



# *the Maine Focus*

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“Therefore, my heart is glad,  
and my glory rejoiceth: my  
flesh also shall rest in hope.”

*Psalm 16:9*





## GOD IS BLESSING THE UPCI!

By: Rev. Rick Stoops, Superintendent  
Maine District UPCI



Greetings in Jesus name:

God is blessing the United Pentecostal Church International! In 2018 the UPCI achieved new records for total constituents, ministers, churches, and finances.

In the USA and Canada, we now have about 10,500 credentialed ministers and 4,800 churches. Around the world, we have 42,000 works in 194 nations and 35 territories, with an estimated constituency of 4.9 million.

I love this God-ordained movement and am happy that the Maine District is a part of the UPCI. God is moving in Maine! At last count we had 46 churches including daughter works and preaching points in Maine. In 2018 we baptized at least 161 in the wonderful name of Jesus. At least 260 were filled with the Holy Ghost speaking in other tongues in 2018. I am saying "at least" because I did not hear from every single pastor. On our largest single day in 2018 it was reported that we had at least 2,220 in attendance across the Maine District. To God be the glory!

We are living in the end times. The next great revival has been foretold by the Prophet Joel and the Apostle Peter: "*But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions.*" (Acts 2:16-17)

It is now time to intentionally target your prodigal sons and daughters. An unprecedented number of prodigal sons and daughters are returning home. They are coming. They will play, as prophesied, a prominent and prophetic role in the last great revival before the Church is caught away. The return of the prodigals will, at least in part, fulfill the prophecy of Joel 2:25. "Years" will be restored.

We must be positioned for and make a place for the return of our prodigal sons and daughters now before they get here. They are on their way home right now. It is the will of God for us to pray without ceasing for their restoration and be ready to embrace them when they get home.

**2019 is the year of Revival, Renewal, and Restoration.** Claim this. Believe it. Let's agree. Talk often about revival, renewal, and restoration happening in 2019. Preach, teach, and talk about it in church and at home. Sing about it. Revival, renewal, and restoration needs to be our theme because this is what God is doing this year. When the prodigals get here they shall prophesy. In our Lord's parable recorded in Luke 15, the father gave the prodigal the best robe, a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. The ring was a mark of favor and a symbol of conferring office. Furthermore, servants did not usually wear shoes but the prodigal would not be treated as a servant, or even as a lesser son, but as a son with full rights and blessings as if he had never strayed—better than new and whiter than snow.

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# NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

By: Rev. Ronald Doughty

We want to say thank-you again to all of you who have supported North American Mission or Christmas for Christ in 2018. We had another year of giving; more than \$50,000 was given to reaching North America with the Gospel. This offering is taken during the Christmas holiday of the year and many of you sacrifice greatly so that Christmas for Christ is enabled to move forward to reach out to those who are lost.

I know North American Mission is promoting our Metro Cities throughout the United States and Canada but we in the State of Maine are missing thousands of souls if we say within our own communities that's why it is imperative that we reach beyond and into other communities around us with this truth. The task may be great, but God is greater than the task before us.....

According to Ephesians 3:20, we serve a God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. What is the power that's working in you today? Is our God still able to do more than we can ask or think? I completely believe this! He still amazes us today with his power, He is not only able to do all things, but also beyond all things.

The apostle has been uttering a prayer which can read this way, "that He would grant you according to the riches of his glory to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man - He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask: that ye being rooted and grounded in love - He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above

all that we ask: may comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth all knowledge— He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask.

The mountain before us may seem impossible to climb: we

may think it impossible to pull down and we may think that all the instruments we bring to bear upon it seem utterly powerless, but God is greater than any mountain that we can or cannot see, and He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

If we always do what we have always done, we will always get what we always have got. It is time to move forward.

I received an Email from Bro. David Reeve and they just recently completed the NAMAC meeting and this is the 7th consecutive record nation offering of over 4.8 million.....

North East gave a total of \$632,849.65 and none of the North East Districts had any significant drop from the previous year.

Thanks again for giving to North American Mission and let's work to further the Gospel here in the State of Maine.

