

UIndy announces Lugar leadership center

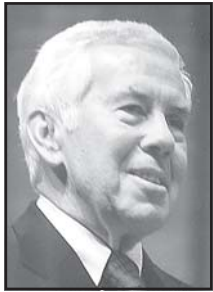
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The University of Indianapolis and the office of U.S. Sen. Richard G. Lugar recently announced the formation of a center dedicated to inspiring and developing new generations of leaders for Indiana, the nation and the world.

The Richard G. Lugar Center for Tomorrow's Leaders will build on the principles of the annual Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders, a one-day event that gathers Indiana's top high school juniors for expert-led

discussions on public issues and world events. The university has hosted the symposium since it was founded in 1977.

The new center will be a permanent home for the annual symposium and will provide extended experiences for high school and college students that expose them to leadership opportunities, the value of leadership in service to others, issues of ethics and in-



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tegrity in leadership and the qualities of strong leaders. Building on the university's core values, the center will reinforce the value of a liberal arts education in prepar-

Eley named United Methodist 'Chaplain of the Year'

FRANKLIN, Ind. – The Rev. John S. Eley, senior chaplain of the Franklin United Methodist Community, has been named Chaplain of the Year for 2008 by the United Methodist Association.

The United Methodist Association, based in Vandalia, Ohio, recently announced the celebration of excellence recipients for the coming year, including Eley. These recipients were nominated by their facilities and selected by a committee of their peers.

Consisting of United Methodist organizations throughout the nation that offer healing and caring ministries to children, youth, older adults and families, the United Methodist Association will recognize Eley at its annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. on March 29.

Eley, an ordained Elder of the South Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, has served as a chaplain of the Franklin United Methodist Community since 1993. Prior to his appointment at the retirement community,

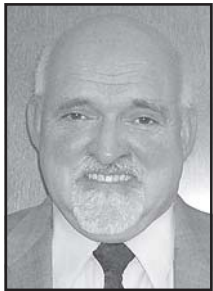
he served in a local church setting.

In addition to his chaplaincy responsibilities, Eley has administrative responsibilities for the activity and social service departments, as well as supervising three on-campus salons.

This past year, Eley was in Boston, Mass. to accept the "Best Practice" award on behalf of the chaplaincy services provided by the Franklin United Methodist Community, to its residents and patients at nearby Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Eley is married to Robyn Eley. The couple has three children and reside in Franklin.

The Franklin United Methodist Community is a continuing care retirement campus that includes 195 independent homes, 150 residential and assisted living apartments and accommodations for health and dementia care. The Franklin Community currently serve more than 600 residents from throughout Indiana and the United States.



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Both 2008 Indiana Annual Conferences need artwork, song

The theme for both North Indiana and South Indiana Annual Conferences will be "Friends with Christ," with Scripture verse John 15:15 ("I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.")

You can help both Annual Conferences by submitting entries on or before March 1 for one of the following:

- ◆ Original artwork for the ban-

ner to Gloria J. Nelson 107 W Campbell St., Edinburgh, IN 46124 Church: 812-526-5840, Fax: 812-526-8617, e-mail: gnelson@sicumc.org or revgjnelson@aol.com

- ◆ Original song or new words to a non-copy-written melody to Lynn Renne Aldersgate UMC 5130 Lincoln Ave. Evansville, IN 47715, Church: 812-477-7816, Fax 812-477-8658, e-mail lrenne@aol.com

The artwork and original song selected will be used by both annual conference sessions this coming spring.

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ing young people to be tomorrow's leaders.

"We started the Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders during my first year in the Senate, and the University of Indianapolis has been an extraordinary partner for the past 30 years," Lugar said. "More than 15,000 young Hoosiers have come to this campus for the symposium to debate, learn and expand their thoughts and horizons about how to lead Indiana's future. I am deeply honored by the permanent establishment of the Richard G. Lugar Center for Tomorrow's Leaders and excited about the possibilities for public service and leadership in our state that will be inspired in new genera-

tions of Hoosiers."

The center will have a director and a nonpartisan external advisory committee.

