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'Beauties and Burdens of Dabou'

First local church mission team to Cote d'Ivoire returns home

By Renee Teel
Christ UMC Sugar Land
Director of Missions

The first thing that hits you when you arrive in Dabou is the lush countryside filled with mango and banana trees.

The streets are filled with people. Walking is the main mode of transportation and we are in awe of the high and heavy loads that the women gracefully carry on top of their heads. The clothing is bright and beautiful as are the smiles of the children that wave to us as we drive by.

Ten members of the Christ UMC Sugar Land mission team arrived in Dabou on May 3 and toured the hospital where we would be working. We saw patients that had just come out of surgery lying in rooms with tattered rags hanging from the ceiling as privacy screens. The children in the pediatric wing are so thin and listless from fighting the effects of malaria and the faces of the mothers there are filled with concern and sadness. We'd go to bed that evening haunted by the images and filled with hopeful prayer that we can be an example of Christ's love in this place.

The walls of the rooms that we were to restore were cov-

ered in dirt and splattered with blood and human soil. The glass louvered window panes are missing, as are the all-important screens that keep out mosquitoes. We rolled up our sleeves and got to the task.

Each day we were greeted with an enthusiastic "Bon Jour" (good morning) from the family members who are there to be with their sick loved ones. Curiosity is peeked and people look into the rooms to see what we are doing. We held a morning devotional in the room before we started one day and several mothers and fathers of patients stood outside our room peering in. We waved them in to join our circle and we were all moved to tears at the beautiful harmony of their French voices as they joined us in singing "Nearer My God to



Christ UMC Sugar Land volunteers take a break with Ivorian school children.

Thee."

By the end of the week, much of our task was accomplished. We had scrubbed, scraped, sanded, bleached and painted rooms. New screens were on every window of the building. We financed the repair of the roof to get through the upcoming rainy season and

purchased material for new privacy curtains and ceiling fans. We cleaned out a large closet to store all the tools and supplies we purchased such as ladders, drill, hammer and paint. This "tool shed" is our gift for future teams.

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Do you know where your copies are?

There was a recent news broadcast by CBS that describes a possible security problem about which we should all be aware.

In the documentary, CBS outlined a problem with newer, high capacity copiers/fax machines. Since about year 2002 many copiers have had a hard disk installed internally. These disk drives, just like the

ones in computer systems, store documents on the hard drive as they are producing the copies or sending faxes.

This storage can contain many, many prior copies in the machine itself. If it is a leased copier and you return it to get a newer or faster unit, a huge number of copies could be stored on the hard drive inside

the unit you are returning.

This is to alert you to this potential security breach so that you can establish your own security plan to insure that no sensitive or personal information remains on any copier you are retiring from active service.

Please include copiers in your list of equipment that you clean, clear, and erase whenever they have internal storage capa-

bility. Not every copier has this type of storage, so you will have to work with your supplier to determine if your copier is such a unit, and if so, include it in your security plan.

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Christ UMC Sugar Land team returns home

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Yes, the task was done, but more importantly, we fulfilled our purpose which was to share the love of Christ in ways that made a Christian difference. We sang as we worked, smiled as we sweated and felt His Spirit lift us up with each new day. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to serve and be near Him and are filled with memories of the beauty and burden of Dabou...they will be in our hearts forever.

Another moment we treasured was the lovely feast and fellowship shared in the home of Bishop Boni, which his wife, N'Gbesso Berthe Boni hosted. We felt honored just as we did when we were invited to the glorious celebration and dedication of the Temple Jerusalem in Abidjan.

A 3-hour worship service filled with dancing, singing and more joy than any of our hearts could hold. The time flew by leaving us all filled with His Spirit.

As team member Debbie MacDonald wrote on our team blog, we returned home "feeling full of confidence in God's ability to perform miracles." One such miracle was the unity of spirit we shared with the Ivorians.

One day, I was standing on a ladder painting and as I turned to get down to load my brush with more paint, one of the mothers from the pediatric wing was standing there below me, holding up the tray filled with paint so I wouldn't have to go up and down the ladder. I tried to tell her that she didn't need to do that...that it was ok, but she wouldn't have it. She looked at me and said, "No, no - merci (thank you)." So, I fought back my tears of gratitude and accepted her gracious offer of help and she and I finished the painting together. This is just one affirmation that our work in Cote d'Ivoire is truly a blessed partnership.



Left: A Sugar Land volunteer scrubs down walls to prepare for painting.

Above: Team members repair screens to help keep malaria-infected mosquitos out of the hospital.

