Chinese church digs in to expansion

BY HOLLY MCCRAY

A ram’s horn sounded, balloons sailed skyward, and good guys in white hats turned over a row of earth as Edmond Chinese International United Methodist Church broke ground May 29 for an activity building.

In Chinese and English, participants sang “Hosanna” and “To God Be the Glory” at the ground breaking. This growing faith community soon will have 11,000 more square feet for ministry on its property at 321 W. Eighth St. They are nearing the fundraising goal of $1.25 million, according to Senior Pastor Puong Lau. Assistant pastor is John Roper.

Edmond Chinese UMC in 2009 acquired the property, with an existing church building of 5,739 square feet — yet even as they moved in, the people were overflowing it.

By year’s end 2014, worship attendance was averaging 141, and 13 people had been received on Professions of Faith, according to Pastor Roper. “We started our days early and ended with prayers,” he said. This ministry vis-à-vis the outside world is the church’s plan.

Leaders turn the earth May 29 at the ground breaking for Edmond Chinese International’s new multipurpose facility. From second right are: Assistant Pastor John Roper; Senior Pastor Puong Lau; District Superintendent Rockford Johnson; Scott Zerger, Building Committee chairperson; and Kung Sing Ting, Administrative Council chairperson.

International students ... many with no prior experience of Christianity, find a welcome at this young, energetic church. Edmond Chinese International UMC has a well-defined plan for making disciples of Jesus Christ. The church is operating at maximum capacity in its current facility — and bursting at the seams ... Young adults and children of varied nationalities are eagerly welcoming the opportunity to become disciples.”

‘We share in the mission of making new places for new people’ — Superintendent Rockford Johnson

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PHOTOS BY HOLLY MCCRAY

Children track a balloon whisked away by wind May 29 as Edmond Chinese International United Methodist Church marks the start of construction on a multipurpose building. The existing church is in background. Above, Kent Johnson blows a shofar, the signal for breaking ground.

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Prayer sustains delegate

BY JANET MILLEN

As a first-timer I wasn’t quite sure what to expect May 10-20 at the denomination’s General Conference 2016. I appreciated the experiences and hints that past and current delegates shared with me over the course of the last year.

I joined with many others in our Conference in praying leading up to GC, during GC, and since GC. I read the Advanced Daily Christian Advocate (which has all the petitions, general agency reports, agenda, and more), especially studying what related to discipleship, since that was my legislative committee assignment.

I packed my bags. I was ready to fly to Portland, Ore., and meet up with the other Oklahoma delegates. Still, part of me was unsure of what I was getting myself into!

Waiting for a plane at the DFW airport, I noticed a familiar sight on the TV screens. Tornadoes had touched down in my beloved state. In the report: Elmore City, Wynnewood, Sulphur, Roff, Ada... My heart was beating fast. Do I get on this connecting flight? My phone began buzzing with text messages; some people didn’t know I already was en route to GC 2016.

As I moved closer to boarding, I said a prayer to God, asking God to protect my family, friends, and my ECU Wesley students. I admitted to God that there was nothing I could do in that moment to help physically but that praying was plenty. God had this. God didn’t need me second-guessing His ability to take care of those I love.

I boarded that plane with a plan: I would purchase the in-flight texting option to stay in contact with those in the Ada area. Best.Decision.Ever. It was comforting.

Arriving in Portland, the presence of the global Church was beautiful! So many United Methodists in one airport! Hearing the different languages gave me chills. Yes, at the airport even!

We started our days early and ended
Mom, son journey Jesus road

BY KAREN SLATER

You sit beneath an ancient olive tree in the Garden of Gethsemane, sail on the Sea of Galilee, follow the path Jesus walked, and stand inside the dungeon where he was imprisoned overnight. The emotions are overwhelming when you experience the places where Our Lord and Savior lived and died.

As a pastor, I had been privileged to visit Israel in the past. But to do so in March with my son, John, was a gift far surpassing anything I might have on a bucket list.

