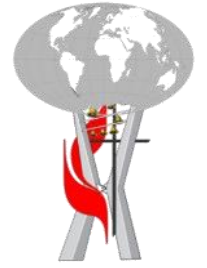


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The Love Issue

APRIL 2024

OUR MISSION

To fulfill the Great Commission by inviting people into discipleship with Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR VISION

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GATHER for dynamic worship,
GROW through inspired learning,
GO into joyful service, and
LIVE the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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A Biblical Take on The 5 Love Languages

Understanding the concept of love languages from a biblical perspective can greatly enhance our relationships with ourselves and our neighbors. The five love languages - acts of service, words of affirmation, quality time, physical touch, and receiving gifts - can be applied to the scriptures that call for love of self and neighbor. By exploring these love languages in the context of biblical teachings, we can deepen our understanding of how to love ourselves and others in a way that reflects the love and compassion of God.

Acts of Service

The love language of acts of service aligns with the biblical principle of serving one another in love. Galatians 5:13 states, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." By serving others selflessly and with a loving heart, we demonstrate our care and concern for our neighbors. This can be as simple as helping a friend in need or volunteering in our community to make a positive impact.

Words of Affirmation

Words hold great power, and the love language of words of affirmation can be found in scriptures that encourage us to speak truth and kindness. Ephesians 4:29 advises, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." By using our words to uplift and encourage others, we show love and respect for our neighbors, fostering a sense of unity and support within our community.

Quality Time

Spending quality time with others is a meaningful way to show love and build relationships, reflecting the importance of companionship and connection in the Bible. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 emphasizes the value of companionship, stating, "Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow." By investing time in meaningful interactions with our neighbors, we demonstrate care, empathy, and a willingness to support and uplift one another.



Physical Touch

The love language of physical touch can be seen in the biblical teachings on compassion, comfort, and healing. In Mark 1:41, Jesus touched a leper, showing both physical and emotional healing through his loving touch. This demonstrates the power of physical contact in conveying love, care, and support for our neighbors. Whether it's a comforting hug, a reassuring pat on the back, or a handshake, physical touch can convey empathy and connection in a profound way.

Receiving Gifts

The act of giving and receiving gifts can be a tangible expression of love and appreciation, mirroring the biblical principle of generosity and gratitude. James 1:17 reminds us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." By sharing gifts with our neighbors and receiving gifts graciously, we demonstrate our love and gratitude for one another, fostering a sense of abundance and generosity within our community.

Understanding the five love languages from a biblical perspective can enrich our relationships with ourselves and our neighbors. By applying the principles of acts of service, words of affirmation, quality time, physical touch, and receiving gifts in alignment with scriptures that call for love of self and neighbor, we can cultivate a community of love, compassion, and unity. Let us strive to embody these love languages in our interactions, reflecting the unconditional love and grace of God in all that we do.

Pastor Christian Washington
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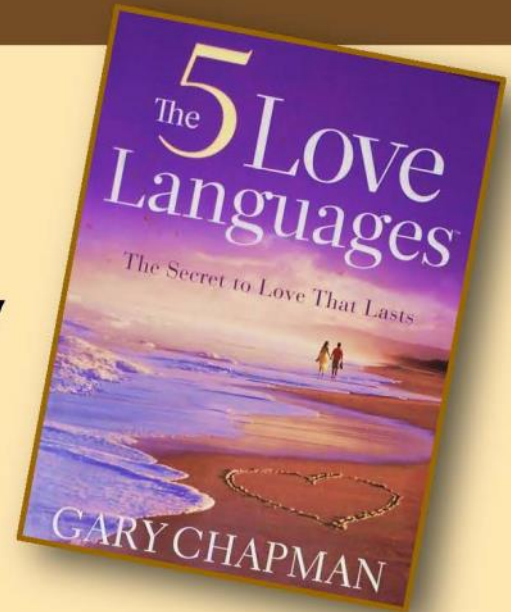
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Next up for the *Bellringer*

Editorial Board

We're pleased to announce the formation of a *Bellringer* editorial board. Beginning with our June issue, contributors will be able to send material to desk editors. The list includes:

Education

Don Norman

Features

Donna Richardson

Alvairene Scott

Ida Young

Liturgical Seasons

Jennifer Hightower

Photography

Ida Young

Testimonials

Sharon Jackson

May Issue

Motherhood and Moving On

Hallelujah! The editor of our May issue is **Raven Lawson**. Raven compliments growing up Holman with serious journalism chops. Thank you, Raven!