Team Reflections

This is the first local church team to travel to Cote d'Ivoire in support of the partnership between the two Annual Conferences. Christ UMC Sugar Land senior pastor, Rev. Morris Matthis, was a member of the conference delegation delivering insecticide-treated mosquito nets to the Ivory Coast in 2008 to help stop the spread of malaria.

The recent Christ UMC Sugar Land mission continued the efforts to advance healthcare in Cote d'Ivoire, by repairing the Methodist Hospital of Dabou. Members of the team shared the following insights:

John Larson

What stood out to you the most?

The many uncertainties that worked out...The first time we saw the hospital it was not clear what we would or could do. We found something we could do that needed to be done and were miraculously able to find materials and tools. Material shortages, paint colors, broken drills, and different sized glass all were overcome.

What did you learn about the people of Cote d'Ivoire?

The people of Cote d'Ivoire that we met took their worship very seriously - the way they dressed, the 3-hour services, the joyous singing and giving, even the bible study, without cushioned pews or air conditioning.

They were very hospitable, including us in their worship and meals. People at the hospital stopped to talk...Many people served us even as we came to serve them (drivers, people who met us at the airport, the Bishop's wife, people providing meals at the churches).

What did you learn about yourself?

I missed the devotion time when I returned home. I like (Ivorian) mangos.

Any regrets?

I wish I worked harder to learn French before going on the mission.

Mark Huffer

What stood out to you the most?

The gratitude the people expressed for what we were doing. It seemed such a small thing for how we were treated.

What did you learn about the people of Cote d'Ivoire?

They have a genuine love of God and people.

What did you learn about yourself?

I might not be the best equipped for the job, but if God calls, He will equip you.

Any regrets?

I couldn't stay longer than we did.

Susan Rozman

What did you learn about the people of Cote d'Ivoire?

Their hospitality puts Texas hospitality to shame. They arranged their entire schedules to serve us and honor us in their homes and at meals.

What did you learn about yourself?

I learned that being part of a loving team with a servant heart is a major blessing - everyone sees Christ in your actions.

Any regrets?

Not having enough time or more money to finish the work in the hospital ward that needed to be done in the other buildings -- more de-molding, sanitizing, painting, mosquito nets, privacy curtains.



Dayspring church charters

Newest United Methodist church embarks on becoming “a Church without Walls”



Rev. Jeff Olive delivers the message at Dayspring UMC's outdoor charter celebration.

Dayspring Church took two important steps toward fulfilling its vision to “build a church without walls” on May 2 when it consecrated the 16-acre site of its future permanent home, and chartered as a United Methodist church.

Nearly 400 members and friends attended the tented, open-air service in the woods. Dayspring welcomed Northwest District Superintendent Dr. Sandra Smith and Center for

Congregational Excellence Director Dr. Don Waddleton who officially chartered the church.

“Commitment Sunday was the fulfillment of a long journey over a distance of less than a half-mile from our present worship site at the Carmike Movie Theaters, where we’ve met since 2007,” Pastor Jeff Olive said. It also served as the culmination of a four-week capital campaign to fund building the

“And now we prepare to build a house of God, and we say that this is not just our place, but it is God’s place. We are building a place where we will meet God, a place where others and future generations will meet God. Our goal was to build a church without walls and we have done that.”

**Rev. Jeff Olive
Pastor, Dayspring UMC**

church’s first-phase, multi-purpose facility.

Olive spoke to those gathered of David’s call to help build God’s temple in 1 Chronicles 29:1-22, which reads: “This is not just a place for people to meet each other, but a house for God to meet us,” Olive said. “Today we have given God thanks for our land and consecrated it for his holy work. We have chartered as a church and said that this church is not our church, it is God’s church. And now we prepare to build a house of God, and we say that this is not just our place, but it is God’s place. We are building a place where we will meet God, a place where others and future generations will meet God. Our goal was to build a church without walls and we have done that.”

At the conclusion of the pastor’s message, God’s people were invited to offer their gifts and their commitments in sup-

port of the building effort. As the worship team played, and the congregation prayed, individuals approached the clay jars in front of the stage with their gifts of love and thanksgiving for God’s abundant blessings on their individual lives and for Dayspring UMC. Tithes, offering, and commitment cards all went into the same jars – an outpouring of love for God’s faithfulness, past, present and future, through Christ’s Church. After all had given generously, the congregation had committed two times the amount needed to begin construction.

Following the benediction, the congregation enjoyed a rare opportunity for fellowship following worship with a tailgate party in the parking lot, complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, cold drinks and more. Dayspring’s church without walls is expected to break ground this summer.



Charter members sign a canvas that will hang in the new church facility.