Nothing could have prepared John and me for the grace showered over us as we journeyed into another time and place. We toured the Holy Land with a group led by Kirk Norman, an Oklahoma City pastor and son of the late Revs. Bill and Randa Norman.

One-on-one time with John was itself a treat. As parents know, regardless of our children’s ages and life experiences, they always remain our children. To witness John drink in this sacred experience filled my heart with joy.

The highlight of our trip had to be when I baptized John in the Jordan River. We both had anticipated it with awe.

When our turn came, I looked into the face of my grown child as he contemplated the power of the moment. Words were unavailable, and words were unnecessary. We both knew we were in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and we felt the warmth of that grace.

As I lowered him, I could feel him shaking with emotion. Coming out of the water, his tears flowing freely, he bowed his head in humble gratitude.

Thank you, sweet Jesus, for the grace and blessings that you continue to shower on your sons and daughters. Love without measure.

(Rev. Slater has begun her sixth year as pastor at Waurika United Methodist Church.)

Karen Slater of Waurika baptizes her son, John, in the Jordan River.

‘It was His plan all along’

BY JOHN GAYHART

To experience this trip with my Mom seemed to bring completion to the full circle of her influence on me. With Jesus as the foundation of our family and of our relationship, it was only fitting that she and I experienced this together. It was His plan all along.

The Lord showed up that week, locked my Mom and me arm-in-arm, and made very clear that was where we were supposed to be. Together.

School of Religion graduates 10

The Wimberly School of Religion graduated a class of 10 religion majors in May at Oklahoma City University. We celebrate the accomplishments of these fine young people and commend them on their continued journeys.

Philip Younts credits two classes, Contemporary Theology and Theology in Youth Ministry, with challenging him and causing him to grow in his faith. “Each of these classes caused me to think more deeply than I ever had before. I was able to develop my own beliefs while also gaining an appreciation for why others may believe the way that they do.” He received a fellowship from Saint Paul School of Theology and will study at the seminary’s campus in Leawood, Kan., while serving a student appointment in the Great Plains Conference.

Carly Dipboye and Claire Baer earned degrees in Religious Education. Dipboye hopes to serve children or families through work in nonprofit agencies. She particularly enjoyed writing curriculum in one of Dr. Leslie Long’s classes. Baer will work in the children’s ministry at First UMC, Wichita Falls, Texas.

After serving as an intern in the OCU Wesley Center for two years, Michael Horn will serve as the director of youth ministries at New Life UMC in Moore.

Jimmie Willis begins his post-college life in Seattle, Wash., at Greg’s Cycles, and Alexander Ramsey’s immediate plans are to continue as a manager at Frontier City in Oklahoma City.

Three weeks after graduation, John Hiller and Hannah Lampi were married at Faith UMC in Tulsa. This summer they will move to North Carolina, where both will enter Duke Divinity School in the fall. Lampi expressed appreciation for several classes including Long’s class Leadership in Christian Education, where she identified her administrative strengths. Dr. John Starkey’s class on the history of Christian spirituality helped her understand that a person’s faith may continue to grow while remaining deeply rooted in the tradition of the church. While studying Celtic Christianity with Rev. Rodney Newman, she wrote, she was “exposed to a completely new level of beauty and transcendence in Christianity.”

In Starkey’s Contemporary Theology class during his junior year, Hiller said, he was able to think about theology on his own for the first time. “Dr. Starkey helped me understand the beliefs that I grew up with in a more in-depth way. During the class I was able to form my own conclusions by learning the tools of the trade of theological studies.”

Olivia Coil said that Long’s class Theology in Youth Ministry was special because it encouraged her to think about and to articulate what she believes. She hopes to work in local church youth ministry.

Taylor Barnett plans to enter OCU’s graduate program for professional counseling this fall. Upon completion of the two-year program, she hopes to work for an agency or open a private practice specializing in grief therapy, especially serving UMC clergy families.

