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**Important MIV Items to Remember...**

**Breakthrough Goals**

The deadline to input your 2016 Breakthrough Data online is January 31, 2017.

**Year End Reports**

Your Year End Reports need to be entered by February 15, 2017 into the Ezra database. You should have received your paper copies from Jack Frost at the Conference office last month. Questions about your year end reports need to be directed to Jack at the Conference office at 614-844-6200.

**IRS Mileage Rate**

The IRS has set the standard mileage rate for business miles driven at 53.5 cents/mile (\$0.535) effective January 1, 2017. This is a reduction of 0.5 cents/mile in 2016. Please note this on mileage reimbursement requests made for trips beginning in January.

## SUPPORTING YOUR BRIDGE

### The Nuts & Bolts of Local Church Leadership for Clergy & Laity

We are lining up a series of workshops to equip new and not-so-new leaders for the nuts and bolts of ministry work in the local church. Workshops will each include:

- Updated blueprints: what's new for the ministry area in the 2016 Book of Discipline
- A hammer, a screwdriver, or a saw?: best practices in a variety of ministry settings
- Sure foundations: lessons for leading in the local church.



The day will start off with a keynote by Rev. Rosario Picardo, author of "Funding Ministry with Five Loaves and Two Fishes." Great food, fellowship, and worship are always included!

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

**United Theological Seminary**

**4501 Denlinger Road, Trotwood, OH 45426**

**8:30am - 2:30pm**

\$10/person

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**

## Upcoming MIV Events

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

**Saturday, February 26, 2017**

**Saturday, March 26, 2017**

**Saturday, April 23, 2017**

*UMC Membership Class (for any UMC Church)*

McKinley UMC (16 Hawthorne St, Dayton)

10am - Noon

4 week class, teacher: Rev. Dr. Jocelyn Roper

Methodist History, Spirituality & Polity



**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

*Supporting Your Bridge - The Nuts & Bolts of Local Church Leadership*

United Theological Seminary, 9am - 2:30pm (Registration begins at 8:30am)

[Register Here](#)



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[Click Here for Recent Passings](#)

[Click Here for Recent Appointments](#)

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## Upcoming Local Church Events

Watcha doin'?! Let us know so we can help spread the word!

### **GINGHAMSBURG: Change the World - the passionate church/Rooted - a church planting network Conferences**

#### **WORSHIP DESIGN - all the things (PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE) Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

8:30am registration; 9am-4pm session

Everyone loves being part of a rich and meaningful weekend experience but rarely do God-moments spontaneously descend into our worship spaces.

You're invited to join Kim Miller, passionate and smartly seasoned worship producer and Rusty Eshleman, Ginghamburg's talented and deep-reaching music pastor as they lead this workshop for teams ready to reimagine the possibilities. Discover the combination of intentional planning + creative teamwork - empowering everyday people to experience the Divine inside the weekly rhythm of worship. Bring a sketchpad or a laptop and a spirit ready to soak up a boatload of inspiration - fully customizable for your own missional setting.

Click [here](#) for more info/to register.

#### **CHANGE THE WORLD - the passionate church Thursday & Friday, March 16 & 17, 2017**

Despite what we sometimes read in the headlines, the church is not dead! But it's definitely poised for rebirth and revival. Now is the time for passionate churches to remember who we are and whose we are, and rise up to take positive, powerful and Christ-filled action to change the world - one life - and one community...at a time.

The CHANGE the WORLD Conference is designed to provide the tools, information and inspiration that all churches - regardless of size, location or budget - need to live out the mission of Jesus as a passionate church.

Plan to bring your team and join us on March 16 & 17, 2017 for CHANGE the WORLD - The Passionate Church. Click [here](#) for more info/ to register.



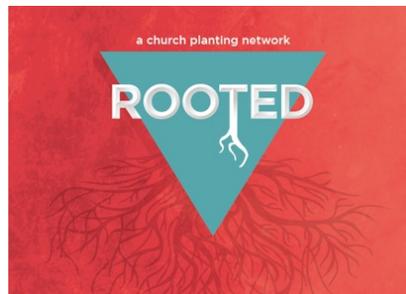
#### **ROOTED - a church planting network**

## Tuesday & Wednesday, March 14 & 15, 2017

Join us for ROOTED, a learning and networking event that is the perfect opportunity for moving past theory to practice for pastors, church planters, individuals and teams of lay people that desire to plant, nurture, innovate and reignite missional movements.

### Who Should Attend:

- Church planters & teams who desire innovation in the church planting process.
- Pastors who want to engage their churches & communities in new church plants or restarts.
- Lay people who are passionate about the work in the local church and reaching their communities.



Click [here](#) for more info/to register.

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## Upcoming WOC Events

For a complete listing of WOC events, click [here](#).

