

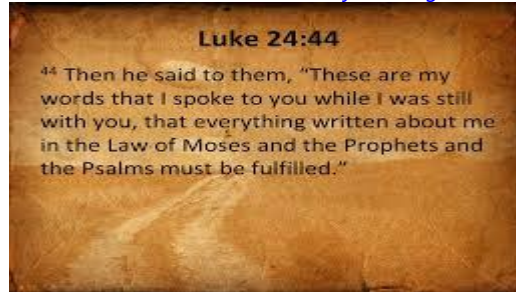
May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Oneonta District Office UMC  
of the Upper New York Annual Conference**

***"Living the gospel of Jesus Christ and Being God's love with our neighbors in all places."***

Please share this issue of the Oneonta District Newsletter with church members and staff, teams and organizations. If you wish to include news about your missions or disciple formation ministries, please send it on Mondays to be published – that week – email

to: [OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org](mailto:OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org)



***Together, let us pray for***

*All who face death and suffering and have lost hope  
All struggling with addiction*

*The [UNY Safe Sanctuaries Ministry](#)*

*UNY clergy and lay delegates to General Conference, Portland OR May 10-20  
Pastors and congregations preparing for appointment transitions*

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## District Events Coming Up

Date	Time	Item	Location
May 9 & 10 & May 15	5:45-8:30 pm 2-5 pm	<b>Basic Lay Servant Training</b> – see details below to register	Unadilla UMC
<b>Sat May 14th</b>	<b>3-6 pm</b>	<b>Celebration of our Service together –</b>	<b>Changing the World Service Project- Dish to Pass-For Further Details see links below</b>
June 2-4 2016		2016 UNY Annual Conference	OnCenter in Syracuse, NY. Click on link below for more information. <a href="http://www.unyumc.org/events/annual-conference">http://www.unyumc.org/events/annual-conference</a>

**RSVP THIS WEEK to: Teresa Wood at the District Office: [OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org](mailto:OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org) or call 607-441-5102 (Your RSVP's will be much appreciated and assist us in planning space)**

**Celebrate our Ministry with Rev. Jan McClary Rowell  
Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> – 3-6 pm Location- Neahwa Park Pavilion  
-Back up location in case of inclement weather – Elm Park UMC-**

[Click here for Details](#)

[Click here for Map and directions &](#) [Click here for Health Kit Assignments](#)

**Agenda for our Time together:**

**3:00-4:00 pm - Building Health Kits "Change the World Project"**

**4:00-5:00 pm - Eat**

**5:00-6:00 pm - Worship, Time of sharing /Personal Farewells**

Questions regarding Health Kit assignments can be directed towards Sherry Mott at: [rsmott7@gmail.com](mailto:rsmott7@gmail.com) or call 607-761-9235

Dish to Pass - Anna Buell will be in touch with Regional Leaders about Food to bring. [abuell@hotmail.com](mailto:abuell@hotmail.com) or call 607-226-2448

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## Basic Lay Servant Training

**When:** May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 5:45pm-8:30pm AND May 15<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm

*(final meeting time may be adjusted by consensus, if needed, to suit participant's needs)*

**Where:** Unadilla UMC

**Required Materials:**

"Lay Servant Ministries" by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson  
(Basic Course Participant's Book)

Available at [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) or <tel:800-672-1789> Also available at Amazon.com

**PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING THEIR OWN BOOK**

*Format:* Pre-assigned reading of the entire text, lecture, class discussion, independent "field project" due at final class meeting. Total classroom/field project learning time is 10 hours.

**Participants must attend all three sessions to complete the course for certification.**

**Registration:** E-mail or call Pastor Brandilynne Craver at : [brandilynne.craver@gmail.com](mailto:brandilynne.craver@gmail.com)  
607-761-3688

**Deadline for registrations: 5/2/16**

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## 2016 Conference Journal now available

The 2016 *Upper New York Conference Journal, Vol. I* (formerly known as the *Pre-Conference Booklet*) is now available for download as a free PDF and for purchase through online publisher Lulu.com. [Click here](#) to download the PDF; [click here](#) to purchase it for \$5 (plus shipping and applicable sales tax) from Lulu.com.

If you have any questions about the materials presented in Vol. I of the *Journal* or the Upper New York Annual Conference Session in general, please send them to [ACQuestions@unyumc.org](mailto:ACQuestions@unyumc.org). The Conference Communications Ministry Area will assemble pertinent questions and answers and post them as a FAQ on the Conference website.

