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**Wabash New South Connection**

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## *Wabash & New South Connection*



### Superintendent's Notes

Greetings Wabash and New South Conferences.

"What's my motivation here?"

Actors have been asking this question of their director ever since movies began being made. Looking off into the distance, actors try to get in touch with whatever incentive or muse that might fill them with the inspiration they need to act the part.

The story is told that once Alfred Hitchcock was asked this question by an actor "What's my motivation?" and he responded "Your paycheck!"

We all need inspiration. We all need purpose. Especially in ministry, we need to be able to answer the "Why" of why we do what we do.

And sometimes its not an easy question to answer!

Because passion leaks!





**Why are you in ministry?  
Why are you leading?  
Why are you still doing ministry and leading?**

**This past year has challenged most of us in ways we have never been challenged before. Oh, we have been challenged "in kind" but not in this manner.**

**We have all walked through difficult times in ministry before. You cannot serve the Lord without some battle scars. But this past year has been uniquely challenging.**

**So it is important to make sure that your "why" is still intact.**

**I love the story of Elijah. The mighty acts of the Lord performed through Elijah read like a fantasy novel: causing it to rain, causing the rain to cease, being fed by ravens, calling fire down from heaven, and being caught up in a whirlwind.**

**Yet in 1 Kings 19 we find Elijah traveling (fleeing) 360 miles to Mount Horeb for fear of his life.**

**Elijah is hiding out in a cave (read "under your covers in bed").**

**His "why" seemed to be broken.**



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**"I know it's early, Pastor,  
but I figured you'd be up praying."**

**God asked Elijah the most difficult question of his life:**

***"What are you doing here Elijah?"***

**You can read Elijah's answer and the rest of the account in 1 Kings 19.**

**But this is the question from God to us at times.**

**What are you doing here John?  
Why are you doing ministry John?  
Why are you so downcast John?**

**And when I struggle to answer the "why" question, I struggle in ministry!**

**Though there would be similarities in our answers to these questions, each of us must wrestle down to our own personal answers to these questions.**

**The true answer to the question of "Why" comes from our heart.**

**And it is from the heart that all motivation flows or stops.**

**Its from the heart that everything flows:**

**Proverbs 4:23:**

**"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." NIV**

**"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." NLT**

**"Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow* the springs of life." NASB**

**"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." NRSV**

**"Keep thy heart more than anything that is guarded; for out of it are the issues of life." Darby**

**May the Lord who knows your heart the best help you find your true inspiration and find His answer to the question of "why".**

**Superintendent John R. Lane**



FREE METHODIST WORLD MISSIONS

Please be in prayer for Haiti. This morning President Jovenel Moise was assassinated in his home. Many people in Wabash and New South have connections with friends in Haiti. The situation there was already challenging in recent days. Pray for peace and calm during this time.

## Missions Hotline



Reminder that Freedom Sunday is coming in September. It is officially held on September 19th but depending on your church calendar can be held anytime from September 19th till Holy Week 2022.

Freedom Sunday seeks to help our people understand and address the reality of

modern human trafficking. Here the link for more information: [Set Free Movement Freedom Sunday](#)

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## Quotes from **The Earnest Christian**

At length these terrible conflicts between the Spirit of God and strong passions confirmed by indulgence, were to have a glorious termination. In a love-feast, to which he gained admission by artifice, he saw the folly of trying to serve God in his own strength, and clinging to the society of dissipated and ungodly associates." He resolved to give up with his besetting sins, his wicked companions and to attend religious meetings. The next morning at seven o'clock he went to a prayer meeting. "The meeting," he says, "was what some would term a noisy one, but I was not affected on that account; I felt I had enough to do for myself. The power of heaven came down upon me, and I cried for help to Him who is mighty to save. It was towards the close of the meeting when I felt my bonds breaking; and when this change was taking place, I thought within myself, what is this? This I said is what the Methodist mean by conversion; yes, this is it - God is converting my soul. In an agony of prayer, I believed God would save me - then I believed he was saving me-- then I believed he had saved me, and it was so. I said God has pardoned all my sins."

Story of William Clowes in *The Earnest Christian*, Volume 1, May, 1860, Number 5.



Reminder: Pastors - we have a private Facebook Group for prayer and discussion if you want to join.



Here is the link to request  
to join: [Pastors Group](#)

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## **Calendar**

### **Wabash Park Camp and Retreat Center**

July 5-10 / Explorer Camp II (4th, 5th, 6th Grade)

July 12-14 / Base Camp (1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade)

July 19th-25th Wabash Family Camp:

### **Wabash Family Camp Brochure**

September 22-24- [New Room Conference](#)

March 10-12, 2022- [Wesleyan Holiness Women's Clergy Conference](#)

On July 6th we had a face to face meeting between Superintendent John, Assistant Superintendent Daryl, New South Conference Administrator Charlie Fiskeaux, Wabash Conference Administrator Judy Kinnick, New South Financial Consultant Patti McPeake, Wabash Business Manager Jody Belton.



We met at the Wilmore FMC for several hours and talked about communication, best practices for connection and compared notes on how each Conference functions. Please be in prayer as we continue to work together towards God's best for our Conferences.



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