

Playing at worship and reception on May 25

Nationally known organist to retire from New Albany church

NEW ALBANY, Ind. — Dr. Donald Paul Hustad, 89, is perhaps one of the most preeminent experts on church music and worship alive today. He currently serves as the associate organist at Trinity United Methodist Church in New Albany, Ind. He plans to retire in June to move to the Chicago area to be near his family. He will be 90 on Oct. 2.

He has been organist at numerous churches in the United States, taught organ and

most notably served as Crusade organist for the Billy Graham Evangelical Association from 1961 to 1966 working directly with George Beverly Shea, Cliff Barrows and Dr. Graham.

At a tribute to Hustad in Louisville this spring, he was called “the reigning ‘Dean’ of evangelical church music in the United States.”

Trinity United Methodist Church at 2796 Charlestown Road in New Albany will be host-



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ing a retirement celebration on Sunday, May 25. That Sunday will be Hustad’s final Sunday to play for the New Albany congregation at the 9 a.m. worship service. That afternoon at 2 p.m. ET, the church will hold a celebratory event at which Hustad will play some of his favorite hymn arrangements. One of his daughters will join him and play the flute. A variety of rec-

ognitions will be presented on “Dr. Don’s” life and service to the church, church music and worship.

Hustad holds degrees from John Fletcher College, Northwestern University, and has studied at Indiana University. He has certifications from the American Guild of Organists and the Royal College of Organists in London. He has taught at Olivet Nazarene

University, Wheaton College, Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

The American Choral Director’s Association recognized Hustad this past March at which time selections from a Festschrift in his honor were read. To quote Dean Thomas Bolton at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville — “Hustad is a local treasure.”

Information for this story was provided to Together by Brian Largent, chair of the staff-parish relations committee at Trinity UMC in New Albany.

Janitors’ victory points way to good jobs with health care

INDIANAPOLIS — As workers throughout the Midwest face ever-increasing economic pressures, Indianapolis janitors have won higher wages, more work hours and health insurance in their first-ever city-wide union contract.

The groundbreaking agreement will help lift more than 1,000 janitors out of poverty, increasing the income of the average worker and increasing the income of the lowest-paid workers by an incredible 169 percent during the course of the contract, more than doubling the income of workers at the lowest end of the spectrum within the first 20 months.

“Lately there has been nothing but bad news for workers here in the Midwest,” says Perla Garay, janitor at ABM. “But this contract has built a sense of hope for everybody in this city who has to work, pay bills, buy groceries and go to the doctor.”

The agreement comes following similar janitors’ victories reached in the nearby Ohio cities of Columbus and Cincinnati. Cities like Indianapolis have seen a

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sharp increase in service-sector employment. In all three cities janitors gained the support of hundreds of religious, elected and community leaders, including United Methodist pastors, and urged the region’s numerous Fortune 500 companies, who contract out for cleaning services and who combined take in more than \$1-billion a day in revenues, to support good jobs with health care for the region’s working families, who are falling further behind as corporate CEOs receive record levels of compensation in millions of dollars.

The agreement recently ratified by janitors provides the city’s janitors with victories on four key fronts.

◆ **Higher Wages.** Janitors with current wages as low as the

Federal minimum wage of \$5.85 an hour will earn at least \$9 an hour by 2012. All workers will receive incremental increases of at least \$1.50 over the course of the contract.

◆ **More Hours.** The new contract will increase work hours for janitors currently provided with an average of only 4.5 hours of work a night to seven hours a shift in the first two years and eight months. The additional hours and the wage increase mean that the average office janitor will see their income rise by 103 percent over the course of the four-year contract.

◆ **Quality, affordable health insurance.** At a time when many employers are shifting health care costs to workers, India-



More than 200 pastors and church members, including many United Methodists, packed Market Street just west of Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis this past summer urging corporations to provide a living wage and health care insurance for the city’s janitors.

napolis janitors won individual health insurance at a cost of only \$20 per month. The health insurance will become available starting Jan. 1, 2011.

◆ **Paid holidays and vacation time.** The contract will allow workers, many for the first time in their lives, paid time off from work. Janitors will receive six

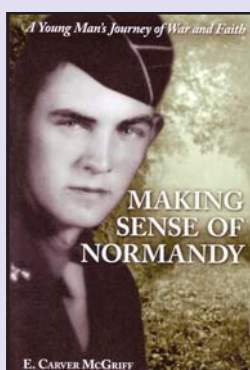
paid holidays per year and be able to take vacation time beginning the first year of the contract.

The increase in wages and health insurance will dramatically improve the lives of 1,500 Indianapolis janitors, many of whom had been earning as little as \$26 a day without benefits.

McGriff to sign book at both Indiana conference sessions

Dr. Carver McGriff, author and a former senior pastor (now retired) of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, published a book this past year titled *Making Sense of Normandy: A Young Man’s Journey of War and Faith*. He will be available in the Cokesbury display at both North Indiana and South Indiana conference sessions signing his book.

In his book, McGriff gives a rare veteran first-hand account of the harsh realities of World War II combat — not only



the struggle for physical survival but for emotional and spiritual survival as well. It is a timeless story for all generations, a rare treasure that will touch the hearts and minds of all the Greatest Generations — yesterday’s, today’s and tomorrow’s.

McGriff served in the Infantry in Normandy, receiving a Bronze Star medal and

two Purple Hearts. He is the author of nine books and resides in Zionsville, Indiana, with his wife Marianne, and is the father of three young women.

Head of new church starts to speak at North Indiana Conference

The North Indiana Annual Conference will not have a conference preacher this year during its session. Indiana Area Bishop Mike Coyner will be preaching at the Memorial Service at the opening of conference on Thursday morning and during the Commissioning and Ordination Service on Saturday.

Tom Butcher, the church’s executive officer for New Church Starts in the United States and leader of the Path 1 Team of the General Board of Discipleship, will be speaking Thursday evening May 29 during the Church Development Celebration Service.

Butcher will work to build and implement the denomination’s collaborative effort to train 1,000 new church planters who are planning to start 650 new congregations by 2012. He leads the denomination’s effort to make new disciples of Jesus Christ by plant-

ing new churches. A leader with a proven track record of helping to start new churches, during Butcher’s tenure in Congregational Development, he facilitated the start-up of 24 new churches and the revitalization of more than 40 others congregations.

Butcher previously served as district superintendent in the Desert Southwest Conference and as pastor of University United Methodist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, for three years.

He was conference council director and director of congregational development for eight years in the Desert Southwest Conference, in addition to chairing Congregational Development for the Western Jurisdiction.

He has served the United Methodist Church for more than 30 years.