More than $39,000 in grant money has been invested in several new ministries in the Baltimore-Washington Conference (see story, below). L-R: Sophia Didawick; Voices in Praise Youth Choir; and Project Transformation D.C.

Misssional Innovation Grants support creative discipleship

From The BWC's Connectional Ministries Staff

In a dramatically new way of pursuing God’s kingdom, the Baltimore-Washington Conference has issued its inaugural batch of $39,600 in Missional Innovation Grants to 10 recipients. The grants recognize that discipleship has the most impact when it is done at a local church level, with people living out their faith assisting people in their communities. The conference seeks to support these efforts by enabling creative and vital expressions of God’s love as it inspires and enables discipleship. These annual awards were given by the Interim Discipleship Agency Boards in the areas of Advocacy and Justice, Abundant Health, and Young People’s Ministries. Money for the financial assistance was provided by grants received by the Conference from a variety of sources and mission shares contributed by local churches. For more information, visit www.bwcumc.org/resources/grants-and-awards. Here are this year’s recipients:

The BWC’s Abundant Health Board is pleased to support four vital ministries in the amount of $10,000.

Care Pack Ministry - $3,000
Union Chapel UMC
Sophia Didawick
Sophia Didawick is a high-school senior in Morgan County, W.Va. The Care Pack Ministry was born during Community. King’s assessment of “The Dream” speech.

In the Birmingham letter and Washington, D.C., speech, King most demonstratively outlined that his singular vision was for the realization of the Beloved Community. King’s assessment of "The Dream" speech.

In 2019, the Rev. Ianther Mills, pastor of Asbury UMC in Washington, will preach at the Memorial Service; Marcia McFee, a worship expert and consultant, will speak at the laity session; and the Rev. Marvin McMickle, president of the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in New York, will lead the Bible study. At this year’s session, delegates will be elected to the 2020 General Session. A series of several electronic ballots is expected. The deadline for the delegates’ nomination statements is April 1. April 1 is also the deadline for resolutions to be considered by the members of the session. The format for the resolutions, which should be submitted to the Conference Secretary, Cynthia Taylor, can be found at www.bwcumc.org/events/annual-conference. Questions about the resolutions can be addressed to Taylor at bwcsecretary@bwcumc.org.

At this year’s session, delegates will be held at two locations, one in the afternoon, be held at two locations, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, on May 18. Locations and times will be announced soon.

The foundational Scripture for the Conference continues to be Ephesians 4:1-16. The missional partnership to combat homelessness with Back on My Feet (www.backonmyfeet.org) will continue. For information about the election of General Conference delegates, see page 4.
A required training for all clergy Jan. 31 - Westphalia UMC in Upper Guild is still burned out and run. Run after a vision for renewed Run after a chance to share the gospel with the friend, family, or co-worker so that they can come to know the saying grace and peace of a relationship with Jesus Christ! Run after an opportunity to serve and change the world!

As we enter the new year, now is the perfect time to make the decision to not have another year of business as usual but to have a year that is an unforgettable chance to live your best life. Don’t hesitate, don’t wait and certainly don’t do more of the same. Now is the time to make a decision to get ready, get set and go. Now is the time to RUN!
Grants: Funding reflects new approach to ministry

From page 1

her sophomore year when she discovered that essential hygiene items were not available to a close friend. Sophia quickly stepped into action and supplied her friend with these items, as well as helping hundreds of other students living below the poverty line in Morgan County. Today, Sophia packs and distributes over 175 care packages each month. Every care pack contains a bar of soap, body wash, hand soap, a bath sponge, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, and mouth wash. (Sophia Didawick also received $5,000 from Young People’s Ministry for this bold outreach.)

Save the Sanctuary - $2,500

Ames UMC
Marion Tighman

Ames UMC of Bel Air has had a Save the Sanctuary Program since 2015.

Developed in response to statistics showing that obesity, lack of physical activity, and unhealthy nutrition were the most direct causes of health concerns affecting the minority communities of Harford County, Save the Sanctuary was designed to inform and make pastors healthier, thus, inspiring their congregations and communities to do the same.

