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## Conference News and Resources

### Salt Lake City in Shock and Mourning

Handi Jo Doloff-Holt, pastor at Trinity UMC, Kearns, UT, a suburb of Salt Lake City, urges our prayers for the families of those killed and those traumatized by the shootings at Trolley Square Mall in Salt Lake City Monday night, February 12. The shooter was Sulejmen Talovic, an 18-year-old male who wordlessly went about shooting people, including Kirsten Hinckley, a 15-year-old girl; three young adults, Vanessa Quinn, Teresa Ellis, and Brad Franz; and Jeffrey Walker, 52. According to Steve Goodier, pastor at Christ UMC, the young shooter was a Bosnian refugee, and would have grown up in the Bosnian-Serb conflict of the '90s. He said that worship services at Christ UMC Feb. 18 will be dedicated to this tragedy. Steve's children knew some of those killed at Columbine and so he is especially sensitive to those traumatized by this event. Please join in prayer for those caught in or touched by this violence, for those ministering to them, and for the first responders who had to confront it directly. Please also join in prayer for all those young people in Baghdad and Darfur growing up with violence around them every day.

Handi Jo, in a followup note writes: "Thank you for the prayers you have offered for the recent tragedy in Salt Lake City. It has had great impact on our community. The response from the LDS church, Episcopal Diocese and the Roman Catholic Diocese has been helpful to greater Salt Lake Community. All have called for prayer for all of the families including the family of Sulejmen Talovic (the shooter). On the news there has been discussion about the possibility of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder because he would have seen horrific acts of violence as a child. Two other shootings in Salt Lake have happened since 1999. In both cases documented mental illness was a concern, in addition to the fact that the shooters in those two incidents were refugees from other places that had seen tremendous conflict. We may never know the reasons why this young man did what he did, but there is no doubt his own emotional/mental wounds were very deep.

On the news last night there was mention that the Talovic family are practicing Muslims. The authorities have indicated that his actions were not seen to be religiously motivated or connected to terrorism. It saddens me to know that our Muslim brothers and sisters face these questions. I wonder, if he had been a Christian, would these questions have been raised. So there is a need for prayer for the Islamic community as well.

Finally, Jeff & I have lived in Utah for 10 years and we feel very connected to this community. It has been hard because when one of God's children suffers we all suffer. That suffering is indeed felt in our home and in the church I serve and in our community."  
– Handi Jo Dolloff-Holt, pastor, Trinity Kearns

If you need assistance in dealing with this tragedy, please be in touch with your pastor or your district superintendent. DSEs are listed on the Conference Information Staff page of the RMCUMC.org web site.

### Forms for General and Annual Conferences Available

Laities interested in becoming delegates to the 2008 General Conference will find the nominations form you must complete by March 10, 2007, on the conference website at [rmcumc.org](http://rmcumc.org) and look under Conference Information, Annual Conference 2007: <http://www.rmcumc.org/COI/ac/ac2007/>. Richard Vickery, Petition Coordinator, has made available the petition forms for the 2007 Annual Conference Session to be held in Denver June 13-16, 2007. Note that this year there are two forms. General Conference 2008 occurs in late

April, early May, 2008, so this Annual Conference session is the time for processing any conference petitions to the General Conference. The deadline for these is also March 10, 2007.

### **Bishop Seeks Lay Award Nominations**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I am writing in celebration of the work and service of lay people within the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference. As you may know, each year I seek to honor the dedication of such people with a Bishop's Award. This award is presented to a layperson that has demonstrated outstanding service both in their local church and beyond the local church. (Community, in the annual conference or the general church.)

For the annual conference sessions this year, I am asking that nominations for the award be submitted to my office by March 30, 2007. They should include a short narrative on gifts and graces, service in the name of Christ, and touch on those qualities that bring the nominee forth as a leader among us. Those nominations should be limited to one or two pages.

