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## “...when I was sick and in prison you visited me.”

If one were asked to name all the socially outcast present in Matthew 25 perhaps the one that is most forgotten is, “...when I was sick and in prison you visited me.” All too often we remember the sick and forget the prisoner. At least this understanding is what the Emory Wesley Fellowship began thinking about. The students noticed that all too often we fail to remember the incarcerated in our prayers or serve them in some way.

So this year the Emory Wesley Fellowship decided to make an effort to serve a need at Metro State Women’s Prison. Asa Hendrickson, one of the Campus Ministry Candler Interns, spent her first Contextual Education experience working with the prison chaplains at Metro State. Her experience at this facility and our current discussions with the Chaplain’s office revealed a deep need within the prison’s community for Bibles. This need deeply touched the Emory students who decided to hold a Bible Drive at Emory University and Glenn Memorial UMC. Eventually news about the drive was shared with the Atlanta

Decatur Oxford district office and others throughout the community who contributed a large number of Bibles to the need at Metro State. Through the efforts of Glenn UMC Members, Emory Wesley students, and a number of North Georgia clergy, the Bible Drive raised money for and collected over 355 Bibles for the women at Metro State.

Though the Bible Drive has ended, the Emory Wesley Fellowship continues to find ways to serve the women at Metro State. We have had several discussions and studies in which we took time to listen to needs of the incarcerated and pray for them. Most recently we helped with an effort to provide an Easter bag with toiletry items to the inmates. The Emory Wesley Fellowship was asked to fill 97 bags with deodorant, candy, soap, lotion, Easter greetings, and prayers. On April 26, Glenn Memorial UMC will host the women’s choir from Metro State Prison at their 11:00 A.M. worship service and the students of the Emory Wesley Fellowship look forward to greeting and sharing with them in worship soon.

*Students at the Emory Wesley Fellowship holding a few of the boxes of Bibles collected for the women at Metro State Prison.*



*Josh Keller, Lindsay Troyer, Asa Hendrickson, Katy Jensen, Rev. Jessica Terrell, Luke Wetzell, Joseph McBrayer, Caroline Wilson*

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Submitted by -  
Rev. Jessica Terrell  
Emory Wesley Director

## In hard times, Methodist Colleges pool resources to address global needs

LAGRANGE, Ga.—The challenging economy is not deterring Methodist institutions from focusing on global issues. They are sharing resources, reducing the need for travel, and turning to technology and collaboration to remain focused on convictions deeply rooted in their historic missions.

Faculty and administrators from Methodist colleges and universities in Brazil, Japan and the United States recently partnered together online during a 21-Day Peace Education Collaborative for the purpose of furthering peace studies at their institutions.

The three-week virtual course grew out of the Methodist Global Ethics Initiative, an effort to create a network of Methodist colleges and universities through a dialogue that will lead to a more just, sustainable and peaceful future.

Participants from six Methodist schools in these countries engaged in daily assignments and posted their findings based on studies in population, conflict, resource management, technology, information, economic integration and governance, global concerns known as the 7 Revolutions.

The 7 Revolutions project grew out of the research and analyses executed by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a bipartisan, nonprofit policy institution that helps organizations think strategically about the future and anticipate change. Oikos Inc., an entity dedicated to educating current and future leaders about peace, human need and ecological sustainability, used the 7 Revolutions project

as a foundation for the 21-day online seminar.

David Rowe, Oikos co-founder and vice president for advancement at LaGrange College, created and facilitated the curriculum.

In addition to competence in their majors, Decker believes college graduates need “an ethical and compassionate view of the world and an understanding of their responsibility for it.”

Oikos Inc. used a gift from Decker to award mini-grants to collaborative participants. The awards are to be used to advance peace education on their campuses and to promote collaboration among Methodist institutions on global ethics

Sarah Beth Mallory, chair and associate professor of biology at LaGrange College, will use her award to develop a collaborative-learning project with a school in Central America.

“I plan to create a Web-based course that involves students from our Oikos Scholars program with those from another part of the world. Imagine students in the two regions collaborating to tackle sustainability issues and their relationship to bringing peace and harmony to our communities.”

“They will work collaboratively to learn about and address the significant social concerns in both Japan and the United States. We plan to build a team of students on each campus that will work together, using an e-learning system,” he continued.

“After adequate preparation and research, the two teams will each have the opportunity to travel to the other’s local community to immerse themselves in a service project, followed by time to re-

flect and determine key outcomes.

Rowe said the creative proposals for future collaborations have “gone in directions I could not have originally anticipated.”

“The initial outcomes are a real testimony to the participants’ creativity and their own commitment for making this world a more peaceful place.”

In addition to LaGrange College in LaGrange, Ga., Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kan.; Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio; Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma City, Okla.; Ayoma Gakiun University in Tokyo, Japan; and Izabella Hendrix University in Porto Alegre, Brazil; participated in the project. They are part of more than 700 Methodist higher education institutions around the world.

Course materials for the 21-day program were provided by The New York Times Knowledge Network, the partnership between the newspaper and CSIS.

Rowe and his colleagues plan to present their agenda for collaboration at the June 17-19 meeting of the United Methodist Higher Education Institute in Arlington, Texas, where the theme will be “Pedagogy for Peace: Educating Moral Leaders in a Violent World.”

