



PRESS Forward for Children

Confronting the Physical, Racial, Economic, Spiritual, Social Dynamics of Poverty

NIC Champions for Children Training Event

Our Redeemers UMC-Schaumburg, Illinois

April 9, 2016 (9:00am-3:00pm)

- 8:30am-9:00am **Registration and Gathering Time** (Sanctuary)
- 9:00am-9:20am **Welcome, Introductions, Prayers, and Goals** (Sanctuary)
Facilitators: Diana Davis, Chair: NIC Children's Ministries
Nancy Grim Hunter, Chair: NIC Children's Table Chair
- Join other *Champions for Children* across the NIC UMC in exploring our Biblical mandate to care for children and create community especially with the poor and marginalized.
 - Learn more about the root causes of poverty and dual systems of racial disparity and economic inequality.
 - Develop action plans to impact violence, health and nutrition, and public education for children.
 - Commit to taking action with and on behalf of children living in poverty through the local Church, your community setting, or the AC.
- 9:20am-10:45am **Part I - Foundations for Champions for Children**
The State of the Conference with regard to Children and the Poor
- 9:20am-10:00am The World Speaks to Us - Learning about Poverty
Guest Speaker: Resident Episcopal Bishop, Sally Dyck
- 10:00am-10:10am United Methodist Safe Havens
Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Biekman, NIC Conference Coordinator of Urban Ministries
- 10:10am-10:15am **Convene to Wesley Hall**
- 10:15am-10:45am The Bible Speaks to Us - Learning about Biblical Justice: Group Session
Facilitators: Diana Davis, Rev. Lynn Mikels
- 10:45am-11:00am **Comfort Break**
- 11:00am-12:15pm Learning/Planning Work Sessions
- ❖ **Violence** (Room 4)
Facilitators: Lois Moreland-Dean, Laura Dean Friedrich
 - ❖ **Health and Nutrition** (Wesley Hall)
Guest Speaker: Errol Alden MD, FAAP: Retired CEO - American Academy of Pediatrics
Facilitators: Rev. Lynn Mikels, Betsy Evans Ingstrup
 - ❖ **Public Education** (Sanctuary)
Guest Speaker: Dr. Nancy C. Grim Hunter, Ph.D: Educator, Chicago State University
Facilitators: Nancy Grim Hunter, Rita L. Smith
- 12:15pm-12:45pm **Lunch Break (Wesley Hall)**

12:45pm-2:35pm **Part II - Organizing for Action With and On behalf of Children** (Wesley Hall)
Our Faith Compels Us to Act - Making Connections

12:45pm-1:15pm Key Elements of Champions for Children
Facilitators: Lois Moreland-Dean

1:20pm-2:20pm Action Planning Related to Our Over-Riding Poverty Issues
Convene Into Learning/Planning Work Groups
Violence / Health and Nutrition / Public Education
Facilitator: Rita L. Smith

2:20pm-2:35pm Report Out: Working Groups

2:35pm-3:00pm **Part III - Commitment to Discipleship** (Wesley Hall)

Our Conviction Calls Us to Faithful Action
Worship and Commitment Service
Covenant and Prayers over our Covenants
Facilitators: Lois Moreland-Dean and Nancy Grim Hunter

3:00pm The Work Begins Now
Adjourn
Move out into the world with joy and conviction

The NIC Children's Table represents the NIC Board of Church and Society, United Voices for Children, ChildServ, Rosecrance, MYSI Corporation, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, and the NIC Children's Ministry.