Congratulations to the 2010 Ordinands

The ordination and commissioning service

ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION



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Carolyn Jane Davis



Rebecca Louise Hand



Stacy Lee Pell



Robert Wesley Pierce



Ann Ward Spears



John Ford Wilson



and Commissioning Candidates is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 at 7 p.m.

PROVISIONAL ELDER



Jesse Michael Bale



Brian Andrew Brooks



Christopher De Luise



Doretta Fortenberry



Sandra Denise Hall



Ross Douglas Hyde



Lindsay C. Kirkpatrick



James C. Love



Paula Diane McGehee



James Scott Moore



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Lance Jonathan Richards



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Keith Alan Swatzel



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Beverly Jo Woodard



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Charles Robert Young



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DeAndre Johnson



Sherri Waters



Perkins announces Donna Dean Hutcherson 2010 Seals Award recipient



Donna Dean Hutcherson, a member of Hallsville First UMC was the recipient of the Seals Award.

The award is presented to a layperson annually who exemplifies the Christian faith and commitment to service to others.

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, announces the selection of Donna Dean Hutcherson of Hallsville, Texas, as the 2010 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award recipient. The award was pre-

sented at a luncheon during the three-day Perkins Theological School for the Laity.

The Seals Award is presented annually to a layperson in the United States who embodies the Christian faith and commitment of service to Christ in the church, community, and world as exemplified by Judge Woodrow B. Seals, a distin-

guished layperson whose interest and energy were instrumental in establishing the Perkins Theological School for the Laity. Selection for the award is made by a committee of the

Perkins Lay Advisory Board.

Donna Dean Hutcherson has been an active member of the Hallsville First United Methodist Church for more than 40 years, serving in a variety of roles, including pianist, organist, choir director, Church Council secretary, church historian, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee member, and chair of the Board of Trustees, Worship Committee, and Missions Committee.

Beyond these local church responsibilities, Hutcherson helped organize the Longview Interfaith Hospitality Network, a consortium of churches assisting homeless families in the area. She has been a member of the Longview Area Chamber of Commerce for more than 35 years, and has served on Hallsville's Park Committee, which recently concluded a

complete renovation of the city park.

Hutcherson's service has extended well beyond her local community. For nearly three decades she has worked with Native Americans through the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Four Corners Native American Ministries. For the last 15 years she has served as the Four Corners Coordinator for Partners in Mission in the Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Her other responsibilities within the Texas Annual Conference have included membership on the Conference Worship Committee, the Conference Committee on the Status and Role of Women, and the Conference Committee on Archives and History, which she has chaired.

Perkins Theological School for the Laity is supported by the Howard-Holbert Endowment Fund. The fund was established in 1986 in honor of Dr. Virgil P. Howard (1936-2005) and Dr. John C. Holbert, who serves as the Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology.

Perkins School of Theology, founded in 1911, is one of five official University-related schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. Degree programs include the Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Church Ministries, and Doctor of Ministry, as well as the Ph.D., in cooperation with SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.

Job announcement from Methodist Children's Home

Methodist Children's Home of Waco, Texas is accepting applications for President.

This executive position requires experience working in a child/youth care environment with an understanding of the at-risk population. The acceptable candidate should have a working knowledge of child care licensing standards and possess the ability to work with a Board of Directors to establish policy and procedures. A Child Care Administrators License and a master's degree are required.

Attributes considered are: A vision and passion for changing the lives of children and youth; the ability to build strong relationships with staff, residents and families; the desire and commitment to express and support a nurtur-

ing, Christian community; and a commitment to carry on the tradition and philosophy of care of Methodist Children's Home.

To obtain a complete job description, please send your request by e-mail to: resume@mchwaco.org.

Resumes will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 25, 2010.

Methodist Children's Home does not discriminate based on sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status or political beliefs. Physical or mental challenges will not disqualify an applicant who meets bona fide job requirements.

The mission of Methodist Children's Home is to offer hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community.

Register now to assist in Haiti Recovery



Families crowd a makeshift camp at the municipal soccer stadium in Leogane, Haiti, following the earthquake.
A UMNS photo by Mike DuBose

If you are interested in being a volunteer in Haiti, go to the official web site and fill out the simple application. Go to <http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/HaitiVolunteer/>. You must be registered to be considered as a potential volunteer on any of the Texas Conference Partners In Mission teams.

A team of volunteers traveled to Haiti as part of a leadership team from May 10-18. The purpose of this trip was to begin creating a "leadership team" from this conference. Each individual on this team will be required to lead a team from their church or district. UMVIM requires that only team leaders with current experience in Haiti can lead teams.

