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April 17, 2019

SOUL FOOD

A Rocky Road to Easter



How difficult must it have been for Jesus to face his final hours not knowing whether his followers could carry on the mission that he launched? It is beyond the imagination of most of us to conceive all that Jesus was feeling and facing during this time that we have come to call "Holy Week." Ushered into Jerusalem with the shouts of "Hosanna," and received as a fulfillment to prophecy one day, confronting

and challenging political, military, and religious leadership in days following, saying goodbye and being arrested, tried, beaten, and crucified. Few of us can fathom the stress and emotion of this time. And Jesus questioned whether his closest friends and followers ever fully grasped what was to come. Peter's denial. Judas' betrayal. The abandonment of the remaining disciples. The rejection of the crowds. The mockery. The agony. Feeling forsaken.

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LATEST CONFERENCE NEWS

Missionary Hyo-Won Park Visiting Wisconsin during Holy Week

Rev. Hyo-Won Park serves as a new church planter in St. Petersburg, Russia. Appleton: Zion UMC is hosting Hyo-Won for Lenten Worship service Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. Monroe United Methodist Church is hosting him for Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to invite Rev. Hyo-Won to visit your church and speak about his ministry, contact Conference Mission Secretary [Ben Morris](#). **[READ MORE](#)**

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Communications & IT Staff Updates

As the Communications & IT Department has gone through changes over the past year, we recognize that there has been some confusion over who to contact within the department. Roy Noriega is the Information Technology Administrator and Chrissy Graham is the Coordinator of Communications. **[READ MORE](#)**

CONNECTIONAL NEWS

Bishop's Holy Week Letter Urges Forgiveness

Bishop Ken Carter, the president of the Council of Bishops, has called on United Methodists to use the Holy Week to forgive one another and to seek forgiveness in return. [Read press release](#). [Read letter](#).

How Will Denominational Divide Affect Mission?

During their spring meeting, directors of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries expressed pain over the deep divide that has occurred since the special General Conference and concern about how that divide will affect mission work and mission giving. Linda Bloom reports. [Read story.](#)

Global Ministries Launches New Website and Resources

Global Ministries is pleased to announce the release of their new website. Specialized resources for leaders will be added to the site in the coming weeks, including curriculum from the Center of Mission Innovation. [Explore the site.](#)

200 Years of 'Answering the Call' to Mission

From a salute to a pioneer among the Wyandotte to a call to engage global youth, a United Methodist event reconsiders the nature of mission. Linda Bloom reports. [Read story.](#)

Leaders Pursue Plan for New U.S. Structure

Despite concerns the plan will be engulfed by the homosexuality debate, the Connectional Table is submitting legislation to create a decision-making body on U.S. matters. Heather Hahn reports. [Read story.](#)

Commentary: General Conference Broken, Annual Conferences Work

The Rev. Lovett H. Weems Jr. says the current governance structure does not fit the realities of a global United Methodist Church. In a commentary, the senior consultant at the Lewis Center for Church Leadership suggests General Conference should focus on theological and historical identity, mission and values, while annual conferences focus on context-sensitive structure and regulations, including clergy standards. [Read commentary.](#)

REMINDERS

Register for Annual Mission Luncheon at Annual Conference 2019

Persons with an interest in the mission activities of the Wisconsin Annual Conference are invited to attend the Annual Mission Luncheon on Sunday, June 16. To attend this luncheon, please contact [Mary Balson](#) by May 20, 2019. [READ MORE](#)

May 1 Deadline for Annual Conference Award Nominations

Nominations for the following Annual Conference Awards are now being accepted: Thelma W. Gregg, Harry Denman, Love in Action, Perry Saito, Francis Asbury and Lois C. Olsen "Ministry of Memory" Award. [READ MORE](#)

Register for Blueprint for Wellness

All participants in the HealthFlex active health insurance plan are encouraged to sign up for the BluePrint for Wellness health check during Annual Conference. Register by June 1, 2019. [READ MORE](#)

Celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday on May 5

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries and you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ. [Download Pastor and Leader's Kit.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Strategies and Strengths Discovery Day for Planting New Ministries

May 7, 2019 at Bashford UMC. Registration deadline: April 26. [READ MORE](#)

2019 Summer Camp Programs

WIUMCamps offers a variety of programs for campers of different ages and interests. [Learn more.](#)

ERT Training

June 1, 2019 at New Lisbon: Winding Rivers UMC. [Register here.](#)

Annual Conference 2019

June 14-17, 2019 at the Green Bay KI Convention Center. Early bird registration ends May 17. [READ MORE](#)

Ride the Bus to YOUTH 2019

If you are headed to YOUTH 2019 with your church, join other Wisconsin churches on the bus ride to Kansas City on July 10, 2019 and back on July 14. [Register here.](#) Registration deadline: May 20, 2019

Bishop Jung's Interfaith Retreat and Bus Tour

July 12-13, 2019 in Madison, WI. Registration deadline: July 8, 2019. [READ MORE](#)

Boundaries Training

It is mandatory for all pastors serving local churches to attend before 2020. There are three sessions scheduled in October of 2019 for any pastors who did not attend one in 2017. [Register here.](#)

2019 Spiritual Formation Academy: Boundless Compassion in a Broken World

October 27 – November 1, 2019 at the Siena Retreat Center. Early registration ends July 1. [READ MORE](#)

HELP WANTED

[Office Administrator \(Part-Time\)](#)

[UM Hospitals Ministry Chaplain \(Part Time\)](#)

[Director of Music and/or Organist/Pianist](#)

[Office Manager \(Part-Time\)](#)

[Music Ministry Coordinator \(Part-Time\)](#)

[Director of Children and Family Ministries \(Part-Time\)](#)

[Youth Ministry Coordinator \(Part-Time\)](#)

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

[The Last Supper Recreation \(Marshfield\)](#) (Wed Apr 17 @ 7:00PM)

[Free Community Easter Meal \(Madison\)](#) (Sun Apr 21 @ 12:30PM)

[Spring Pork Chop Dinner \(Union Grove\)](#) (Sat Apr 27 @ 3:30PM)

[Leading in a Rapidly Changing World \(Sun Prairie\)](#) (Mon Apr 29 @ 11:00AM)

[Lyons Lecture with Brian McLaren \(Madison\)](#) (Sat May 04 @ 9:00AM)

[Workshop for Teens \(Milwaukee\)](#) (Sat May 04 @ 1:00PM)

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INPUT FOR ENEWS

If you have a Conference-related event, a hallelujah moment or a newsworthy story that you want included in ENEWS, or if you have a suggestion for ENEWS, contact: mediacontact@wisconsinumc.org. Please send your submissions by the Friday prior to the week you would like the information featured. Note that ENEWS is also posted weekly on the [Wisconsin Conference](#) website. If you experience a web problem after hours, please report the issue to 608-729-4349.



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