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“From Everywhere to Everywhere”

Over 200 Wesleyans from 50 plus countries gathered May 12-15 in Bridgetown, Barbados for the fourth International Conference of The Wesleyan Church (ICWC). All of the conference events were shaped by the conference theme, sending Wesleyan Church missionaries *from “Everywhere to Everywhere.”*

Dr. Joel Cumberbatch, General Superintendent of the Caribbean General Conference, hosted the conference. Dr. Wayne Schmidt, General Superintendent of the North American General Conference and ICWC chair, presided over the business meeting. Bishop of the



Philippines General Conference, Dr. John Guillermo, and ICWC Board Secretary Thabsile Thwala provided additional leadership throughout the conference, as did Global Partners Executive Director Dr. Dennis Jackson.

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“The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the International Conference of The Wesleyan Church in tangible ways,” said Dr. Jackson. “To stand alongside women and men who are faithful through persecution, cultural barriers, desert seasons when hard soil does not yield harvest, as well as places of great fruitfulness, and see their determination to continue to serve, to reach, to share, is inspiring and convicting. God is calling The Wesleyan Church from everywhere to everywhere, and we will go.”

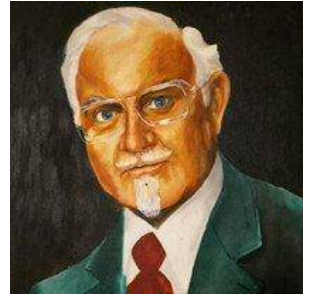
by TWC Communication Team May 20, 2019

Condolences . . . Rev. Dr. Robert A. Benninger

Rev. Robert Archie Benninger, MD, 97, died March 16, 2019. He was born in Van, Pennsylvania on January 25, 1922 to the late James A. Benninger and Leota Berlin. On August 20, 1949 he married Barbara Clark.

Dr. Benninger served in the Army and had degrees from Houghton College in Houghton, New York, the University of Buffalo, in Buffalo, NY, and from the London School of Tropical Medicine in England. He and Barbara were appointed to medical practice in Sierra Leone, West Africa from 1952-1955 with Wesleyan World Missions (now Global Partners). He worked as a General Practitioner in PA and became an Orthopedic Surgeon and retired in 1985. Dr. Benninger was ordained in the Wesleyan Church in 1951 with credentials in the Florida district. He was an active member of the Brooksville Wesleyan Church, of Brooksville, FL.

Dr. Benninger is survived by his wife, Ellen; a brother and sister; and several nieces and a nephew. A funeral service was held March 21st in Franklin, PA with Rev. Adam J. Simcik, of Sandy Lake Wesleyan Church, Sandy Lake, PA officiating. Full military honors were rendered by the V.E.T.S. Honor Guard at the conclusion of the service.



Dennis Arthur "Art" O'Dell

Art O'Dell died March 15, 2019. He was born October 4, 1941 to B. Isabelle (Hendrick) and Mark O'Dell in Cass City, Michigan. He was known to everyone as "Art."

He married Ann Lynn Mills on July 20, 1962. He graduated from Owosso College in 1963 and was ordained by the West Michigan District of the Wesleyan Church. He earned a Master of Arts in Ministry from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1987, and a Doctor of Ministry in 1995 from Trinity Evangelical Seminary.

In 1961/62 he served as director of Blue Water Youth for Christ. He pastored churches in Ashley, Waldron, Lansing, Sturgis, and Battle Creek, Michigan, and New Berlin, Wisconsin. He served in international ministries under YFC, Emerging Young Leaders, and as Pastor to Missionaries with Global Partners of the Wesleyan Church from 2001 to 2009, traveling to over 40 countries of the world. In retirement he served as an adjunct professor at Indiana Wesleyan University and Wesley Seminary.

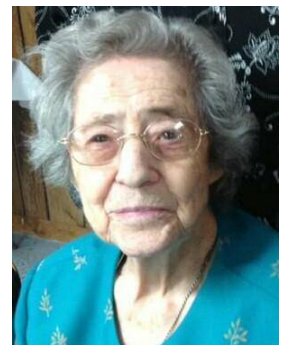
Art is survived by his wife Ann; two children, Stephen Arthur and Sharon "Sharie" Lynn; a brother; and five grandchildren. A funeral service was held March 22 at Lashley Funeral Home in Mio, MI, and March 23 at Fairview Mennonite Church in Fairview, MI.