For further discussion of the materials in the *Journal*, six Pre-Conference Briefings have been scheduled at locations across the Conference; [click here](#) for details

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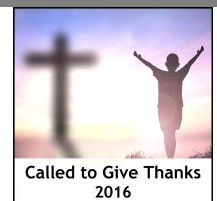
## Annual Conference registration is now closed.

The next opportunity to register will be on site, and there will be a \$50 late fee assessed.

To be held June 2-4 at the OnCenter in Syracuse.

\*Looking for information on Conference? View the Event Guidelines ([click here](#)).

Questions? Email: [julievaleski@unyumc.org](mailto:julievaleski@unyumc.org) or call Julie 1-855-424-7878 ext. 303.



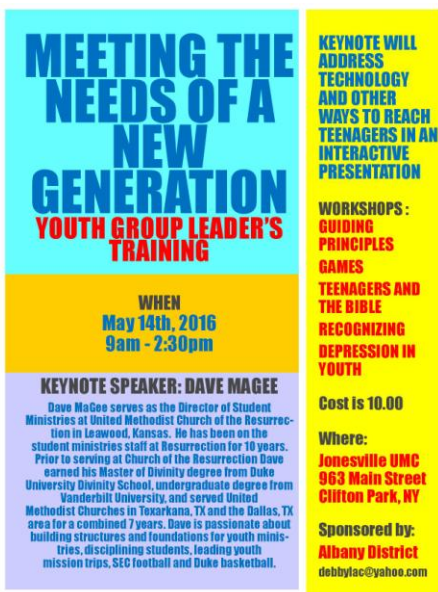
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## **IMPORTANT - All Clergy - Clergy need to request to be excused from AC '16 if unable to attend .**

It is expected that all clergy will attend the 2016 Annual Conference session in its entirety. However, if there is a vital reason that you need to be excused from part or all of this year's session, you must write a letter stating the reason for your request and send it to Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb, Episcopal Office, Upper New York Area, 324 University Ave., 3rd Floor, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210 or via email to: [bishopsoffice@unyumc.org](mailto:bishopsoffice@unyumc.org). A copy should also be sent to your district superintendent's office. This is required even if you have already spoken with your district superintendent about your absence

NEW-

## YOUTH Group Leader's Training



**MEETING THE NEEDS OF A NEW GENERATION**  
**YOUTH GROUP LEADER'S TRAINING**

**WHEN**  
May 14th, 2016  
9am - 2:30pm

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DAVE MAGEE**  
Dave MaGee serves as the Director of Student Ministries at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. He has been on the student ministries staff at Resurrection for 10 years. Prior to serving at Church of the Resurrection Dave earned his Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School, undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University, and served United Methodist Churches in Texarkana, TX and the Dallas, TX area for a combined 7 years. Dave is passionate about building structures and foundations for youth ministries, disciplining students, leading youth mission trips, SEC football and Duke basketball.

**KEYNOTE WILL ADDRESS TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER WAYS TO REACH TEENAGERS IN AN INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION**

**WORKSHOPS:**  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES  
GAMES  
TEENAGERS AND THE BIBLE  
RECOGNIZING DEPRESSION IN YOUTH

**Cost is 10.00**

**Where:**  
Jonesville UMC  
963 Main Street  
Clifton Park, NY

**Sponsored by:**  
Albany District  
debbylac@yahoo.com

Every church has some adults that are interested in youth ministry. There may be a youth group in your church or maybe you are just thinking about starting one. We have a training for you on May 14th from 9-2:30 at Jonesville UMC. Check-in will begin at 8:45am.

The day will include 2 keynotes with Q&A, 4 workshops, a luncheon and a short worship service. The keynote will be Dave MaGee who is the director of Student Ministries at Church of the Resurrection in Kansas. He will discuss reaching youth of a new generation. Other workshop titles include: guiding principles of youth ministry, teenagers and the Bible, games, and recognizing the signs of depression and suicide in youth.

The cost is only 10.00 and with the renowned speakers that we have, is sure to be worth your time. To register type [albanydcym.weebly.com](http://albanydcym.weebly.com) in your browser or for more information contact [debbylac@yahoo.com](mailto:debbylac@yahoo.com).

## NEW - Upper New York Annual Conference Safe Sanctuaries® Team

**WHAT:** Upper NY's Safe Sanctuaries® Training

**WHO:** Individuals who have responsibility for the safety of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in the churches' ministries especially pastors, those responsible for Christian education and youth group leaders. This is a prerequisite for Training of Trainers

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 11, 2016 9:00 a.m. – noon

**WHAT:** Safe Sanctuaries® Training of Trainers

**WHO:** Individuals interested in facilitating Upper NY's Safe Sanctuaries Training as part of their District training team and/or for their local church.

