

## Chile earthquake, *continued from page 1*

### Dear Mission-Minded Friends of Holston Conference:

With disbelief, I – along with all of you – awoke to the news this morning of yet another devastating earthquake in our part of the world. As the pictures from Chile emerge, we are again called to understand the depth of suffering caused in that country by the fifth most powerful earthquake ever recorded.

I've watched with pride as you have responded in such a magnificent way to the people of Haiti following their disastrous earthquake just last month. You so far have given almost \$700,000 and more than 20,000 health kits to help Haiti. You, good people of Holston, showed again that you always respond in a faithful manner when needs arise. I thank God for you and your generosity each day.

Now, I am asking you to respond again. This request, coming so soon after the earthquake in Haiti, will require each of us to dig deeply into our pockets, to give sacrificially to assist the people of Chile. UMCOR is already at work in Chile, even today preparing the United Methodist response. UMCOR will work closely with the Methodist Church of Chile by helping local communities rebuild through shelter and infrastructure reconstruction, water and sanitation, income generation, health and nutrition, education, and community development. We will go to Chile as soon as conditions allow our presence, and we United Methodists will be there long, long after other relief organizations have departed. On that you can depend.

► For regular updates on UMCOR's relief work work in Chile and Haiti, visit [UMCOR.org](http://UMCOR.org), [UMC.org](http://UMC.org), or "The Call/ Holston Conference UMC" on Facebook.

Please make donations to your local church with "The Advance #3021178 - Chile Earthquake Relief" on the memo line. As Holston learns of other UMCOR needs, we will make you aware. More kits may be needed, but we will wait for instructions from UMCOR.

You also have an opportunity to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in each United Methodist congregation on Sunday, March 14. This offering supports the administration of UMCOR – which receives no money from General Church apportionments – so that 100 percent of other donations to UMCOR will go directly to the specified disaster relief effort. The theme for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering is, "If you love me, feed my sheep."

During this season of Lent, we are reminded daily of the ultimate sacrifice made on our behalf by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us show our gratitude for all that God has done for us through our sacrificial giving on behalf of the people of Chile.

Thank you for your unparalleled generosity and for showing your love by feeding God's sheep.

Grace and peace,



**JAMES E. SWANSON, SR.**  
Resident Bishop  
Feb. 27, 2010

## Hiwassee president, *continued from page 2*

sector; i.e., those generous alumni, individuals and corporate donors whose financial gifts insure the future of Hiwassee's mission and strong academic program."

The Board of Trustees expressed appreciation to Noseworthy for his significant contributions on behalf of Hiwassee. Henry reported a search process is currently underway to select a new president.

He stated: "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend thanksgiving and affirmation to President Noseworthy, the faculty, and the staff of Hiwassee, whose dedication and

faithfulness keeps the vision and mission of Hiwassee alive. For 161 years, through good and bad times, Hiwassee has stood as a beacon of hope and progress in Monroe County, providing a Christian foundation for higher education and spiritual development for many thousands of students.

Henry continued: "We wish Dr. Noseworthy much success in his future endeavors. We assure the Hiwassee community and students that the goal of providing a superior educational opportunity remains our highest priority." ■

## Evangelism,

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lives that we may point people to Jesus."

Organizers of the conference rejoiced at the high attendance and participants' enthusiastic response.

"We celebrate this, an awesome rally of God's people, hungry to experience God in evangelism," said the Rev. Ronnie Collins, Witness Team chair.

"I think our prayers for this weekend were answered," said the Rev. Amy Probst, Witness Team member. "Now, to return to our knees for the next 90 days."

For information, devotions, or recorded sessions from the conference, visit [evangelism.holston.org](http://evangelism.holston.org) or call connectional ministries toll-free at (866) 690-4080. ■

## Tazewell D.S.,

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Tabor met his wife-to-be, Mary Lynn, at Panther Springs UMC in Morristown, Tenn. When Bishop Swanson called Tabor about the projected superintendent appointment, "I was silent for a while," the pastor said.

But when Swanson said he should discuss the Tazewell appointment with his wife, "I already knew what she would say. She looked at me and without hesitation said, 'I am a United Methodist minister's wife, and I itinerate.'"

The Tabors have three daughters and one six-month-old grandchild. Their youngest child, Gracie Ann, was born four weeks ago on Jan. 26, 2010. ■

## HOLSTON EVENTS & DATES

### MARCH

**5-6:** March Forth for Children (training for children's ministry workers) in Bristol

**6:** United Methodist Men's Day with Bishop Swanson in Rogersville

**11-12:** Sudan Summit in Kingsport

**11-13:** Ministers' Wives Retreat in Sevierville

**12-14:** Discovery (for high school students exploring a possible call to ministry) at Wesley Woods

**14:** One Great Hour of Sharing

**15:** Clergy Women's Gathering in White Pine

### APRIL

**1:** Deadline for Francis Asbury Award nominations

**9-11:** Clergy Marriage Enrichment Retreat at Buffalo Mountain Camp

**11-13:** Jubilation older adult retreat in Kingsport

**18:** Native American Ministries Sunday

**30:** Loving grant applications due (for older adult ministries)

### MAY

**15-16:** UMW Spiritual Enrichment and Young Women's Retreat in Lake Junaluska

**27:** Wells for Sudan Golf Tournament in Kingsport

**30:** Peace With Justice Sunday

### JUNE

**13-16:** Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska

### JULY

**5-9:** Jr. and Sr. High Assembly at Emory & Henry College

**22-24:** UMW School of Christian Mission in Kingsport

### AUGUST

**13-14:** Calling All Men in Knoxville

**21:** Holston Adult Ministries Conference in Knoxville

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