"We in the UIndy community are delighted to be building on our long and treasured relationship with Senator Lugar," university President Beverley J. Pitts said. "The qualities he represents – leadership, community service, integrity, ethics and global perspective – reflect the values we try to instill in our students."

Extending the goals of the Lugar symposium, the center will develop:

- ◆ Leadership academies for high school students at their schools and on the UIndy campus, with instruction by university fac-

ulty. UIndy already offers such academies in economics and finance.

- ◆ Program enhancements for high schools that expose students to models of civic leadership.
- ◆ A weekend retreat for high school students focused on the attributes of the Rhodes Scholarship, which Lugar himself was awarded as a student in the 1950s.
- ◆ Annual recognition of an Indiana high school student who exemplifies leadership in public service.

Lugar is a Distinguished Trustee of the United Methodist-related University of Indianapolis, having served on the board from 1970 to 2002. He was awarded an honorary degree in 1970 and taught political science as a visiting professor in 1976, between his last term as mayor of Indianapolis and his first term as a senator. He is a member of St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis.

New book helps congregations consider building challenges

Holy Places: Matching Sacred Space with Mission and Message, by Nancy DeMott, Tim Shapiro, and Brent Bill, is the kind of practical guide congregations need to help them with the challenges of renovation, remodeling, expansion, or building.

Authors Nancy DeMott, Tim Shapiro, and Brent Bill draw from the experience of the Indianapolis Center for Congregations' work during the past decade with more than 300 congregations on building issues. No matter how extensive the project, the authors encourage congrega-

tional leaders to keep mission and message at the forefront of any building project.

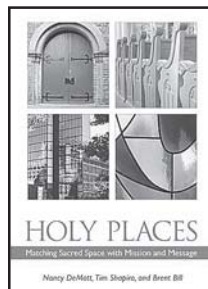
Holy Places offers a step-by-step process for any congregational building team. The process helps teams look at where they are now, where they want to be, and how to move to that next level. Each phase of this process – discern, decide and do – consists of a series of questions that congregations must address. The book's process assumes no particular level of prior knowledge about building issues.

With in-depth advice, illustrative examples, and detailed descrip-

tions of how to proceed, *Holy Places* makes what could seem a monumental project manageable. The book includes sections on Identity, Trends and Assets, Financial Concerns, Oversight, Spiritual Discernment, Communication, Project Delivery, Clergy Involvement, and more. A glossary of terms, informational appendix section and resource list provide additional support for readers considering congregational building projects.

This book is available at www.amazon.com.

For more information, log on to www.centerforcongregations.org or call the Center for Congregation in Indianapolis at 317-237-7799, in Fort Wayne at 260-435-1880 and in South Indiana at 866-307-1880.



Former communications director inducted into UMAC Hall of Fame

Lynne DeMichele, former director of Indiana Area United Methodist Communication and editor of *Hoosier United Methodists Together* was inducted into the United Methodist Association of Communicators' Hall of Fame of noted retired communicators during the association's October 2007 meeting in Charleston, S.C.

DeMichele was the communications director for Indiana United Methodists for 12 years before retiring in 2002. She served as both vice president and president of the United Methodist Associ-

ation of Communicators and helped create what is now Paragraph 645 in the *Book of Discipline*, that says, "In each annual conference there shall be a commission on communications or other structure to provide for these functions and maintain the connectional relationship."

Beyond Indiana, DeMichele was the first journalist to get into Monrovia, Liberia during the wind down of the civil war there, sneaking in on a United Nations relief flight. She went to report on the status of the Operation Classroom schools and

clinics.

She also helped organize the largest United Methodist pilgrimage ever to Israel – more than 900 Midwesterners. DeMichele and former Indiana Area Bishop Woodie W. White visited a Palestinian refugee camp and interviewed some of its residents.

DeMichele also edited three books for Indiana members and published by Providence House: *Treasure in Clay Jars*, a collection of local faith stories, which proved to be a best seller for Providence; *Small Wonders*, a collection of children's faith stories; and *Amazing Grace: A bicentennial history of the Indiana Methodist Church* written by E. Carver McGriff.



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