

THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

In keeping with the focus on the local church and serving as an advocate for older adults in the South Carolina Conference, activities are planned to inspire, enrich, and equip older adults to be in ministry with one another as they serve God. Three local churches in the Charleston District experienced our ministry in April as we engaged in assisting them in repairing and giving a lift to their fellowship halls during the Mission Event. Working alongside older adults of the churches, we painted, built cabinets, and cleaned floors. Nineteen older adults from across the Conference participated in this activity.

The 2009 Spiritual Life Retreat was a time of inspiration and fellowship as we heard our Resident Bishop, Mary Virginia Taylor, as she shared the Wesley Heritage which is so relevant today. Very inspiring thoughts were shared at the Morning Prayer and Praise as the sun was rising in the East. Two hundred ninety seven persons attended the Retreat and enjoyed a special event this year as ten older adults provided entertainment ranging from solos to skits.

An intergenerational video, "Talk to Me", is being made which will promote better understanding of how each generation has experienced and used communication. It will be shared across the Conference with the hope that it will provide the beginning of discussion that will lead to a better understanding of intergenerational communication.

Plans are also underway for One-Day Events in each District so that more people will be able to participate in our activities.

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