Save the Sanctuary provides participants with a tote containing all of the materials a pastor or lay person may need to introduce, implement, and sustain a health and wellness ministry within their local church.

The program additionally seeks to dispel the myths surrounding food, fitness, and faith, while providing spiritual and biblical principles of healthy living for disciples of Jesus Christ.

Fully Alive - $3,000

Pewter UMC
Valeria Stevens

Fully Alive is a community ministry sponsored by Pewter UMC in Washington, D.C. The program offers holistic, multi-level physical, mental, and spiritual health engagement opportunities for everyday men and women trying to make ends meet within our busy culture.

Fully Alive seeks to offer a place of solace and support to those who feel tired and isolated, and those who may currently see the church as disconnected with today’s reality.

Through a spiritual lens, the program will allow people to “look at their bodies differently and to know they have a faith community that can support them in becoming strong temples with enough energy to serve in greater capacities in the world.”

Fully Alive will include a gifts inventory, Bible studies relevant to issues specific to today’s young adult, and various workshops on topics such as financial health, maintaining a healthy work-life balance, and recognizing and advocating for changing unhealthy relationships, as well as resources on QPR suicide prevention and human trafficking awareness.

The BWC’s Advocacy and Action Network is pleased to award $10,175 to three outstanding ministries.

Project Transformation - $5,000

Project Transformation, Inc.
Rachel Luna

Project Transformation’s mission was honored for its ongoing commitment to enhancing youth literacy and academic excellence in Washington, D.C. (See a description under the Young People’s Ministry, right, which also awarded Project Transformation $5,000.)

Project Transformation was a high-school senior in Morgan County, W.Va., who assembles and distributes 175 care packages for her peers each month. (See more about her in the section on the Action and Advocacy Network on page 1, which also awarded her $3,000.)

LeadHer Ministry for Young Women - $1,000

LeadHer Ministry
Bonnie McCabe

LeadHer Ministry for Young Women is a program seeking to help young women hone their leadership skills and meet women who are leading in their fields, from church, politics, academics, business, and beyond, so that they can build up networks of professional women as mentors, friends, and colleagues to become the leaders of today and tomorrow the church and the world so desperately need. Beginning with a week-long summer camp for girls entering 7-12th grade in 2018, the ministry is seeking to expand to include girls in 5-12th grade in 2019 and adding additional quarterly events.

Baltimore-Suburban District Youth Ministry - $2,250

Susan Harry

The District Youth Coordinators of the Baltimore-Suburban District (Susan Harry and Bill Jones) continue to seek ways to connect youth workers and youth themselves across the district for the sharing of resources and opportunities for fellowship across churches. This grant will allow them to organize a district-wide youth event so that youth and youth workers can connect in a time of fellowship as well as provide physical resources for youth workers across the district.

Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (CJAMM) - $4,975

Pat Marks

CJAMM is an initiative of the BWC where people of faith come together to improve the criminal justice system in Maryland and the District of Columbia. CJAMM initiatives are designed to foster congregations and their members’ spiritual focus of mercy and compassion for all persons involved in the criminal justice system, including: families; victims; those incarcerated; returning citizens (people who have been incarcerated); and those who work within the criminal justice system, including law enforcement and court officials.

Cultural Competency Training - $500

Wesley Freedom UMC
Elizabeth LeMaster

Wesley Freedom UMC’s Family Resource Center has partnered with Johanna Delan, Director of Innovation, Strategy and Development for Axiom Sober Coaches, to host a Train the Trainer Cultural Competency Training.

Training module topics include LGBT elders, HIV, LGBT youth, trans health, race, and violence. The training covers adult learning and theories of change.

While sharing the facts is important, a specific goal of his training is to help change attitudes and behaviors so that LGBT clients will have a different and better experience when they engage with social service and other programs in our community.

Their efforts to love all, provide safe spaces and new forms of community will encourage people to develop to their fullest potential.

Young People’s Ministry is pleased to support five innovative ministries with $19,125.

