

**NORTHERN PLAINS CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

A monthly newsletter supporting the building of community in the multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, multi-national community of faith



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On **World Communion Sunday, October 2nd**, we will be receiving the **Neighbor's in Need** Offering. This offering invites us to "Imagine Another World Is Possible". Imagine a world without Discrimination and Oppression, or a world without Poverty, or a world without Violence, or Imagine a world without Hunger. That is what you do with this offering. The Neighbors in Need Offering is a call to faithful living. On October 2nd you can help to empower the church so that it can stand with the most vulnerable. You can make a difference. We all know what it means to be vulnerable, and the Neighbors In Need Offering means we do not have to stand alone

The UCC is holding **Each one bring one Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011**, asking each UCC member to invite co-workers, family members, or friends to join them for a day of fellowship and worship. Coinciding with **Mission: 1, Each One Bring One Sunday** a great way to showcase the UCC's Extravagant Welcome. Check out the **Each One Brings One** page on the UCC website www.ucc.org; located under the search engine for more information.

Let us join together this Fall in celebrating our mission work by designating a **Global Ministries Sunday**. This first annual Global Ministries Sunday is created to bring a face to mission, educating us about the work of our church through Global Ministries. Worship resources, ways to engage children and youth, guide to

how to hold a mission fair and the step by step process for becoming a Global Mission Church are all available at www.globalministries.org. All who are interested are invited to call the Conference Office at 701 255 1104

Disaster Ministries Update by Lindy Holt, Disaster Ministries Coordinator

While the flooding is in the past, a lot of help is still needed in Minot and the surrounding areas as they continue to recover and begin to rebuild. Much of the muck out and cleanup work has taken place, but there are still families waiting to get help with this now. In the next month there will be a push to enclose homes and get them ready for winter. Volunteers are needed now! If you are able to come for a day or two to help out please contact Lindy Holt at 701-430-0727 or at ethelindholt@gmail.com.

Please check out this link to learn more about what the Minot area is facing on the National Church's website. <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/disaster-recovery-volunteers/immediate-need-for-volunteer.html>

Now is a great time to plan for groups from your church and community who would like to come to Minot for a week to help with rebuilding. At the present time our disaster teams will coordinate with Mennonite Disaster

Service. To register your group, call Sarah Yoder, Coordinator of Volunteers, Mennonite Disaster Service 717-735-3536 or 1-800-241-8111.

Articles in the long version are: As I Look At It, Well Done Northern Plains Conference Women, Voices From The Prairie by Jim Martin, A Visit to East Timor, A Letter from Jim and Sharon Moos with information on

the East Timor Education Foundation, Ecumenical Media Resource Center, Congregations Seeking a Pastor, Aware Available in Two Versions, NYE, National Youth Event information, Northern Plains Conference Fall Youth Rally information, and Mission:1 information.

The NPC Calendar for October, 2011

Date	Time	Event	Location
10/1	9:00 am (ct)	Stewardship Workshop	Bismarck
10/2	-----	World Communion Sunday – Neighbor’s In Need Sunday	-----
10/13	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	New Salem
10:14	7::00 pm (ct)	Conference Committees	Jamestown
10/15	9:00 am (ct)	Conference Council	Jamestown
10/17-10/18	3:00 pm (ct)	SDC/NPC meeting	Fargo/First
10/19	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
10/20	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Moorhead
10/20-10/22	12:00 Noon	Fall Youth Rally	Bismarck
10/24-10/27	6:00 pm (ct)	West Central Regional	Schuyler, NB
10/28	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	-----
10/29	12:00 Noon (ct)	Annual Meeting Planning	-----
10/30	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Garrison