May topics include college acceptances, Mother's Day, spotlight on June graduates.

To give our topics the attention they deserve, we plan a second-Sunday publication on May 14, Mother's Day.

April Dates to Remember

15	M	All day	Tax Day
16	T	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees
17	W	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live (WNL)
18	Th	1:00 pm	Bible Study
19	F	7:30 am	Morning Prayer Group Communion Service
21	Su	8:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service
22	M	All day	Earth Day
23	T	6:30 pm	Finance Committee
24	W	12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry WNL
25	Th	6:30 pm	Stewardship
26	F	7:30 am	Morning Prayer Group Communion Service
28	Su	8:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service

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April 21 Not Envious

April 28 Never Fails



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Bless them with Your presence and surround them with Your love, that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to You.

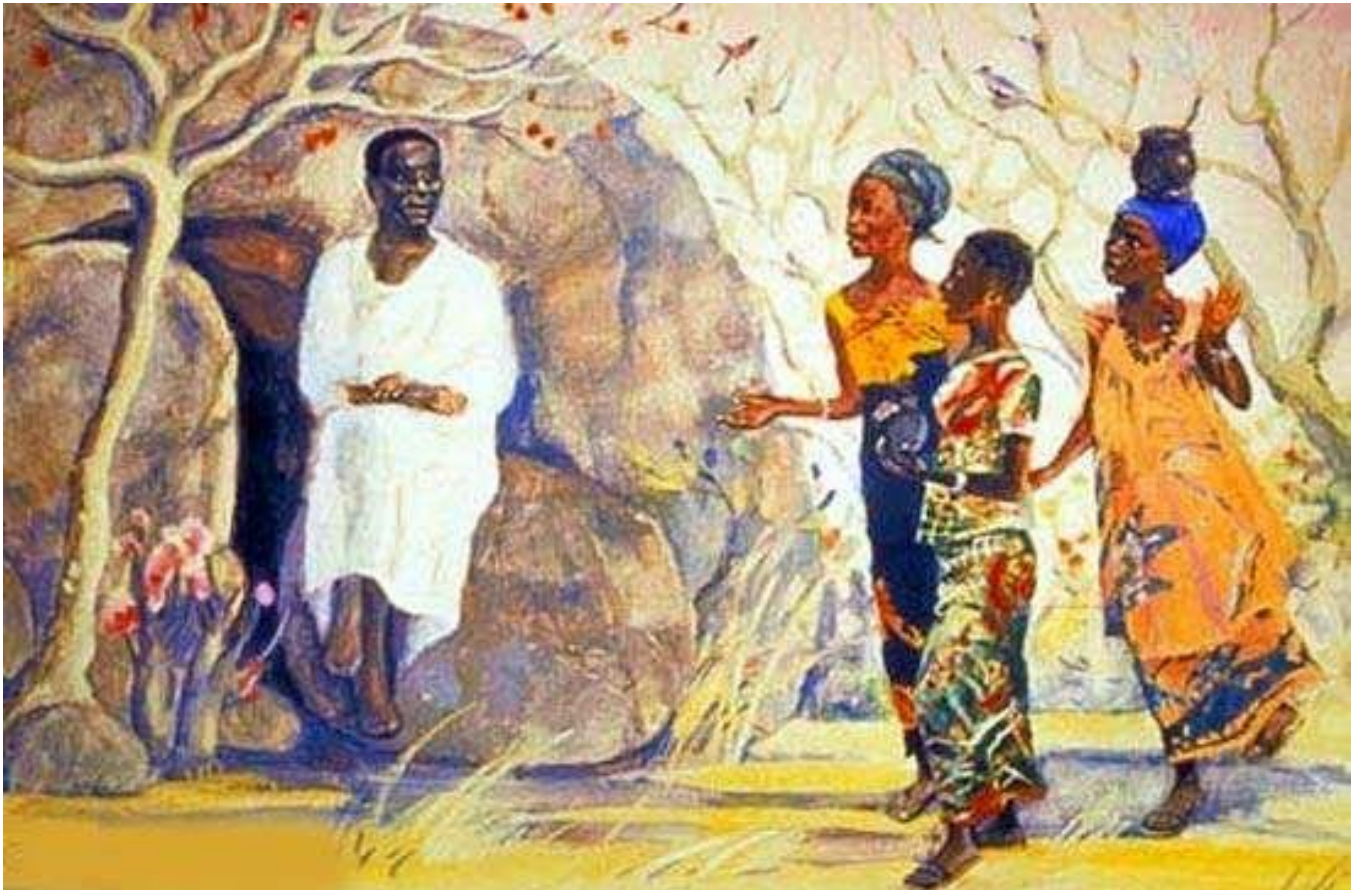
United Methodist Book of Worship

Christ Has Risen, So What's Next?

by Jennifer Hightower

It is the Monday after Easter Sunday and all the “good dishes” have been put away, and you, like most Christians are left wondering “now that Christ has risen, what’s next?”

Beginning the Monday after Easter Sunday, and ending on the 7th Sunday after Easter (Pentecost), Easter is not only a time to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, but a time to reflect on what it means to now be a part of the body of The Risen Lord.



During this season, it is important for us as followers of Jesus to focus on the core values of our faith while preparing ourselves for the ministries we as Christians are encouraged to share with others in Jesus’ name. Most churches will spend the next few weeks teaching the meaning of the sacraments (baptism and communion), while also inspiring members to discern and practice the spiritual gifts they received at the start of the Easter season.

Consider your Easter gifts and the ways you might use them to serve the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A little background music never hurts. As you ponder, enjoy these Easter gospel playlists curated for you on [Apple Music](#) and [Spotify](#).

Why Is Spring So Important?

by Don Norman

In spring a young man's or woman's thoughts turn to...

