



Southeast District



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Dear Southeast District Ministry Colleagues:

During the last year we as a district and as a conference have been working to define and measure ministry “Signs of Fruitfulness.” As a district, each congregations was challenged to the number “one” – increase worship attendance by ‘one’, make ‘one’ new disciple for Christ (profession of faith), develop ‘one’ new ministry and share apportionments ‘one’-hundred percent. My thanks go to each of you for your commitments in 2007. It is exciting to see the number of churches that have adopted these as goals for 2008.

Now it is time to be attentive to “Signs of Fruitfulness” as a conference. Each church in the Missouri Conference is being asked to report online the “signs of fruitfulness” on a monthly basis. On page 2, you will find instructions for accessing the www.umcdata.com webpage to enter the requested information. **Note: Each church must use the unique username (GCFA #) and password (Conference Church Id#) when entering their data.**

Finally for your convenience, the link to the Bishop’s article on “Signs of Fruitfulness” from the *Missouri Review* is
http://mo.brickriver.com/files/oUMConnection_Issues_FMXDQI/Reivew1_11_HMXVTFQY.pdf

(you’ll find the article on page 2 of the pdf.) You may find the Bishop’s article a helpful resource as your interpret this request to others in your congregation.

The data requested is: weekly numbers for worship attendance, professions of faith and baptisms; and a monthly number for hands on mission and service. You may enter numbers for worship attendance, professions of faith, and baptisms on a weekly basis or all at the end of the month. You may only enter hands on mission and service at the end of the month.

As pastor, you are responsible for the accuracy of the numbers reported. You may designate a person in your congregation to enter the figures on behalf of the church. This information will become more meaningful over the next few years as you and your church are able to see trends in each of these ministry areas.

My thanks go out to you for your ministry and the ministries of your congregations. Please contact the district office with questions or for help in completing the reporting of your “Signs of Fruitfulness.”

With much appreciation,
David D Norbury, District Superintendent

Leading Congregations to Lead People to Actively Follow Jesus Christ.

“Signs of Fruitfulness” Data

Directions for reporting online:

Step 1 – Go to www.umcdata.com

Step 2 – Select “Secure UMCdata.com”

Step 3 – Highlight “Missouri Conference” and then click “GO”

Step 4 – Enter the church’s “GCFA #” as the “Username”

Step 5 – Enter the church’s “Conference Church id #” as the “Password”

Your church’s GCFA # and local church id # were sent separately. Contact the District Office if you need this information resent.

Step 6 – Click “Login”

Step 7 – Select “Signs of Fruitfulness.”

Step 8– Enter the data, according to the definitions found at the top of the page.

A. Enter **weekly numbers** for worship attendance, professions of faith and baptisms.

B. Enter a **monthly number** for hands-on mission and service.

NOTE: Numbers for worship attendance, professions of faith and baptisms can be entered weekly or the numbers can be entered for each week at the end of the month. The number for “hands-on mission and service” is to be entered only at the end of the month.

Step 9 – After you have entered the information click “SAVE.”

Step 10 – Logout of the program (the “Logout” button is in the left column across from the definitions)