

Alabama-West Florida Conference
CORE Team Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2011 – Dalraida UMC (Montgomery, AL)

Opening

The meeting was opened 9:30 a.m. by Steve Furr. Introductions were conducted around the room.

Present

See attached.

Prayer Concerns/Requests and Devotion

Rev. Jim DuFriend took prayer concerns/requests. Prayer was given.

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 2011 meeting. A second was heard. The minutes were approved.

Business

A video was shown about UMC Realities – The State of the Church. You can watch the video by visiting <http://www.awfumc.org/pages/detail/361>.

Call to Action: Reordering the Life of the Church was discussed. The Call to Action Steering Team was created by the Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table to guide our denominational response to the mission of the church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and focus our ministry efforts around global health, ministry with the poor, growing congregations and developing leaders. In Fall 2010, the team delivered a plan that will lead to the reordering of the life of the church.

Neil McDavid talked about the staff transitions happening in our office. Leigh Meekins will be working on her dissertation for the next year. Frederick Outlaw will become The Director of Discipleship Ministries. Leigh has organized a team of children's directors who will take on some of the children's ministries responsibilities.

Susan Hunt gave a report about the spring storms. The Demopolis District was the worse affected. Collection points have been set up. A Tornado Relief Coordinator has been hired. Charles Walters will oversee the long term recovery from the Alabama Spring Storms.

Susan also reported on the Early Response Training. ERT Teams are needed for a first/immediate response to a disaster.

UMCOR has given our conference a \$10,000 grant to help in responding to the spring storm needs. Over \$90,000 has been given by the churches of the conference.

New and Emerging Ministries

CIRCLES of Transformation is an exciting new ministry of the Alabama-West Florida Conference. This ministry with the poor is a marriage of a ministry called CIRCLES and a process of loving, learning, and leading developed by Spiritual Leadership, Inc. (SLI). *CIRCLES of Transformation* is a faith-based ministry which addresses generational poverty through developing CIRCLES in local communities.

Each local CIRCLE consists of families in poverty and allies (typically middle class citizens) who come alongside them and learn together and journey together over time. The purpose of this process is transformation, that is, transformation of the families in poverty, the allies, as well as the community. The bottom line is to break the cycle of poverty in these families. There is much excitement about this new ministry that by its nature and design is intended to be generative, thus to multiply and replicate itself.

CIRCLES of Transformation is being led by Fred and Laurel Blackwell, United Methodists from Phenix City, who have retired to devote themselves full time to a life of service. The vision is that *CIRCLES of Transformation* will multiply in communities throughout our annual conference.

For more information, contact the Blackwells at circles@awfumc.org.

Academy For Church Leadership (ACL) will develop effective clergy and lay leaders for our conference. The mission stated for ACL is, "creating a culture of incarnational leadership across the Alabama-West Florida Conference". Dr. Herb Sadler (retired elder) will lead ACL.

EQUIP is a non-profit organization specializing in the development of effective international Christian leaders. Founded by Dr. John C. Maxwell in 1996, *EQUIP* is dedicated to developing servant leaders who shoulder responsibility, meet challenges with courage and creativity and never relinquish their God-given dreams. *EQUIP* believes that every person is born with the potential to influence others. From church leaders to government leaders, educators to marketplace leaders, we are training a global vanguard of men and women who are stepping forward to effectively confront the greatest needs on our planet. With the completion of the Great Commission as their priority, these devoted leaders follow the leadership development model demonstrated by Jesus of Nazareth—during His public ministry, Jesus spent the greatest amount of His time training a group of leaders to impact the world. We are partnering with *EQUIP* to bring this training to our conference.

10:49 – BREAK; 11:04 – RESUMED MEETING

New Church Development

The Board of Congregational Development worked alongside Mont Duncan, New Church Start Director for the FL Conference, and looked at growing and underserved areas. One of the areas discovered was the Crestview area. Rev. Sean Peters has been appointed to the new church start. He is formerly an associate at Shalimar UMC. Shalimar is prepared to provide people resources to the new church start. The Pensacola District Board of Missions will share in financial support with the Board of Congregational Development.

Old Business

The 2011 Annual Conference Session will be June 5 – 8, 2011 at Frazer Memorial UMC. The session will begin with Opening Worship on Sunday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Since this is a voting year, a Tuesday night session will be necessary.

11:45 am ADJOURNED

FUTURE CORE TEAM MEETING DATES:
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- September 1 - Blue Lake. Gathering at 9:00 a.m.; Business at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is served.
- December 1 - Blue Lake. Gathering at 9:00 a.m.; Business at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is served.

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- Welcome/Introductions
- Prayer
- Devotional – Steve Furr
- UMC Realities Video
- Called To Act – State of the Church (www.umc.org)
- Called To Action – Ministry Plan Resources (www.umc.org)
- Minutes
- Staff Transitions
- Tornado Response Update
- New and Emerging Ministries
 - CIRCLES of Transformation – Fred and Laurel Blackwell
 - Academy For Church Leadership
 - EQUIP
 - New Church/Crestview
- Other Business
- Next Meeting - September 1 - Blue Lake. Gathering at 9:00 a.m.; Business at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. **Please rsvp your attendance.**
- Sending Forth

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	Debra Bishop			
	Fred & Laurel Blackwell			
	Francis Turner			
	Helen Edwards		104	1
	PAT Caylor		70	1
	Man Catherine Phillips			
	<i>[Signature]</i>			
	Betty Helms		200	1

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	SUSAN HUNT		—	
	Jim DuFried	1005 Bolen Dr Jackson, AL 36545	300	
	Bob Sweet	121 ORLEANS way DAPHNE, AL 36526		
	Barbara Sautter	3 Fairpoint Pl. Gulf Breeze, FL 32561		
	Steve Furr	214 Plantation Trce Jackson, AL 36545	310	
	Ronny Noble		0	
	Phyllis Murray		0	
	Lyle Meekins			

JOHN CROFT

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	<i>Paul Seeland</i>		_____	
	<i>Shirley Woodie</i>	<i>171 Meadowview Dr. Ozark, AL 36360</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Frank Dumas</i>	<i>office</i>	_____	
	<i>Sam Williams</i>	<i>1010 W Maple Ave Geneva, AL 36340</i>	<i>220</i>	