### Saturday, February 4, 2017

*(ERT) Early Response Training and Recertification*  
Aley UMC, 4143 Kemp Road, Beavercreek, 8:30am  
- 4:30pm

[Register Here](#)



### Saturday, March 4, 2017

*Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church*  
Hope United Methodist Church  
4183 E. Columbus Street, Canal Winchester, OH 43110  
10am - 2:30pm (Registration begins at 9:30am)

[Register Here](#)

### Saturday, March 18, 2017

*VIM Team Leader Training*  
West Ohio Conference, 32 Wesley Blvd  
9am - 4pm

[Register Here](#)

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## Health & Bedding Kits needed

Dear Supporters in Christ, Because of your past generosity, we at UMCOR Sager Brown, have been able to replenish our inventory of disaster relief supplies and place ourselves in a better position to respond to disasters. Although our



inventory has increased, we are still in need of health and bedding kits. If you and your congregation are able to assist with this request, that would truly be a blessing. As you are aware, crisis can occur anywhere, at any time, just as with the recent tornadoes that hit Hattiesburg, Mississippi. We want to be prepared as best we can to answer the call should our brothers and sisters need us. Should you have any questions about the construction of these kits, please go to our website at [www.umcor.org/reliefsupplies](http://www.umcor.org/reliefsupplies).

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## **Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church**

West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church  
*Saturday, March 4, 2017*  
*(Check-in begins at 9:30am) Event: 10:00am-2:30pm*  
*Hope United Methodist Church*  
*4183 E. Columbus Street, Canal Winchester, OH 43110*

\$5.00 per person (includes lunch, refreshments and resources)

### **Who Should Attend**

Pastors, Finance Committee Members, Stewardship Team Leaders, Church Leaders

### **Growing Generosity**

The smaller church has unique cultural issues to address to grow generosity. The following topics will be addressed, customized to their unique historical practices.

- \* Biblical foundation for giving to God
- \* Understanding generosity as a lifestyle
- \* Holistic approach to stewardship
- \* Modified local church year-round strategy to grow generous givers
- \* What is the role of the pastor?
- \* What is the role of the finance committee?
- \* Best financial practices
- \* Address: "But we've always had the money when we need it!"
- \* Why or why not use CD's (Certificates of Deposit) as stewards?

For more information contact Council on Development at 614-844-6200  
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## **Scholarship Opportunities**

The West Ohio Conference is offering two scholarship opportunities for

undergraduate students attending accredited institutions of higher education during the 2017-18 academic years. To learn more about the scholarship criteria visit [westohioumc.org/conference/undergraduate-scholarships](http://westohioumc.org/conference/undergraduate-scholarships).

All seniors graduating from high school this May and all current college undergraduate students who plan on attending an accredited college this fall are encouraged to apply.

### **The Call to Leadership Scholarship**

A \$2,500 to \$5,000 award available to a full time undergraduate student who has completed one semester full time credit hours; has a minimum 2.5 GPA; demonstrated leadership in church, and school or community; is a member of local United Methodist Church or United Methodist campus ministry. Candidates may be asked to participate in a conversational interview with members of the West Ohio Conference Scholarship Task Force. This scholarship may be renewed twice through an application process. The West Ohio Conference reserves the right to alter or cancel this scholarship grant due to eligibility or funding. Submission deadline: March 15, 2017. [Click here for application](#)

### **The Ethnic Minority Scholarship**

A \$3,000 award available to an incoming freshman of ethnic origin who plans to attend any United Methodist college or university, has a 2.5 GPA minimum, financial need, and meets the basic criteria. If there is no qualified applicant, the funds may be awarded to the highest rated student(s). Submission deadline: April 15, 2017. [Click here for application](#)

Questions? Email [rstreet@wocumc.org](mailto:rstreet@wocumc.org) or contact the West Ohio Conference Scholarship Task Force Chair, Rev. Lori Reiber at [pastorlorireiber@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlorireiber@gmail.com).

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## **VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION TEAM TO NICARAGUA**

The June mission team to Managua Nicaragua, June 20-28, 2017, is now forming. This team will continue working at the Christian School of Fundacion El Samaritano, a relationship that has been going on annually with United Methodist teams since 1996. The activities may include interaction with the students and possibly some construction and maintenance projects. The team may also engage in some community projects and other projects with the Nicaragua Methodist Church. Time for worship in a local church, sightseeing and shopping will be available. The June team is for all but is especially appropriate for students and young adults. The cost is \$1,500 per volunteer which is all inclusive except for personal purchases. A brochure and application form can be obtained by contacting Jack Reif at [jack.reif@zoomtown.com](mailto:jack.reif@zoomtown.com) or by phone at 513-831-5550.

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