Barnett is thankful for each of her professors who cared for her when she was grieving the death of her father, which occurred during her first year at OCU.

While Taylor worked on her senior thesis paper, Starkey encouraged her to pursue her passion in helping others during times of grief and loss. She appreciates how he allowed her “the space to discover this on my own and then, once realized, he affirmed me in my decision.”

Her time at OCU has been a blessing. “I’ve seen the love of God present in each person I’ve encountered while at OCU.”
Hope Planned Out – Part 2

Pearl Opel Thorpe lived in a small house near Utica Square in Tulsa. She was a collector of art, dolls, and hats. Preferring to be called Opel, she was a warm and eccentric woman who always dressed in bright, matching colors. She had that jovial sort of kindness about her; the kind where you felt absolutely welcomed in her presence.

Aside from Opel's interesting personality and surroundings, she had a deep care for homeless and abused women and their children. She hadn't necessarily experienced homelessness or abuse herself, yet she had a deep passion for helping those who were left unsupported and unloved.

You see, Ms. Thorpe was an elderly woman in her 90s and couldn't do much to actually help the women about whom she truly cared—or could she? Many conversations and meetings over several years with David Battles from the Foundation helped her to find a way to make a positive impact on homeless and abused women and their children.

HOPE BEYOND LIFE

Pearl Opel Thorpe was 93 years old before she made a plan in her trust. She wrote out the hopes and dreams she had to change lives of so many women and named the Foundation as the successor trustee. We have since carried out her dream along with the United Methodist Circle of Care in the ministry called Pearl's Hope. Read more online about Pearl's Hope at: circleofcare.org/ministries/programs/pearlshope.

DO YOU WANT TO TELL A BETTER STORY?

Contact David Battles at 800-259-6863 or dbattles@okumf.org for information on how you can tell a Better Story through a legacy gift.
Sanctuary updates complete at Quayle

BY ALOISE MCCULLOUGH

Over 100 members and friends of Quayle UMC gathered April 17 to dedicate the renovated sanctuary, the start of a new chapter for the northeast Oklahoma City church.

The milestone celebration was an ecumenical one, with clergy guests from several denominations and from as far away as Louisiana.

Among them were: Jesse Jackson of East Sixth Street Christian Church; James Dunbar of Greater Cleaves Memorial CME Church; Derrick Hills of St. Mark UMC, Baton Rouge, La.; Mike Wiley of the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation; Nicholas Lee of OKC-The Christ Experience UMC; and Nancy McCullough of Nicoma Park and Spencer UMCs.

Before Crossroads District Superintendent Rockford Johnson led The Litany of Consecration, he emphasized the importance of renewal in the life of churches.

“The burden that has been on my heart for our churches is rooted in the word ‘renovate,’ to make new again, to renew,” he said. “To renovate — you thrive.”

Senior Pastor Victor McCullough shared “The Vision of Renewing God’s House, Restoring Our Community.” The purpose of the renovation was greater functionality so the church can be of use to the wider community, he said.

Jerome Browne, Lifestyle Stewardship Committee chairperson, and Jacqueline Devereaux agreed. Ongoing giving will support other phases of renovation.

“God has done such a marvelous thing, blessing us to begin a project and see it to this point,” Rev. Dr. McCullough said. “It was appropriate for us to call out to our friends and say, ‘Hey, will you come and help us to celebrate what God has done?’ We have completed this phase, and we’re grateful to God.”

Rev. Jackson cautioned church members against “settling.” He said, “You aren’t at your stopping point yet.”

Music, dance, and mime were key in the worship. Performing were: the Quayle Mass Choir and Band, led by Jessie Wesley and featuring youth pianist Elmer Carter; musicians from East Sixth Street Church and The Christ Experience; mime by Jesus Puppet Ministry; and dance ministry by Telana McCullough.