Fill in your word, but the optimum one here is **scholarships**. That is if he or she is a graduating high school senior or a continuing college student who knows about the monetary opportunities for education found at Holman UMC.

Each year thousands of dollars are given to students pursuing higher education who call Holman their church home. They have varied opportunities through men and women who have established grants that begin their first college/university enrollment for them through walking across the stage with their sheepskins. Success is just an application away.

The following are just three organizations that provide the opportunity to ensure that active enrollees are able to complete their quest for a degree. The Beta Chapter Double Ring Club, Alpha Phi Alpha, and the Holman United Women in Faith. They can be found through the Holman website with criteria and applications that have led to applicants who successfully received their awards.

Holman United Women in Faith sponsors the 2024 Claudia Whitmore/Beatrice Borders Memorial Scholarships for Holman women graduating high school and those continuing college/university classes. It was founded in 1975 making it the oldest grant provider at Holman. Students have participated in church school, Youth Ministries, choirs, Summer Bible Camp and other activities. Winners traditionally receive \$1000, although five students were given \$1200 each last year. Scholarship applications will be available beginning May 1 through June 15 of this year.

Aside from the application, an official transcript is required with a minimum 2.5 GPA, a 500-word essay describing academic, academic, church and extracurricular activity, and community volunteer participation. Also, two letters of reference from non-family members are needed. Contact Claudia Spears, Scholarship Committee Chair by e-mail at cispears1@aol.com or call (323) 294-8622. Full details can be also found at Holmanumc.com. Scholarships will be awarded at the United Women in Faith Whitmore/Borders Memorial Scholarship program on Sunday, June 23.

Beta Chapter Double Ring Club promotes the Alen Henry Memorial/ Permanent Endowment Scholarships. The grant was established in 1986 in honor of member Henry, an L.A. County Deputy Sheriff, who was slain in the line of duty. The Holman organization, founded in 1962, has awarded over \$86,000 to Holman members and those recommended by one who were graduating high school seniors and continuing college/university students. Either men or women are eligible.

