

September 21, 2009

EVENTS DIGEST

GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT

Substance Abuse. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alamo, CA. Training for California-Nevada Conference congregations to establish substance (drugs and alcohol) abuse teams in the local church. A program of the General Board of Global Ministries. Two to three persons from a congregation are encouraged to attend this day, and, in two months, a two-day training. \$300 per congregation. Send in attached registration form. [902 Danville Blvd., Alamo CA]

Registration form: [Substance Abuse Training 102809](#)

Bell Festival: Sixth Annual UM Ring. Saturday, Nov. 7, 5 pm. Lake Merritt UMC, Oakland. California-Nevada churches with bell choirs will play five mass rings that demonstrate bell techniques. Individual pieces from some churches. Free, but a free-will offering will be taken. [1330 Lakeshore Avenue; parking 1255 First Avenue, Oakland]

Flyer: [Bell Festival UM 110709](#)

The Laramie Project. Nov. 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 at 8 p.m. Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. Crystal Springs UMC, San Mateo. The original story of the murder of Matthew Shepard in a 1998 gay hate crime in Laramie, Wyo. Produced and written by Moises Kaufman and Leigh Fondakowski. Crystal Springs was one of 150 venues to present an Epilogue to the story on the murder anniversary date, Oct. 12. Prices range from \$20 to \$10. Reservations: 650-345-2381. [2145 Bunker Hill Drive, San Mateo]

Full Communion: ELCA-UMC. Sunday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m. First UMC of Sacramento. Bishop Warner Brown and Bishop Mark W. Holmerud of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America observe the full communion of the two denominations (the UMC voted full communion with the ELCA at General Conference 2008). All clergy and laity of both denominations invited to process in robes and red stoles. RSVP by Nov. 5 to stjohnsrp@earthlink.net. [2100 J Street, Sacramento]

Invitation: [Lutheran Methodist Communion 111509](#)

Stewardship 101. Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aldersgate UMC in San Rafael. The Rev. Betsy Schwartzentraub, the California-Nevada expert on stewardship, will address a "climate for generous giving." A lay speaking class, but more -- for any church leaders wanting ideas. \$10 suggested donation. Bring a lunch. Register 415-504-7200. [One Wellbrock Heights, San Rafael]

Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast. Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7-9 a.m., San Francisco. 12th Annual. Previously Mayor's Thanksgiving Breakfast. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invited for address (unconfirmed). Honoring congregations that have retrofitted buildings for disaster

preparedness. Bring canned goods for the San Francisco Food Bank. \$30 per person. Table sponsor (10 tickets) for \$500. Sustaining sponsor (4 tickets) \$250. Registration deadline Nov. 10. www.sf-interfaith.org. [Hotel Kabuki, 1625 Post Street (at Laguna), San Francisco]

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Thursday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. San Francisco. Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist leaders and participants. [Calvary Presbyterian Church, 2515 Fillmore (at Jackson), San Francisco]

Thanksgiving Dinner. Thursday, Nov. 26, Noon. Burlingame. Free turkey, stuffing, green beans, yams, corn, salad, cranberry sauce, bread and pumpkin pie. Filling the needs of people who would otherwise be alone or not have access to a bountiful meal. [Burlingame UMC, 1442 Howard Avenue (at El Camino Real), Burlingame]

Lay Speaking: Teaching Adults; Mission Outreach. Saturday, January 16, San Rafael. The Rev. Staci current teaches "Lay Speakers Teach Adults." Dee Anne Paron teaches "Lay Speakers Lead in Mission Outreach." Register: 415-504-7200. [Aldersgate UMC, One Wellbrock Heights, San Rafael]

Robert Schnase Himself on Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Saturday, March 6 Reno. The Missouri Bishop guides implementing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity. The book of the same title is talked about across the UMC. The Nevada-Sierra District's 15th annual leadership training day open to all California-Nevada Conference churches. \$20 pre-registration; \$25 after Jan. 31 (lunch included). [South Reno UMC, 200 DeSpain Lane, Reno]