



## *Called by Christ – Sent to Sow*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am very proud of way in which we accomplished our ministry at the 2011 Kentucky Annual Conference. “Called by Christ, Sent to Sow” was our theme, and we focused on it in a variety of wonderful ways.

I left Annual Conference this year with a deep gratitude for our time together. Highlights for me were:

Our continued gracious giving of ourselves in the Afternoon of Service with our delegates spreading out all over Northern Kentucky to serve Christ to the people of the Greater Covington area.

The wonderful hospitality once again of the Covington District, the staff of the Convention Center and our hotels, the Visitors and Convention Bureau, the bus drivers and local authorities. What a blessing these persons have been to us.

The preaching of Rev. Becki Curry, Bishop James Swanson and Dr. Eddie Fox. The spiritual climate of our annual conference session was greatly enhanced by these three wonderful proclaimers of the word of God.

The morning Bible studies led by three of our church planters, Rosario Picardo, Matthew Johnson and Brian Ebel. With young people like these and others who are joining their ranks, the future of Kentucky Methodism is in good hands.

The gracious spirit of our lay and clergy delegates as we conducted the business of the Conference.

The wonderful outpouring and support for our mission offering with over \$85,000 being collected for planting a new church in Thailand with the help of the Morrisseys and the equipping of new church pastors for the church in Venezuela under the wonderful leadership of Dr. Warren Latham.

I look forward to 2012 where our theme will be “Called by Christ - Sent to Heal.” May God bless each of you as we seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in these days ahead.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey Davis". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Bishop Lindsey Davis



In June 2011 we gathered by the Ohio River to focus on our conference theme: “Called by Christ, Sent to Sow!”

The Covington District was blessed once again to host the Kentucky Annual Conference! Over 800 people signed-up for our Afternoon of Service. Those who served planted seeds of God’s love and grace. In spite of a stormy afternoon, blue service t-shirts were visible throughout the community. Through our worshipful work, and our service, we made a difference.

Our Annual Conference is dependent on hundreds of volunteers to make everything flow smoothly. The warm hospitality and tireless service of our volunteers inspire me. I want to thank Roger DeWolfe and Becky Jones for serving as our Host Committee co-chairs, and Tom Coe, our Afternoon of Service chairperson.

The Annual Conference Planning Committee has already started planning for next year’s Annual Conference meeting at the Covington Convention Center. Once again, the Host Committee is looking forward to making you feel at home in Northern Kentucky.

Grace & Peace!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Burney".

Kevin Burney  
Covington District Superintendent

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