Rosemary Maddux

Rosemary Maddux, 93, of Westport, Indiana, died May 16, 2019. She was born on October 18, 1925 in Westport, the daughter of William Stanley & Clara Pearl (Davis) Maddux. She was a 1943 graduate of Sandcreek High School. In 1950, she received a Bachelor of Theology Degree from Frankfort Pilgrim College, Frankfort, IN. She graduated in 1955 from Marion College, Marion, IN with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's Degree in 1965 through Indiana University. She was a missionary with the Wesleyan Church in Zambia, Africa from 1957 to 1988 with one year of deputation from 1988 to 1989.

Survivors include her sisters, Lois Holzhouse, Harriet Cruser both of Westport, Bonnie Sims of Greensburg, IN, Barbara Faidley of Indianapolis, IN, Rachel Brophy of Muncie, IN; and a brother, David Maddux of Las Vegas, Nevada. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, and a sister. Funeral services were conducted May 20, 2019 at the Westport Wesleyan Church with Rev. Glenn Black & Rev. Paul Hornberger officiating. Burial followed at the Westport Cemetery.





Myrtle Bosma with banner – age 92 - South Africa/ Zambia from 1954 to 1965

WMAF Florida Regional Gathering

The Florida Region came together on March 12, 2019 in Wesleyan Village, Brooksville for their annual meeting. The 52 participants were blessed with information and encouraging reports of God's working in lives and nations.

Special guests included: Jim and Jeannette Vermilya—Director of WMAF; Dr. Don and Joy Bray, former Director of Wesleyan World Missions (Global Partners), and their son Jeff; and Bill and Daphne Foster—Founders of Habitat for Missions.

Jen Hansard, Founder and CEO of Simple Green Smoothies, told of her calling to start the company, how it grew, the 2 cookbooks she has published, and becoming involved and supporting mushroom farmers in Cambodia through World Hope International. She showed a video of the trip she and her husband, Pastor Ryan Hansard, made to Cambodia to experience the farm project firsthand.

We were challenged by Angie Hemric's ministry in "Plastic City" in Georgetown, Guyana. After working several years with a children's home, God led her to this dismal area along the beach where 120 families struggle to make a living. About 98% are single-parent or double-orphan households. She became involved in educational tutoring and showed God's love and care by example. By investing in children and their parents, she gained their confidence and was able finally to present the Gospel, along with her coworkers. The local church now has 15 involved in ministry in "Plastic City." As more children succeed educationally, she hopes it will become known as Prosperity City. She challenged us—the Found—to minister to the Lost around us.

Pastor Ryan Hansard, Pastor of Outreach and Missions at Brooksville Wesleyan Church, concluded the sessions with a report on the Wesleyan Church in Cambodia and missionaries Tim and Tiffany Gallant. Ministerial training through curriculum development, Community Health Evangelism, and planting house churches are being used by God to reach this nation, less than 1% of whom are Christian.

He also spoke and showed a video of the Habitat for Missions house in nearby Ridge Manor that the local church has rehabbed. Proceeds from the sale will assist in supporting Phil and Kristy Boardman in Czech Republic. We thank the Fosters for their leadership in this Kingdom project.

We were all truly blessed by these servants of God who represent Him to the Lost.

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"Keeping In Touch with Alumni"

Robert and Rebecca Miller

(Zambia 1970 to 1980)

After a year and three months in Zambia, Africa, Bob and Becky returned to the USA in April, wondering what God has in their future. Their hearts beat for the ministry at Great Scholars Academy. They ask, "Should we look at returning? Is there someone else in the USA that will walk through this open door?" There is much work for willing hands in literacy training, bookkeeping, managing, library staff, driving nails, any skill! And they promise no snow or ice! Building relationships with students and people is a priority.

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Prayer Requests: protection of students home for break, Christopher pictured above as he worked with Bob on the new building, and For He Touched Me Ministry partners who help fill in the gaps financially and in prayer as GSA gets on its own feet.