

## 2009 OFFERINGS AND IN-GATHERING RESULTS

### INGATHERING GIVING TOTALS:

- 250 Flood Buckets
- 981 Harbor House kits
- 1,287 School Bags
- 555 Health Kits
- 12 Medicine Kits
- 2,830 Premie Kits
- 11 Layettees
- \$9,286 for Shipping and Global Aids

The **Nothing But Nets** effort in Wisconsin has raised a total of \$58,550 for 2008 and 2009.

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Clergy in Transition Fund; Dong Bu Conference of the Korean Methodist Church .....	\$1,706
Ministries for Children and Youth in Wisconsin and Project Russia .....	\$1,634
Native American Ministries and Summer Developers .....	\$1,833
Ministries for the East Angola Conference .....	\$1,193

## 2008 RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

### COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY AWARDS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE - 2009

#### 25 Years:

Bener Agtarap  
Norman P. Bude  
Suni Caylor  
Thomas C. Countryman  
Gena M. Garton  
Nancy Christman Green  
Carolyn I. Kuntz

#### 60 Years:

Dwight Busacca  
Donald D. Fenner  
Paul J. Gibson  
Arthur M. North  
William J. Schmidt  
John F. Wreford

#### 50 Years:

Charles F. Bauer-King  
Jerry O. Eckert  
Kenneth E. Gelhaus  
Frank R. Hinebaugh  
Charles Lance  
James R. McChesney, Jr.  
Norman K. Silvester  
Donald G. Stannard

#### 72 Years:

Marvin A. Schilling

#### 73 Years:

Orville McKay

#### 74 Years:

Solomon G. Cramer

## 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 Awards:** *Gerald and Beverly Fosdal*, lay members, Willerup United Methodist Church. Many years ago, Greg and Beverly prayed for their lives to be an outreach for Jesus Christ. Sharing their faith with employees, neighbors and friends, they have led many to Christ and His Church. They are committed leaders in their church and community, witnessing in word and deed. They have opened their home to numerous young people who have needed help, many of whom then came to Christ and to His Church. They have invited many to participate in the church's small groups. They continue to build relationships with individuals, always open to those moments to witness to their faith.

**Jay Hamann**, lay member, New Hope United Methodist church, De Pere-Ledgeview. Jay, a charter member of the new church start, has provided leadership to the Core Generating team since first launched. Jay and the team have raised funds, found the meeting place and recruited the persons to serve as church leaders and volunteers and, most importantly, issued dozens of invitations to friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. Of the 270 persons now active in the congregation, over two-thirds were not previously active in a church. The majority of these persons report that they first attended as a result of a personal invitation, many of which came from Jay!

### **Clergy Award:**

**Pastor Gary Holmes**, Pastor, Sugar River United Methodist Church, Verona. A new church start sponsored by Asbury United Methodist Church in Madison, Gary Holmes was assigned as the pastor. The attendance continues to grow, currently averaging 180 and growing by about 15-20% per year. In addition to personally witnessing to his faith and inviting others to Christ and His Church, Gary has gathered around him a committed group of leaders. He has a clear theology of outreach and discipleship growth which he has implemented into practical church ministries with the goal of bringing the unchurched to "fully devoted followers of Christ."

## LOVE IN ACTION AWARD

This award is presented by the Disaster Response Committee to recognize outstanding commitment and passion to God's mission through disaster response and relief.

**Rev. Ellen Rasmussen**, Community United Methodist Church in North Fond du Lac, District Disaster Coordinator for Winnebago District. During the 2008 flood, Ellen immediately and tirelessly devoted all of her energy to aid and recovery; she went door to door responding to the needs of the people. She worked both in Marquette and Fond du Lac counties coordinating work teams for spiritual care, assessments, and mold abatement. Her church was the local center for flood relief for over two months and filled the gap until disaster organizations could take over. Ellen's swift action in these communities was instrumental in their recovery.

## 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 a person/s who have been and are good bridge builders between men and women, lay and clergy in our Wisconsin Annual Conference and in society. To receive the award a person must have the following criteria: (1) ability to provide an inclusive leadership style and (2) ability to help eliminate gender barriers in both church and society.