Members of the District training team must be recommended by the DS.

Completion of these two courses will certify individuals to present UNY's Safe Sanctuaries training in the Conference, District and local church. Upper NY's Safe Sanctuaries Training is a prerequisite for Training of Trainers. This 3-hour course can be completed in the morning or at a previous time (since Fall 2012).

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 11, 2016 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for those participating in morning and afternoon sessions.

**WHERE:** Voorheesville UM Church, 68 Maple Avenue, Voorheesville, NY  
(Albany District; about 13 miles west of downtown Albany)

**PRE-REGISTER:** Please pre-register by June 5. Pre-registration information need to include:

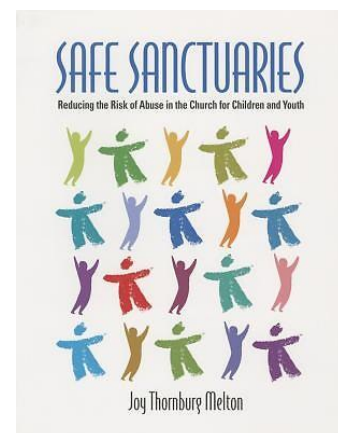
>Session(s) attending - morning and/or afternoon

>Name, contact email address and telephone number, local church

Pre-register by contacting Carol Barnes at [carolb@htva.net](mailto:carolb@htva.net) (anytime) or 607-687-4793 (after May 9)

**QUESTIONS:** Questions should be directed to Carol at [carolb@htva.net](mailto:carolb@htva.net) or 607-687-4793 (after May 9)

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY:** UNY Safe Sanctuaries Training TEAM And funded by Ministry Shares from local churches



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## Course of Study Letter

To: Students, Faculty, District Superintendents, Local Pastor Registrar  
From: COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PASTORS - Wesley Theological Seminary - Buffalo Extension

On behalf of Rev. Gail Lewis and the Course of Study, Buffalo Extension School – [please click here to read the letter on Course of Study](#), to eliminate the confusion of information that has been circulating regarding the COS program.

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## SUPPORT AFRICA 360



### How to get involved ?

There are all new materials – brochures, bookmarks, envelopes can be ordered online, printable display, liturgy, and more at [www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360](http://www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360) (churches can find tools at the Africa 360 toolkit, linked to that page as well) For youth, a local church in the Crossroads district has created a project, complete with video and craft project (downloadable from [www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360-Toolkit](http://www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360-Toolkit)), and includes cross-generational experiences for congregations that are interested: <http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/prayer-partners-another-life-saving-tool-in-the-africa-360-toolkit>

**Laurel O'Connor**

**Field Coordinator, Africa 360**

**Upper New York Conference**

**315-424-7878 ext. 327**

**Africa 360: Health and Education for Generations**

*If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. –African Proverb*

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### **22th Annual PALESTINIAN Dinner: Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Plymouth Congregational Church at 232 E. Onondaga St. (2 ½ blocks from On Center)**

Authentic Palestinian buffet beginning at 5:30 PM sponsored by the UNY Task Force on Peace and Justice in Palestine/Israel Cost of dinner is \$15.00.

Program: Rev. Gary Kubitz will speak about his Interfaith Peace Builder Olive Harvest trip in October/November. Gary's wife Sarah and Task Force member, Gary Doupe's wife, Elaine, were also on the trip.

**For reservations:** Linda Bergh (315-492-8507), 116 Edna Rd., Syracuse, NY 13205 or Karen Peterson (607-739-3141), 116 Greenridge Drive, Horseheads, NY 14845

**Make checks payable to UNYAC ("Palestinian Dinner" on the memo line)**

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### **Limited copies available to purchase**

**A Disciples Path – Daily Workbook** (Deepening your relationship with Christ and the Church)

By: James Harnish with Justin LaRosa

Cost \$ 8.00 ea. – If you would like to purchase this workbook please contact Teresa at the District Office – Email : [OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org](mailto:OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org) or by phone : (607) 441-5102

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### **The Binghamton District's United Methodist**

**Men's Night at the Ball Game**

**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> -NYSEG Stadium in Binghamton.**

**Tickets are \$8.00 (and are available now)**

Binghamton District Superintendent the Rev.Dr. David Kofahl will throw out the first ball. Last year's event was the best in its eight-year run - it raised \$1,800.00 for the Society of St. Andrew, \$300.00 for the Upper Room Prayer Line, and \$300 to enable another UMM Conference project.