Employment

Two posts: Administrative Assistant/Director of Communications (full-time) and Youth Director (part-time). OKC-Quail Springs UMC. Submit resume to david.clewell@qsumc.org

Music Director: Tahlequah-First UMC. Part-time. Send resume to: James Graham, 300 W. Delaware, Tahlequah, OK 74464 or email james.graham@tahlequahumc.org

Youth Leader: Perkins-First. Part-time. Must be able to teach youth Sunday school and attend church. Email stevenecundiff@hotmail.com

Director of Youth Ministries: Poteau UMC. Part-time. Inquire or resume to pastor@poteauumc.org

Family Ministries Coordinator: OKC-Village UMC. Part-time. Call Julie at 751-8116 or email jwhitson@villagemethodist.org

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CHAMPIONS OF CLERGY EDUCATION — For establishing two seminary fellowships, the Lemon Family and the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation were honored by Saint Paul School of Theology at an April 28 banquet, held at OKC-Church of the Servant. The awards were accepted by Larry Lemon, left, and Bill Junk, right, shown with Nancy Howell, acting seminary president, and Bishop Robert Hayes. The Saint Paul at OCU Fellows program provides each recipient a full scholarship, real-world ministry experience in a church, and a mentor. Michael Carpenter and Matthew Patrick are the current Fellows. In the next Contact: Class of 2016 graduates.

Passages

Ann Coley of Yukon died May 17. She was the mother of Rev. Dianne Peters, pastor at OKC-Crown Heights.

Bill Harrison of Lindsay died May 5. He was the father of Rev. Robert Harrison, pastor at Okeene.

Birth

Violet Taylor Brinson was born May 20, 2016. She is the daughter of Crystal and Rev. Adam Brinson, pastor at St. Paul UMC in Muskogee.
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Mission u
LEARNING TOGETHER FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

All creation is the Lord’s, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God’s creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation.

Thus begins the “natural world” section of The United Methodist Social Principles. What does this mean and how do we do it?

In one of the Oklahoma Conference’s newest churches, it is an integral part of identity.

The pastor of what eventually became Mosaic UMC, Rev. Scott Spencer points to a long history of focusing on social justice issues as the reason that a focus on the environment was placed in the merger document of the former Epworth and Leland Clegg UMCs in Oklahoma City.

Pat Hoerth, Mosaic UMC member and author of the Mission u children’s study regarding climate justice, leads the environmental team at the young church. They are actively engaged in creation care and climate justice.

“We recycle and take it to a recycling center. We collect medicine bottles, and a member of the team takes them to a free clinic. We invite people to bring their own dishes to potlucks. We also bought compostable bowls, plates, and utensils for people who don’t bring their own dishes. And we take the used compostables to an urban farms composting operation,” according to Hoerth.

A special interest in environmental issues will be only one of three areas of study at this year’s session of Mission u. Studies are also offered in areas of spiritual growth and mission around the world.

A UNIQUE PEDAGOGY
Each year the Mission u spiritual growth study focuses on the interaction of your interior spiritual life and the world in which you live. The geographic study highlights a particular country, exploring the faith, culture, and mission connections in the featured location. The special interest study focuses on areas of interest to those in the church.

While a new spiritual growth study is offered every year, the geographic and special interest studies rotate every two years.

This year’s spiritual growth study examines the connection between the Bible and human sexuality. For the second and final year, the people and faith of those living in Latin America is the focus of the geographic study. For the first of two years, climate justice is the special interest study.

Study leaders, selected for their expertise in particular areas, are intentionally not called teachers at Mission u. They facilitate learning among participants using a variety of methods including small-group discussions, reports, journaling, and intimate worship services by focusing on a common text produced by United Methodist Women.

128-YEAR HISTORY

In 2009, national UMW Executive Secretary Harriet Jane Olson reflected on the history of the mission education program exemplified by Mission u today. Those involved with the humble beginnings could not have imagined the thousands who will participate this year.

The foundation was laid at the 1888 London Missionary Conference with the establishment of the World’s Missionary Committee. At their meeting in 1900, a committee was formed to provide “reliable information about mission.”

