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Our Mission

To be a transformed and transforming community in Christ.

Our Vision

Change lives, ours and others'.

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Through Cokesbury Window

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Vote Results and My Trips

Wow! It was close! Last Sunday's Vote of Confidence results came out right away:

Cokesbury – 48 yes, 42 no, 4 abstention

Central – 71 yes, 12 no, 1 abstention

I am thankful to all of you who took part in the vote and to those of you who didn't vote but prayed for it. We will proceed with the conversation with Central with caution and humility. Please continue to pray for the process and whenever you hear the suggested specifics, please give us your input, because it should be the entire congregation's efforts.

There is one more thing I would like to share with you, which I have already shared with the SPRC (Staff-Parish Relations Committee) chair, Sue Keene, and the GO Team members. Cokesbury's most important moments coincide with our denomination's. I will be traveling extensively in late February and in a big portion of March, and I covet your prayers for my trips.

The special session of General Conference will be held Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis, Missouri. As one of the 20 delegates (10 clergy, 10 laity) from the Western North Carolina Conference, I will be taking part in this historic moment of making a decision for a way forward for The United Methodist Church in regards to the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) persons' ordination and marriage. As you have done, please continue praying for GC.

After coming back from St. Louis, I will be worshiping with you on two Sundays in early March and then head out of the country on Monday, March 11. I will first fly to South Korea and see my father, who turned 83 in January, for the first time in 12 years. And then, on Thursday, March 21, I will fly to the Philippines to attend the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters, and come back to Charlotte on Wednesday, March 27.

The Standing Committee will finalize our work on General Book of Discipline (rearranging the Book of Discipline, our denomination's law book, into two sections – essential/non-adaptable parts and non-essential/adaptable parts), so that we may submit our work in the form of petitions to 2020 regular General Conference. It takes a long time for a lot of petitions to be translated into

the other three official languages of GC – French, Portuguese, Swahili – and to be printed and distributed to the delegates all over the world.

Because I am adding my personal trip to Korea to the official travel to the Philippines, I am paying only \$262 out of pocket. I am very grateful for this opportunity to see my father. During my absence, our excellent lay speakers will preach and our leaders will visit our members. Emergencies will be covered by Rev. Pam Blackstock at Central UMC. I am grateful to all of them.

More than anybody else, however, I am thankful to you for your prayer support, understanding, and blessings. Please know that I will be representing not only our annual conference and jurisdiction but also Cokesbury. You will be taking part in these important endeavors with me. I am working hard to have all the ground covered, before I leave each time, particularly mindful of the crucial time that Cokesbury is going through.

The only reason I can do all these things, which can easily make me feel uneasy, is that I trust that everything is in God's good hands and also in your good hands. O Lord, be with Cokesbury and with The United Methodist Church!

In-Yong



– Jim & Carol Black and Tom & Nancy DeVries gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Louise Graham**.

– Ed & Diane Bolster gave a gift to the Missions Fund in honor of **Bill Coulter**.

Community Partnership Award

By Jo Walters

On Monday, February 11, I had the pleasure of accompanying Pastor In-Yong to a CMPD (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department) awards ceremony. Officer Boric had nominated her for the Community Partnership Award, and In-Yong wanted me along for moral support. We were delighted to realize that In-Yong was the recipient of this annual award! She was lauded for her efforts in bridging police and community relationships through listening sessions, community meetings, and assistance to Idlewild Elementary School and the homeless. In addition, our church provided meeting space, officer appreciation gifts, and teddy bears for the officers to distribute. The Community Partnership Award is a timely recognition of our combined efforts. So it was given to Cokesbury as much as to In-Yong. Congratulations!



**Music at Cokesbury
Thursday, February 21
7:00 p.m.**

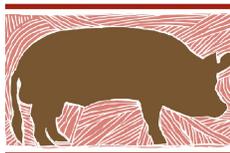
By Kay Dumas

We welcome a new band "Union Road" to entertain us with a variety of music, including bluegrass, gospel, and country. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Enjoy a hot dog supper prepared by the UMM prior to the music.

Prime Timers

By Kay Dumas

Join the Prime Timers on **Thursday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m.** for a time of fellowship. You will also enjoy a complimentary lunch. No reservation necessary.



BBQ

**Friday, March 1
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
\$9 a plate or 3 sandwiches
Proceeds benefit Maintenance Reserve
& Missions**

Kitchen Clean-up Request

By Tammy Gilmore

The UMW requests that all parties using the kitchen to please go through the refrigerator and freezer and discard all items that are unwanted or out of date. Once you or your representative has done so, please send Joan an email or leave a message of your completion. Please also mark with name and date items you are keeping. After March 1, all unclaimed items will be considered garbage. It is getting difficult for current projects to utilize this equipment in an appropriate fashion due to the overcrowding. In advance, thank you for your prompt response to this request.