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(1) This Issue — No. 102 (old) and No. 1 (new)

This issue of **UpDate** seems to have been perpetually delayed. My apologies.

It comes to you, as usual, via **MailChimp** prepared by your editor or in hardcopy prepared for postal mail from Gene Matthews' workshop in Iowa, not far from the North Pole! — <smile> —Thank you, Gene.

We are anticipating a new birth of **UMMA UpDate** with a new number series. This is both New No.1 and Old 102! *(Should we have made our doxology with Old 100?)* Expect more frequent but shorter **UpDates** after this one. *(Gene Matthews will collect two or three shorter numbers to create a helpfully sized printed packet.)*

(2) Call for Input

I invite all readers to submit matters to me which you may consider important for possible inclusion in the second one hundred issues of the **UMMA UpDate!**

Let us start with next things first:

(3) Gathering Call-Out

UMMA Chair **Katherine Parker** — recently returned to Nepal after an extended stay in the U.S.A. for itineration, attendance at the final GBGM Directors' Meeting in New York, and participation in the scene at General Conference — has announced plans for a "quickie" **Gathering** to take care of essential UMMA business on the afternoon following the first Annual (Fall) Meeting of the Board of GBGM in October, when the Board will also structure itself for the Quadrennium ahead.

Gathering 2016 — Register Now!

Annual Gathering

Saturday October 22, 2016 1-8pm

Atlanta, GA

What — Annual business meeting of UMMA and election of new officers. Reports and sharing among the community.

How — In-person meeting. Skype (or GoToMeeting) connection will be available for those wanting to join remotely.

Where — Grace UMC, 458 Ponce De Leon Ave., Atlanta, GA (location of new Global Ministries HQ).

When — Saturday October 22, 2016, 1-8pm (immediately following the Fall Board Meeting of Global Ministries) with worship together on Sunday.

Register — Please indicate your interest to participate in-person or by-Skype by emailing Becky Harrell (bhinscj@yahoo.com), UMMA vice-chairperson.

Cost — Cost is still to be determined and will be shared among participants.

See the UMMA [website umma-global.org](http://umma-global.org) to review any information updates and to download a membership form or to link to **PayPal** where you may pay dues online. (Or send dues to continuing UMMA communications chair and assistant treasurer Jim Dwyer at 787 Plymouth Rd, Claremont, CA 91711, jamesdwyer@me.com, 347-213-5029.

(5) Dues and Finances

Since issue 101 came your way, much effort has gone into bringing our financial records of dues paid into sync with MailChimp's reminder system. My apologies to those of you whose newsletter indicated you had not paid in 2016, although you had in fact done so. ***Please let me know as quickly as possible if there continue to be such discrepancies.***

As a reminder, the current dues schedule follows.

New Dues as of January 1, 2016

- **Singles:** \$36 (= \$3 / month)
- **Couples:** \$72 (= 2 x \$36 = \$6 / month)
- **Affiliates:** \$25

Lifetime members by age of 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)

Alina Saucedo is the new treasurer of UMMA. Since Alina lives outside the U.S., **James Dwyer** is acting as her assistant to relate to our bank. Dues payments may be sent to Jim via check at **787 Plymouth Road, Claremont, CA 91711-4249, USA** — email: jamesdwyer@me.com, phone: +1-347-213-5029. Or you may choose to use PayPal from our website at umma-global.org.

(6) A "Seasonal" Word out of Season!

Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost have passed. Fall has displaced summer in the northern hemisphere — if not in southern California temperatures. Numerous mass shootings, police shootings of unarmed African-Americans, shooting of policemen and -women and other forms of violence against minorities and immigrants have repeatedly marred our efforts to be witnesses for peace and against violence in the U.S., Germany, France, Turkey, Nigeria, the Philippines and numerous other countries around the world. The "church front" has hardly been less tumultuous, if less deadly. The final GBGM Spring Board Meeting in New York was held in April with new officers of UMMA in attendance. In May, Katherine Parker and other UMMA representatives participated as observers in General Conference, witnessing the first commissioning of Global Missionaries at a United Methodist General Conference (to the best of my knowledge), and witnessing how the debate over becoming a more inclusive church ground to a halt, causing an innovation as General Conference delegates for the first time in memory assigned a task to the Council of Bishops. The task: to seek a way forward while the body at the same time tabled for consideration at a later conference all discussion of the language excluding same-sex marriage and ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" from our ministries as United Methodists. You can read the rest of that story elsewhere. What will this new movement of God's spirit among United Methodists draw in its wake?