Care Pack Ministry - $5,000

Sophia Didawick
Union Chapel UMC

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Project Transformation - $5,000

Project Transformation D.C.’s mission is to engage young adults in purposeful leadership and ministry while providing support to children in holistic development and connecting churches with communities. Their unique model of partnering with local churches to hire adult mentors to serve the children in the communities while also learning essential leadership skills is a perfect match for the goals of the Young People’s Ministry Board.

They are pleased to support Project Transformation DC with $5,000 as they continue to connect churches and communities in DC and engage young adults during a crucial stage of their lives.

Voices In Praise Youth Choir Summer Camp - $5,875

Voices In Praise, Inc.

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Guidelines announced for electing delegates

This winter, clergy and lay people are invited to a season of discernment to assess if they wish to serve as delegates to the 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church and the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

The General Conference, the denomination’s top legislative body, will meet May 5-15, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minn. The Jurisdictional Conference, a regional gathering, will meet July 13-17, 2020, in Baltimore. (These events are distinct from the special, called Session of General Conference, Feb. 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis.)

When it gathers at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore for this year’s Annual Session, May 29 to June 1, the Baltimore-Washington Conference will elect six clergy and six lay people to General Conference, six clergy and six lay people to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, and four clergy and lay alternates — 32 delegates in all.

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According to the Conference rules, all ordained clergy are eligible for election. Any clergy person who wishes to be a candidate will submit a petition of support, on a form provided by the Conference Secretary, bearing the signatures of 15 clergy who are full members of the Conference. (Clergy may also nominate their colleagues as candidates.) In addition to the petitions, clergy must submit a written statement of qualifications, relevant experience and other information. These statements should not exceed 150 words. Both are due by April 1.

Lay members who wish to become a nominee should submit a written statement of qualifications, relevant experience and other information to the Conference secretary by April 1. All lay, who are members of the Annual Conference, need to have been professing members of The United Methodist Church for at least two years next preceding the election, and have been active participants in The United Methodist Church for at least four years. Before submitting their names, people are asked to consider the substantial time commitment delegates will be required to serve.

“While people were there for a variety of personal reasons — including the recent tear-gassing of children, wanting to make love visible, and to help shed light on the current unjust immigration policies and more — we were there for a common purpose,” she wrote.

BWC leaders bear witness at the border

By Erik Alsgaard
UMConnection Staff

About two weeks before Christmas, Christi Latona, Director of Connectional Ministries for the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Emma Escobar, Coordinator of Hispanic/Latino Ministries for the BWC, and Julie Wilson, Chair of the BWC’s Immigration Task Force, were south of San Diego, Calif., at the border with Mexico. They were there as part of a group of more than 300 faith leaders who marched to the wall on International Human Rights Day, Dec. 10, in a “moral call for migrant justice.”

“The Bible presents migration as an on-going, human phenomena, not as a crisis to be managed or a policy problem to be solved,” wrote Latona during the four-day trip. She shared her thoughts and lessons learned on the BWC website (www.bwcumc.org/united-to-love-at-the-border).

The trip was transformative. It also took her out of her comfort zone.

“I have a confession,” she wrote. “This kind of thing makes me very uncomfortable. I have never considered myself a protester or social activist. While I have marched and helped plan and execute a rally in recent years, I have never participated in an action where civil disobedience was a part of the plan. I ended up as a part of our BWC delegation because Bishop Easterling’s and Stacey Cole Wilson’s, Executive Director of Justice and Service, and Wilson were. “I was seeking to discern what God was calling me to do.”

At 9 a.m. the day of the march, Latona suddenly found herself in the midst of several items for safekeeping. Watches, phones, jewelry, a Bible, and “a backpack that contained a battery with enough juice to recharge a car battery.” Latona carried that on the bus ride to the park, and the subsequent march to the ocean and the border.

“Soon after the picture of the United Methodist group was taken, buses were loaded based upon our zone.

Latona said that she wasn’t prepared to participate in the act of civil disobedience, but that Escobar and Wilson were. “I was seeking to discern what God was calling me to do.”