The 2009 recipient is Pastor Julio Alvarado, currently half-time Minister of Discipleship at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Green Bay and half time at Denmark Zion UMC, husband to Sonja, father of two and grandfather.

Pastor Julio is a strong supporter of The New Faith Community Hmong ministry at St. Paul's. He preaches about men/women roles to this congregation. Pastors Julio and Sonja have been supportive of Mao Her in her discernment of call to ministry.

He has begun several Covenant Discipleship groups at St. Paul's. Love Life Ministry has been an important part of Pastor Julio's weekly schedule. This is an ecumenical outreach actively promoting respect for life by providing basic infant needs to low income families. The ministry's goals are to assist multi-cultural families in meeting needs of their newborns, provide Christian communities with opportunity to support new life, and demonstrate Gospel values through service and the sharing of resources.

## THE THELMA W. GREGG AWARD

**The Thelma W. Gregg Award** is named for a lay woman from Wauwatosa Avenue UMC who demonstrated Christian commitment in tireless promotion of the missionary outreach of the Church. The award includes a financial gift to be designated to an Advance project by the recipient.

The 2009 recipients are **Roger and LuAnn Jones**, Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church, Menomonee Falls. Roger and the late LuAnn Jones have been members of Emmanuel for nearly fifty years and have been the backbone and heart of the church's commitment to mission. They began a long tradition of youth mission trips in 1970, serving those in need in Kentucky, but especially Native Americans in Wisconsin. The youth mission trips formed the foundation of a strong youth mission ministry. Roger and LuAnn lived their lives as examples of faith in action and have set an example for all.

## **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. The 2009 Award Recipients are:

### **Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner**

Barb helped create the ministry now known as Harbor House Crisis Shelters (HHCS), serving first as its volunteer director (April 2001), and later appointed as its executive director (2004). Through her commitment to this ministry in Superior, she has made real Jesus' admonition to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned.

HHCS slowly expanded from a capacity of 20 persons to 187 persons. HHCS won the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation Touchstone Silver Award, for "Excellence in These Times." The HHCS ministry acknowledges that God has blessed it with committed volunteers and donors, a dedicated staff, faith-filled leaders, and a strong commitment by Faith United Methodist Church to make this all happen.

### **Craig Myrbo**

Craig's commitment to economic justice through the vehicle of organized labor stems directly from his understanding of the scriptures, as seen through the lenses of Christian tradition, his own faith-life experiences, work life and union life, and reasoned study of all of the above.

The earliest work of the Methodist Federation for Social Action was in the realm of labor - Child Labor Laws and the 40-hour week. It is fitting that we honor a labor activist who follows in that path.

Craig was instrumental in beginning Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central WI and served on its Board. One of the programs of the ICWJ is Labor in the Pulpit; Craig became a Lay Speaker and regularly preaches. Craig has taught in the South Central Federation of Labor sponsored series "Labor History with a Bite" on the Role of Faith Bodies in the Labor Movement.

## **MINISTRY OF MEMORY AWARD**

Of Special note:

The Commission on Archives and History is pleased to announce that **Lois C. Olsen** will receive the United Methodist Historical Society's Ministry of Memory Award.

Wisconsinite Lois Olsen worked for 12 years as a EUB nurse-midwife in Africa, and has been a leading force in the Conference's Museum Committee, as well as editing the Commission's newsletter and soliciting local histories. She published a memoir of her Sierra Leone experiences, as well as histories of Wisconsin camp meetings and African-American Methodists. For her work she is being awarded the Ministry of Memory Award at the national Historical Society meeting in July in North Carolina.

## 2009 Wisconsin Conference Journal

### WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

<b>CHURCHES PAYING MORE THAN 100% OF APPORTIONMENTS</b>	Madison: Sherman Avenue	Cumberland: First
	Madison: Trinity	Danbury
	Madison: University	Deer Park
	Marshall	Diamond Bluff
Lakeview	Milton	Dorchester: Salem
Bristol	Monona	Downing
Seneca	Moundville	Durand
Wittenberg: New Horizons	North Windsor	Eau Claire: Lake Street
Milwaukee: Faith	Oregon: People's	Elk Mound
Black River Falls	Orfordville: New Horizon	Emerald
Milwaukee: Kenwood	Pardeeville	Exeland
Knapp	Pleasant Valley	Forest
Racine: Trinity	Plymouth	Frederic
	Portage	Gilmanton
<b>CHURCHES PAYING 100% OF APPORTIONMENTS</b>	Poynette	Glenwood City
	Richmond	Grand View
	Sharon	Grantsburg
	Stoughton	Hammond
<b>CAPITAL DISTRICT</b>	Sun Prairie	Hartland
Albany	Waunakee: Crossroads	Hawkins
Beloit: River of Life	Whitewater: First	Hayward
Briggsville		Holcombe
Brooklyn: Community	<b>CHIPPEWA DISTRICT</b>	Hudson
Cambridge: Willerup	Alma	Iron Creek
Delavan	Altoona	Jim Falls
Edgerton	Anson	Lewis
Evansville	Arkansaw	Lorain
Evansville: Peace	Ashland	McKinley
Fort Atkinson: First	Atlas	Medford
Inch	Augusta	Menomonie
Janesville: Cargill	Barron: First	New Auburn
Jefferson: Immanuel	Birchwood	New Centerville
La Grange	Bloomer	New Richmond
Lodi	Boyceville	Odanah
Madison: Asbury	Canton	Phillips
Madison: Bashford	Chetek	Pleasant Valley
Madison: Bethany	Chippewa Falls: Zion	Plum City
Madison: Divine Savior	Clear Lake	Prairie Farm
Madison: First	Colfax	Rib Lake

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Rice Lake	La Farge	Granton
Ridgeland - Dallas	Lamont	Greenwood: Grace
Rock Elm	Lancaster	Marshfield: Wesley
Sanborn	La Valle	Marshfield: Zion
Shell Lake	Liberty Pole	Merrill: Christ
Siren	Lime Ridge	Merrillan
Spooner	Livingston	Minocqua: Church of the Pines
St. Croix Falls	Merrimac	Necedah
Superior: Faith	Midland	New Lisbon
Tainter	Mount Hope	Norwalk: Immanual
Thorp	Mount Horeb	Norwalk: Salem
Turtle Lake	Mount Zion	Plainfield
Washburn	New Hope	Plover: The Springs
Wolf Creek	North Freedom	Port Edwards
	Patch Grove	Rhineland
<b>COULEE DISTRICT</b>	Prairie du Sac: Concordia	Rib Falls
Arthur	Richland Center: Peace	Rockland
Ash Creek	Richland Center: Trinity	South Burr Oak
Avoca	Ridgeway: Grace	Spencer
Bagley	Sandusky	Spirit
Baraboo: Emanuel	Shullsburg: Centenary	Stevens Point: St. Paul's
Baraboo: First	Soldier's Grove	Stoddard
Beetown	Stitzer	Tomah: First
Belleville: Grace	Viola	Tomahawk
Benton	Wauzeka: St. Paul's	Trempealeau
Bethel	Westby	Trout Run
Black Hawk: Bethlehem	Whig	Wausau: First
Bloom City	Willow Valley	Wausau: Hmong American Community
Blue River	Wisconsin Dells-Delton	Wausau: Wesley
Boscobel	Wyoming Valley	Westfield: Faith
Clarno: Zion		Whitehall
Cobb	<b>HEARTLAND DISTRICT</b>	Wildwood Chapel
Cuba City	Almond	Wisconsin Rapids
Davis Corners	Amherst	Withee
Dell	Buena Vista	Wonewoc
Denzer	Camp Douglas	York Center
Dodgeville	Cataract	
Fayette	Chili: Immanuel	
Fennimore	Colby	
Gays Mills	Coloma: Calvary	
Hazel Green	Fairchild	

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### **METRO NORTH DISTRICT**

Batavia: Zion  
 Brookfield: Peace  
 Brown Deer  
 Campbellsport: First  
 Cedarburg: Community  
 Elm Grove: Community  
 Greenbush: New Hope  
 Hartford: First  
 Jackson: Still Waters Community  
 Kiel: Bethel  
 Menomonee Falls: Emmanuel Community  
 Milwaukee: Albright  
 Milwaukee: Aldersgate  
 Milwaukee: Central  
 Milwaukee: Church of the Good Hope  
 Milwaukee: Solomon Community Temple  
 Milwaukee: Summerfield  
 Oconomowoc: Good Shepherd  
 Pewaukee: Gethsemane  
 Port Washington: Grand Avenue  
 Sheboygan Falls: Faith  
 Sussex  
 Waldo: Trinity  
 Watertown: Christ  
 Wauwatosa: Wauwatosa Avenue  
 West Bend: Fifth Avenue  
 Whitefish Bay

### **METRO SOUTH DISTRICT**

Burlington  
 Caldwell  
 Concord

Cudahy  
 Eagle  
 East Troy: St. James  
 Elkhorn: First  
 English Settlement  
 Franksville  
 Greenfield: Memorial  
 Hebron  
 Kenosha: First  
 Kenosha: Immanuel  
 Little Prairie  
 Milwaukee: Bay View  
 Milwaukee: Hmong Christian Community  
 Milwaukee: Luz a las Naciones  
 New Berlin: Bethel Hill  
 New Berlin: Our Lord's  
 Oak Creek: Community Palmyra  
 Pleasant Prairie  
 Racine: Christ  
 Racine: Evangelical  
 Racine: Faith  
 Racine: First  
 Spring Prairie  
 Sullivan: Lonsdale  
 Troy Center  
 Union Grove  
 Waterford: Community  
 Waukesha: First  
 Waukesha: Salem  
 Wesley Chapel  
 West Allis: Calvary  
 West Allis: First  
 Wilmot  
 Yorkville

### **NICOLET DISTRICT**

Algoma  
 Angelica

Argonne  
 Brillion: Faith  
 Center: Emmanuel  
 Cicero  
 Crandon: St. Luke  
 Crystal Lake  
 Egg Harbor: Calvary  
 Forest Junction: Zion  
 Gibraltar: Zion  
 Goodman: Union Protestant  
 Green Bay: Bethany  
 Green Bay: First  
 Hickory  
 Iola  
 Jacksonport  
 Manawa  
 Manitowoc: St. Paul's  
 Marinette: First  
 Marion: First  
 Mattoon  
 Mishicot: Zion  
 New London  
 Niagara: Riverside  
 Oconto  
 Peshtigo  
 Rural Brillion  
 Seymour  
 Sturgeon Bay  
 Suring  
 Two Rivers: Emmanuel  
 West Kewaunee

### **WINNEBAGO DISTRICT**

Appleton: Emmanuel  
 Appleton: First  
 Beaver Dam: Trinity  
 Borth  
 Brandon  
 Columbus  
 Courtland

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Eden: Tabor	Berlin
Eldorado: Salem	Cassville
Eureka	Clintonville
Fall River	Connorsville
Fond du Lac: Covenant	Eau Claire: Chapel Heights
Fond du Lac: Salem	Elroy
Green Lake: Federated	Genoa City
Horicon: Emmanuel	Green Bay: St. Paul's
Juneau	Greenfield: Christ
Kingston	Harmony
Lomira: Trinity	Janesville: Mt. Zion
Markesan	Johnson Creek
Neenah: Faith	La Crosse: Asbury
Neenah: First	Lowell
Neshkoro: Zion	Mauston
North Fond du Lac: Community	Melrose
Oshkosh: First	Mequon
Poy Sippi	Milwaukee: St. James
Princeton: Emmanuel	Montana: Salem
Waterloo	Onalaska
Waukau	Oshkosh: Wesley
Waupun	Parfreyville
Wautoma: Grace	Prairie du Chien
Wild Rose	Red River: Salem
Centuria: Holy Trinity	South Wayne

Reached 100% for 2008  
by paying prior year  
apportionments in 2009.

Broadhead \*

Darien \*

Ellsworth \*

### **CHURCHES PAYING A HIGHER % IN 2008 THAN 2007**

Antigo

Bay City

Belmont