The Bishop's Award will be presented during the annual conference for all of us to celebrate their achievements, dedication and service. The award recipient will not be announced until annual conference. You may submit your nominations to: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. 6110 S. Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Greenwood Village, CO 80111. -- Shalom, Warner H. Brown, Jr., Resident Bishop

### **Board of Stewards Solicits Requests for Annual Conference Session Offerings**

The Board of Stewards is the group within the Conference which determines who will receive the offerings taken at the Annual Conference worship services. This year there will be three worship services. The Board of Stewards is accepting requests from boards, committees and agencies of the Rocky Mountain Conference. Please include the name of group making the request and the purpose of the offering's use. Email requests to either co-chair of the Board of Stewards by February 16th: Nancy Boswell [nboswell@emerytelcom.net](mailto:nboswell@emerytelcom.net) or Kline Kelly [kkelly@caveoeng.com](mailto:kkelly@caveoeng.com)

### **Cabinet and Board of Ordained Ministry Draft Effectiveness Strategy**

Clergy and SPRC chairs have recently been mailed a packet containing an Effectiveness Strategy for clergy and local congregations. The document is on the web also, <http://rmcumc.org/CR/effectiveness.htm>.

The document has been under development since 2002, according to Brenda Lear, Sunshine District Superintendent and secretary of the Cabinet. In 2002 the cabinet attended a General Board of Higher Education and Ministry event for cabinets called "Leading Supervisory Systems." This event gave attention to clergy effectiveness and the RMC cabinet learned that several conferences had effectiveness strategies in place. Following the event, the RMC cabinet gathered some of these strategies from other conferences to begin their own discernment about what might be beneficial in our own setting.

In 2004 the RMC cabinet participated in a Six Sigma training which gave them a clear process for beginning to develop an effectiveness strategy. The Board of Ordained Ministry was invited to partner with the cabinet in this process. After much discussion the BOM suggested that the effectiveness of clergy cannot be discerned in a vacuum: congregational effectiveness and clergy effectiveness are interrelated. Therefore, the strategy was enlarged to include elements of congregational effectiveness.

Using The Discipline, documents from other conferences, input from clergy and lay people around our own conference, and published scholarship on effectiveness, the cabinet and BOM have developed "components of effectiveness" for clergy and congregations. Care was taken to identify broad areas of effectiveness that apply across demographics of congregations and age of congregations and clergy. It is also important to note that no one clergy or congregation reaches perfection in all areas. The point is to help us identify what effectiveness looks like so we can continue moving toward it.

The evaluation tools for clergy and congregations that are contained within the Effectiveness Strategy will be in place for the remainder of this quadrennium (2007-2008) and through the next (2009-2012). As they are used this first year, the cabinet and BOM welcome feedback so that the strategy might be refined. For this

purpose a feedback form has been sent to appointed local church clergy and SPRC chairpersons, enclosed with the Effectiveness Strategy Notebook.

### **Short-Term Equitable Clergy Compensation Support Available**

Because some congregations are, at times, unable to financially support their appointed leadership fully, the Commission of Equitable Compensation is able to assist with short-term (maximum of 3 years), limited financial support. Each application is for six months. If you plan to apply for Equitable Compensation support for the second half of 2007, do so immediately. Contact Donna Hite at the Rocky Mountain Conference Center at 1-800-536-3736 or 303-733-3736, for an application.

If you have any questions or need assistance in the process of setting clergy compensation or applying for CEC support please contact Donna Hite at 303-733-3736 or Mike Bergman at 303-333-7352 -- Mike Bergman, Chair, Commission on Equitable Compensation

### **Conference Camping Guides Coming Soon**

Your conference camping guides will be sent to your church soon. These are sent to the "Coordinator who distributes camp brochures" c/o your church. If these should be sent to a different address, please email Tim Rieckhoff-Faris, Conference Camp Guide Producer, [tim@templedhills.org](mailto:tim@templedhills.org) 800-229-6955 "Thank you in advance for helping change the lives of your young people by promoting our conference camp & retreat centers." – Tim Rieckhoff-Faris

### **The New Vision: "Follow That Star!" Published**

The latest issue of *The New Vision* is now online (<http://rmcumc.org/News/Vision/>) and is being mailed soon. The US Postal Service will be used for all but the largest packages, so it will come to your church's mailing address on file. The Conference Communications Committee hopes that you will distribute *The New Vision* in your Sunday morning bulletins or perhaps your newsletter. As the publications says, "*The New Vision* is sent to United Methodist Churches of the Rocky Mountain Conference to help people see their ministry together in these states and beyond."

### **The New Vision: Call for Articles**

The next issue of *The New Vision* should be in churches the week before Easter, and will have the theme, "Alive in Christ," using a phrase in the Epistle lesson for Easter. If you have a story that might be written around this theme, please submit it by March 1 to [ben@rmcumc.com](mailto:ben@rmcumc.com). Photos to accompany your piece may be digital (in their original size) or scanned.