What would be included? Quite simply a history of mission and contextual study about mission with women and girls, with the focus being what was happening “on the ground.”

While the format has changed throughout the years, engaging the cutting edge of current events has been a hallmark of the mission education program since its inception.

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

Conference Global Mission Secretary Karen Distefano attended Mission u for the first time in 2015. When asked about how she made connections between her global mission focus with what happens at Mission u, she was quick to respond that mission is doing things “with” and not “for” people.

How does that happen? Distefano added that it happens in “a way that brings justice, dignity, and empowerment. For mission ventures to be successful, we must be educated about the issues confronting the people with whom we serve. We need to know the history, current circumstances, their goals, and hopes.

“This education focus is what is central to a Mission u experience. It happens through well-crafted studies on a variety of present-day issues and challenges. They are presented in ways that allow participants to begin to understand very complex issues. The classes were wonderful, and the worship services, powerful. If anyone is considering going, go!” Distefano concluded.
A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

JO ELLEN REED

For many of us, summertime will include some time away from our regular routine. Maybe that is why we hold Mission u in July at Oklahoma City University. We invite you to break your routine by coming for a unique learning experience with us.

There will be opportunities to think about your spirit and to breathe deeply of the Holy Spirit. There are studies for children and youth, too — it can be a family time. Continuing education credit (1 unit) is available to pastors. Also Lay Servants (lay speakers) may count their participation as advanced course study.

Mission u provides ways for everyone to learn more about mission. We will have tours of Neighborhood Services Organization, worship, singing, focus groups, and time with one of our missionaries. You won’t want to miss all that is planned.

See you in July.

THE BIBLE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

This year’s spiritual growth study invites us to explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality. We will also examine the influence of theologians and church leaders throughout thousands of years of Judeo-Christian history. Finally, we will consider the influence of family systems, heritage, and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality. We will also examine the influence of theologians and church leaders throughout thousands of years of Judeo-Christian history. Finally, we will consider the influence of family systems, heritage, and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality.

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Rev. Susan Southall is an Elder in the Oklahoma Annual Conference. She also worked for 19 years for Shell Oil Co. before answering the call into ministry, so she brings both the perspective of a pastor and the perspective of someone in the secular world to her view of life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

“I always enjoy the opportunity to be a part of Mission u! This summer’s spiritual growth study looks particularly interesting. It will help us learn what the scriptures teach us about the basic goodness of all creation. How wonderful it will be to be reminded that we are all beloved children of God who live in a world which is greatly loved by God. I believe this study will help us consider how to best claim our ‘belovedness’ while also recognizing it in the people and the very creation all around us. I look forward to growing in faith with each participant in this summer’s Mission u!”

—Susan Southall

KAY ANTINORO

“Out of retirement,” Kay Antinoro is delighted to return to the Oklahoma Conference for this summer’s Mission u! It is here that she began leading mission studies 43 years ago. That experience led to leadership in other schools and conferences and invitations to lead studies in Regional Schools across the country.

It nurtured a faith journey that led to full-time educational ministry at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church in Norman, where Kay retired in 2013 after 31 years on staff and where she remains an active member. Antinoro holds degrees from the University of Oklahoma in English and Higher Education. She and Joe celebrated 50 years of partnership last summer and enjoy parenting friendships with their adult children, a family in Denver, one in Norman, and four grandchildren.

LATIN AMERICA: PEOPLE & FAITH

We are in the Americas. In a certain sense this mission study is about us. We share the same corner of the world, we are neighbors, we are interconnected, but really the study is about another America – Latin America, a concept created in the economic and political realm. The definition and list of countries that form the region change depending on the intended goal. Most of this study will be focused on the Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking countries and the Caribbean Islands, like Cuba, but when relevant to the theme, the English- and French-speaking Caribbean Islands (such as Haiti) are included.