Type-on applications can be accessed through the Holmanumc.com website. No hand-written applications will be accepted. Inquiries can be directed to Don A. Norman, (310) 892-6436. Deadline for all applications (delivered via mail or hand-carried) is May 15.

Alpha Phi Alpha has been providing \$1000 scholarships for Black men for 116 years through Mu Sigma Lambda. This year adds to that total. The organization reaches out each spring to men who are graduating from high school and accepted to a college or university. It ensures that those needing financial aid get it through the grants that are bestowed each spring. Criteria is based on having active community service, transcripts provided by an administrator at the current institution, which is mailed, and an original essay.

Applications and further information can be obtained via hearonnorman@gmail.com or Norman Hearon, (310) 487-3943. So Spring has sprung and the path to higher education awaits those who apply. There are others who want to give out scholarships to those who act before the deadlines, but that's another success story to come.



DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2024

ALPHA PHI ALPHA SCHOLARSHIP for
African American Men
Mu Sigma Lambda Chapter
Baldwin Hills/Culver City

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Where will you be in September? We'd like to feature you in the May *Bellringer*. Send us your happiest college acceptance photo - video for the digital *Bellringer* - along with your name, high school, and the college you'll attend next fall:

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March in Review





Clockwise from the top: Pastor Christian and Aleena King celebrate Easter; Pastor Washington preaches “The Significance of Jesus,” young acolytes Madysen Brown and Ayanna King serving at Easter services; family fun at the Easter photobooth; guest artist Joshua Williams poses with Tori Bailey, Ruby Brown, Rev. Chase, Michael Peters, and Stephen Brown.

Opposite, clockwise from top left: Spiritual Growth Circle meets every other month; Annie Stafford and family after Easter service; Quincy and Atta’ya Brown lead an Easter Children’s Moment.



Above: Members of In His Steps Liturgical Dance Ministry enjoy a jubilant moment at the photo-booth after dancing two Easter services; a packed House of God.

At left: Nicole Thomas-White and Beverly Thomas are the rock-star care team of Holman's newly reinstated nursery. Childcare is available during 8:00 a.m. and

Calling All Nonagenarians

We would like to interview you!



When Pastor Christian met **Mrs. Mary Johnson** at last month's Spiritual Growth Circle, he was astounded to hear that she drives to church from Rancho Cucamonga...weekly!

Inspired, he snapped a selfie with the stylish Holmanite and wrote "She's 96 and still DRIVES to church every Sunday from Rancho Cucamonga!!!" Enough said. Look for more about Ms. Johnson in our July issue.

Are you ready for *your* close-up? We'd love to interview you about life after 89.

Our July issue will spotlight Holmanites who have lived nine decades or more.

Please send us a photo with your contact information and the best times to reach you. We'll take it from there.

"She's 96 and still DRIVES to church every Sunday from Rancho Cucamonga!!!" - *Pastor Christian*

Centenarians welcome!

Send name, photo and contact info to:
caroline@holmanumc.com

God Is Good All the Time! Sharing My Testimony

by Sharon Jackson

It was Sunday, December 7th 2007. My husband and I were planning our day. We have three sons. The oldest was in the Navy; the second oldest, away in college; and my youngest, 17 years old, in high school, home with us.

That morning, I told my husband I was going to Holman UMC to do my hospitality volunteer work in the kitchen, and I asked him to bring our youngest son to church later that afternoon. I would drop them both off at their jobs. He said, "Okay, we will be there." We gave each other smooches and I was ready to go.

My parents came by to take me to church with them, so my husband could bring our son to church later.

My morning moved along. Everything was going smoothly when one of my son's best friends who was there at church for the youth group meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, came running into the kitchen with his eyes wide open, just staring at me.

I said, "Hi, how are you?"

He said, "Mrs. Jackson, I have to tell you something."

"What is it?" I asked. I knew that sometimes he liked to joke around. I was ready.

"Your son was shot."

"Okay," I said, "stop playing around."

He said it again, so I asked, "How do you know?"

"Mr. Jackson called me to let you know they took your son and himself in the ambulance and to let you know what

hospital they were going to."