Kathie Mann, Director of Partners In Mission will be the contact for Haiti mission trips. She can be contacted through the PIM office, 713-521-9383 or texaspim@methodists.net.



Ministry Snapshots

Fellers Lecture Presents Peacemaker Randall Butler

By **Donna V. Adair**
Director of Communications
St. Paul's UMC Houston



Randall E. Butler

The Institute for Spirituality and Health's third annual Fellers Lectureship presents Randall E. Butler on the topic of, "Transforming Conflict: Across the Street and Across the Ocean." He will speak at

7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, in Fondren Hall at St. Paul's UMC.

Butler is the founding director of the Institute for Sustainable Peace. After 18 years as a trial lawyer with Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., Butler left his litigation practice to focus full time on mediation, conflict transformation, and peacemaking.

His passion for resolving conflict took him to the ROM Leadership Development & Peace Gathering in the Balkans in the summer of 2002 where he taught generative dialogue and conflict resolution skills to future leaders from Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia, and neighboring countries. He has returned each summer since

then to help lead that project, and it was that work that gave rise to his vision for an action/research peace institute.

The Institute for Sustainable Peace was founded in January of 2007. Since then Butler has led the Institute in its conflict transformation work with leaders of the Sudanese Diaspora in America. In October 2009, he accepted the invitation of leaders in Sudan to come to Khartoum and Juba for meetings to prepare for conflict transformation projects there.

Projects in Houston include facilitation of a Jewish Muslim Dialogue Group and a grass roots project in partnership with the Mayor's Office of the City of Houston, AISD and Texans Together.

Butler also has taught a

graduate level course in international conflict resolution and has extensive experience designing and conducting creative processes for resolving complex disputes involving a large number of parties.

The John E. Fellers Lectureship honors the memory of Dr. Fellers, who had been Executive Director and a Senior Fellow of the Institute and a minister at St. Paul's UMC. The lectureship is an annual event featuring an outstanding thinker whose interests lie in the contributions to human issues and moral values.

Please RSVP for the \$25 per person lecture to Jerri Doctor at 713-797-0600 or register on line at www.ish-tmc.org. A light continental breakfast will be served. Fellers Fund donations

gratefully appreciated.

The Institute of Religion was founded at the Texas Medical Center in 1955 with the goal of supporting the religious and spiritual aspects of health and healing within the Medical Center's institutions. In the 1980s the Institute redefined its mission and played a crucial role in establishing a theological dimension in hospital-based bioethics programs. In the fall of 2002, the Institute's name was changed to the Institute for Religion and Health, and a new mission has been articulated that calls for the integration of religion and spirituality in the healing process.

Research projects through the Institute study the role of faith in the work of healing. Website: www.ish-tmc.org.

Texas Annual Conference 2010 Scheduled Meetings

Group	Date	Time	Room
Cabinet Meeting Room	Sunday - Wednesday	As Needed	Galaway Conference Room
Celebration Women's Prayer Room	Sunday - Wednesday	All Day	Chrysostom Chapel
CORE Leadership Team	Sunday - Wednesday	As Needed	Rehearsal - A
COSROW	Sunday - Wednesday	All Day	The Woodlands UMC - D207
DOVE System	Sunday - Wednesday	All Day	The Woodlands UMC - D205
Labyrinth	Sunday - Wednesday	All Day	Club House 21
United Methodist Women	Sunday	2:30 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - D211
Conference Youth Registration	Sunday	4 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - The Loft (Front Lawn)
Clergy Spouses Hospitality Room	Monday-Tuesday	All Day	The Woodlands UMC - D214
Conference Office	Monday - Wednesday	All Day	The Woodlands UMC - Lenox Parlor
TAC Worship Planning Team	Monday - Wednesday	All Day	The Woodlands UMC - Music Library
Disability Concerns Meeting	Monday	7 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - D209
Gathering of Candidates	Monday	8 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Robb Chapel
Clergy Spouses Exec. Comm. Mtng.	Monday	9:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - D210
Memorial Day Celebration	Monday	12 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Fountain Entrance
Gathering of Candidates	Monday	1 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Robb Chapel
Local Church Business Administrators	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - D210



