

## Spring District Conference 2020 Outrageous Generosity

The Mission & Ministry Strategy Team announced at Spring District Conference 2019 the need to construct a pole building for our tool trailers. These two trailers were donated to the district several years ago and have been graciously housed at Keene UMC when not on a building location. Tools and materials have been purchased through the generous donations of churches and individuals over the years and are stored in the trailers. As a matter of good stewardship against theft, these units need to be secured.

The proposed structure will not have electricity. The design includes two bays and storage space. The Keene trustees have agreed for the unit to be built at the rear of the church property for no cost to the district. It was hoped that the construction could have been completed by the fall of 2019. The original estimate was \$16,400 for materials, labor and fees. We anticipate an increase given the delay in construction and the current economy.

Last year, the Mission & Ministry Committee asked for financial support from the district, noting that \$6,000 district funds had been designated for the project. Three Rivers answered. To date with matching funds we have a project balance of \$11,910.



Not wanting to move forward with the construction of the building without all the funds in place the Mission & Ministry Team asked the Finance committee to approve a commercial rental building to house the two trailers. The proposal allowed for up to \$100/month rental fee to come from the project fund. Additional cost would be taken into consideration. The Three Rivers District Finance approved the request. Locations are currently being secured.

The Mission & Ministry Strategy Team wanted to make churches aware of this ongoing need. The goal is to accumulate the remaining funds so that we can complete this project before the end of 2020. If you or your church would like to contribute to the project, please make checks payable to “Three Rivers District UMC” marked “Pole Building Project” and mail them to the District Office at 415 Walnut St, Coshocton, 43812.



The TR Finance Committee wants to remind churches they  
**can continue to contribute to the  
James H. Humphrey Campership Fund.**

**In 2019 Three Rivers donated \$2,231!**

While the EOC Camps will not be in full operation in 2020 due to COVID-19 your gifts will continue to grow the investment fund established by Rev. Jim through the Methodist Foundation of Ohio.

Send donations to the district office listed above and include the memo: Rev Jim Camps



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# East Ohio Conference to Build New Residence Hall at Africa University

East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church launched the **Teach • Reach • Bless** campaign to raise \$1.5 million for construction of a new residence hall that will house 90 female students at Africa University. Bishop Tracy S. Malone, resident bishop of the East Ohio Conference, shared that the much-needed dormitory will provide a safe, secure environment and a community of support. "We have an opportunity to assist in the education of female students at Africa University, a Pan-African United Methodist institution. Increasing enrollment at AU and a lack of on-campus housing means that some women students commute from remote areas and find affordable off-campus housing, putting them at high risk for living in and being subjected to untenable situations."

Since Malone shared her vision for the new dormitory during her Episcopal Address at Annual Conference last June, the campaign committee has secured significant church-based and personal pledge support. "We very much appreciate your support of the **Teach • Reach • Bless** campaign and your commitment to improve the education and wellness of women today for a better Africa tomorrow," campaign co-chairpersons Dr. Maggie Jackson and Dr. Bill McFadden wrote in a letter to EOC clergy under appointment announcing January's **Teach • Reach • Bless** Sunday.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic we ask that your church prayerfully consider practicing outrageous generosity by pledging to this significant ministry.

Learn about and support the **Teach • Reach • Bless** campaign at [www.eocumc.com/teachreachbless](http://www.eocumc.com/teachreachbless).

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## TEACH REACH BLESS

\_\_\_ I/We intend to give to the **Teach • Reach • Bless** Campaign the following amount over the next three years. *Final payment due by December 31, 2022.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ other  
(please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



Please make checks payable to your Church and place **Teach • Reach • Bless** in the memo line.

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