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Strong Rural Churches Build Strong Rural Communities!

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UMRF Holds Annual Banquet

The Rev. Randy Wall, president of the Western North Carolina UMRF chapter, told the national group's annual banquet that the keys to successful rural ministry are five "P's":

- honoring the PAST;
- working with cooperative PARTNERS;
- serving with PASSION;
- maintaining PERSISTENCE; and
- offering excellent PROGRAMS.

In addition to food and fellowship, the banquet honored two members, the Revs. Sharon Schwab and Ronald Williams, with honorary life memberships, and elected officers for the next quadrennium. Sharon is a pastor and district superintendent from the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. Ron is a pastor and former UMRF Bulletin editor from the Kansas East Annual Conference.

Officers are Roger Grace, president; Peggy Paige, vice-president; Deb Ketcham, secretary; Mollie Stewart, treasurer; Carl Ellis, membership secretary; Peggy Jeffries, spiritual director; Dave Karges, communications director; and Judy Hill, advocacy director.

The banquet was held Tuesday at the Sheraton Riverwalk Hotel.

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Rural Rules

by Anonymous

- I don't need any help!
- If I have problems, I'll work them out!
- If I need help, I won't ask!
- You can't help me unless you know me!
- You don't know me until you have spent time on my turf!

- We don't discuss the rules, even though we all know them. We approach all subjects indirectly.
- You don't know me until you've heard my stories!
- If you want to help me, you will have to be very patient and nonchalant!
- We all know each other and the ties that bind can also strangle.
- "How are you?" requires an answer, no matter how long it takes. Don't ask unless you want to know and have the time to listen.
- I'm willing to adapt but only if we've always done it that way.
- You don't know me until you have come to sit a spell with me.
- You don't know me until you know my kin!

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Hospitality Center

Contact Info: 740-707-2901

Hours: 7 AM to 7 PM

(fellowship, light meals, snacks)

Office

Hours: 7 AM to 7 PM

(copies, computers)

Sheraton Riverwalk Hotel

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The United Methodist Rural Fellowship is adding their support to the following petitions coming before the General Conference – listed by Legislative Committee.

Church and Society 1– CA

20052-CA-Res	Caring for God’s Creation:	ADCA pg. 242	GBGM
20062-CA –Res	Drop the “I” (illegal) word	ADCA pg. 249	GCRR

Church and Society 2- CB

20061-CB-161	Culture and Identity	ADCA pg. 261	GCRR
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Conferences – CO

20601-CO-35	Voting Rights of LP & PM	ADCA pg. 348	Dial
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Discipleship – DI

20235-DI-266	Lay Speaking Name Change to Lay Servant	ADCA pg.489	GBOD
20266-DI-NonDis	Native American Comprehensive Plan	ADCA pg. 499	GBOD
20267-DI-NonDis	Strengthening the Black Church in the 21 st Century	ADCA pg. 500	GBOD

Faith and Order – FO

20406-FO-100new	Covenant for Worldwide UMC	ADCA pg. 885	WNC
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Financial Administration – FA

20652-FA-1504.1	Equitable and Sustainable Pensions	ADCA pg.669	UMRF
20058-FA-R999	Inclusive Language – bi-racial/multi-racial	ADCA pg. 861	GCRR

Global Ministries – GM

20651-GM-1327.a1	Health Care for Immigrant Populations	ADCA pg. 1171	UMRF
20218-GM-R3101	National Cooperative Ministry Leadership	ADCA pg. 1175	GBGM
20649-GM-R3396	Ministries of Rural Chaplains	ADCA pg. 1181	UMRF
20208-GM-R3411	Rural & Urban Ministry Plan (update)	ADCA pg. 1182	GBGM

Independent Commissions – IC

20324-IC-R999	Charter for Compassion	ADCA pg. 1294	GCCUIC
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Judicial Administration – JA

206460JA-2701	Chargeable Offense – Bishop “do no harm”	ADCA pg. 1300	UMRF
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Local Church – LC

20647-LC-212.1	Churches in Transitional Communities	ADCA pg. 1342	UMRF
20648-LC-212.2	Ministry with the Poor in Transitional Communities	ADCA pg. 1341	UMRF
20655-LC-213	Assessment of Local Church Vitality	ADCA pg. 1343	UMRF
20654-LC-2548.2c	Property of Discontinued or Abandoned Local Church and Ministry with the Poor	ADCA pg. 1364	UMRF

Ministry and Higher Education – MH

20660-MH-316.6	Voting Rights of Local Pastors – Constitutional Amend.	ADCA pg. 1407	GNJ
20079-MH-318.5	Local Pastor may serve on District/Conference Ordained Ministry	ADCA pg. 1408	GBHEM
20660-MH-321.1	Voting Rights Associate Ministry – Constitutional Amend.	ADCA pg. 1408	GNJ
20761-MH-322	Eliminate Age Requirement for Associate Members	ADCA pg. 1408	Estrada
20656-MH-324.6d	Local Pastor as PM when beginning Advanced COS	ADCA pg. 1412	UMRF
20084-MH-334.2	Longer Appointments	ADCA pg. 1424	GBHEM +
20779-MH-665.1	AM/LPs on District Committee on Ordained Ministry	ADCA pg. 1455	NFAMPLP

Superintendency –SU

20653-SU-50	Episcopal Tenure (2 terms)	ADCA pg. 1473	UMRF
20742-SU-434	Longer Tenure Appointments	ADCA pg. 1487	WIS
20214-SU-R3105	Facilitation of Cooperative Ministry	ADCA pg. 1492	GBGM