

APPALACHIAN LINK

WINTER 2009

The United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network—P. O. Box 2231—Hagerstown, Maryland 21741-2231
Phone & Fax 1-301-791-7355 —Email umadc@aol.com — Website www.appalachia-umc.org

**APPALACHIAN ASSEMBLY
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
OCTOBER 28-31, 2009
Mountainside Conference Center
Bethany, West Virginia**

**SCHEDULE AND
REGISTRATION
AVAILABLE**

January 15, 2009

**Introducing new training modules on
Poverty and Leadership Development
from an Appalachian context.**

APPALACHIAN REGION EXPANDED

Ten new counties have received designation as Appalachian by the federal government's Appalachian Regional Commission. They are: Ashtabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull in Ohio; Metcalfe, Nicholas, and Robertson in Kentucky; Lawrence and Lewis in Tennessee; and Henry and Patrick in Virginia. All these counties are included in United Methodist Appalachian Districts.

Designation as an Appalachian county is based upon being economically at-risk. This allows the ARC to fund projects in those counties. Appalachian designated counties now number 420.

Anyone looking for research on Appalachia might want to check out ARC's website: www.arc.gov other helpful sites are: <http://www.censusscope.org/> or for kids <http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter/databook.jsp>

The Mission of The United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network is to partner with annual conferences, districts, local churches and general agencies to develop and support leaders within the United Methodist Churches in Appalachia.

JOB OPENING

The United Methodist APPALACHIAN MINISTRY NETWORK is seeking an Executive Coordinator. The candidate would be responsible for administrative and programmatic leadership to carry out the goals of the organization. The candidate must have an appreciation of Appalachian people and their culture; have a working knowledge of the Appalachian region; an understanding of the structure of The United Methodist Church, a personal commitment to the mission and ministry of the UMC and a willingness to work within the structure; be willing to travel extensively across the Region, demonstrate an adeptness in human relation skills and an ability to relate to people of all socio-economic levels. The candidate will serve as the main interpreter relative to contextual understandings of Appalachian culture, churches of the region, and education and training opportunities for lay an clergy leaders.

Basic skills required: computer—Microsoft WORD, EXCEL, POWER POINT, writing, grant application preparation, brochure and display design, bookkeeping, public speaking.

Negotiable items are: number of hours, salary and benefits, location of office, and beginning date of employment.

To obtain a full job description, skill requirements and application form, contact: UMAMN-Search Committee, P. O. Box 2231, Hagerstown, MD 21741-2231—Email umadc@aol.com, Website: www.appalachia-umc.org or Phone 301-791-7355.

2009 HUNGER & POVERTY GRANTS

United Methodist church-based ministry addressing hunger and poverty in the Appalachian Region may apply for grants from the Appalachia Hunger and Poverty General Advance Special Grant Fund. Applications are due March 1 and September 1. Forms and criteria may be found at:

www.appalachia-umc.org

or

Email: umadc@aol.com.

Grant range from \$500—\$2,500.

A special *Thank You* to all the churches that support this work through gifts to the Advance Special #982039.