

**Southwest District Conference  
May 1, 2011**

The Southwest District of the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church held their Spring Conference on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church, 800 Poplar Street, Atlantic, Iowa at 2:00 P.M. Those attending included representatives from Churches in the Southwest District, District Superintendent Rev. Brian K. Milford, Field Outreach Minister Rev. Ed Kail and District Administrative Secretary Shirley Lewis. (See attached attendance list of Southwest District Clergy.)

- Gathering:** The Praise Band from Salem United Methodist Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa, led in praise music.
- Welcome:** District Superintendent Rev. Brian K. Milford welcomed all. He attended the Modale United Methodist Church's sanctuary rededication earlier in the day and lifted up churches across SE United States who have experienced loss from natural disasters..
- Opening Prayer:** Jerry Neal, District Lay Leader, led us in a beautiful opening prayer.
- Opening Hymn:** The Salem UMC Praise Band led us in a joyous song.
- Appointment of District Conference Secretary:** District Superintendent Milford asked for the approval to appoint Reva Drake as secretary.
- Motion was made, seconded, and approved by all. At this time the District Superintendent introduced Rev. Ed Kail, Field Outreach Minister and Shirley Lewis, District Administrative Secretary.
- May 2, 2010 Minutes:** The minutes of the May 2, 2010 Southwest District Conference were reviewed and presented for approval. Motion was made to accept, seconded and all approved.
- Report of Nominations Committee:** Annette Ruhs Kruse, Chair, discussed the nominations in place and those needed. Motion was made to accept as stated, seconded and all approved.
- Budget:** Jon Waltz presented the 2012 Southwest District Budget Proposal of \$10,000 from apportioned funds for District Ministry Programming. The Proposal was adopted.
- District Askings:** The District Asking Proposed Formula and Distribution report for 2012 was unanimously approved as follows:

2012 S. W. District Askings (Voluntary) to be \$4.00 per professing member of every local Church in the S. W. District.

- 1) Carter Lake Mission Congregation \$2/\$4 or 50%
- 2) Hastings Mission Congregation \$.50/\$4 or 12.5%
- 3) District-wide Hispanic Ministries \$.75/\$4 or 18.75%
- 4) Other District Ministry Programming – Emerging Ministries including New Communities of Faith \$.75/\$4 or 18.75%

Pastor Mark Heath spoke with enthusiasm about what is going on at Carter Lake Church.

Rev. Ed Kail said we need to keep encouraging Hastings UMC.

Ernie Ruhle talked about the increase in Hispanic ministries in the District.

Marvin Arnpriester said all Churches need to support the district “Askings”. He issued a challenge to all congregations in the SW District.

**District Ministry  
Team Committee:**

The report of the District Ministry Team was given by Rev. Kail and he spoke of the changing times and how the committees are doing their work to the Glory of God.. The reports were accepted as written.

Pastor Annette Ruhs Kruse is coordinating a Mission trip to the Phillipines around December 25 or 26, 2011. Contact her for more information.

Unanimous approval was granted to develop a partnership with the Mobile United Methodist Missionaries (MUMMS) of the South Central and South East Districts beginning January, 2012.

Rev. Milford acknowledged UMW President and how the District supports the vital work of UMW.

At this time Rev. Milford acknowledged Pastors, families, and congregations in the midst of thought of transitions.

**Special Offering:**

A special offering was taken up for the Bishop’s F.I.T. Challenge (Conference-wide Disaster Recovery and New Communities of Faith). A total of \$758.00 was received. Local congregations were encouraged to receive a special offering for this same purpose

between now and Annual Conference, and bring the collection to Annual Conference to challenge other districts.

**Impact  
Community:**

Rev. Kail suggested we break into small groups and have “sharing time” visiting about interesting challenges to get people into our churches. Testimonies to the gathered group were offered.

**Closing Hymn:**

Salem UMC Praise Band led us in closing hymns.

**Adjournment:**

District Superintendent Brian Milford thanked everyone for attending and gave the closing prayer and blessing. The Spring 2011 Southwest District Conference was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in His name,

Reva Drake  
2011 District Conference Secretary

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**Attendance**

**CLERGY WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE**

1. Charles Layton
2. Dwight Grosvenor
3. Gerald Wiser
4. Lauri Greenlee
5. John Greenlee
6. Les Green
7. Dan Wiebesiek
8. Marvin Arnpriester
9. Shurmaine McAlpine
10. Andrew Rubenking
11. Richard Russell
12. Melissa Drake
13. Leila Blackburn
14. J. Samuel Subramanian
15. Jaye Johnson
16. Thelma Subramanian
17. Jan Phillips
18. Karen Hoff
19. Carl Phillips
20. Tom Boomershine
21. Mark Heath
22. Clara Dvorak
23. Bob Dvorak
24. Lanette Plambeck
25. Dick Krambeck
26. Larry Monthei
27. Garold Hansen
28. Jack Hofmockel
29. Lowell Schaaf
30. Steve Daiker
31. Lori Shannon
32. Bob Abbott
33. Fred Bryson
34. Annette Kruse
35. Gary DeGeest
36. Marion Sindt
37. Jud Stover
38. Janice Carlton

**CLERGY WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES**

1. Orris Drake
2. Alberta Ervin
3. Mike Stevens
4. Cathy VanGundy
5. Dean McPherson
6. Len Garrison
7. Nadine Aydt
8. Fred Pilecki
9. James Buckhahn
10. David Swinton
11. Lynn Gardner
12. Ruben Mendoza
13. James Newman
14. Dan Grauer
15. Dennis Bailey
16. Jessica Rockhold Gaul
17. Carolyn Owen
18. Heecheon Jeon
19. Roxanne Boverhuis

**CLERGY WHO DID NOT ATTEND AND  
DID NOT HAVE EXCUSED ABSENCE**

1. Gordon Scott
2. James Young
3. Michael Bahde
4. Lynn Gunderson
5. Kim Crummer
6. Shirley Textor
7. Terry McClain
8. Melodee Carstens
9. I. Charlene Wolfe
10. Mark Haverland
11. Angela Loomis