

July 26, 2016

Dear Friend,

The United Methodist Men of our conference are embarking on a special mission/outreach project at their Gathering on Saturday, October 15 at First UMC in Hyattsville, MD. They are inviting 600 men to the event, to be ignited to "Lead Like Jesus". Special speakers include Rev. Rod Hairston (life coach and past chaplain for the NFL Baltimore Ravens), Rev. Chris Holmes (life coach minister and past Annapolis District Superintendent), and Rev. Dr. Rebecca Iannicelli (Washington East District Superintendent). In the afternoon, the men will also participate in a faith action "Stop Hunger Now" project, that involves preparing and packaging 60,000 meals to feed the hungry around the world. It is an ambitious task to recruit this many men to a single event, but we know that with your prayers, God will make it happen.

We also need every church in our Conference to prayerfully help with a one-time donation of \$30 or more to help pay for the "Stop Hunger Now" meals. We need to raise \$19,230. All the ingredients, packaging materials and shipping costs just \$0.29/meal. More than 40 percent of "Stop Hunger Now" meals are distributed to school feeding programs around the world. Those meals encourage school attendance and help put these children and their families on a path out of poverty.

For Samarah Joacchim, a 7th-grader in Haiti, attending school means life and hope for a future, but not just because of the education she will get there. For her and millions of children around the world, school provides the only food they will eat that day. Samarah recently said "Without food I would be starving and my grades would be lower. Most of us rely on the food served at school to survive; this is the only meal we get for the day. I hope the feeding program will continue."

Please consider contributing to this mission. You can help make sure children get the nutritious meals they need to grow and succeed – see attached flyer. Send your check made payable to the BWC UMM (memo Stop Hunger Now) to:

Garnett Henley Ass't BWC UMM Treasurer 5712 Tennyson St. Riverdale, MD 20737

No gift is too small--every \$0.29 makes a difference in the lives of children and families around the world. If we are blessed to receive more funds than we need, the excess will be donated to the Society of Saint Andrew, our partner who provides over 400,000 pounds of potatoes for UMM to distribute to 72,000 families through churches and food kitchens in our Conference each year.

Thank you and May God Bless your church for its generosity.

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Bill Weller President, Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Men

## From your hands





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## VOLUNTEER OR DONATE TO OUR MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

Date: Oct 15, 2016 2pm - 4pmMeals Goal: 60,000 (600 volunteers)Time: 2pm - 4pmFunds Goal: \$20,000 (\$30/church)Location: First UMC of Hyattsville, 6201 Belcrest Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782Contact: StopHungerNow@bwcumm.org or 1-888-413-8251 or www.bwcumm.org