



UMMA UpDate No. 3

New Series — 1/2017

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About this Issue

This issue of **UpDate** is no. 3 in the New Series and includes almost exclusively information about the extraordinary **UMMA Gathering** planned for April plus some brief notes in "**Passings.**"

It comes to you, as usual, via **MailChimp** prepared by your editor in California, who is also mailing the hardcopies this time. Our prayers go out to Insook and to Gene Matthews in Insook's illness.

APRIL 2017 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

RSVP (SEE LAST PAGE) TO JOIN ANY OR ALL OF THESE UPCOMING EVENTS WITH FELLOW MISSION-MINDED FRIENDS IN ATLANTA, GA

You are invited to Atlanta, GA to join in several fellowship opportunities hosted by the United Methodist Missionary Association and Global Ministries at GBGM's NEW offices. These events are scheduled to follow the GBGM Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday - Saturday, April 20-22, 2017.

Your current dues payment (2017) will make a registration fee unnecessary!

SPECIAL GATHERING OF UMMA

What: UMMA business, planning & strategy meeting

(1) First Session

When: Saturday, April 22, 2017 2:00-5:00 pm

Where:* TBD (Hopefully at 458 Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA 30308)

Who: All UMMA Members — Lunch & evening meal opportunities to be arranged

What: Intergenerational Conversations on
Theology of Mission

- Come join us as we engage in small groups with former Young Adult Missionary participation addressing one or another aspect of our mission statement and its implications in our respective life situations and mission assignments. We will seek together to define the most urgent issues our work (e.g., immigration, migrants and displaced people; human rights, civil rights and reproductive rights; oppressive regimes; justice for indigenous peoples; issues of gender identity and discrimination; racism; exploitive and extractive economic models based on greed; nationalisms; or others you can surely name.

(2) Second Session

When: Sunday, April 23, 2017 2:00-5:00 pm

Who: Current, Former & Retired UMC Missionaries
— Lunch opportunity to be arranged following **11 a.m. worship at Grace Church**

— Evening meal opportunities to be arranged

What: Regional or Class Reunions (at your initiative)

When: Saturday or Sunday 7:00-10:00 pm
(Please share reunion plans as they may develop!)

GLOBAL MINISTRIES OPEN HOUSE

Open House at Global Ministries' NEW Headquarters **What:** to let them know you are coming. MiR@umcmmission.org Board of Global Ministries invites us all to a reunion event for alumni of missionary service at the new HQ in Atlanta. Please respond to your Missionaries in Residence at The General

When: Monday, April 24, 2017 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Where: 458 Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA 30308

Who: *Former and Retired Missionaries for Global Ministries*

What can be expected:

Worship in the beautiful on-site sanctuary

An address by General Secretary Thomas Kemper

Tour of the new facility

Lunch

Time to reunite with others with whom you served

INFORMATION ABOUT LODGING WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM OUR MIRS LARRY AND KRISTEN SCHMITZ MIR@UMCMMISSION.ORG. THEY CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE AT (816) 500-2584 (KRISTY) OR (816) 560-6739 (LARRY).

Global Ministries uses the following hotel for guests:

[Crowne Plaza in Atlanta-Midtown](#)

590 West Peachtree Street NW,
Atlanta, Georgia, 30308

Hotel Front Desk: 1-404-877-9000

Please note: All travel and lodging expenses will be the responsibility of the participants. All meals (except Monday lunch) will be at the responsibility of the participants. Coordination of meals will be offered by UMMA.

REGISTRATION FOR UMMA SPECIAL GATHERING

So that we may plan for your presence together, please send the following information to registration@umma-global.org or by postal mail to Becky Harrell 1231 Huisache Avenue, Apt #603 New Braunfels Texas 78130 Feel free to copy the information into you email program or download a fillable PDF from <<http://umma-global.org/resources/2017AprilRegistration.pdf>> .

YOUR NAME (First and Last) and
ADDRESS

CONTACT EMAIL

Before Departure —

While Traveling —

CELLPHONE (while traveling)

WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO BE PRESENT?

(MARK appropriate responses)

As GUEST at Directors' Meeting?

- YES NO Thursday, April 20
- YES NO Friday April 21
- YES NO Saturday April 22

For UMMA business, planning & strategy meeting?

- YES NO Saturday April 22 from 2-5pm
 - LUNCH* DINNER*
 - I want to be included in plans for meals!

For SUNDAY Worship at Grace Church?

- YES NO Sunday April 23 at 11am

For UMMA's Intergenerational Conversations on Theology of Mission?

- YES NO Sunday April 23 from 2-5pm
 - LUNCH* DINNER*
 - I want to be included in plans for meals!

For OPEN HOUSE for former and retired missionaries?

- YES NO Monday April 24 from 10 am – 3 pm

*** All meals are at your own expense. We will try to coordinate meals if enough are interested to save on travel time and expense.*

ARE YOU PLANNING A CLASS OR REGIONAL GATHERING?

(please provide details)

TRAVEL PLANS:

- BY PLANE? BY TRAIN? BY CAR?

Anticipated Day of Arrival in ATL:

Day of Departure from ATL:

(Please add flight or train numbers and times above if available.)

WHERE WILL YOU STAY?

- Crown Plaza‡ Other Hotel HomeStay

(Please add details if available)

‡ **The Crown Plaza is the closest hotel and usual lodging for Global Ministries guests. A block of rooms may be organized here by Global Ministries. Contact MiR@umcmission.org for more information.**

PASSINGS

We have lost a number of members and friends since our last UMMA Update.

- Becky Temple recently shared the word that her mother **Lora Temple**, 87, died September 1, 2015 in Medina, OH. She served first as a missionary teacher at Holden Institute in Laredo before learning Chinese and serving with her husband Edwin in Malaysia. Edwin died in 2009. An obituary can be found online at the [Medina \(OH\) Gazette](#) website.
- Word has reached through Beryl and Stan Moore that **Clyde Tucker**, 90, died on December 14, 2016, in Zebulon, NC, after a short illness.. Clyde had served as a missionary in Chile. An obituary can found at the [Massey Funeral Home](#) website.

(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.)

LAST WORDS: Sojourners verse/voice/prayer.on 12/27/2016

verse of the day

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

- Matthew 5:9

voice of the day

At some thoughts one stands perplexed, above all at the sight of human sin, and wonders whether to combat it by force or by humble love. Always decide 'I will combat it by humble love.'

— *Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

prayer of the day

God, draw us to you in constant prayer,
that we might grow in the intimacy that makes your passion ours.

— *adapted from Common Prayer*

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and moving forward"***

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