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Make checks payable to UMCD. Mail check and registration form to:
Wineva Hankamer, 5629 Kingwood Drive, Kingwood TX 77345

Questions? contact Rev. Wineva Hankamer at 281 360-4500 (v/tty) or winevah@yahoo.com

Correction to original registration mailed earlier: Sue Thomas, the real person behind the Pax TV hit: Sue Thomas, F B Eye will NOT be speaking at the conference as originally scheduled.

Pre-Conference Events:

Interpreters Workshop "To Faithfully Render the Message"
Thursday, July 19, 2007 8:00am til 4:00pm
Facilitated by Michelle Menefee Cost for Workshop: \$35.00
Best to arrive on Wednesday, July 18, 2007

Working lunch is included and .75 CEU's (pending RID approval).
On your own for other meals. See room estimates under Hotel Information on page 4. Find a roommate and reduce your cost!

Conference Travel Agent:

My name is Lisa Speer and my travel agency is a full service agency specializing in vacation packages and cruises. Contact me for pre and post convention Disney packages! Let me help you plan a "magical" vacation.

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Mark Mitchum Concert

On Friday night at 8pm, July 20th, 2007, don't miss the concert with Mark Mitchum, a Christian concert artist, who has been Deaf since birth. His ministry is through his music, personal testimony, and teaching. God uses Mark to take Christian music and transform it into a breath-taking visual ministry, that Mark calls "Sign Art". God has used Mark's life and ministry of "three dimensional music" to touch the lives of deaf and hearing audiences.

Individual tickets will be sold for this concert, so invite friends and family! The concert will be held at the Grosvenor Resort Hotel, 1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. For more information on Mark Mitchum, visit his web site www.markmitchumweb.com



Conference Hotel is an Official Disney Resort Hotel



The Grosvenor Hotel is the perfect place for our conference. All rooms have refrigerators. A business center will help take care of last-minute conference needs, child care is available for a fee, and free shuttle transportation is offered to all of the different Disney Parks.

We can walk right across the street to the Downtown Disney Marketplace, Pleasure Island, and West Side where stores restaurants and entertainment await us. www.grosvenorresort.com

Accessibility at Orlando Tourist Sites

If you are planning to come early or stay after the UMCD conference, be sure to take advantage of the many discounts that are offered for Deaf and hard of hearing people: 50% for a visit to Busch Gardens, Sea World, and 20% when visiting Universal

Studios. Check in at Guest Relations Windows at the theme parks. Stage shows with sign language interpreters are listed in the calendar of events. At Epcot and Magic Kingdom, four-hour guided tours in sign language are available. The Holy

Land Experience provides sign language interpreters, and assistive listening devices are available, some for free and some require a deposit.

Hotel reservations for pre and post-conference stays should be made through Wineva Hankamer of UMCD as early as possible to get the special conference room rate because it depends on room availability. Contact Travel Agent Lisa Speer for pre and post-conference activity information and planning.

Religious Signs DVD Coming

For years people have been asking for a new religious signs resource. In addition, many people have wanted a resource that included some of the terms and perspectives that come from our Methodist heritage. This summer the UMCD conference will be your first opportunity to purchase this new item.

This project will include religious terms as well as some of the prayers and creeds. Set in a user friendly menu driven format, the DVD will make a wonderful addition to any Sign Language resource collection. -- by Michelle Menefee

New UM Committee web site

The United Methodist Committee on Ministries with Deaf, Late-Deafened, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind People has a new website out: www.umcsignsofsolidarity.com. Be sure to check it out.

The organization held their annual meeting in February in Phoenix, Arizona and continues to encourage the growth of ministries for these groups. The Committee presents awareness workshops, training for laity and ordained, and offers grant support for ministry development, among other tasks and goals. The website has a listing of current officers and mission information too.

