

# NEWS for NOMADS

Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service

Summer 2006



## June 2006 Board Meeting Highlights

### NOMADS Board 2006-2007

**Executive Committee**  
 Chair **Vicki Aldridge**  
 Vice Chair **Dorothy Bondurant**  
 Secretary **Arlin Kiel**  
 Treasurer **Cliff Johnson**  
 Member-At-Large **Rob Coe**  
 Recording Secretary **Sue Kiel**

**Jurisdictional Reps**  
**Dick Bulkeley** Western  
**Rob Coe** South Central  
**Merlin Outcalt** North Central  
**Jim Traviss** Southeastern  
**Duane Wakefield** Northeastern

GBGM Rev. **Clint Rabb**  
 Ex-Officio **Jim Hengstenberg**  
 Ex-Officio **Carla Kinsey**

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**REUNION 2007**  
**Mansfield, Ohio**  
**June 26-28, 2007**  
**Reunion organizers:**  
**George and Sandra Peacock**

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**REUNION 2008**  
**Shawnee, OK**  
**Week of Sept. 22-26, 2008**  
**Reunion organizers:**  
**Dan and Joy Leithner**

### News for NOMADS distribution schedule

Winter: February  
 Spring: May  
 Summer: August  
 Fall: November

- The Treasurer submitted a report and annual audit. NOMADS continues to be solvent.
- Our Administrator, Carla Kinsey reported:  
 The new sign-up procedure was successful with about 80% getting their first choice. There were a few problems but the procedure will be used again this year.  
 The summer projects are still struggling for sign-ups.  
 Membership has declined but with the change in payment date this may increase.  
 Brochures will be at SMA only, not at the UMC Service Center. The cost of mailing and handling was reduced by SMA.
- The Board voted to establish the Disaster Response Committee as a standing committee. Arlin Kiel will be Chairman. Another RTP (Revolving Team Project) will be established at Caswell Springs for the Winter/Spring project period. Money was authorized to be used to set up RTPs, if needed.
- A NOMADS special interest group has been set up within the Escapees, organized by Carol Stoner. Other special interest groups in other RV organizations are being developed.
- The Board wants to change the selection of the jurisdictional representatives from appointment to election.
- Our faithful Agency Selection Chair, Don Levans, announced his retirement after 12 years on the committee. Jeannie Coe was elected to that position.
- Any new Agency projects will have to have a United Methodist Church connection. The Agency committee will make those decisions.
- Team members should not arrive early at a project before the leaders. A donation of \$20 per night to the Agency will be required from early arrivals.
- Money raised at the reunion auction, in 2007 and beyond, will go to the General Fund and will be distributed to the Materials Fund, as needed.
- Promotions will be presenting special recognitions for those who have worked 50 projects or more.
- New DVDs, brochures & logos were developed this year by the Promotions committee.
- The 2007 annual meeting and reunion will be June 26-28 in Mansfield, OH. George and Sandy Peacock are the reunion organizers.
- The General Concerns committee and Board will review and revise, as appropriate, the procedures and processes for handling concerns about our members.
- The new Alumni committee, headed by Jack Travelstead, will work on promotion and development of an endowment fund for NOMADS.
- The Board will work on visioning in November. Members are encouraged to send suggestions to the Board.
- A Safe Sanctuary policy was adopted and will be printed in a newsletter and on the web site.
- The Board voted to have Sue Kiel continue as our recording secretary.

Vicki Aldridge  
 NOMADS Board Chair

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### Congrats to our new Board Members!!

We wish to congratulate our newly elected board members, **Cliff Johnson and George Russell**. Also new to the board are **Jim Traviss**, as our SE Jurisdictional Representative and **Rev. Clint Rabb**, Assistant General Secretary, Mission Volunteers, GBGM. Welcome!