Rev. John D. “Rusty” Williams is a native of Oklahoma. He grew up between Greenleaf and Tenkiller Lakes.

He attended Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Tulsa University, and Phillips Theological Seminary. He married Shirley Goss, and they have two children. His hobbies are cooking and gardening.

Rusty taught Spanish at Broken Arrow High School before entering ordained ministry. When he was a child he traveled in Mexico and developed a fascination for Latin America. He has made multiple mission trips to Mexico and Bolivia. He has also made trips to El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Uruguay.

On Saturday night, Mission u participants will have a chance to tour the new dental facility, which opened in October. After a four-year capital campaign, this new facility provides care to more than 6,000 patients a year.
Mission u participants will also be donating items for hygiene kits for NSO.

Please bring any of the items listed below with you to Mission u. The packaging of kits will take place on Saturday afternoon. You will find collection boxes near the registration area.

Because Delta Dental already supplies toothpaste and toothbrushes, we are collecting these items:

• deodorant  • body soap
• shampoo  • shower gel
• conditioner  • hand lotion

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**MISSION OFFERING**

With an emphasis on two of this year’s mission studies—Latin America and Climate Justice—this year’s mission offering will benefit ADVANCE Project #3020559, which focuses on advancing food security through organic agriculture in Brazil.

Despite Brazil’s sparkling new reputation of growth, the nation harbors some of the most destitute regions in Latin America. This ADVANCE project is aimed at reducing hunger among farming families through training programs.

The goals of the project are two-fold:

1) strengthening organic, locally based farming initiatives through the organization of yearlong training-of-trainers at the MST’s National Agroecology Training School, and

2) disseminating these sustainable agriculture practices to formerly landless farmers in the Northeastern states of Maranhão and Pernambuco through demonstration projects.

Your mission giving will assist this worthwhile project.

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**Studios**

**CLIMATE JUSTICE: CALL TO HOPE AND ACTION**

This study will deepen your understanding and awareness of climate change and its impact on God’s creation. The study highlights justice, peace, and integrity of creation as important dimensions of partnering in God’s mission today. It offers participants biblical, theological, and ethical insights as the basis of their advocacy on climate justice in churches and in the public sphere.

MARK DAVIES

Rev. Dr. Mark Davies is the Wimberly Professor of Social and Ecological Ethics and Director of the World House Institute for Social and Ecological Responsibility at Oklahoma City University.

Dr. Davies is an ordained elder in the Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church. From 2009 to 2015, Mark was dean of the Petree College of Arts and Sciences and Wimberly Professor of Social Ethics at OCU. Previously, Mark was dean of the Wimberly School of Religion at OCU and Founding Director of the Vivian Wimberly Center for Ethics and Servant Leadership. Prior to becoming dean of the Wimberly School of Religion in 2002, he was associate dean of the Petree College of Arts and Sciences at OCU and chair of the department of philosophy.

Mark has published in the areas of Boston personalism, process philosophy and ethics, and ecological ethics. Dr. Davies serves on the United Methodist University Senate, which is “an elected body of professionals in higher education created by the General Conference to determine which schools, colleges, universities, and theological schools meet the criteria for listing as institutions affiliated with The United Methodist Church.”

He and his wife, Kristin, live in Edmond, Oklahoma, and they have two daughters.

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**Youth and Children**

**Weekend school only | Topic – Climate Justice**

**Youth Leader**

MICHAEL BARTLEY

Rev. Michael R. Bartley is the executive director of the Wesley Foundation at Oklahoma State University, a position he’s held for 20 years.

He is an experienced thinker and teacher. Michael has spent significant time traveling throughout the United States, Central, and South America. He is deeply committed to the philosophical conversations with and between various religious traditions.

Michael is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and Duke University. Michael has significant experience in board development, fundraising, program development, evaluation, and leadership. Michael is committed to working for social justice and peace.

Michael is the father of three grown daughters. In his free time, he enjoys bike riding, cave diving, reptiles, hiking, sailing, reading, and taking risks that others think are crazy.