Submitted by Karen Clark  
Development Writer  
Communications & Marketing

*“We need to educate a whole generation of moral leaders who will be actively involved in creating a compassionate society”*

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*“One of the exciting outcomes from the initiative is that Jon Powers, Chaplain at Ohio Wesleyan University, and I are moving to develop a joint international service-learning work camp that will involve students from both of our institutions”*

## A Word from our Director

This is the time of year that high school seniors are finalizing plans for college and saying their good-byes to high school days. Please urge the seniors you know to register at [www.gahied.com](http://www.gahied.com) with the name of the college they will be attending. Campus ministers will be notified and students will be greeted by campus ministry leaders upon their arrival at college in the fall. A complete list of United Meth-

odist campuses and campus ministries in Georgia is listed at our website.

Speaking of our website...check out our great new Georgia Higher Education site at [www.gahied.com](http://www.gahied.com). Many thanks go to Lesley Baskette and her dad for hours of work in giving the site a totally new look! This is a wonderful tool for information on UM-related colleges and universities, Wesley Founda-

tions/Fellowships, scholarships and loans, and our on-going ministry with college students.

Help us out...Ask your church to run our website address in your bulletin as well as a note asking high school seniors to register at the site. Help us let your church know that the United Methodist Church wants to stay connected with our young adults in college. Thanks.



P.S. from Lesley—The link for students to let us know where they are attending school in the Fall still has some kinks in it. We are trying to get it fixed and will keep you posted.



*Congratulations* to Dr. Quincy Brown on the publication of his book Q.U.E.S.T., Stories as Guides Through Life's Transitions.

Contact Quincy to obtain your copy today—[qbrown@quincybrown.net](mailto:qbrown@quincybrown.net)

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## Prayer Corner:



Congratulations to Randy and **Cindy Autry** on the birth of



their granddaughter, Avery, March 20th (&lbs, 4 oz; 19-1/4 in. long). Everyone is doing great!

**Dr. Quincy Brown's** (chaplain, LaGrange College), father passed away March 15th. You can contact Quincy at [qbrown@lagrange.edu](mailto:qbrown@lagrange.edu). Donations made be made to the Scleroderma Foundation.

**Quincy** goes to UAB on Monday, March 30th, for evaluation to get back on the transplant recipient list. Please keep him in prayers.

## FINALLY, MISSION RESTORE '09 INFO...IT'S EVEN SWEETER THAN WE THOUGHT!

Mission Restore '09 gives an opportunity for United Methodist College students from across the state to participate in a mission trip that targets the Galveston area for clean up after Hurricane Ike. The dates of this State-wide Mission trip are May 10—16. and is open to all college students, Commission Members, including college presidents, campus ministers, Wesley directors and Members at Large. So mark your calendars and plan to attend.

For those of you who did/did not get the previous information about accommodations, etc.: Originally, we were

going to be staying at Friendswood UMC (max capacity of 60), about 20 miles from ground zero. UMWIM has changed our accommodations. We will be sleeping, showering, eating, worshipping, etc., at Central UMC, which is dead smack at ground zero, on "the island"...capacity of 80+. So that you can mapquest, the church is at 3308 Avenue O 1/2, Galveston, TX 77550-6749. It is about a 13 hour drive each way from Atlanta.

The cost, including your (own) transportation to/from, food, registration, t-shirt is approximately \$160—"very

affordable" for a week long mission trip.

Registration is coordinated through Karen Kagiyama: [wgwesley@wstga.edu](mailto:wgwesley@wstga.edu).

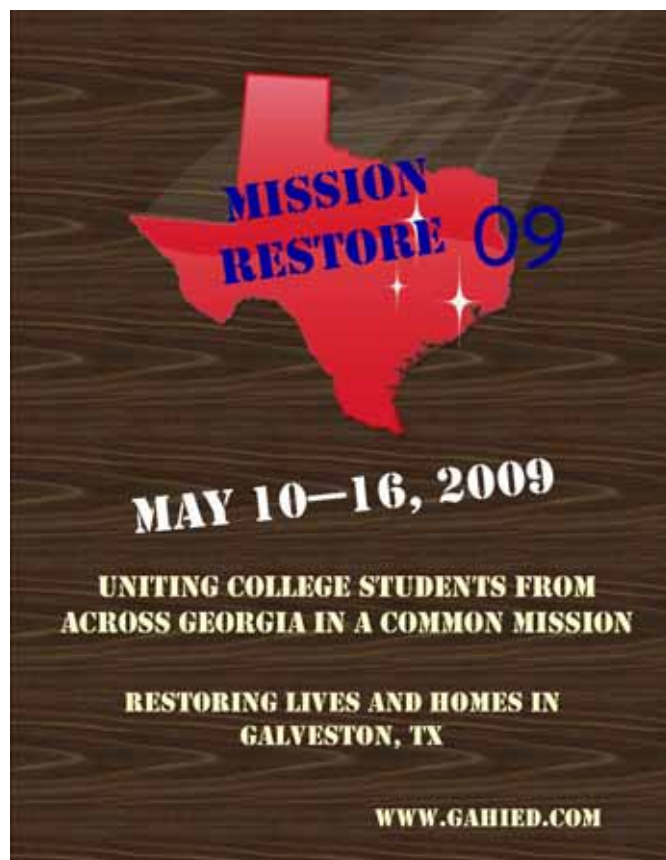
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