Spotlight on Annual Conference 2010 List of Meals

GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE OR LOCATION
Cabinet Dinner (No tickets required for Cabinet and spouses)	Saturday, 5/29	6 p.m.	Jones Library (The Woodlands UMC)
BOM Dinner Meeting (For reservation, contact Tom Stephenson at 409-886-7466)	Sunday, 5/30	5 p.m.	Lupe Tortillas
Celebration of Life Reception (No tickets required; all are invited)	Sunday, 5/30	9 p.m.	Wesley Hall (The Woodlands UMC)
Hispanic Fellowship Breakfast (Tickets \$10; contact Shirley Broome at 713-521-9383)	Monday, 5/31	7 a.m.	Jones Library (The Woodlands UMC)
UMM Breakfast (Tickets \$10; contact Ken Tielke at 713-724-9755)	Monday, 5/31	7 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC, Room D206
Sending Ministries Breakfast (By invitation only)	Monday, 5/31	7:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC, Room D208
Walk to Emmaus Breakfast (No tickets required; all are invited)	Monday, 5/31	7 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC, Asbury Hall
Breaking the Silence Luncheon (Tickets \$20; contact Laura Young at 936-581-9401)	Monday, 5/31	11:15 a.m.	Marriott Waterway Hotel
Brite Alumni Luncheon (Pay individually at restaurant. Rhett Ansley at 903-589-4003)	Monday, 5/31	11:30 a.m.	Brio Restaurant
Confessing Movement Luncheon (Tickets \$18; contact Terry Loughridge at 281-297-5932)	Monday, 5/31	11:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall
F.O.A.M. Ministries Luncheon (Tickets \$15; contact Mary Magnusson at 281-361-9298)			
Clergy Spouses Luncheon (Tickets \$15; contact Charlee Garbs at 903-845-2645)	Monday, 5/31	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - Asbury Hall
UMW Luncheon (Tickets \$15; contact Jerry Barber at 409-948-0420)	Monday, 5/31	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - The Loft Worship Gym
Perkins School of Theology Alumni Dinner (Tickets \$21/alumni; \$19/current students; contact Suzy Reedstrom at 713-468-8356)	Monday, 5/31	5 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Aldersgate Hall
TAC Awards Banquet (Contact Doug Smith for Evangelism awards tickets, 903-968-3833; contact Carolyn Huntsman for Small Membership Church awards tickets, 939-636-7029)	Monday, 5/31	5:30 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall
Friends of Wesley Foundation Dinner	Monday, 5/31	5 p.m.	Double Dave's Pizza
Spotted Owl Event (No cost for candidates)	Monday, 5/31	8:30 p.m.	The Loft Alley
Fellowship Breakfast of Associate Members: Local Pastors (Tickets \$15; contact Tom Morgan, 979-245-2390)	Tuesday, 6/1	7 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC, Asbury Hall
Communications Ministry Breakfast (Tickets \$10; contact Eleanor L. Colvin, 713-521-9383)	Tuesday, 6/1	7:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Aldersgate Hall
Order of Deacon's Breakfast (No cost for Deacons; contact Pam Besser, 409-892-7733)	Tuesday, 6/1	7:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Jones Library
Celebration Women's Ministries (Tickets \$18; contact Linda Johnson, 936-435-9989)	Tuesday, 6/1	11:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Asbury Hall
Lon Morris College Luncheon (Tickets \$15; contact Susie Holley, 903-589-4012)	Tuesday, 6/1	11:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - The Loft Green Room
BMCR Luncheon (Tickets \$25; contact Eleanor F. Colvin, 713-695-2469)	Tuesday, 6/1	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - The Loft Hangar
Retiree Luncheon (No cost to retirees and spouse; contact Barbara Kilby, 713-521-9383)	Tuesday, 6/1	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall
UMW Executive Dinner	Tuesday, 6/1	5:15 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Jones Library
Clergywomen's Breakfast (Tickets \$12; contact Shelli Williams, 713-528-0527)	Tuesday, 6/1	7 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - B210
Southwestern University Alumni Breakfast (Contact JoAnn Lucero, 512-863-1589)	Tuesday, 6/1	7 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - D-206
Candler Club Luncheon (Tickets \$15; contact Christie Hale, 409-985-5581)	Tuesday, 6/1	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - D-206
Texas Conference Christian Educators Fellowship Luncheon (Tickets \$20; contact Sharon Taylor, 281-446-2332)	Tuesday, 6/1	12:30 p.m.	Christ UMC
Friends of Asbury Dinner (Tickets \$20; Contact Jerry Loughridge, 281-297-5932)	Tuesday, 6/1	6 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Asbury Hall
Small Membership Church Celebration (Tickets \$14; contact Sue Sullivan, 903-838-7737)	Tuesday, 6/1	6 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Aldersgate Hall
Ordination & Commissioning Dinner (No tickets required for those being ordained or commissioned and their immediate family members)	Tuesday, 6/1	5:30 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall
Ordination & Commissioning Reception (All are invited)	Tuesday, 6/1	9 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall