

2008 OFFERINGS AND IN-GATHERING RESULTS

INGATHERING GIVING TOTALS:

- 373 flood buckets (kept in WI)
- 8,527 premie caps
- 2,062 school bags
- 223 blankets
- 248 ditty bags (for seafarers)
- 65 medicine chests
- 42 school desks
- \$9,545 for shipping
- \$1,930 phone cards (for seafarers)
- 1,194,211 pennies (our goal was one million) for the Global AIDS Fund (\$11,942)!

Nothing But Nets collected initial pledges of \$18,966 with \$8,126 already given!! This means that we will be sending 1,896 bed nets to protect people from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. New pledges and offerings will continue to be encouraged and accepted!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Clergy in Transition Fund; Dong Bu Conference of the Korean Methodist Church	\$1,585.14
Summer Developers Program; Children & Youth in WI (Rising Sun Camp)	\$1,723.26
New Orleans – Katrina and Wiley College	\$1,590.78
Ministries for the East Angola Conference	\$1,392.26

2008 RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY AWARDS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE - 2007

25 years

Mallothi Brown
Burwell
Byers-Dent
Council-Austin
Cotter
Janet Ellinger
David Guse
Mary Kirkpatrick
Patricia Lyon
Jeffrey Nicholas
Martha Jackson Oppeneer
Susan Ott-Holland
Joyce Rinehart
Geneva Rushing
Richard Strait

60 Years

Bryce Armstrong
Kenneth Engelman
Hubert Groves
John Thompson
C. James Weis

50 Years

Lowel Bartel
Robert Bowers
C. Phillip Burt
Charles Edmund L. Christopher
Lynn Kollath
Franklin Kuhlman
James McHolland
Bishop Donald Ott
Wallace Spielman
Norman Stevenson
Fred Thomas
Dave Warren

71 Years

Marvin A. Shilling

72 Years

Orville McKay

73 Years

Solomon G. Kramer

DENMAN EVANGELISM AWARDS HONOR WORK IN EVANGELISM

The Denman Evangelism Award is presented annually to one United Methodist lay person and one clergy person in each Annual Conference for outstanding work in Christian evangelism. The award was named for the late Dr. Harry Denman, distinguished lay evangelist whom Dr. Billy Graham called “my mentor in evangelism.” The awards are made possible by the Foundation of Evangelism, which was founded in 1949 by Dr. Denman.

Laity Award:

Dana Saxton

Whitefish Bay United Methodist Church

Dana Saxton is the lay minister of evangelism at Whitefish Bay United Methodist Church. Dana has spearheaded a revitalization of the outreach work of the church. She has spearheaded the “Family Worship” initiative in 2006, “40 Days of Purpose” in 2004, the church’s new website, the “Community Connections” outreach to newcomers, “Steps” program to assimilate newcomers into the life of the congregation and the “Step Four” program to help people learn how to share their faith with others. In her nomination form is written, “Dana has a passion for inviting people to know Jesus Christ. She is always eager to share her faith, whether it’s one-on-one with a visitor or by giving a faith sharing in worship, in front of hundreds of people.”

Clergy Award:

Rev. Greg Jewison

Greg Jewison is the pastor of a new church start in 2005 that became a chartered United Methodist Congregation in May 2008. In these three years, the church grew from 0 to 93 in average attendance and added a second worship service last fall. Greg is now talking about starting another new congregation with lay persons and they are looking into two possible locations. In his nomination form is written, “Greg has been able to lead the people by teaching the vision, then letting them carry it into practice. Greg has used every opportunity to share his faith and mission in the community. He has received people he met in the grocery store, at events around town, or through connections of other people. Greg is passionate and committed to helping people come to know Christ.”

LOVE IN ACTION AWARD

The Love in Action Award is presented annually by the Disaster Response Committee of the Board of Global Ministries of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. The award recognizes outstanding commitment and passion to God’s mission through disaster response and relief.

2008 Award Recipient: Pam Brownlee

This year’s Love in Action award goes to Pam Brownlee who is a valued member of the Wisconsin Disaster Response Team. After being trained by UMCOR, she took on the job of Coulee District Disaster Coordinator. Pam came with experience as an EMT, a child care provider and in health care. She is currently employed in two jobs, yet she is able to give a large amount of her time to her volunteer position in disaster response. In July of 2007 floods hit the village of Bagley. Pam was there and instrumental in helping that committee organize and survivors receive assistance. Only a month later major floods hit western Wisconsin and she continued to give of her talent and time toward the ongoing long term recovery effort. She has been an effective and valuable servant in these roles.

**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN
BRIDGE BUILDER'S AWARD**

The Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) Bridge Builder's Award is given to person who have been and are good bridge builders between men and women, lay and clergy in our Wisconsin Annual Conference and in society.

2008 Award Recipients: Linda Ravelo and the Rev. George Robson

Linda Ravelo is a member of Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Pewaukee and has served the Wisconsin Conference for over 30 years in numerous leadership positions. Her passion within the local church, UMW at the district and conference level, and within the community is for the empowerment and advocacy of women and children.

Linda has designed and implemented numerous leadership and training events and educational opportunities for men and women. These opportunities were used to heighten awareness of barriers for equality and justice in both church and society that often still exist.

Always a listener, a hand of support and a voice for the silent and oppressed, Linda's leadership, knowledge and determination has been a source of comfort and challenge for the church and community. It is an honor and a privilege to present the 2008 Bridge Builder Award to Linda Ravelo.

Rev. George Robson. Born in 1927 in Viroqua, WI, George grew up on farms in the Liberty Pole area, and was active in 4-H and the Liberty Pole UMC Youth Fellowship. After two years in the U.S. Navy, he earned his B.A. from Hamline University in St. Paul, MN. It was there that he met his future wife, Tharen Jones. They were married on June 21, 1952. George graduated from Drew Seminary in 1956, and was ordained at the 1956 Wisconsin Annual Conference. He served the UMC in Wisconsin until his official retirement in 1992. Since then he has lived in Lodi and has been active in the Lodi UMC as well as in the Coalition for Wisconsin Health. George and Tharen have two sons, two daughters, one grandson, and one granddaughter.

George has always been supportive of the United Methodist Women in the churches in which he served. He supported the School of Christian Mission by frequently attending Drive-In Day, always bringing a carload of people along with him. As a pastor, he helped women to assume leadership positions within the church, and continues to be encouraging and supportive of women in his retirement. It is an honor and a privilege to present the 2008 Bridge Builder Award to Rev. George Robson.

PERRY SAITO AWARD

Given by the Wisconsin United Methodist Federation for Social Action to individuals who demonstrate their loyalty to Christ through faith and work to further justice and peace through the United Methodist Church.

2008 Award Recipients: the Rev. Jim Christensen and Lee and Tom Brown

One award goes to the **Rev. Jim Christensen** who has promoted the values of MFSA throughout his life. During the 1970s he and his spouse led several trips to New York and Washington to promote peace and justice study. He has taken pro-justice stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and peace issues in the congregations where he has served and in the annual conference. Whether it takes the form of drafting statements and petitions, leading study trips, participating in protests and demonstrations, or simply raising the questions and issues that need to be kept before us, he has been a steadfast voice for justice and a role model for all of us.

The second award goes to **Lee and Tom Brown**, lay members of First United Methodist Church: Madison. They well represent the vision and spirit of Perry Saito through their work for peace through mission outreach, service in their local congregation and the United Nations Association. They served as missionaries in India (Lee) and Malaya (Lee and Tom). In the United States, they have been active in the United Nations Association and the movement to end nuclear weapons. In their local congregation both have served as Stephen Ministers. Lee has served on the Social Concerns Committee and Tom has been a consultant to the Church Library Committee. He also has been a part of the committee that brought the Jesus Seminar on the Road to First United Methodist Church.