

## Annapolis District United Methodist Men Executive Board Meeting February 1, 2021 6:30 pm

**Attendees:** Morgan Smith, Greg Witte (Zoom Host), Curtis Warren, Shelby Hemphill, Alphonso Sharps, Robert Smith, Ken Brooks, Nelson Gardner

- Opening Prayer: Robert Smith
- Scripture Reading: Morgan Smith – Judges 6:12-18 (Theme scripture for the upcoming Annapolis District UMM Meeting, February 13, 2020)
  - <sup>12</sup> When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”
  
  - <sup>13</sup> “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”
  
  - <sup>14</sup> The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”
  
  - <sup>15</sup> “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”
  
  - <sup>16</sup> The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”
  - <sup>17</sup> Gideon replied, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me <sup>18</sup> Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you.”
  
  - And the Lord said, “I will wait until you return.”
- Vision, Mission, Smart Goals, and Values for the Annapolis District UMM
  - Morgan reported we need to finalize this based on using the foundation of information provided by Morgan, Greg and Richard.
  - Decision to table this topic in order to finalize the program for the upcoming District Annual Meeting for February 9, 2020 9 am to 11:00 pm
- Annapolis District Annual Meeting planning
  - Nelson shared his recommendations and background for the four songs proposed by his group, “In His Group.”
    - **Broken Halos:**  
" Broken Halos " is a song recorded by American singer-songwriter Chris Stapleton. Written by Stapleton and Mike Henderson, it was released on

April 14, 2017 as a promotional single from his second studio album "From A Room". We play that version.

- **Preacher Man**

Is an original song written by Nelson Gardner in 1985. Played only by the bands that Nelson has performed with. (This will be a good Segway to the Guest Speaker)

- **"Hey Joe"**

was written by a singer named Billy Roberts, who was part of the Greenwich Village folk scene in the early '60s. William Moses Roberts Jr. (August 16, 1936 - October 7, 2017) was an American songwriter and musician credited with composing the 1960s rock music standard "Hey Joe" (of which the best-known version is the hit by The Jimi Hendrix Experience).

I re-wrote the lyrics as a Christian Story and we call it Hey Bro.

- **Honky Tonk Women:**

By the Rolling Stones band, I also re-wrote the Lyrics to be a Christian story of women in the Bible coming to Christ re named it Hungry Christian Girl. Inspiration and recording The song was written by Mick Jagger and Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones while on holiday in Brazil from late December 1968 to early January 1969.

- Morgan set the order of service for the event as follows:

- Morgan will introduce Bill Weller as the Presider for the Event
- Welcome – Mike Matthews, UMM President, John Wesley UMC, Glen Burnie
- Opening Song by "In His Grip" – Nelson Gardner and friend, Calvary UMC, Annapolis
- Opening Prayer – Robert Smith, Annapolis District Prayer Advocate
- Scripture Reading: Judges 6:12-18 – Dale Anderson, UMM Past President Mt Zion UMC, Pasadena
- Song by "In His Grip" – Nelson Gardner and friend, Calvary UMC, Annapolis
- Words of Wisdom – Curtis Warren, Past
- Business Meeting
  - Treasure's Report – Ken Brooks, Annapolis District UMM Treasurer
  - District Report – Morgan Smith, Annapolis District UMM President

- Local Men’s Ministries Report (participants unknown at this time, but will ensure the reports do not extend the meeting time more than 2 hours)
  - Song by “In His Grip” – Nelson Gardner and friend, Calvary UMC, Annapolis
  - Introduction of the Keynote Speaker – Greg Witte, UMM Past President Annapolis District
  - Keynote Speaker – Rev. Samuel “Jerry” Colbert, Pastor at John Wesley UMC, Annapolis
  - Closing Song by “In His Grip” – Nelson Gardner and friend, Calvary UMC, Annapolis
  - Comments
  - Closing Prayer – Rev. Dr. Vaughan Hayden, Lead Pastor, Mt. Zion UMC, Lothian.
- Shelby asked for information about the Zoom meeting so he could get the word out using the list he had.

**Update:** *Greg sent recording of meeting to Richard on 2/2/21, 12:15 pm and after playing the recording Richard heard Morgan’s request for setting up the Zoom meeting.*

*Richard set-up and published the Zoom meeting information to all the Board Member on 2/3/21, 2 pm, along with a flyer that included web page and registration. On Feb 3 at 7 pm a Conference-wide email was sent to 1154 individual UMM and Churches with the Annapolis District UMM Event listed as the headline in the email.*

### **Zoom Information**

**Topic: Annapolis District UMM Annual Meeting Event**

**Time: Feb 13, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

### **Join Zoom Meeting (video)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85176640407?pwd=YTEyN3BKVGwvUUVIZUFHNIVZTXJyZz09>

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- Morgan asked if anyone had additional comments. None were given.
- Curtis agreed to give the “*Words of Wisdom*” message. Curtis said in the past year, we have discouraged men to do God’s work. Curtis remarked that he was glad he had not heard a negative comment tonight unlike previous meetings. Greg remarked that the scripture theme illustrates that none of us are perfect.
- Nelson said he was blessed to be a part of this meeting.
- Morgan reported the Annapolis District End Hunger Potato Project was all ready for the Saturday event.
- Robert thanked Morgan for his leadership, which was amended by Curtis, Greg and others online.
- **All wished Curtis a Happy Birthday.**
- **Curtis Closed out the meeting prayer.**
- **Next Board Meeting, Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm**  
The Agenda will be dedicated to finalizing the Annapolis District UMM Annual Meeting.

Respectively Submitted,



Richard K Campbell  
Past President, Annapolis District UMM