NIC UMC Children's Table Members:

Nancy Grim Hunter, Ph.D., Deacon Candidate, St. John's UMC (Chair)
Betsy Evans Ingstrup, Deacon Candidate (Project Coordinator)
Bishop Sally Dyck (Ex-officio)
Rev. Robert Biekman, NIC Conference Coordinator of Urban Ministries
Kim Coffing, Director Advocacy and Church Relations-ChildServ
Diana Davis, Chair: NIC Children's Ministries
Leon N. Deloney, President-NIC UMM: NW District
Laura Dean Friedrich-Consultant to the Community Renewal Society
Rev. Lynn Mikels, Deacon- FUMC Arlington Heights
Lois Moreland-Dean, Interim President-United Voices for Children
Rev. Christopher Pierson, NIC Director, Connectional Ministries
Rita L. Smith, Past Pres-NIC UMW
Rev. Wendy Witt, Chair-NIC Board of Church and Society

With gratitude for all who made this day possible!!

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The Congregation of Our Redeemers UMC; Rev. Romir R. Esquerra, Pastor; Church Secretary, Donna Echnert; Sound Technican, Marshall ????
UMW of St. John's UMC for Breakfast
Volunteers from Prince of Peace UMC for set-u

Opening Song

Whose Child is This?

S T Kimbrough, Jr
Timothy E Kimbrough

Whose child is this? I ask, a child you've never known?
Is it too great a task? to love him as your own?
With food and shelter, tender care, a healing touch, and clothes to wear,
With outstretched arms, will you be there?

Refrain

Each child is God's child, yours, and mine.
You are a gift of love divine.

Whose child is this? who cries and stumbles in the street,
who trembles as he tries to walk on swollen feet?
Will no one take his hand and say, "Come home with me where you may stay;
I'll bathe your feet, the pain allay."

Refrain

Whose child is this?- black, red, white, yellow, bronze, or brown,
born without racists' dread or prejudicial frown?
Why teach a child hate, violence, greed? And violate the Maker's creed?
Through love, God's love, the world is freed!

Refrain

Once Jesus said, "Let all the children come to me."
If you would heed this call, like Jesus you must be.
Let all the children come to you- The least, the last, vast numbers, few.
Our Savior bids you love them too.

Refrain

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Personal Notes

Closing Song

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Closing Litany

Star Child

Adapted from Faith We Sing UMW Hymnal

Group 1: Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
Group 2: Hurt child, used child, no one wants to know.
All: **Let the day arrive when Justice comes for every one.**

Group 1: Grown child, old child, memory full of years,
Group 2: Sad child, lost child, story told in tears.
All: **Let the day arrive when Justice comes for every one.**

Group 1: Spared child, spoiled child, having, wanting more.
Group 2: Wise child, faith child, knowing joy in story.
All: **Let the day arrive when Justice comes for every one.**

Personal Notes

JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN: PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

Champions for Children

Step 1: Brainstorm options

Community	Conference	Local Church

Step 2: Make decision

Merits	Influence	Prioritize

Step 3: Develop plan

Who	What	Where	When

Step 4: Scan environment

Relationships	Allies	Barriers

Step 5: Promote action

Social Media	Local Church	Conference

Principles:

1. Believe that we can make a difference for children.
2. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and courage.
3. Frame witness (action) with Biblical/theological message.
4. Expect to step outside your comfort zone.
5. Hold each other accountable - show up.
6. Include a bit of humor/have a little fun.
7. Tell the truth.
8. Proclaim hope.

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APRIL 9, 2016**

EVALUATION FORM

Thank you for your participation in the Champions for Children training. As we plan for future events your feedback is very important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete this evaluation.

Using the scale of 5-1 indicate your opinion of the following questions about the training.

Questions	Exceeded Expectations	4	Met Expectations	2	Did Not Meet Expectations
I gained knowledge and skills from this training	5	4	3	2	1
The training met my expectations	5	4	3	2	1
I would encourage others to attend the next training	5	4	3	2	1
I will be able to apply the knowledge that I learned	5	4	3	2	1
There was able amount of time to cover each topic	5	4	3	2	1
The retreat offered time of interaction and participation	5	4	3	2	1
The content was easy to follow	5	4	3	2	1
The Resource Table was helpful	5	4	3	2	1
Which planning session did you attend?	Violence		Public Education		Health & Nutrition

What part of the training was most useful for you?

What part of the training was the least helpful for you?

Additional comments