

# **PA United Methodists Uniting to Tackle Poverty Anti-Poverty Summit Oct. 10-11, 2010, Camp Hill, PA**

At least 1.6 million Pennsylvanians live in poverty. They are our neighbors, our friends, and our families.

**What can you do?  
What can your congregation do?  
What can The United Methodist Church across  
Pennsylvania do?**

*Be part of the solution. Be part of United  
Methodists Uniting: Pennsylvania Anti-Poverty  
Summit.*

Jesus tells us in Luke 3:11, that “whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” In writing to Timothy, the apostle Paul tells him “God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love.”  
(2 Timothy 1:7)

United Methodist Advocacy in Pennsylvania, joined by our bishops, Peggy Johnson of Eastern PA Conference, Jane Allen Middleton of the Susquehanna Conference, and Thomas Bickerton of the Western PA Conference, is sponsoring this important, action-focused summit.

## **Summit Focus**

- ❖ Faces of Poverty – People, Not Stereotypes
- ❖ Our Poverty Response: Justice or Charity?
- ❖ Grassroots Lobbying: A Tool Kit
- ❖ Poverty Simulation: Learning Through Experience
- ❖ Crafting a Vision for PA

You will:

- ✓ Learn about effective local anti-poverty ministries.
- ✓ See what your church can do, not only to help those in poverty, but also to attack poverty’s root causes.
- ✓ Help develop a statewide United Methodist anti-poverty strategy.

Churches are encouraged to send a lay-clergy ministry team to the summit. Cost of the summit is \$50 per person.

**Keynote speaker will be Bishop Felton Edwin May, the “father” of the United Methodist Shalom Zone movement, and former bishop of the Harrisburg and Washington Areas of The United Methodist Church.**

Bishop May tells it as he sees it. Expect to be prodded, encouraged, and led by the Holy Spirit as Bishop May leads us in creating a vision for action in Pennsylvania. He is appearing courtesy of the Northeast Jurisdiction’s Multi-Ethnic Center, where he serves as executive director.

**Tuesday, Oct. 12, is an optional lobbying day for participants who want to meet with legislators and/or legislative staff in the nearby state Capitol. We’ll meet at historic Grace UMC, just down the street from the Capitol, and then go to offices in the Capitol Complex. Our experience begins at 9 a.m. and will finish after lunch.**

The cost of participating in the summit is \$50 per person. That includes dinner Sunday, continental breakfast and lunch on Monday, and a conference workbook.

Lodging is available at numerous hotels close to Camp Hill United Methodist Church, 417 South 22nd Street, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011.

To control our expenses, we encourage everyone to register at [www.umadvocacypa.org](http://www.umadvocacypa.org). If not, use the accompanying form. Please make your checks payable to: Susquehanna Conference UMC, and make a notation, "Poverty Summit" on the memo line.

Forms and Checks should be sent to United Methodist Advocacy in Pennsylvania, 216 State St., Harrisburg, PA 17101.

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### **Preliminary Agenda for Anti-Poverty Summit**

#### **Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010**

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| 4 p.m.    | Opening Session<br>Worship<br>Introduction to objectives of summit |
| 5:30 p.m. | Dinner   |
| 6:15 p.m. | Keynote Address - Bishop Felton E. May                             |
| 7:15 p.m. | Panel - Faces of Poverty - People, Not Stereotypes                 |
| 8:30 p.m. | Small Groups Meet/Begin Dialogue/focus on developing vision        |
| 9 p.m.    | Close for evening (Groups may continue until 10 p.m.)              |

#### **Monday Oct. 11, 2010**

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| 7:30-8:15 a.m. | Continental Breakfast                                       |
| 8:15 a.m.      | Morning Devotions   |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Panel Discussion: Our Poverty Response: Justice or Charity? |
| 9:30 a.m.      | Break   |
| 9:45 a.m.      | Grass Roots Advocacy - A Lobbying Tool Kit                  |
| 10:45 a.m.     | Poverty Simulation - Community Action Association of PA     |
| 11:30 a.m.     | Lunch   |
| 12:30 p.m.     | Return to Small Groups                                      |
| 2 p.m.         | Reconvene Plenary - Shape Final Vision/Response             |
| 3 p.m.         | Break   |
| 3:15 p.m.      | Closing Worship - Holy Communion                            |
| 4 p.m.         | Adjourn   |

#### **Optional Advocacy Opportunity Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010**

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| 9 a.m.     | Gather at Grace UMC, 216 State Street, Harrisburg |
| 9:15 a.m.  | Devotions   |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Review Assignments                                |
| 9:45 a.m.  | Leave for Capitol                                 |
| 10 a.m.    | Begin meetings with legislators, staff            |
| 12 p.m.    | Re-gather at Grace UMC                            |
| 12:15 p.m. | Lunch/adjournment                                 |

**United Methodists Uniting: Pennsylvania Anti-Poverty Summit  
Oct. 10-11, 2010 Camp Hill UMC, Camp Hill, PA  
Registration Form**

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Name Tag** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Conference** \_\_\_\_\_

**District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary requests, including vegetarian, vegan meals.**

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**Continuing Education Credits will be offered. Click here if interested.**

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