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“This is not a commitment to be taken lightly,” stressed Delores Martin, the chair of the current delegation. In addition to mandatory monthly meetings, members are expected to do a significant amount of reading and other preparation for the two-week General Conference session., which some have compared to a marathon.

Before the nomination process even begins, people must reflect on whether they will be able to add this significant commitment to their schedules and lives, former delegates have said. “The work is too important to not take seriously.”

Delegates are also cautioned that campaigning of any kind is not allowed prior to or at the Annual Conference Session.

To submit your nomination, send an email to Cynthia Taylor, BWC Secretary, at bwsecretary@bwcumc.org.
Resurgence’ offers practical hope to churches

By Melissa Lauber
UMConnection Staff

There’s a verse in Deuteronomy 2:3 where the Israelites have been wandering in the wilderness, seeking to move into the Promised Land. God eventually tells them: “You have been going around in circles in these hills long enough. Head north.”

“Resurgence,” a new book by the Revs. Rodney Smothers and Candace Lewis, is a roadmap to help today’s church move beyond its well-worn paths and “turn north” to growth and discipleship.

Revitalization and relevance are the key gifts that “Resurgence: Navigating the Changing Ministry Landscape” offers the church, said Smothers, the Director of Leadership and Congregational Development for the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

He wrote the book with Lewis, a district superintendent in Florida, who worked previously as the denomination’s executive director of Path 1 New Church Starts.

The book, released this month, explores “a process of retooling the church to engage the future with relevant strategies that connect people with God.”

While it was written, in part, to address the changing African-American church, its lessons are applicable to all churches seeking to navigate renewal and change in a culture in which the church feels increasingly irrelevant.

As part of a roadmap for renewal, Smothers suggests seven important transitions for churches and leaders to move from their current state to something that addresses the changing realities of today’s world.

Smothers and Lewis outline the changes this way:

Industrial to Digital

“While the good news of God’s love is unchanging, the world has moved through the Industrial Age into the digital, downloadable-on-demand age. Social media today is what the printing press was in the past. Churches that do not intend to invest in digital media (for worship, giving, meetings, Christian education, evangelism and mission) are signaling that they do not intend to invest in a vital future.”

Comfort and Care to Chaos and Crisis

The church’s “heyday” is past, they write. “With the evolving social, cultural, technological and ecclesiastical landscapes, we must constantly reassess the way we do church in a society that does not necessarily value church as the priority it has been in prior generations.”

Leadership teams, made up of 12-15 people, should evolve from meeting for administrative repair to gathering to create strategies for the implementation of ongoing growth goals and execute ongoing ministries that benefit the congregation and community.

Caretaker to Catalyst for Change

Churches need to be shifting away from a focus on self.

“Emerging events on the horizon (like the Black Lives Matters movement) require us to get out of buildings and find out what the community needs. We should never embrace the attitude that the church cannot help or make a difference. … It’s simply a matter of connecting call, spirituality and commitment to Christ in a way that is not just limited to the Sunday morning experience but rather engages people between the Sundays.”

Boss to Teaming Leader

Pastors need to move from viewing themselves as experts to creating a culture of leaders and thinkers. Leaders guide the “why” of the forward movement of ministry. They must also work to develop, guide and execute ideas and tasks based on vision and mission. “Teaming ministries are great models of Kingdom expansion which provide God-centered best practices that can be replicated in multiple locations.”

Telling to Coaching

“Telling leaders dispense information; coaching leaders create strategy. Good leaders must create a culture of coaching that draws out people’s self-awareness and skills and empowers them to discover their own answers and strategies for living more fully into God’s preferred future.”

Scarcity to Abundance

“Generosity is simply understanding God as the source of our provisions,” they write. “When we give, we are returning to God a portion of what God has already given to us. When we begin to understand the joy of being asked to be a steward, it manifests in the privilege of returning back to God what God has entrusted to our care. … Generous giving involves more than money. It is a spiritual discipline that involves our time, talents, gifts, service and witness.”