### **2007 IRS Mileage Rate**

Treasurer Jack Ford reminds us that the 2007 Mileage reimbursement rate is 48.5 cents per mile. It can be found at the IRS site <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=163828,00.html>. This is also where the government announces changes. Note that this does not change the standard Conference mileage reimbursement rate as found on the travel voucher forms. That rate is set by Conference action.

### **NCC announces an award for the best "Eco-Sermon"**

The NCC is calling for submissions to its first ever eco-justice sermon writing award. The award, which is a celebration of God's creation in the proclaimed gospel, is open to clergy, lay leaders, and other religious leaders. <http://www.councilofchurches.org/>

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Social Justice Opportunities Scheduled**

Do you have a passion for social concerns and peace with justice? The Church and Society Network from the Rocky Mountain Conference, UMC has two great opportunities for you. Please join us for one or both of these events:

**Dinner on Friday, February 23 at 6:30pm:** Enjoy dinner with Liberato Bautista, Assistant General Secretary from the General Board of Church and Society at Park Hill UMC, 5209 Montview Blvd. Denver,

CO. Rev. Bautista will speak on Discipling for Peace with Justice. Tickets are \$20 and available from the Church & Society Network office: 303-325-7052 or [peacewithjustice@rmcumc.com](mailto:peacewithjustice@rmcumc.com). This is a fundraising dinner to help with the development of the UM Social Justice Resource Center. The Culinary Arts School at Lookout Mountain Youth Detention Center will cater the dinner.

**Workshop on Saturday, February 24th, 9:30am - 4:00pm.** The workshop will focus on social justice ministries in local congregations. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come - Church and Society leaders and members from local congregations, religious education leaders, mission leaders, individuals, clergy and anyone interested; at Grace UMC, 4905 E. Yale, Denver. Rev. Bautista will lead a workshop, "Peace with Justice in the Present Tense," focusing on Biblical models and new paradigms for peace with justice, action and advocacy. This will be an opportunity to learn, to be inspired and to network with others working in social justice ministries. Cost is \$15 for the day. Please RSVP to Church and Society Network

For more information please contact the Church and Society Network Advocating for Peace with Justice Direct Phone: 303-325-7052; email: [peacewithjustice@rmcumc.com](mailto:peacewithjustice@rmcumc.com), Web: <http://rmcumc.org/MI/Justice/>

### **Amazing Grace Sunday Launches a New Abolitionism**

Two hundred years after the British Empire abolished slavery, an estimated 27 million people are still in bondage. Beginning this month, a new film tells the story of the hymn "Amazing Grace," written by a reformed slave trader (John Newton, portrayed by Albert Finney), and a new abolitionist movement is being mounted to end slavery forever. Visit <http://www.councilofchurches.org/> for more details. Though it may be too late to plan Amazing Grace Sunday, February 18, interested persons can find resources for a later Sunday observance here: <http://www.amazinggracesunday.com/us/>. Grant Avenue UMC in Denver was one church which signed up to be a part of this special emphasis.

### **Day Apart at Iliff: "Wake Up Soul!"**

Saturday, March 24, 2007, 8:45 am to 3:00 pm, Iliff School of Theology, 2201 S. University Blvd., Denver (303) 744-1287 \$45.00 (includes lunch). This retreat is designed to awaken memory of soul – the important dimensions of life that get lost in the 'busy-ness' of career and personal lives. The event will be interactive, reflective and responsive. Box lunch provided. More information, registration deadline: <http://rmcumc.org/Community/YaBB.pl?num=1170978770/0#0>

## **General/Jurisdiction Church News and Resources**

### **Ministry Study Released; Feedback Sought**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (GBHEM) - A draft report by the Study of Ministry Commission for the 2008 General Conference proposes eight important recommendations about the ordering of ministry, including the creation of three classifications of ordained elders and separation of ordination from full conference membership.

The report, which is framed in the historic form of Methodist conferences as "minutes of several conversations," is available at <http://www.gbhem.org>, along with an online survey to collect reaction to the report. The complete news release is here: <http://rmcumc2.org/News/MinistryRecommendations.pdf>.

### **Western Jurisdiction Urban Network Training Planned**

The Western Jurisdiction Urban Network will hold a training event for small, urban churches Oct. 25–27, 2007 at Echo Park UMC in Los Angeles. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Mary Ann Swenson (Los Angeles Area). The full list of workshop leaders is not yet complete. For more information and registration, contact Jennifer Gutierrez, Director, Urban Ministries, California-Pacific Conference, at 323-459-5363 or Nancy Butterfield, Chairperson, Western Jurisdiction Urban Network, at [NancyB@rmcumc.com](mailto:NancyB@rmcumc.com) or 303-389-9460.