**Children’s Leader**

PAT HOERTH

Pat Hoerth is a United Methodist deaconess, serving at Turtle Rock Farm: A Center for Spirituality, Sustainability and Healing. There, in north central Oklahoma on a centennial farm on the Great Plains, she leads retreats that help guests connect with creation and learn ways to live more sustainably with the great web of life. She also leads workshops and retreats to help people experience the city in nature, and supports the work of an urban farm in Oklahoma City.

Pat is the author of the children’s study on climate justice, called God’s Extravagant Garden. What a privilege it is to have the author of the study leading our class! Pat writes daily on the Turtle Rock Farm blog.

A certified spiritual director, Pat received her training at Red Plains Monastery in Piedmont, Oklahoma. She received her M.T.S. and M.Div. from Phillips Theological Seminary; her B.S., in journalism, is from Oklahoma State University.

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**BOOKS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT MISSION U! HOWEVER YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO READ THE STUDY TEXT BEFORE CLASS TO GET MORE OUT OF THE CLASS.**

**FUTURE STUDIES**

2017: A Covenantal Community • The Missionary Conferences of the UMC • Climate Justice

2018: Seeking Health and Wholeness • The Missionary Conferences of the UMC • What about our money?

2019: Gospel of Mark • United Methodist Women’s History (special anniversary study) • What about our money?
Oklahoma Conference MISSION u

Adult Registration Form

- Weekend School, Friday-Sunday, July 22-24, 2016
- One Day Plus School, Sunday night-Monday, July 24-25, 2016

Studies - Mark your 1st and 2nd choices:

- The Bible and Human Sexuality
- Latin America
- Climate Justice

Name ______________________ Preferred name _____________________
Contact phone (______) ______________
Age __________________________
Address ______________________________________________________
City __________________________ State ___________ Zip _____________
Email __________________________ Cell (______) _______________
Relationship __________________________
Church __________________________
District __________________________

Sunday School:

- Adult full package includes tuition, housing, and meals $135.00
- Commuter package with meals (not staying on campus) 105.00
- Commuter package without meals ___________________________ 65.00

Meal tickets available for purchase at registration desk

Amount Enclosed $ ________________

One Day Plus School:

- Adult full package includes tuition, housing, and meals $80.00
- Commuter package with lunch (not staying on campus) 55.00

Housing will be in 2- and 4-bedroom suites with full-size beds.

Prices include a study book for registrations received by June 1.

Child Registration Form

Study — Climate Justice

July 22-24, 2016 — Weekend only
Children’s School — first through sixth grades

Name ______________________ Your relation to child ________________
Date of birth _____/_____/_____ Grade in Fall 2016 ________________
Address ______________________________________________________
City __________________________ State ___________ Zip _____________
Child / full package per child ___________________________ $85.00
Commuter package with meals ___________________________ $45.00
Commuter package without meals ___________________________ $25.00

WHAT TO BRING:

- Bring Bible, notebook, pen & pencils, flashlight, casual clothing, jacket or sweater, swimsuit, comfortable walking shoes, rain apparel, twin-size bed linens, pillows, blankets, towels & wash clothes, and personal hygiene items. Leave your cellphones at home – bring an alarm clock!
Oklahoma Conference 2016-17 Appointments

(Boldface words signify clergy and parish changes.)

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Associate ............................... Devon Krause
Erick .......................................... Jack Atkinson
Fairview/Catesby ................. Mike Mahaffey
Fay ............................................. Larry Harlan
Freedom/Quinlan ................. Scott Ware
Gate ........................................... Donny Mapahe
Guymon, Victory Memorial ...... Gary Holdeman
Associate ............................... Tino Espinoza
Hardy ................................. Tony Aton
Hocker/Tywayne ................... Craig Denslow
Hydro ....................................... Ed Uhlig
Keyes/Marella ...................... Dwight Odell
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