Our GBGM Mission Theology statement ends, "The Spirit is always moving to sweep the Church into a new mission age. With openness and gratitude we await the leading of

the Spirit in ways not yet seen as God continues to work God's purposes out in our own day in a new way."

(7) New Missionaries Commissioned

The Missionary Community was augmented by 29 persons on May 19, when the first-ever (in memory) commissioning of GBGM missionaries was a part of the General Conference festivities, providing at least one decidedly positive result of 10 days in Portland, OR.

The service of commissioning emphasized the church's global mission with readings of scripture in French, English, Kiswahili and Portuguese. Providing special music were the Cherokee Choir of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Choral Bethel dos Coqueiros of Bethel United Methodist Church in Luanda, Angola.

(8) Global Missionaries

- **Patrick Abro** from *Côte d'Ivoire Conference* will serve as assistant health board coordinator, *North Katanga Episcopal Area*, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Michael Arteen**, *House of Bread Church, Palestine*, chaplain and director of spiritual life at *Bethlehem Bible College*
- **A. Broncano**, *Philippines East Conference*, coordinator for English language program for the *United Methodist Mission, Southeast Asia*
- **Douglas Childress**, *Upper New York Conference* (U.S.), pastor of international ministry and teacher, *Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary, Tallinn, Estonia*
- **Eden Fletcher**, *Methodist Church in Britain*, coordinator of education, resources and administration for the *United Methodist Mission, Southeast Asia*

- **Leo Garcia**, *Methodist Church in Cuba*, professor at *Quéssua School of Theology*, East Angola
- **Florence Kaying**, *North Katanga Conference*, Democratic Republic of Congo, maternity and child health nurse practitioner, *Mozambique Episcopal Area*, Mozambique
- **Hector N. Laporta**,* *Methodist Church of Peru**, professor at *Dr. Gonzalo Baez Camargo Methodist Seminary*, Mexico City, Mexico
- **David McCormick**,* *Louisiana Conference** (U.S.), administrator, *Chicunque Rural Hospital*, Mozambique
- **Elizabeth McCormick**, *Louisiana Conference* (U.S.), pharmacist, *Chicunque Rural Hospital*, Mozambique
- **Jennifer Moore**, *Church of the Nazarene*, Maryland (U.S.), Christian education, *Serbia-Montenegro-Macedonia Provisional Conference*, Macedonia
- **Jean Mwenze**, *North Katanga Conference*, professor, *Banyam Theological Seminary*, Nigeria
- **John Nday**, *North Katanga Conference*, agricultural coordinator, *Cambine Mission*, Mozambique
- **Jim Perdue**, *Iowa Conference* (U.S.), missionary for global migration, Central America and Mexico, *Central American University*, El Salvador
- **Marcel Sachou**, *Côte d'Ivoire Conference*, church planter and pastoral mentor, *Central African Republic*
- **Desiree Segura-April**, *Pacific Northwest Conference* *(U.S.), resource person for children at-risk ministries, *Nicaragua
- **Küllli Tõniste**, *Upper New York Conference* (U.S.), assistant professor, *Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary*, Tallinn, Estonia

- **Josh Van**, *California-Nevada Conference (U.S.)*, ministry with Vietnamese migrant workers for the *Methodist Church in Malaysia*
- **Aaron Vandersommers**, *East Ohio Conference (U.S.)*, chief operations officer for the *Church of Christ in the Congo*, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Mary Vandersommers**, *East Ohio Conference (U.S.)*, community development consultant for the *Church of Christ in the Congo*, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Ryan Williams**, *Watermark Community Church*, Dallas, Texas (U.S.), teacher, *United Methodist English-speaking School of Lubumbashi*, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Stacey Williams**, *Watermark Community Church*, Dallas, Texas (U.S.), teacher, **United Methodist English-speaking School of Lubumbashi**, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **D. Yang**, *Minnesota Conference (U.S.)*, congregational development specialist, *United Methodist Mission, Southeast Asia*
- **Mike Zdorow**, *Florida Conference (U.S.)*, pastor of *Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy*, Moscow, Russia
- **Henri Zombil**, *North Katanga Conference/Florida Conference (U.S.)*, health services administrator, *Sierra Leone Conference*

(9) Church and Community Workers

- **Jennifer Henneman**, *New Mexico Conference (U.S.)*, program director, *Faith Community Health Connection*, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.