### **WJ Meets, Considers Conference Boundaries**

The WJ Leadership Team, the WJ College of Bishops, and the WJ Episcopacy Committee met in common session in Anaheim, California, February 2, 2007 to hear a report from the Committee on Conferences, outlining 4 alternatives to the current conference boundaries in the Western Jurisdiction.

The 4 alternatives included one retaining the current boundaries: "we don't see a compelling need to alter the number of annual conferences. Rather, we have significantly more pressing and pertinent issues that will aid in furthering the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church in the Western Jurisdiction." The committee studied many factors in their alternatives, including evangelism and missional opportunities, number of churches, Methodists, and clergy, ethnic/cultural and diversity issues, communication, pastors' benefits and compensation, and trading areas. The present boundaries cover 7 conferences and one missionary conference (Alaska). Two of the alternatives listed 9 conferences, and one listed 10.

The gathered leaders took the presentation and discussed it in small groups using specific questions to guide the discussion. The discussion highlighted the need to shape "a UM ministry in the West that is missional, relational and incarnational."

Some statistics presented: census projections show that by 2010 our jurisdiction will be the most densely populated (we're now 2nd); 53% of the population will be Euro-American, 47% will be racial/ethnic with 50% of that being Hispanic. Currently, there are 396000 UM members in this jurisdiction, 1805 churches, 12 states, 1,631,582 square miles, population of 66 million (71 million by 2010) that is ethnically and culturally diverse, with a variety of native languages spoken, and covering 8 time zones from the eastern plains of Colorado to the island of Guam in the Pacific.

Reports to the Leadership Team Feb. 3 included one from the General Church Joint Task Force on Global Nature of the Church. The task force continues to work on a proposal for 2008, but presently proposes to group all US annual conferences and jurisdictions into one Central Conference, make the Book of Discipline a "general book of doctrine, mission and discipline, deleting all portions that apply only to the United States" with each Central Conference then outlining "rules applicable to its life and ministry." The report included an invitation to complete a feedback form for sharing reactions. UMNS story here: <http://tinyurl.com/y9z9pq>.

The Western Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee (the Jurisdictional "SPRC" for bishops) reported that there is a possibility that the Jurisdictions would each lose 1 bishop in 2012.

Young people reported on their experiences at the Global Gathering in South Africa. Bishop Brown was one of the bishops with significant responsibility for the gathering. He noted that the church is often dismissive of youth and young adults, and requested that the terms be changed to "young people," instead of "youth" or "young adults." One young person reported that "we are hemorrhaging young persons" in large part due to the church's stance on homosexuality. Both asked for help: "please mentor a young person and give hope," and support the US-2 program, which gives a spiritual basis to service.

Plans are being made for a workshop to be held in February 2008 on "Living our Vision" --how to live out the WJ vision statement. You can find the WJ web site here: <http://wjcumc.org>. ---Ben Roe

## **Missions News**

### **Kenya Methodist University Mission Speaker Opportunity**

Dr. Nahashon Gitonga from Kenya Methodist University will be itinerating in RMC from April 25-30. We invite churches who want to hear updates on the exciting developments at this new Methodist College in Kenya to contact Joanie Calhoun at 303-955-1185 or [jimnjo30@aol.com](mailto:jimnjo30@aol.com) to schedule. Africa Partnership of RMC has been involved in helping to build this small school and in raising scholarship funds for students.

### **Honduras Service Trip Planned for Young People**

Sierra Service Project, the United Methodist affiliated youth ministry organization, is organizing two teams of high school juniors and seniors and young adults for a service-immersion experience in Honduras. This marks SSP's fifth year of sending groups to serve some of the poorest people in Honduras. The experience embodies many of the SSP traditions, but it is also very different. It is an incredibly powerful and life changing opportunity. Trip Dates are June 27-July 12, 2007 and August 3-August 16, 2007.

