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A CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES SUPPLEMENT TO THE CALL

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Be informed

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IN THIS ISSUE, our Connectional Ministries Office provides information that will be helpful to both clergy and laity in ministry. We hope you will keep this four-page insert, referring to it often as you search for resources and information in the months to come. The articles here deal with camp and retreat ministries, children, missions, and youth. A subsequent issue of "Be!" will include resources and information related to older adults, marriage ministries, and young adults.

Be informed as you learn the answers to the most frequently asked questions that come into the Office of Connectional Ministries:

Q Where can I/my church/my ministry get money for _____? (Fill in the blank with the name of the ministry or scholarship recipient or program.)

Answer: Each district office and the Office of Connectional Ministries have a three-ring notebook titled "Grants, Loans, and Scholarships." This notebook contains information on available grants, loans (primarily for church building projects), and scholarships. Searching through the notebook in your district office might also give you ideas for other sources from which to seek funding.

Q Where can I get information about United Methodist scholarships or loans for college?

Answer: The best source for information related to college scholarships and loans for United Methodist students is the web site of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (<http://www.gbhem.org/gbhem/loans2.html>).

Q Who can help my church with understanding God's vision for our future? How can we help our church move forward in ministry?

Answer: Please contact our office (toll free at 866-690-4080 or at connectionalministries@holston.org) to request resources for a vision process.

Q Where can I get United Methodist information about _____? (Fill in the blank.)

Answer: For incredibly helpful and quick responses to a multitude of questions related to the United Methodist Church, contact InfoServ, available at 1-800-251-8140 or online through the www.UMC.org site. If you are unable to find the information through InfoServ or UMC.org, please contact the Office of Connectional Ministries. ■

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