- **Amy Purdom**, *Virginia Conference* (U.S.), mentoring program coordinator, *House of the Carpenter*, Wheeling, West Virginia, U.S.
- **Linda Stransky**, *Holston Conference* (U.S.), executive director, *Jubilee Project Inc.*, Sneedville, Tennessee, U.S.
- **Anna Troy**, *Rio Texas Conference* (U.S.), outreach coordinator for Partners in Ministry, *Youth Empowered to Succeed*, Laurinburg, North Carolina, U.S.

The list is taken from a longer article by Elliott Wright available at www.umc.org/news-and-media/29-new-missionaries-commissioned-at-general-conference

(10) Global Mission Fellows

Seventeen Young Adult **Global Mission Fellows** were commissioned on September 5. Our list includes their home conference (or church if not United Methodist), and their places of service:

- **MICHELLE BINGEPINGE**, *East Africa Annual Conference*, (recently living in) Zimbabwe — Placement: Communications and Media Officer, *Pilgrim Wesleyan Church, Zambia*
- **VINCENT CHAERUKA**, *East Zimbabwe Annual Conference*, Zimbabwe — Placement: Junior Consultant in Global Migration, *World Council of Churches*, Switzerland
- **SHEKINAELLE FATTOH**, *Côte d’Ivoire Annual Conference*, Côte d’Ivoire — Placement: Coordinator, *Church of Christ in the Congo*, DR Congo
- **LYNETTE HLATYWAYO**, *Zimbabwe West Annual Conference*, Zimbabwe — Placement: Human Rights Research Officer, *JustaPaz*, Mozambique
- **JUDITH JOSHUA**, *South Nigeria Annual Conference*, Nigeria — Placement: Program and Community

Development Officer, *Cape Town Bold Empowerment Partnership*, South Africa

- **SHADRACH KAFIYARO**, *Gwaten Nigeria Annual Conference*, Nigeria — Placement: Youth Worker, *Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas*, Barbados
- **ADAM KAMUNDI**, *Eternal Word Ministries International*, Zimbabwe — Placement: TBD
- **BLESSING KANENGONI**, *Eternal Word Ministries International*, Zimbabwe — Placement: TBD
- **SHARON KIRUKI**, *Jesus Winner Ministry*, Kenya — Placement: Youth and Senior Services Associate, *Bethanien Diakonissen Stiftung*, Germany
- **DAVID MARTINS**, *South Nigeria Annual Conference*, Nigeria — Placement: Teacher, *Lord's Mountain Orphanage*, Zambia
- **MEMORY MASUKO**, *St. Bernard's Anglican Church*, Zimbabwe — Placement: Community Health Supervisor, *the Center of Hope*, Mozambique
- **ALIKALI MOSES**, *Dominion Chapel International Churches*, Nigeria — Placement: Assistant Health Board Coordinator, *United Methodist Church Zimbabwe Health Board*, Zimbabwe
- **DARIA MUNKHBAATAR**, *Chingeltei United Methodist Church*, Mongolia — Placement: Program Support Beneficiary, *GRENCODA*, Grenada
- **MELI'SA-KAYE ROBOTHAM**,* *Methodist Church in the Caribbean**, Grenada — Placement: Youth and Senior Services Associate, *Bethanien Diakonissen Stiftung*, Germany
- **IRENE RONDROMALALA**, *Church of Jesus Christ of Madagascar* — Placement: TBD

- **RUSSELL RUSIKE**, *Zimbabwe East Annual Conference, Zimbabwe — Placement: Teacher, Lord’s Mountain Orphanage, Zambia*
- **CLEMENCE ULOMB**, *South Congo Annual Conference, DR Congo — Placement: HIV/AIDS Program Field Officer, Bwafwano Care Providers, Zambia*

Find more about them by reading the article at www.umcmmission.org/learn-about-us/news-and-stories/2016/september/0902southkoreacommissioning and clicking their names for their missionary bios and email addresses. (You may also ask [Jim Dwyer](#), as UMMA communications chair, for ccontact information.)

Also at General Cpnference the Daily Christian Advocate included a listing of “first women” in celebration of the 50 years since the General Conference decision that women and men are equally eligible for ordination as Methodist (now United Methodist) elders in full connection with annual conferences.

(11) The First Women

- **Maud Keister Jensen**: 1956 Received Full Clergy Rights
- **Emma P. Hill**: 1956 African American Ordained / Washington Conference
- **Antonia Wladar**: 1958 Ordained / Central and Southern European Central Conference
- **Gusta A. Robinette**: 1959 Ordained / DS / Indonesia-Medan Chinese District
- **Julia Torres Fernandez**: 1961 Latina Ordained Elder
- **Margaret Henrichsen**: 1967 American District Superintendent

- **Cornelia Mauyao**: 1971 Ordained / Philippines Central Conference
- **Mutombo Ilunga Kimba**: 1979 Ordained Elder / Congo / Africa Central Conf.
- **Marjorie Matthews**: 1980 Bishop in the UMC • **Mamie Ming Yan Ko**: 1982 Chinese American Ordained Elder / California-Pacific Conf.
- **Mochie Lam**: 1982 Chinese American Ordained Elder / California-Nevada Conf.
- **Colleen Kyung Seen Chun**: 1983 Korean American Ordained Elder / California-Pacific Conf.
- **Leontine T.C. Kelly**: 1984 African American Consecrated Bishop
- **Lois V. Glory-Neal**: 1989 Native American / Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conf.; 1992 DS
- **Sharon Brown Christopher**: 2002 President of the Council of Bishops
- **Linita Uluave Moa**: 2003 Tongan Ordained Elder
- **Minerva G. Carcaño**: 2004 Latina Bishop
- **Rosemarie J. Wenner**: 2005 European Bishop (Germany Central Conference)
- **Joaquina Filipe Nhanala**: 2008 African Bishop (Africa Central Conference).

(12) Passings

We have lost a number of members and friends since our the last **UMMA UpDate**.

- **Kathleen (Kathy) Thomas Sano** died July 6, 2016. Kathy was a much beloved leader across The United Methodist Church and had served the connection as staff of the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR) and a tireless

advocate for the rights of racial ethnic communities. She is survived by her husband, Bishop Roy Sano.

- **Jerri Savuto** died September 30, 2016, after a remarkable and long bout with cancer. The [North Texas UMC website](#) notes Jerri was a registered nurse (RN) who served along with her husband, Bill, for more than 22 years as a missionary in New Mexico, Kenya, Belize and Nigeria.

- **Onema Lomoto Ombaku**, 66, died on July 29, 2016, at the Jos University Teaching Hospital in Nigeria of a kidney disorder. An active GGBM missionary in Nigeria, “Ombaku's” area of expertise was mission finance. He had previously served for Global Ministries in Sierra Leone and his home country, the Democratic Republic of the Congo according to [Global Ministries' news release](#)

- **Maryruth Nickels**, 92, died August 10, 2016. She was a former staff member of the Women’s Division, General Board of Missions, Methodist Church. An obituary can be found at [SwartzMortuary.com](#)

- **Lorraine Farrier Enright**, 91, died August 10, 2016. She was missionary to Luanshya, Zambia, surviving spouse of missionary Rev. Kenneth Enright, and mother to missionary Rev. John Enright. A celebration of life service was held at [Kafakumba Training Center](#), Zambia. Her obituary can be found at [Legacy.com](#)

- **Eunice Jones Matthews**, 91, died February 22, 2016. She was born in India, the daughter of E. Stanley Jones and Mabel Lossing Jones, both Methodist missionaries, and widow of Bishop James Matthews. Obituaries are found at the [E. Stanley Jones Foundation site](#), the [official United Methodist Church site](#), and [The Washington Post](#)

- **Maxine Bascom**, 90, died November 25, 2015. Maxine was the widow of Gil Bascom, UMMA's first Coordinator.

Her obituary can be found in the Tacoma, WA, [News Tribune](#)

- The Rev. **Gerhard "Gay" Johnson**, 89, died in Tucson on Oct. 31, 2015. He and surviving spouse "Ginny" served in India in both English- and Gujarat-language ministries. His obituary can be found in the [Casa Grande Dispatch, Tucson](#)

- **Becky Louter**, 46, died September 16, 2016. She was executive secretary for the Deaconess and Home Missioner Office of United Methodist Women and GBGM. She is survived by four children ages 10, 9 and 6 (twins). [The UMW remembers her on their webpage.](#)

(13) The Last Word (Sojourners, 12/17/2015)

- 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.**