# Items of Interest for NOMADS

## *Rallies and Reunions - In Brief*

**Sept. 5-7, 2006 NEJ Annual Campout, Ives Run, PA**  
Duane or Linda Wakefield [dwakefi1@maine.rr.com](mailto:dwakefi1@maine.rr.com)

**Sept. 6-8, 2006 Ohio Reunion, Granville, OH**  
Paul Zimmerman, 740-636-1754

**Sept. 19-21, 2006 Iowa Reunion, Pictured Rock UMC Camp,** Larry Eslinger, 319-824-3134 [kleslg@juno.com](mailto:kleslg@juno.com)

**Sept. 19-21, 2006 Indiana NOMADS Rally, NE IN**  
Jim & Ruth Davidson 765-589-3033 [rdavi8638@aol.com](mailto:rdavi8638@aol.com)

**Sept. 23 or 24 - 28, 2006 Arkansas NOMADS, NE of Clinton, AR** Paul and Kathy Bauer, 870-257-4357  
[pjbauerjr@pocketmail.com](mailto:pjbauerjr@pocketmail.com)

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**Come ready to work but please don't arrive early!**

***Early arrivals now cost \$20 per night.***

Leaders send letters to their teams stating when the team can arrive (usually Saturday or Sunday before the project) and asking them not to arrive early. However, some NOMADS continue to arrive early. It is like expecting company and they show up a day early, you may be glad to see them but you weren't ready for them to arrive. NOMADS is not a free place to park. The Board recently approved an assessment of \$20 per night for early arrivals. The leader will collect the money which will go to the Agency. This early arrival does not include leaders arriving early so they can meet agency personnel and tour the work site on Friday previous to the start of the project. Thank you!

Jeannie Coe, Agency Selection Chair

## **Four Board Members Retired**

The terms of four members of our Board of Directors ended in June. Butch Halsted and Bill Conaway were elected to four year terms by the membership in 2002. Barbara Hinegardner was appointed that same year to a four year term, following the death of her husband, Jack, who had been appointed a short time before. Jeanie Blankenbaker, the representative from the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM), retired this year. Her replacement at GBGM will also replace her on our Board. We want to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to these four dedicated servants for their faithful work on behalf of NOMADS for the past four years. Each was also presented a handmade plaque at the Reunion.

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### **OHIO NOMADS NEEDED!**

Rev. Norma Bates of the East Ohio Conference would like to have NOMADS give a short talk at Christ UMC in Canton, Ohio on September 24th, 2006. If anyone is interested, please contact her at 330-628-4050 or [bbates@neo.rr.com](mailto:bbates@neo.rr.com).

## **New committee chairs announced**

It takes many people working together to keep our NOMADS organization going. Among these are numerous Committee Chairs who guide the activities of their various areas. Several persons stepped forward in June to assume new leadership roles as Committee Chairs, as follows: Rob Coe replaces Barbara Hinegardner as Chair of the Nominations Committee; Cliff Johnson replaces Dorothy Bondurant as Chair of the Finance Committee; Jim Traviss replaces Vicki Aldridge as Chair of the By-Laws/Policy/Guidelines Committee; Duane Wakefield replaces Bill Conaway as Chair of the Visioning Committee; and Jeannie Coe replaces Don Levans as Chair of the Agency Committee. Thank you to those who are stepping down this year from these responsibilities. Your hard work is much appreciated. Several Committee Chairs are continuing on in their roles for another year, as follows: Merlin Outcalt, General Concerns Committee Chair; Dorothy Bondurant, Promotions Committee Chair; Jane Waddock, Sunshine Committee Chair; and Virginia Lee, Newsletter Committee Chair. Again, thank you to these hard-working members for their continuing service. One new committee was created by the Board this year, and Arlin Kiel will chair the new Disaster Response Committee.

Arlin Kiel, Board Secretary

If you are interested in serving NOMADS, please review the board committees to see if you may be able to volunteer your services!

**Agency:** Jeannie Coe ([jbryancoe@mindspring.com](mailto:jbryancoe@mindspring.com)) 210-601-6132

**By-Laws:** Jim Traviss ([jjtrv@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jjtrv@tampabay.rr.com)) 863-324-0237

**Finance:** Cliff Johnson - Board members only

**General Concerns:** Merlin Outcalt - Board members only

**Liability:** Vicki Aldridge ([KAldridge@aol.com](mailto:KAldridge@aol.com)) 682-518-6695

**Newsletter:** Virginia Lee ([vawmlee@earthlink.net](mailto:vawmlee@earthlink.net)) 320-558-6394

**Nominating:** Rob Coe ([jbryancoe@mindspring.com](mailto:jbryancoe@mindspring.com)) 210-601-6132,

Jim Traviss ([jjtrv@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jjtrv@tampabay.rr.com)) 863-324-0237