Membership to Discipleship

“Resurgent churches have an intentional plan of discipleship that navigates people through the process of spiritual maturity. … One of the hallmarks of vital ministry is a consistent process of on-boarding, training, mission-alignment, accountability, leadership gifting, and discipleship benchmarking. … Resurgence is a process of retooling the church to engage the future with relevant strategies that connect people with God.”

What does it take to create, spark, ignite, maintain, and sustain a resurgence in your church?

Undergirding all these changes, Smothers points out, is leadership. Gifted leaders, he said, can “thrive in most ministry settings,” especially if they draw on “the core ingredients of effective pastoral leadership: listening, learning, loving and lifting God’s people to serve.”

Gifted leaders supplement their knowledge with spiritual maturity as they seek to follow Ephesians 4:13 and “measure up to the full and complete standard of Christ.”

Resurgence, Smothers and Lewis conclude, is a way for the church to reinvent itself to engage its community in new ways.

“At the heart of this movement is leadership that has as its primary objective innovative, transformative, and life-giving skills that equip and empower a new generation of leaders.”

“Resurgence: Navigating the Changing Ministry Landscape” is available online at Amazon.com.

An Excerpt from ‘Resurgence’:

“Landmarks can be defined as historic or geographically significant places in past history and present experiences. Landscapes may be described as emerging places and spaces filled with potential, just awaiting discovery and development. “As church leaders, we too are able to see landmarks and landscapes along our leadership journey. We often have to choose whether we will focus our leadership time, effort and energy on maintaining the landmarks or engaging the emerging ministry landscape opportunities. … Resurgent leaders learn the importance of assessing and naming the current realities of their ministry context.”

Rev. Rodney Smothers holds a copy of his new book, ‘Resurgence.’
Mt. Winans brings blankets to homeless in Baltimore

Mark Johnson, the lay leader at Mt. Winans UMC in Baltimore, has a heart for others. Recently, he brought together three other churches in the area to unite in love and collect 160 blankets, hats, socks, and sandwiches. After the holidays, he went out with other people of faith to the streets where the homeless live to share all that was gathered, said Pastor Nathaniel Green.

Ministry to immigrants expanding

BALTIMORE - Salem-Baltimore Hispanic UMC recently received a grant for $5,000 from the General Board of Discipleship to develop a ministry for undocumented immigrants afraid to participate in faith communities for fear of deportation. The church is located in an area with many Hispanic immigrants. Its outreach will be into that community, said Emma Escobar, the BWC coordinator of Hispanic/Latino ministries.

The project, “Resurrection Baltimore,” includes in-home worship, prayer and pastoral care. It also includes leadership training and education for the children and other young people.

“We want to see church members reach out to a hurting world and embrace those who need Jesus (as they) create new avenues of discipleship,” Discipleship Ministries officials said.

Planning justice and mercy for incarcerated

FULTON - An ecumenical group of 35 people, all criminal justice advocates, gathered at the BWC Mission Center Dec. 8, to hone their plans and work for “brothers and sisters currently navigating the justice system,” wrote William Carpenter in a report of the event.

“The program was sponsored by the BWC’s Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries.

In breakout sessions participants covered topics from the School to Prison Pipeline, to the special needs of female inmates and reintegrating into the community after serving time.

Reintegration and mentoring programs are important for giving formerly incarcerated persons a real chance to become positive members of the community, to live with dignity, Carpenter said.

At the end of the day, 11 participants agreed to form a Steering Committee to further the work and mission, including Pat Marks, a deaconess working in this conference.

They shared ideas for proposed activities and many left with renewed energy and purpose in their ministries.

Special needs folks enjoy a costume dance

LUTHERVILLE - St. John’s/Idlewyld UMC Cooperative Parish hosted a Costume Dance Party for people with special needs.

Idlewyld began the outreach ministry years ago, which has grown significantly under the leadership of Sandy Beri. The ministry now includes Palm Sunday and Christmas services, sponsors a Special Needs Boy Scout Troop and has a relationship with a Baltimore school for grades pre-K through 8.