This year's leaders are Rev. Janet McKeithen (Ocean Park UMC) and Rev. Paige Eaves (Crescenta Valley UMC). For Information go to [www.sierraserviceproject.org](http://www.sierraserviceproject.org) or call (916) 488-6441

### **Souper Bowl of Caring Update**

The General Board of Discipleship reports that they have heard from 1,994 Methodist churches for a total of \$722,066 for this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. Susan Hay of GBOD reports, "We had 3,363 UM churches registered so we have quite a few to hear from. Please make sure that you report what your church raised at [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) and click on 'report.' Please do this as soon as possible so Souper Bowl of Caring can have accurate numbers to report. We certainly give thanks to God for you being the hands and feet of Christ in your community!"

### **Bishops Initiative Offers Matching Funds for Young People**

The Bishops Initiative on Children and Poverty is offering matching funds for up to 15 United Methodist Youth groups who raise money for the Nothing But Nets mission project to provide mosquito nets for children in Africa. Partners in Nothing but Nets include the UMC, United Nations Foundations, Sports Illustrated and the NBA. United Methodist Youth groups that raise money for Nothing but nets will be eligible for prizes at YOUTH 2007 SPLAT in North Carolina. Matching funds up to \$150 are offered for youth groups who hold a fund raiser to eradicate Malaria in Africa. More information can be found at <http://www.nothingbutnets.net/> and <http://tinyurl.com/28fsor> [UMNS].

So far the Sterling (CO) Faith/Christ youth fellowship has raised enough to pay for 17 nets though Souperbowl of Caring soup suppers at \$10 dollars a net. They have another soup fund raiser during Lent. To receive matching funds to buy MORE and MORE nets please have your pastor, or youth leader contact Revs. Joyce/Derek DeToni-Hill by e-mail or phone. Report to them about your event and how much you raised. We'd also like picture for display for annual conference of the event. Contact information: [revsdh@kci.net](mailto:revsdh@kci.net), phone 970-522-2910, Derek at Christ UMC or 970-522-0140, Joyce at Faith UMC.

### **UMC Hosts "Nothing But Nets" Partners**

The people of The United Methodist Church hosted two Nothing But Nets partner organizations—the United Nations Foundation and NBA Cares—on a malaria observation trip to Angola. The objective of the trip was to look at the effects of malaria firsthand to learn more about care and treatment of the disease, as well as the need for mosquito nets in Africa. Nothing But Nets is a life-saving campaign to prevent malaria by raising funds to purchase and distribute mosquito bed nets in Africa. An insecticide-treated bed net can protect a person from mosquitoes that spread malaria. Nearly 500 million people are infected each year.

The East Angola annual conference of The United Methodist Church organized visits to hospitals and clinics for the delegation. The group also met with health officials to learn more about malaria in Angola and the factors that contribute to the country's malaria problem, as well as officials at the U.S. embassy. Complete press release: <http://tinyurl.com/yusbw2>

## **The Conference Community**

### **Prayer Concerns and Caring For The Conference Community**

Prayer Concerns are offered for the Clergy and Lay Members and leadership of the Annual Conference and their immediate families, as a way to nurture the community of the Annual Conference. Prayer concerns are sent to those on the Conference Bulletin Board e-mail list as "Prayers." Please keep these in your prayers:

- **Marla Kauertz**, Minister of Spiritual Formation at Hope UMC in Centennial, requests prayers for her husband, Skip, who had a mild heart attack February 6. They ask especially prayers as further medical testing is done and medical decisions about treatment are reached. Expressions of care may be sent to them at 7698 S. Williams St., Centennial, CO 80122 or [mkauertz@earthlink.net](mailto:mkauertz@earthlink.net).
- The sister of **Doug Bulen** (spouse of Brenda Lear, Sunshine District Superintendent) died January 25 in Minnesota. Services were in Anoka, Minnesota. Expressions of care can be sent to Doug at [bulendw@earthlink.net](mailto:bulendw@earthlink.net) or Brenda at [brenda@rmcumc.com](mailto:brenda@rmcumc.com).
- **Lora Payne**, pastor of Florence UMC, who writes that her mom is now in Hospice House in Omaha, after waiting for an opening. Lora writes, "She is processing where she is. Keep her in prayer. While she is