This year, the largest portion of proceeds will go to the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) and the Broome County Council of Churches, and lesser amounts will be sent to the Upper Room Prayer Line and the Society of St. Andrew to feed the hungry.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Ken Summers at (607)785-0406 or

[kensummers28@gmail.com](mailto:kensummers28@gmail.com)

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## June 16-18, 2016 - Northeastern Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting at the On Center, Syracuse, NY

The theme is A Fresh Wind Blowing based on John 3:8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit.

The program includes daily worship services with dynamic music throughout the time together. The purpose is also to elect women to the board and there will be time for workshops, which include topics of Maternal Health, Poverty, Racial Justice, and Ubuntu opportunities, which is working at area missions. For more information and registration Click Here



**Registration is open until April 30, 2016** - \$200 and late registration is \$250 closes May 15, 2016.

Phyllis Doane, NEJ UMW President, from Canton, NY would like to invite you to come and celebrate the legacy of United Methodist Women. Don't miss this opportunity to meet your sisters and brothers in Christ from Maine to Virginia, to worship and pray together.

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## Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua – March 2017

A VIM opportunity in Nicaragua is being planned for late March – early April 2017. The team will work with Accion Medica Cristiana (Christian Medical Action/ AMC). Our UM missionary, Belinda Forbes, DDS, is our primary contact person. She and her agency, AMC, work with the "poorest of the poor" in this beautiful country, which is the second poorest in our hemisphere. The tasks of the team have not yet been determined, but they will include projects that will improve the lives of some of the people in Nicaragua. Possible projects might be construction of a pharmacy or community center, health education, assisting with dental care, or painting a clinic building. Hands-on, direct medical care will not be one of the projects. Team members will also have the opportunity to form relationships with the warm, friendly people with whom they work.

The team/s will be jointly sponsored by the Jonesville UMC and First UMC, Schenectady. Details have not yet been determined. There might be options to go for either 10 days or 2 weeks. Cost will be approximately \$2000--\$2500. This amount includes airfare, food, transportation in the country, lodging, translator fees – everything except souvenirs. Scholarship aid is often available.

If you are at all interested in being part of this opportunity and would like to receive information as details are worked out, contact Amy Pelc at [me911j@hotmail.com](mailto:me911j@hotmail.com) or 518-698-5024 or Cindy Schulte at [tacks5@hotmail.com](mailto:tacks5@hotmail.com) or 518-374-3012 or Jan or Peter Huston at [hustonjp24@gmail.com](mailto:hustonjp24@gmail.com) or 518-399-0919. Replying to this is not a commitment – just an indication of interest in learning more. Please also share any concerns or questions you have when you reply.

We hope you will be able to participate in the wonderful opportunity to be part of a Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua!

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**Chuck Knows Church videos on The Committee at** <http://www.chuckknowschurch.com> The latest is Evangelism.-Other good ones are the Pilot, Hospitality, Reflecting the Community, and Our Purpose. Great for use with your Administrative Council or other leadership group! There is a downloadable discussion guide available for each segment.

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**Conference Job Posting** - Anyone inquiring about any open positions can go to <http://www.unyumc.org/about/jobs> and use the online application system for applying for open positions.

### Current Job Openings at Upper New York 4 Total Job(s)

[Click here for Details](#)

*The Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to building a diverse team. We strongly encourage women and men from all races and backgrounds, individuals with disabilities, and veterans to apply.*

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### 2016 Summer Camp & Retreat programs registration opens

Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) is excited to announce that registration is now open for its 2016 Summer Camp & Retreat programs. "We are excited about the high quality and excellent variety of programs being offered this summer," said Mike Huber, UNY Conference Director of Camp & Retreat Ministries. "The CRM team, in collaboration with hundreds of volunteers, has created programs specifically designed for spiritual growth, birth, and renewal." Click below for details



<http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/2016-summer-camp-retreat-programs-registration-opens>

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**Contact info for the Upper NY Conference is as follows:**

Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church  
324 University Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Syracuse, NY 13210  
315) 424-7878 \* Toll-Free (855) 424-7878 \* Fax (315) 478-4869 \* Email: [www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org)

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The District Newsletter can be found at the Oneonta District website: <https://sites.google.com/site/oneontadistrictumc/> and at Conference  
Webpage at: <http://www.unyumc.org/district/oneonta> See us on Face book: [Oneonta District United Methodists](#)

**P.O. BOX 668 Oneonta NY, 13820 Phone/Fax: (607)441-5102**

*Your Partners in Ministry at the Oneonta District Office,  
Rev. Jan Rowel, District Superintendent and Teresa Wood, Administrative Assistant*