This year’s Costume Dance was an added endeavor and, “it was a blast!” said Pastor Carol Pazdersky.

“It is not only a blessing to the recipient of the $100 or those who use it for a worthwhile purpose but also the member that has the privilege of giving,” expressed many of the givers.

Church musician retires after 29 years

BRUNSWICK – The congregation of New Hope UMC is saying goodbye to their longtime — 29 years — church organist Betty Richardson, now in her eighties. She is retiring. A member of the United Methodist Church her entire life, she began her music career at age seven.

At the Woodberry Methodist Church in Baltimore, she accompanied the Junior Choir. She later was an organist at Glen Mar, Pasadena, and Sandy Hook UMCs. Now after 29 years at New Hope, she will sing “Rain Down” with the choir as her farewell song.

However, she plans to continue to share her love of music in retirement, especially with the elderly who reside at Taney Village.
When the song of the angels is stilled, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild and renew, to bring peace among the people to make music in the heart.

It is a beautifully written piece that beckons us to understand Christmas as more than a day or even a season. We know that the world has already moved on from the holiday as Christmas can have ceased and the accouterments in store windows have miraculously turned to pink and red hearts.

But I do not believe this abrupt shift only occurs in the secular community. Even within the church, the transition away from Christmas and all that it entails gives way to either returning to our regularly scheduled worship services or preparing for Lent. The spirit of Christmas that moves many to visit nursing homes to sing carols or share a meal, the concern for feeding the hungry that takes us to banks or community centers in November and December suddenly ceases. And yet, the need for the lonely and hungry continues. Even more importantly, our missional call to be the hands and feet of Christ does not end with the celebration of Christmas.

Thurman’s words remind us that the birth of Christ, the coming of “Emmanuel” – God with us – is not the master or the servant of God’s call to all disciples. Yes, the life of Christ is an example of how to resist temptation, remain faithful and unmovable, and to sacrifice all else in pursuit of God’s call. It is also a living witness and testimony to the daily pouring out of love, healing, presence, advocacy and sacred action. We intentionally prepare for the birth of Christ during Advent by embracing the incarnation during Christmas and Christmastide, and we live the truth of God’s love every day.

I have appropriated the phrase, “Transformed Lives Transform Lives” as a way of expressing my belief that as we are transformed by the gift of grace, we cannot help but live that transformation. As we have experienced God’s forgiveness, we will forgive others. As we have experienced God’s unconditional love, we will unconditionally love others. As we have experienced the presence of God in our darkest hours, we will offer the ministry of presence to others.

The kind of transformation I am referring to is not instantaneous. The moment John Wesley described as one’s “heart being strangely warmed” may occur in an instant, but the real transformation is deepened through the disciplines of meditation, prayer, study, fasting and service. I witnessed this kind of transformation in the lives of those who engaged in the 34-week Disciple Bible Studies. I have not met one individual who saw their life was not radically changed after participating in that long-term study.

Over the last few days I have seen a cartoon by JM Nieto that I believe illustrates Thurman’s message quite perfectly and which I often find myself referencing. Characters are conversing and the first asks, “Why so optimistic about 2019? What do you think it will bring?” The other responds quite boldly, “I think it will bring flowers.” The first then asks, “Yes? How come?” To which his friend replies, “Because I am planting flowers.”

Like the second character in the cartoon, I am optimistic about 2019. Not because I am naive or in denial about the fear and angst surrounding the Special Session of General Conference, or the challenges any particular vote may produce. Rather, I am excited because I also hear persons talking about our mission, our core mission, the mission of Jesus Christ. I hear conversations acknowledging that the need for evangelizing will be as great on March 1, 2019, as it was in the days of John the Baptist. I see persons winnowing away the non-essentials and reclaiming the essentials of our faith. This gives me great hope. May we boldly and faithfully proclaim that this will be the year of deep discipleship and spiritual growth.

How can we make this prediction? Because we will be doing the work of Christmas every day.

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