



Lillian United Methodist Church

News from the Pensacola District Board of Methodist Missions, Inc.

by Duane Keck

On October 27, 2008, Mr. Don Lehman, President of the District Board of Methodist Missions, passed the gavel of that office to Duane Keck of Trinity United Methodist Church in Fort Walton Beach. Don served faithfully for 25 years, and as President of the Board for 20 of those years. During his leadership, the Pensacola District started approximately 20 new churches and helped with emergency funds to existing churches in times of crisis. It would be safe to say that the Board of Missions, under Don's Presidency and the leading of the Holy Spirit, and in concert with numbers of District Superintendents, has touched and changed thousands of lives - all praise and glory to Jesus Christ, our LORD and Savior.

It is the intent of this Board and its President to continue to operate as it has in the past - that is, staying focused on our mission and our purpose and operating under the auspices of our by-laws.

The legal title of the Board is PENSACOLA DISTRICT BOARD OF THE UNITED METHODIST MISSIONS INC - A NOT FOR PROFIT FLORIDA CORPORATION. The object and purpose of the corporation is to purchase real estate for the purpose of starting up and building up new churches, as well as providing financial support to existing churches when emergency needs arise. The Board receives financial support through District and Conference apportioned funds and individual donations, as well as donations (no more than twice a year) from our Room to Grow Club program.

This is just a snapshot of the purpose of the Board of Missions. It is our hope that it has been helpful as well as educational.

Below is a list of the churches founded with the assistance of the Pensacola District Board of Missions. Perhaps you find yourself there!

- St. Paul-Gulf Breeze
- St. Paul-Bay Minette
- Ft. Walton-Trinity
- Wesley Memorial
- Saint Andrew
- Pleasant Grove
- Gulf Shores
- Daphne
- Aldersgate
- Spanish Fort
- Bellview
- Summit Park
- McRae Street
- Mary Esther
- Christ-Milton
- Shalimar
- Lillian
- Navarre
- Saint Luke
- Destin
- Perdido Bay
- Woodbine
- Myrtle Grove
- Morgan's Chapel
- Celebration
- Jubilee Shores
- Niceville First
- Orange Beach
- Cokesbury

To be a member of the Room to Grow Club and support the work of The Pensacola District Board of Methodist Missions, please send your \$25 donation payable to **Room to Grow Club** to this address:

**The UMC Pensacola District Office
Post Office Box 2727
Pensacola, FL 32513-2727**



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