It was Harbor General Hospital, way cross town. I couldn't understand why they took him so far when they could have taken him to Cedars-Sinai close by.



My heart dropped, and a tingling feeling came over me. All I could do was pray that he would be okay. I snapped into action.

Once I found out what hospital he was in, my adrenaline started rushing through me. I ran around letting my fellow hospitality volunteers know so they could take over the fellowship hour duties. I found my Dad and Mom and took them with me so they could see their grandson. I drove their car.

I also told Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who were over the youth group, and some of

the youth what had happened. When they asked, "What hospital is he in?" I told them and left.

I started to drive with my parents in the car in a hurry. I wanted to be there with my son. When a voice said slow down, my adrenaline slowed down, and I started to think more clearly. "Why am I driving so fast when I have my parents in the car with me?" I was in tears. I started praying again.

I knew now it was always in the Lord's hands, so whatever happened was up to the Lord. When we arrived at the hospital, which seemed to take forever, I saw my husband sitting with tears in his eyes. He said they wouldn't let anyone in.

I asked him calmly what had happened, and he said, "Our son was eager to drive to church with his driving permit, so he went out to the van in front of our place and sat waiting for me in the driver's seat. I had told him to wait. He was so excited to drive to church. The next thing you know, I hear lots of gunshots going off. I ran outside, and this gang was still shooting at him in the van.

"I thought he was gone. Then he popped out the passenger side in pain, and I grabbed him to pull him back inside our place and call the paramedics. He was bleeding from his backside. That group of guys finally left. When the paramedics got there, I called you but your phone was off, so I called his friend to let you know."

All I did was hug my husband. I looked up, and the whole youth roup my son was a part of was there, about 20 or more. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and even Rev. Smith came to the hospital. I was full of heartfelt joy with that much support. God was in the hospital lobby.

They made a huge circle in the middle of the hospital lobby, held hands with my

husband, parents and me, and prayed. Other people there were watching in amazement.

Meanwhile, no one knew my son's condition. So after we prayed, I went to the door where the security guard was standing and asked to see my son. He said, "No one can come in. Wait for the doctors to come out."

I told him I came across town to get there and I would like to be with my son. Something came over him, and he opened the door slightly and said in a low voice, "Only one person can com in." He told me the room number, so I went in.

When I got to my son's room, he was lying there with his eyes closed with an thin oxygen mask on his face. I grabbed his hand softly he opened his eyes and said Hi mom smiling and giggling like he had been drinking" They had given him strong pain medication.



The doctor came in and said He had a bullet in his left hip and he couldn't take it out because it would be to damage to his muscles and tendons to go in and cut it out, but he will be okay. I asked the doctor to let my husband come in so he could see his son, and he did.

When I saw my son's clothes with blood on them and several bullet holes in his coat, shirt, and pants, I knew that was a miracle and a blessing because only one bullet hit him in the side of his hip. He came home later that evening. Tears of joy. God is good all the time!

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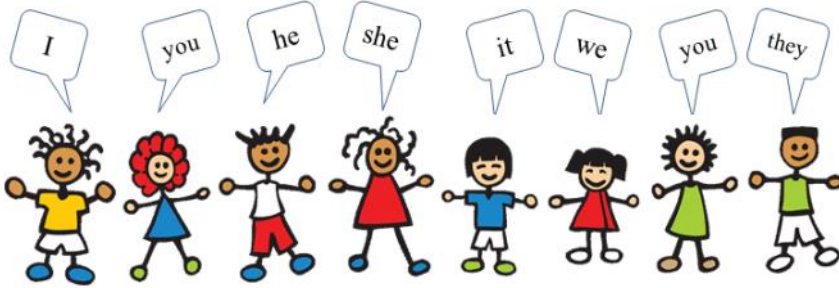
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Your feedback will greatly contribute to making Holman the best it can be!



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In the Black with Melitta

Building Wealth in the Black Community

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The National Association of Realtors proposed a settlement regarding Listing and Buying Agent compensation.

Fiction: 6% real estate commissions on selling a home are gone.

Truth: Real Estate commissions have always been negotiated in a real estate transaction.