Vendor Registration Form for Orlando Conference

- ◆ For a \$50 booth fee, you will be able to stay near your table during conference presentations. In lieu of the booth fee, you may offer an item from your booth as a door prize and get a discount equal to the amount of that item, up to \$50.00
- ◆ Preferred items are those of interest to Christian Deaf, Late-deafened, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-blind People.
- ◆ You may sell items for your ministry or business.
- ◆ You are responsible for any tax liability imposed by the city/ county/state/or your state.
- ◆ Set-up will be no earlier than 7pm Thursday, July 19 and take-down must be by one hour following last agenda Saturday evening, July 21.

Vendor/Company Name

Mailing Address

City State & Zip

Contact Info (email, website): _____

Vendor Fee Enclosed: \$_____ or Value of Donated Item: \$_____

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Northeast Jurisdiction

Magothy Changes NEJ Deaf Camps

On July 1 2006, Rev Joo Hai Kang become the new pastor at Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf in Pasadena, Maryland.

Rev Kang comes to Pasadena, Md from Jacksonville, Illinois where he preached at several churches during his ministry there.

Magothy UMCD is not entirely new to Rev Kang as he preached there over twenty years ago while he was a student at Wesley Seminary.

His goal is to encourage Christian growth at Gallaudet University as he is working quarter time there and three-quarter time at the Magothy church.

Rev Kang replaces Leo Yates, Jr who was the pastor at Magothy UMCD for three and a half years.

Leo just completed a book "Interpreting at Church: A Paradigm for Sign Language Interpreters" which is available now at Amazon.com. He will graduate next May from Wesley Seminary. The congregation misses him and at the same time welcomes Rev Joo Kang.

--- By Darlene Koontz, Lay Leader

For the 18th year the Deaf Ministries Committee of the Baltimore Washington Conference sponsored the camps, which have expanded from one cabin to six cabins. This year there will be elementary deaf camp, middle high deaf camp, high school deaf camp, middle high hearing sign language camp, high school hearing and also a mainstreamed deaf camp and for the first time a young adult deaf camp. A total of 123 campers in 2006 registered with 65 counselors & helpers. The theme was "Depend on God, and throughout the week Bible stories of famous people of the Bible were taught to campers, many of whom have no church background or contact with religious services otherwise. Other camp activities include campfires, crafts, a hay ride, games, swimming, boating, tubing, wall climbing, rope courses, hiking and field trips.

The newly created young adult camp received seed money from the UM Committee on Ministries with Deaf, Late Deafened, Hard of

Hearing and Deaf Blind People, and that allowed many low income young adults who live in isolating group homes to have a vacation experience. Two of them made commitments to Christ and have joined Christ UMC of the Deaf. Our thanks to all the hard workers, financial supporters and prayer warriors who made this week happen!

--- By Rev. Peggy Johnson

NE Jurisdiction Conference

The NEJ Conference was held at West River Methodist Camp in Shady Side, MD. June 2 - 4, 2006 and was coordinated by Roy and Carrie White.

Thirty-nine people attended, 33 adults and 6 youth, from Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and one tactile interpreter from Florida.

The keynote speaker was Rev. Joo Kang from Illinois, who is now the pastor of Magothy UMC of the Deaf in Pasadena, MD as of July 1, 2006. His topic was "Harvest of Souls", and it was an excellent presentation.

NEJ President David Ennis, created and presided over an excellent Bible Trivia Quiz which tested our knowledge of the Bible.

Four excellent workshops were held: 1) Rev. Joo Kang - "Evangelism", 2) David Ennis - "Islam and Muslims", 3) William Suggs (deafblind) - "Signed Music", and 4) Rev. Leo Yates, Jr. - "How To Set Up A Bible Study". There was also a coordinator who set up a youth program for the youth members who attended.

A business meeting was held on Saturday, and new officers were nominated and elected: President - Darlene Koontz, Vice President - David Ennis, and Secretary/Treasurer - Toby Witte-Dix.

The new President, Darlene Koontz, offered to host the 2008 NEJ Conference at Magothy UMC of the Deaf in Pasadena, MD. Details to be announced later on.

--- By Toby Witte-Dix, Secretary of NEJ