**Promotions:** Dorothy Bondurant ([bndrnt@aol.com](mailto:bndrnt@aol.com)) 970-227-6494

**Reunion 2007:** George and Sandra Peacock ([GSPeacock@pocketmail.com](mailto:GSPeacock@pocketmail.com)) 419-483-7343

**Reunion 2008:** Dan and Joy Leithner ([djleithner@hotmail.com](mailto:djleithner@hotmail.com)) 505-430-1261

**Sunshine:** Jane Waddock ([nwaddock@mindspring.com](mailto:nwaddock@mindspring.com)) 217-935-9865

## **NEW RTPs ANNOUNCED-FALL 2006/SPRING 2007**

Your NOMADS Disaster Response Committee is proud to announce three new RTP projects in the upcoming months. Due to the success of the RTP projects last spring, and due to the request of so many of you that we continue to offer this type of project, we can now offer the following new opportunities:

- (1) For six weeks this fall, starting October 9th, we will have an RTP at First UMC in New Iberia, Louisiana
- (2) For twelve weeks next spring, starting February 19th, we will offer a second RTP in New Iberia.
- (3) For twelve weeks next spring, starting March 12th, we will return to Caswell Springs UMC in Moss Point, Mississippi.

Each of these projects is now available for signup on a space available, first come, first served basis. Please put your signup request in writing to our office either by email, fax or mail. Detailed information about these projects is enclosed with this mailing. Please consider spending time at one of these projects, in addition to the normal projects you would work this year.

Arlin Kiel, Chairman, NOMADS Disaster Response Committee

# Drop-In Projects

These projects are listed on our website [www.nomadsumc.org](http://www.nomadsumc.org). Click on projects, then the Drop-In tab to see more information.

**AL Selma, UM Children's Home** Judy Manning or LuAnne Wages-Smith, 334-875-7283 ext. 230 or 229, [jmanning@umchalwf.com](mailto:jmanning@umchalwf.com). Office work, maintenance, landscaping, electrical, plumbing, painting and sheetrock.

**AR Clinton, Mount Eagle Christian Center** Lu Harding, 501-723-4580. See website [www.mounteagle.org](http://www.mounteagle.org) for volunteer opportunities.

**AZ Phoenix, Wesley Community Center** Jim Bottorf, 602-252-5609, [bottorfwcc@quest.net](mailto:bottorfwcc@quest.net). Painting, drywall, laying vinyl tile flooring.

**FL Eustis, Glover Street Ministries** Howard Haas, 352-357-5830, [jfhaas@juno.com](mailto:jfhaas@juno.com). Home rehab, roofing, electrical, plumbing, other.

**FL Florida City, Florida City UMC** Diane 954-609-2896, evening 954-609-2896, [diane5216@aol.com](mailto:diane5216@aol.com). Flat roof damaged by hurricane.

**FL Homestead, Silver Palm UMC** Robert Jensen, 305-248-0976, [bobmeda@aol.com](mailto:bobmeda@aol.com). Light maintenance, repairs and painting.

**IL Pontiac, Evenglow Lodge** Mark Hovren, 815-844-6131, [mhovren@evenglowlodge.org](mailto:mhovren@evenglowlodge.org). Paint prep, painting projects, in and out.

**LA Dulac, Dulac Community Center** Alice Rothrock, 985-563-7483, [lananarock@aol.com](mailto:lananarock@aol.com). Hurricane recovery in community homes.

**MA Rutland, Heifer Project** Heather Souare, 508-886-2221, [overlook.farm@heifer.org](mailto:overlook.farm@heifer.org). Construction, maintenance, agricultural, office.

**MN Minnetrista, Camp Kingswood** Paul Harcey, 952-472-3686, 651-336-0303, [campkingswood@frontiernet.net](mailto:campkingswood@frontiernet.net). Yard work, trail work, landscaping and gardening, painting, construction, work on RV area.