Fiction: Sellers no longer need to compensate Buyer's agent.

Truth: Commissions have always been negotiable. Offering Buyer agent compensation is a choice made by the Seller in their consultation listing appointment.

Fiction: The settlement will change the way people buy and sell home sell homes in America.

Truth: Good real estate professionals will continue to help Buyers and Sellers navigate one of the most complex transactions in their lives.

What continues to be important is that you consult with a trusted real estate agent/advisor to help you understand your options.

Lead with love,
Melitta Johnson, MHA

Want to learn more? Call or text me at
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Melitta Johnson, MHA, grew up at Holman United Methodist Church. She is the daughter of the late Michael and Mrs. Annie Stafford.

Mission: To increase wealth and share information in the Black community.

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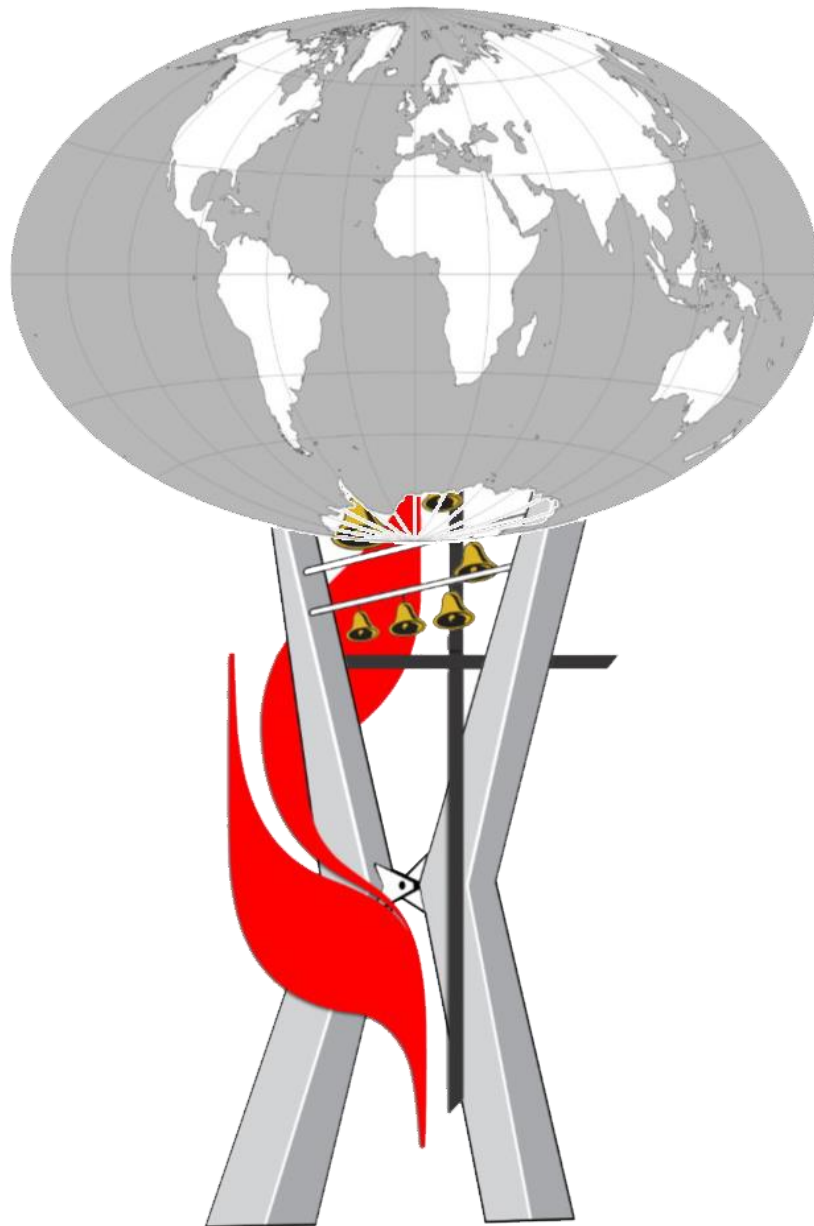
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