- 91 years old, her mind is very sharp. Prayerful support is so appreciated by me and my family as well as my brother, Lee Foreman, and his family." Expressions of care may be sent to [jlpayne84@hotmail.com](mailto:jlpayne84@hotmail.com).
- **Susie Wickiser**, pastor of Walsenburg UMC, requests prayers for her and her husband Jim for their three-month mission in Bali, Indonesia. She writes, "It is a Hindu culture. Beginning February 1, I will be serving as a pastor for one of the 2 English-speaking Protestant Christian churches of Bali." Expressions of prayer and support can be sent to them at [wickiser1975@juno.com](mailto:wickiser1975@juno.com).
  - **Ila Scott**, member of the Conference Personnel Committee. Her brother, Jennings Grauberger, died Friday, January 26. Contact Ila by email at [cwimscott@sisna.com](mailto:cwimscott@sisna.com). Ila attends First UMC Cheyenne.
  - **Atamani Longolongofolau**, lay supply pastor at To Ae Ofa UMC in Kearns, UT, whose mother died in New Zealand. Expressions of care to 5071 Steele Rd., Kearns, UT 84118 or [atamani@msn.com](mailto:atamani@msn.com).
  - **Bishop Mary Ann Swenson**, bishop of the Los Angeles Episcopal Area and former bishop of the Denver Area. Bishop Swenson had successful surgery last fall but further test results have indicated that there were cancerous cells present, so chemotherapy will be done. You can read more on the Cal-Pac Web site: <http://www.cal-pac.org/> (choose "February Update re Bishop Swenson" on the right). Expressions of care may be sent to her at [calpacbishop@earthlink.net](mailto:calpacbishop@earthlink.net) or P.O. Box 6006, Pasadena, California 91102. Bishop Swenson gives thanks for the prayers and support and the excellent medical care she has received. Jeff Swenson, Bishop Swenson's spouse, had a bike accident in December and broke his collarbone. Jeff reports his shoulder is healing well. Expressions of care may be sent to the same address.
  - **Howard Huff**, retired RMC clergy, whose wife Theda died at home on Wednesday January 24, 2007. Theda and Rev. Huff were married in 1942. Theda was active in the life of the church and Howard says she was his "pastoral assistant" during their years of active ministry together. Services celebrating her life will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church on February 7, 2007 at 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon. The address of the church is 4290 West 5415 South, Kearns, UT 84118. Care may be sent to Rev. Howard Huff and their sons Larry, Gary and Bob at 5337 Heath Ave. Kearns, Utah 84118.
  - **Becky Martinez**, member of the conference Disability Connections Committee and certified lay speaker from Pine Bluff UMC, needs your prayers after her husband's death, and as she also has a sister-in-law with terminal cancer. Expressions of care may be sent to her at PO Box 273, Pine Bluff, WY 82082.

### **Thanksgivings**

- The family of Jennings Grauberger wishes to thank all who sent notes of condolences. "It means so much to be a part of a caring loving community of faith who care enough to send notes of sympathy. Thank you all." Ila Scott, Conference Personnel Committee member.
- Betty Clifford writes, "I would like to say thanks for all the prayers and cards I received after my stroke in September." Betty is at [betcliff@rof.net](mailto:betcliff@rof.net), and is a long-time lay member of the Conference.
- Karen Lowe, director of Roots and Wings extension ministry in Fort Collins, writes, "Thanks to all of you for your prayers. It is by God's grace, enhanced by the prayers of many that have brought us to this good news in Doug's healing. He had congestive heart failure and after 8 days on the ventilator, [finally] came off. Thank you for your continued prayer -- keep them coming; they are holding us strong and steady. Grace and peace, Karen, Doug, Jen and Abbie Lowe" Doug reports he is home and "busier than if he hadn't been in the hospital." Expressions of care may be sent to [revkarenl@comcast.net](mailto:revkarenl@comcast.net).
- Susie and Jim Wickiser, on a mission trip to Bali, Indonesia, report that both are well. "The beach is both beautiful--enormously--and a bit littered. The torrential rains of Jakarta are far distant from us. Sunday worship included about 80 people from at least 6 nations. We're getting along well." They are doing a Bible study in their cottage and have met with the bishop and administrative director of the Protestant Christian Church in Bali. Susie is pastor of Walsenburg UMC.

### **Buckhorn Needs Summer Camp Staff**

Buckhorn Camp is preparing for another exciting summer season and is looking for some dedicated staff to help serve our guests. We need a Food Service Manager, an Assistant Food Service Manager, and several Kitchen Helpers. These positions run throughout the summer, offer a good salary package and housing (if needed). You can be a part of an incredible ministry while spending a splendid summer in the Northern Rockies. Please contact Gregg Kernes at 970-484-2508, or [buckhorncamp@gmail.com](mailto:buckhorncamp@gmail.com).



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