



Joy to the World

Mission Celebration

Roanoke District Mission Celebration March 25-27, 2011

A Mission Celebration Event is a special occasion, usually lasting three to five days, involving all United Methodist churches in a given district in a series of diverse events that seek to interpret the church's program of global ministries.

Arrangements are made to provide every church with one or more mission interpreters who will meet with as many groups as possible within a local congregation (e.g., Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, Work Area on Mission, church school classes, United Methodist Women/Men, United Methodist Youth Fellowship and young adult and singles fellowships). The strengths of the Mission Celebration Event lies in its informal setting, during which individuals are free to ask questions, and raise concerns and issues for discussion.

Purpose

The Mission Celebration serves to stimulate both spiritual and financial involvement in the global outreach of the United Methodist Church. This is accomplished in the following ways:

Information: telling the story of mission

Challenge: stimulating interest in global outreach (locally, regionally, nationally and internationally)

Ownership: developing a sense of ownership of United Methodist mission programs and personnel, and projects

Support: challenging local churches and individuals to support the global outreach of the church by giving to World Service, conference benevolences, Advance special projects, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, Youth Service Fund, Children's Fund for Christian Mission, and Special Sunday offerings related to the General Board of Global Ministries

Evaluation and Follow-up: keeping alive mission interest and mission project support, and developing an ongoing program of mission education

Prayer Support: encouraging prayer support for mission personnel and programs of the General Board of Global Ministries

(Excerpts from Planning your Mission Celebration Event)

All United Methodists and their guests in all of our 72 churches are invited to participate; remember we are **Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors!** We will have the kickoff dinner and celebration on Friday night, Roanoke District Youth are planning a gigantic celebration and there will be a children and family event on Saturday where we will pack kits for conference. We will need housing and transportation for our mission interpreters. We need many volunteers to host this celebration of God's Mission.

Start praying now for our mission celebration. Add the Roanoke District Mission Celebration to your personal prayers and your church prayer chains.

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SAVE THE DATE: March 25-27, 2011