is a time for us to understand the need to practice Spiritual Disciplines. We will work through Praying Through the Hours. *Rev. Randall Hilburn was appointed to St. Paul's in June 2014. In addition to church-wide pastoral responsibilities, he has had extensive experience in ministry to deaf persons.*

UNITED METHODIST HERITAGE &

DOCTRINE In this session, we'll engage Scripture and Wesley's brief "Character of a Methodist" to reflect on Wesley's definition of key characteristics of a Methodist Christian. *Rev. Michael Cave serves Hunt UMC.*

MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGY & SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE CHURCH VOLUNTEER

– In this session Rev. Will Rice will tell you everything you need to know about the web, technology, and social media. Well, maybe not everything. He will try to help your church take first steps, next steps and big steps in

reaching the mission field through the use of technology. Topics will include: building or renovation of your website; using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to reach out and connect; live-streaming and trends in church technology. Whether you are a techie or just want to know where to star, we will have something for you. *Rev. Will Rice is the Director of Communications and Media Support for the Rio Texas Annual Conference and formerly served as the Pastor of Communication and Outreach at University United Methodist Church in San Antonio.*

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

– Pastor Celia recently led her congregation through the process of writing an emergency preparedness plan. In this course she will offer several of the discoveries she and her congregation learned along the way, including why your church needs to have a plan and how to begin the process of writing a plan. *Rev. Celia Halfacre has been pastor at Lakehills UMC for 2 years. She serves as the chair of the HCD Vitalizing Congregations Team.*

INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION ALL AGES PRAYING, LEARNING, SERVING, AND BEING TOGETHER

In this workshop, we will consider:

- why we would want to provide intergenerational opportunities
- what the benefits and challenges are and
- practical ideas for planning and implementing intergenerational ministry. *Carol Ann Weston-Director of Christian Education at St. Paul's FUMC, Kerrville. Has served as Director of Christian Education in churches in Harlingen, Portland and Kerrville for over 30 years and is a certified Godly Play Trainer for the United States.*

THE FUTURE IS NOW-LETTING CHILDREN SERVE IN CHURCH

Children are not our *FUTURE* leaders, let them lead *NOW*. *Kerry Kirtley is Director of Children's Ministry at FUMC San Marcos. She is also a part-time seminary student. Kerry has a strong belief that children need to be included in a family experience and parents need to start recognizing their part. Kids NEED parent participation to grow in the faith so they can move independently as youth and young adults in the faith.*

DISASTER RESPONSE: GROUND ZERO What happens to you and how mission folks should, can and must respond when the disaster happens on your turf. *All three presenters are from the Hill Country District and have been directly responsible for disasters in their areas. Rev. Becky Baxter Ballou, Pastor, FUMC Eagle Pass & Director, Mission Border Hope; Rev. Todd Salmi, Associate Pastor, FUMC San Marcos; Vicki McCuiston, Executive Director, The Barnabas Connection, Wimberley.*

DISASTER RESPONSE: NOT GROUND ZERO What happens to you and how mission folks should and can respond when the disaster is not on your turf. *Rev. Kim Burke, Pastor North Shore UMC, Canyon Lake; Rev. Anna Troy, Associate Pastor, FUMC Boerne.*

COMMUNICATING YOUR CHURCH'S MISSIONAL STORY Why publicity matters to the success of your mission work and how to get it. *George Barnette, Mission Chair, Hill Country District.*

HUMAN TRAFFICKING - "CHILDREN FOR SALE,"

In this session the UMW will show the Documentary: CNN Special Report on Human Trafficking "Children for Sale". United Methodist Women stand against the exploitation of those forced to submit to civil injustice as a result of their basic needs or position in society. As many as 30 million people internationally have fallen victim to human trafficking, and the epidemic has become the second largest criminal activity behind the sale of illegal arms. As advocates for social justice, United Methodist Women will continue to work for the rights of those exploited by this cruel trade and end this all-too-prevalent form of modern-day slavery. *Susan Lovelace-Gerrish, President, Hill Country District United Methodist Women, & Billie Rowell, Vice President, Hill Country District United Methodist Women are the presenters.*

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS USING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: WHAT CHURCHES CAN DO

The Hill Country District United Methodist Women offer this one-hour program for use in Christian education. This program offers basic information on domestic violence, as well as concrete ideas about what congregations can do to help prevent domestic violence and provide a safe space for battered women. *Presented by Hill Country District UMW officers.*

VIRTUAL CHURCH SECRETARY-USING POWER CHURCH PROGRAM IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Using the software program Power Church in local churches with limited or no staff, Terry offers services that are primarily for pastors whose appointments have budget restrictions and workloads that don't justify even part time staff. This business model is meant to alleviate the pesky three or four hours a week a pastor spends on administrative duties, or helps provide some administrative services they wish they had time for. *Terry Foley is a Certified Professional Church Secretary in the United Methodist Church and has been in Church Business Administration for over 10 years. She recently graduated from St. Edward's University with a BA in Organizational Leadership.*



REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE: JANUARY 21, 2016

Mail this form to the:

Hill Country District Office
222 Sidney Baker South, Suite 528
Kerrville, TX 78028

– FAX to 830-896-6407 or register by phone at 830-896-6400.

CHILDCARE

AVAILABLE

**If you are in need
of childcare for the
event you must
register each child
with**

Name & Age

By

January 20, 2016

CALL LIZ

AT DISTRICT

Church Name: _____ Address: _____

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COST PER PERSON \$12.00

Pre-registration with a check for all lunch reservations will ensure a speedy check-in.

NAMETAGS WILL BE PRINTED AHEAD OF TIME.

Persons registering at the door will be seated at the meal on a space-available basis, only.

To confirm a meal, contact the District Office by January 20, 2016.



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Pam Elliott-District Program

Midwinter 2016

February 12-14, 2016 | Mount Wesley in Kerrville



Registration online at riotexas.org/midwinter



Featured Speaker: Shane Mullen

Student, Brite Divinity School

Youth Director, First United Methodist Church, Euless



Featuring
Jacob Tyler Wade
Band!