**MO Kirksville, Yarrow UMC** Robert & Kathleen Libby, 660-627-2525, [libby@truman.edu](mailto:libby@truman.edu). Repairs, painting, window repair/ cleaning.

**MS Columbia, Mississippi Rural Center** Joyce Stepney, 601-736-3961, evenings 601-736-1937. Hurricane related repairs to building, carpentry skills, organize day care rooms, work thrift shop.

**MS Meridian, Mississippi Methodist Disaster Response** Chris Bowers, 866-435-7091, 601-527-0595, [disastercenter@meridianumc.org](mailto:disastercenter@meridianumc.org). Need assistance answering phones and working with volunteer mission teams in hurricane recovery effort.

**MS Oxford, Camp Lake Stephens** Darrell Whitaker, 662-234-3350, [darrell@camplakestephens.com](mailto:darrell@camplakestephens.com). Painting, light construction, plumbing, building trails, landscaping and more.

**NE Wilcox, First UMC** Gary Berry, 308-946-5765, [garberr@hotmail.com](mailto:garberr@hotmail.com). New construction, plumbing, electrical, roofing, sheetrock, etc.

**NC Hayesville, Hinton Rural Life Center** Marti Hatch, 828-389-8336, [marti@hintoncenter.org](mailto:marti@hintoncenter.org). Maintenance and new construction.

**NC Lake Junaluska, Lake Junaluska Assembly** Don Ebaugh, 828-452-2881 ext. 774. Remodel bathrooms, build new trash cans and bridges, upgrade and install heat and a/c, stone chimney repair, horticultural work, window cleaning, roofing and fencing, office.

**NM Sacramento, Sacramento Methodist Assembly** Jim Hengstenberg, 800-667-3414, [sma@pvtnetworks.net](mailto:sma@pvtnetworks.net). Camp operations including housekeeping, dining hall, maintenance, office, grounds, etc.

**SC Mt. Pleasant, UM Relief Center** Rev. Ellen Younker, 843-884-4860, [eyouunker@umrc.org](mailto:eyouunker@umrc.org). Community home repairs.

**TX Garden Valley, Mercy Ships** Diana Wickes, 903-939-7027, [wickesd@mercyships.org](mailto:wickesd@mercyships.org). Maintenance, carpenters, plumbers, electricians. Also light work such as raking and stuffing envelopes.

**TX Odem, First UMC** Jim Patterson, 361-368-9187, [odemfumc@aol.com](mailto:odemfumc@aol.com). Disassemble, repair and reassemble church pews.

**TX Wichita Falls, Whispers of Hope Horse Farm** Mary Elizabeth Pearce, 940-631-4264, [whispersofhopeHF@aol.com](mailto:whispersofhopeHF@aol.com). General construction to include sheetrock, painting, cutting tin, measuring and welding, electrical and plumbing.

**WA Randle, Randle UMC** Leonard Miller or Steve Roberts, 360-497-2071, [noonstar@lewiscounty.com](mailto:noonstar@lewiscounty.com). Interior new construction in sanctuary, fellowship hall and food bank.

**WY Ten Sleep, Circle J Ranch** Lyle McGarvin, 307-366-2254. Install RV dump station, build two pump houses.



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## Devotional Thought

by Carolyn Morris

Some obstacles appear to be in the roadway that cause us to reevaluate our destination. Fuel costs especially loom large. Yet we have a wealth of knowledge, collection of tools, and hearts of servants that reside around and within us enabling us to continue to serve.

How do we bring the ingredients of our life together to make decisions about serving others?

John gives us insight in 6:1-13. Verses 8-9, 12-13 are here: "Another one of his followers, Andrew, Simon Pe-

ter's brother, said, 'Here is a boy with five loaves of barley bread and two little fish, but that is not enough for so many people.'... When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his followers, 'Gather the leftover pieces of fish and bread so that nothing is wasted.' So they gathered up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left from the five barley loaves."

Perhaps we can select our projects closer together to cut down on the fuel costs. Perhaps we can look for projects closer to home. Or perhaps we can do without some other items to allow for the travel to help others.

the work and experiencing the joy of the recipients as a project is completed.

Jesus gave us many blessings through our abilities, our experiences, and our faith. He simply wants us to share those with others. Where and how is He leading us to serve now?

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