



THE CARDINAL

The *NEW* Newsletter of the Red Bird Missionary Conference
Churches & Outreach Centers

Two by Two...

When Jesus sent his disciples out to do God's mission in the world, he sent them two by two. Throughout the Bible are examples of God's work being done in pairs. Jesus saw the value in partnering - two working together, supporting one another in ministry. That model works today. God's mission in the Red Bird Missionary Conference is only achieved through YOUR walking along side those who have been sent to serve - your partnering with us in God's mission. Thank you for serving the Lord.

Now, more than ever, we need this relationship to be strong. WILL YOU WALK WITH US? There are three significant ways you can do so.



MISSION 101

A new feature in *The Cardinal*...mission education! Share with others. Use in a variety of settings. Then give us your feedback by mail or email: ruth.wiertzema@redbirdconference.org.

Turn the page to begin *Mission 101*.

Will you pray?

Pray; pray; pray!

The work in these mountains was begun because of the continual prayers of one teacher, who took the time daily to pause in her walk to school to pray for the children and families of the hills; that someone might come to minister to their needs.

Will You Tell the Story?

Share what God is doing in these mountains. The woman told God and others of the need. People who were seeking to live out the Great Commission heard of the need and responded. Through the years churches have been “born”, “adopted”, and outreach centers initiated. Missionary pastors from other conferences as well as indigenous pastors have responded to God’s call to serve in mission. Our United Methodist presence with emphasis on discipleship as well as salvation is changing lives. You have a story to tell!

To learn about each of our churches and outreaches, and the missionaries who serve them, go to

http://redbirdconference.org/outreach_centers.php.



Will You Share Your Story With Us...

Red Bird Missionary Conference would like to hear from our readers the many ways you are in ministry with the Churches & Outreach Ministries of the Red Bird Missionary Conference.

Send us your stories and pictures so we may celebrate and share your partnership in ministry. Chosen ones to be featured in upcoming editions of The Cardinal.

E-mail stories to: stories@redbirdconference.org.
Or mail to: Red Bird Missionary Conference, Att: Stories, 54 Queendale Center, Beverly KY 40913.



Will You Walk Along Side?

From the beginning, prayers and stories touched other hearts to pray and give. The work grew and continues. However, the adverse economy has greatly affected the churches and outreach centers of the Red Bird Missionary Conference. While mission churches strive to do all they can (collectively 50%) ministry cannot be done without you. Mission contributions have dropped considerably. Budgets are strained resulting in ministries being curtailed. More than ever, your prayers and support are needed. Your gifts are needed.

Prayerfully consider these avenues: Wings for Red Bird (see special on back page) or entering a covenant relationship with a pastor. Please visit our website for more information.

<http://redbirdconference.org/wingsforredbird.php>



MISSION 101

Our “church language “ is often confusing, especially to new-comers. Below are a few terms used in the Cardinal. How many can you define?

GBGM: Abbreviation for the General Board of Global Ministries, world-wide mission sending and mission education agency of the United Methodist Church.

The Advance: Second-mile mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church

Advance Projects: Mission projects or ministries that meet the criteria of The United Methodist Church, which includes accountability for funds received. All projects are approved by the local community so they have ownership in the ministry and are priorities of the United Methodist Church or church partner.

Advance Number: Number by The Advance to approved mission projects and commissioned Global Ministries missionaries. This number is used by donors to channel mission contributions.

Covenant Relationship: Covenant between a church or individual and a missionary pledging specific support for their work and initiating a personal relationship between the missionary and donor.

RBMC: Abbreviation for Red Bird Missionary Conference, the United Methodist Church’s most comprehensive mission endeavor in the United States, located in the Appalachian region of southeastern Kentucky.

NOTE:

- Red Bird Missionary CONFERENCE is the “umbrella” over the following entities in southeastern Kentucky:
- Henderson Settlement: ONE of the entities of The Red Bird Missionary Conference. Located at Frakes, KY
- Red Bird Mission & Clinic: ONE of the entities of The Red Bird Missionary Conference. Located at Beverly, KY
- Red Bird School: The mission school under the arm of Red Bird Mission.
- The Bennett Center: ONE of the entities of The Red Bird Missionary Conference. Located in London, KY
- Churches & Outreaches: Chartered churches and Outreach Centers within The Red Bird Missionary Conference. Located in parts of 8 counties.

Heart of Appalachia: Term referring to the near-center of the entire Appalachian region (extending from Mississippi to New York) where the missional ministries of Red Bird Missionary Conference are located.

Wings for Red Bird: Support for Churches and Outreaches, particularly designed for smaller churches, groups or individuals. Can be done in increments and/or by multiple groups joining efforts. When \$1000 goal is reached, donor receives a laser cut wall hanging.

Outreach Centers: Ministries in the Red Bird Missionary Conference begun with small groups in areas with no chartered United Methodist Church.

Mission Churches: Small membership churches in economically depressed area striving to meet their own ministry budgets, but in varying degrees need financial assistance from the wider church

Mission Alive - Wings for Red Bird

Red Bird Missionary Conference needs you to help give Wings to our ministries. The congregations and pastors in the Red Bird Missionary Conference Churches & Outreach Ministries are a witness for Christ in the heart of Appalachia. You can participate in God's work by helping us share the Gospel in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky through "Wings for Red Bird".

Our small membership mission congregations are only able to supply about 50% of their ministry budget. Yet in the midst of their financial struggles, our 25 congregations strive to live out the Great Commission in their communities - reaching out beyond their church walls.

Our United Methodist presence in these mountains is vital; we need your help to provide it. Our prayer is that you will consider a \$1,000 contribution through "Wings for Red Bird". This can be done over a period of time through your own fundraising efforts (i.e. setting a monthly goal in order to reach \$1,000). Or sending a monthly pledge or a one time gift.

"Wings for Red Bird" is designed to enable any individual, small group or congregation to move more deeply into their connection and support of Red Bird Missionary Conference.

Please remember to memo your donation "Wings for Red Bird"

Donors will receive a 10X14 laser cut wooden wall hanging when the \$1,000 goal is reached.

Donations can be mailed to:

Red Bird Missionary Conference, 54 Queendale Center, Beverly KY 40913.

info@redbirdconference.org

Online donations can be made at www.redbirdconference.org

Advance Special - Churches & Outreach Centers #773978



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Your prayers and financial support helps to undergird the many ministries of the Red Bird Missionary Conference.

Please consider a monthly donation to help support our Church & Outreach Ministries in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky.



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