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## — New Dues Schedule Now in Effect

### One year at a time

**Singles** :\$36 (= \$3 / month)

**Couples**: \$72 (= 2 x \$36 = \$6 / month)

**Affiliates**: \$25

### Lifetime members by age of the older partner:

**Under 75**: \$540 (= \$36 x 15) each  
or \$1,080 (= 2 x \$36 x 15) for couples

**Over 75**: \$360 each (= \$36 x 10)  
or \$720 (= 2 x \$36 x 10) for couples

**Affiliates**: \$375 (= \$25 x 15)

Since January 1, 2016, Alina Saucedo Paucara, stationed in Nicaragua will assume the formal bookkeeping duties of treasurer. Harkening back to an earlier era, Jim Dwyer will be her U.S.-based assistant or — as the title used to be — coordinator to receive and deposit checks on her behalf. Checks should be made out to **U M M A**. Jim's address is

**James Dwyer + 787 Plymouth Road + Claremont, CA 91711-4249.**

## (1) ABOUT THIS ISSUE

Issue No.101 marks the editor's first issue since relinquishing the chair to **Katherine Parker**. I invite all readers to submit matters they consider important to me for possible inclusion in the second one hundred issues of the **UMMA UpDate**! The **UpDate** continues to come to you via MailChimp, at our website [umma-global.org](http://umma-global.org), or via postal mail from **Gene Matthews'** workshop in Iowa, not far from the North Pole! <smile> Thank you, Gene.

## (2) NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

What was supposed to have been an Advent or Christmas greeting when I started this newsletter morphed into best wishes for 12th Night or the Epiphany to the Three Kings, and is now nearly a Lenten greeting. Numerous pulls on the editor's time — some UMMA related, most not — have caused perceptible delays. Whenever you receive it, this **UMMA Update** brings sincere best wishes for the 2016 and for your work in God's mission in the months ahead.

## (3) NEW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The **Global Mission Fellows / Generation Transformation** classes of 2015-2017 have nominated their representatives to the UMMA Steering Committee.

**Drew Kastner** and **Catherine Shaw** will serve for the US2s. From the International group three representatives have been chosen: **Albert Wakili**, **Edwin Castillo** and **Previous Sadadzi**.

**Albert** Wakili is serving at Blanchardstown Methodist Church in **Ireland** (Europe and Eurasia region); he comes from **Nigeria** (Africa).

**Edwin** Castillo is serving at Acción Médica Cristiana (AMC) in **Nicaragua**; he comes from the **Dominican Republic** (both in the Latin America and Caribbean region). **Previous Sadadzi** is serving with International and Migrant Ministries in **Germany** (Europe and Eurasia); she comes from **Zimbabwe** (Africa). (Her supervisor, George Miller, is also a Steering Committee member.) All were commissioned in August 2015 in Zimbabwe.

**Catherine** Shaw is assigned to St. Francis in the Foothills, a United Methodist congregation in **Tucson**, Arizona (Desert Southwest Annual Conference). St. Francis is an ethnically and culturally diverse congregation committed to social justice and to ministries with the marginalized and displaced persons. It promotes collaboration among churches in the cause of justice. Catherine also works with the Metro Center of Tucson, which is located at St. James United Methodist Church.

**Drew** (Andrew) Kastner is assigned to the **Florida Annual Conference**, which has a long-standing relationship with the young adult mission programs of Global Ministries. Drew is serving as outreach and advocacy coordinator of the homeless ministry of First United Methodist Church of Miami, located downtown.

Catherine and Drew were commissioned in July 2015.

We welcome them in their new roles in mission and as members of our Steering Committee.

Notes of greeting can be sent to their respective email address @umcmmission.org:

CShaw; AKastner; AWakili; ECastillo; PSadadzi or by clicking through from our webpage at [umma-global.org](http://umma-global.org).

## **(4) ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, STEERING COMMITTEE "SKYPING"**

The new 2016 Administrative Council has had its first Skype conversation of the new year and Steering Committee members are “gathering” on the internet for conversations in shifts at the end of January and beginning of February even as this text is being written. The *new officers* — **Katherine Parker, Becky Harrell, Hillary Taylor** and **Alina Saucedo** — are anticipating their presence for the first time as our official representatives at the Spring meeting of Global Ministries Directors in New York. It is the final and shortest meeting of the Quadrennium, March 17-18, and perhaps the last in New York. It is also the final meeting prior to General Conference, meeting in Portland from May 10-20. New GBGM Directors will be determined in the course of General, Jurisdictional and Central Conference

## **(5) GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWS DEADLINES**

The final deadline for applications by 20-30 year olds for the 2016-2018 classes of International and US Global Mission Fellows is February 15 — less than a month away. (The first deadline was December 31.) Please encourage likely candidates in our family, community or church to apply! The program is not limited to persons from the U.S. or the United Methodist church. Young adults from many different denominational backgrounds are currently serving. Check out the links at [UMCMISSION.ORG](http://UMCMISSION.ORG). This is a direct short link to an appropriate page: <http://goo.gl/P1dU4j>.

## (6) POSITIONS AVAILABLE

• **Director, Youth Theology Institute —Shenandoah University,** Winchester, Virginia, is looking for a new Director of the Shenandoah University Youth Theology Institute (SUYSI) to provide oversight and strategic planning for the theology institute for high school youth, who reports to the Dean of Spiritual Life/Director of Institute for Church Professions, part of a Lilly Endowment initiative. For details, visit the Virginia Conference website at [www.vaumc.org/jobs](http://www.vaumc.org/jobs) and scroll down to "Other" near the bottom of the page.

• **Mission Advocate for Young Adult Mission Service.**— Current [completing service in 2016] and recent Global Mission Fellows are invited to apply immediately [apologies for sharing this announcement with delay] for the position currently held by Adam Shaw, whose term is ending. Please contact Patti Clifford (address below) immediately.

**"If you are interested, please send a resume, cover letter, and two letters of reference (pastoral reference, current supervisor/professional reference) by 12:00 noon (ET) on Tuesday, January 26th to Patti Clifford at [pclifford@umcmmission.org](mailto:pclifford@umcmmission.org)."**

## (7) PASSINGS

Janet May reports that **Nova Bryant Dickson Marks Brown**, aged 98, retired missionary to Bolivia, passed away on November 29. See the Houston Chronicle obituary here: <<http://goo.gl/15L1ZE>>. She and husband Murray Dickson served 18 years in Bolivia before his death in 1961. After Murray's death she returned to Bolivia for further years of service. She married Emory Marks in 1970. After his death in 1989, she married Claude Brown in 1991, who died in 1993.

**Bishop Jesse R. Dewitt** died November.26, just short of his 97 birthday. He served as bishop in the North Central Jurisdiction from

1972-1988, was Associate General Secretary of the National Division from 1970 until his election as bishop. He was also former President of the World Division, and member also of COSROW and the Board of Church and Society. He was a strong supporter of Interfaith Worker Justice. Obituaries can be found here: <<http://goo.gl/29jeXq>>,<<http://goo.gl/ZbKC8L>>.

The year-end issue of New World Outlook included the following list of missionaries whose deaths were registered with Global Ministries in the course of the year. A few were already reported in these pages. (Reprinted with permission.)

**DEATHS—Beth J. Conerly**, retired missionary with nearly 28 years of service in Mexico, died February 16, 2015... **Wendall L. Golden**, retired missionary with nearly 37 years of service in the DR Congo, died July 8, 2015...**Birgit N. Weaver**, retired missionary with nearly 16 years of service in Zimbabwe, died July 25, 2015...**Harry A. Newman**, retired missionary with nearly 10 years of service in Bolivia, died July 28, 2015...**Robert W. Rahn**, retired missionary with 32 years of service in Japan, died August 7, 2015... **Raymond E. Noah**, retired missionary with nearly 33 years of service in Brazil, died August 24, 2015... **Violet A. Jackson**, retired home missionary with 13 years of service with the Red Bird Mission, died August 25, 2015...**Lora Temple**, retired missionary with nearly 11 years of service in Malaysia, died September 1, 2015.. **Dwayne Allen Suter**, retired missionary with 13 years of service in the Philippines, died Septembers, 2015... **James A. Joyce**, retired missionary with 42% years of service in Japan, died September 13, 2015... **Shirley A. Mader**, retired missionary with 13 years of service in Liberia, died September 17, 2015...**Vidal L. Cordova**, retired missionary with 8 years of service in Panama, died September 19, 2015.**Charmaine Cothran**, an active deaconess serving African Americans Living with Multiple Sclerosis, a support group in the

Chicago, Illinois, area, died September 18, 2015, with 10 years of service. Two retired staff members of *New World Outlook* have passed away. **Roger Sadler**, former art director and designer serving Global Ministries for 25 years, died September 28, 2015. Former editor **George C. Daniels**, who served Global Ministries' communications department in various roles for 28 years, died September 21, 2015. (For only \$10 per year you can order an online subscription to **New World Outlook** from the Global Ministries website at <<http://goo.gl/xPr4Ee>> which you can then download to your computer.)

## (8) BOOKS BY MISSIONARIES

**Roy May**, now retired, served for 12 years in Bolivia and then over 25 in Costa Rica. His most recent book in English is titled ***Ethics without Principles: Another Possible Ethics — Perspectives from Latin America***. It is available on Amazon using this short Url: <<http://goo.gl/4jSwpl>> **Barry Sloan**, fraternal worker from the Methodist Church in Great Britain and Ireland serving in the United Methodist Church in eastern Germany for many years, has published a book ***When the Saints go Marching*** (in English) aka ***Pilgern auf Irisch*** (in German) which tells the story of his pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Columbanus, the missionary monk from Bangor [Northern Ireland] who re-evangelized Europe in the 6th century. He cites German UMC *Bishop Rosemarie Wenner* ("Funny, thought-provoking, inspiring and challenging - and all without being preachy.") and *Jerry Hershops, AfterHours Denver* ("A book full of humor and wisdom for anyone on a journey ... that means for all of us."). Barry says 100% of earnings from the book support mission projects of the United Methodist Church in Germany. For purchase on Amazon in English: <<http://goo.gl/1grySb>> (can be loaned on Kindle for free) or in German <<http://goo.gl/E0G7Ma>>.

## **(9) LAST WORDS:** Sojourners verse/voice/prayer for 1217/15

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the Lord pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

— **Proverbs 22:22-23**

"When we truly discover how to love our neighbor as our self,  
Capitalism will not be possible and Marxism will not be necessary."

— **Shane Claiborne**

Over and over again, O God, you tell us that you take the side of the  
poor. Form us into people who take their side as well. Amen!

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