*Ronald Doughty served as the Director for the Maine District North American Missions division. He is pastor of the UPC of Fort Fairfield.*



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## MAINE'S HYPHEN

The Hyphen Generation makes up nearly one-quarter of our Nations population. With that being said, intentionally reaching this diverse group of 18-30 year old's to God's Kingdom has been a large focus in the church over the past few years. The time frame between leaving your high school, joining the workforce or beginning college can be quite fear-provoking. Meeting new people, having new responsibilities, integrating new pressures, but ultimately, embarking in new beginnings can be quite overwhelming, but we must remember this: Joshua 1:9 says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Here's an excerpt from Kristin Keller's Hyphen Leadership Resource "Many years ago, I came across a staggering article that stirred my heart in the USA TODAY newspaper. The headline on the front page of the paper grabbed my attention. It read in bold letters that leaped off the page, "Young Adults Aren't Sticking with Church". The article was written by Cathy Grossman in coordination with Lifeway Research. In the extensive study they discovered that in evangelical and mainline Christian churches, in America, seven out of ten young adults between the ages of eighteen to thirty have left the church of their youth. The dropout rate of hyphen age evangelicals is up to an astounding seventy percent. One of the primary missions of every generation of church leaders is to hand the faith and the church over to the next generation. Practically speaking, churches that fail to reach young adults will struggle far more a decade from now than churches that don't. Hyphens are eager to learn, help, and be used in their churches. There's a desire in this group of young adults to see the lost saved and to see our mission fields thrive. The amount of

AYC participants has more than tripled since 2005 and most of the attendees are Hyphens. This is proof that our Hyphen Generation is willing to do whatever it takes and no matter the cost, to reach the lost.



What a powerful quote by our awesome General Youth President! "There's a reason God gave us two ears and one mouth. Listen well so that you can speak with purpose!" ~ Rev. Josh Carson.

We are very excited to announce that we will be launching a Hyphen event during Holiday Youth Convention! This will be a time for Maine's Hyphen to come together to connect, worship and grow! Join us April 15th through April 20th. More information on our Hyphen event will be released soon. Looking forward to the future as God

continues to bless and use this generation for His Kingdom!

*Cameron Churchill serves as the Section 5 Youth Committee Representative and Hyphen Coordinator.*

### Upcoming Missionary Schedule

**January 22-27, 2019**

Dean Byfield – France

**February 19-24, 2019**

Daniel Patterson – Romania

**April 30 – May 5**

James Beek – Channel Islands/UK

*If you want information on hosting a missionary in your church, please reach out!*

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## SHINE!

By: Jackie Little

Arise, SHINE...for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee! (Isaiah 60:1) Shine is the theme for this year's Mother's Memorial offering. Through your generous giving, the Maine District gave \$21,193.23 to Mother's Memorial in 2018. Thank you! A portion of this offering stayed in our district to fund various ladies functions, including our Esther Conference and fall sectional rallies. We know that these events have blessed the girls, ladies, and churches in our district. Without your support, these events would not be possible!

Our 2019 offering goal is \$23,000. Your involvement is critical! Any lady who gives a personal donation of \$100 or more towards this year's Mother's Memorial offering will receive special recognition and perks as a member of our "Diamond Club," including reserved ladies

conference seating in 2020, her name listed on our diamond banner and a special gift. Churches, please keep track of all ladies who reach this special diamond status.

We are filled with expectation and believing God for a mighty outpouring of His anointing at the 2019 Maine Ladies Conference on May 2-4 at Point Lookout Resort. Sis Sandra Dillon is our special guest. This new venue offers tremendous opportunity for a genuine retreat experience – scenic views, amazing amenities, cabins that accommodate larger groups, several meals where we can all eat together, plenty of breakout session space and much more! Ladies who attend will be blessed spiritually, physically and socially. Please join us in prayer for this important conference!

*Sis. Jackie Little is pastor's wife at Lewiston UPC and serves as the Ladies Ministries President for the Maine District.*

2019 Maine Ladies Conference  
*Save the Date*

arise,  
**shine**

...for thy light  
is come, and the  
glory of the LORD is  
risen upon thee.

ISAIAH 60:1

*Speaker:*  
Sandra Dillon  
Madison, Mississippi

MOTHERS MEMORIAL 2019

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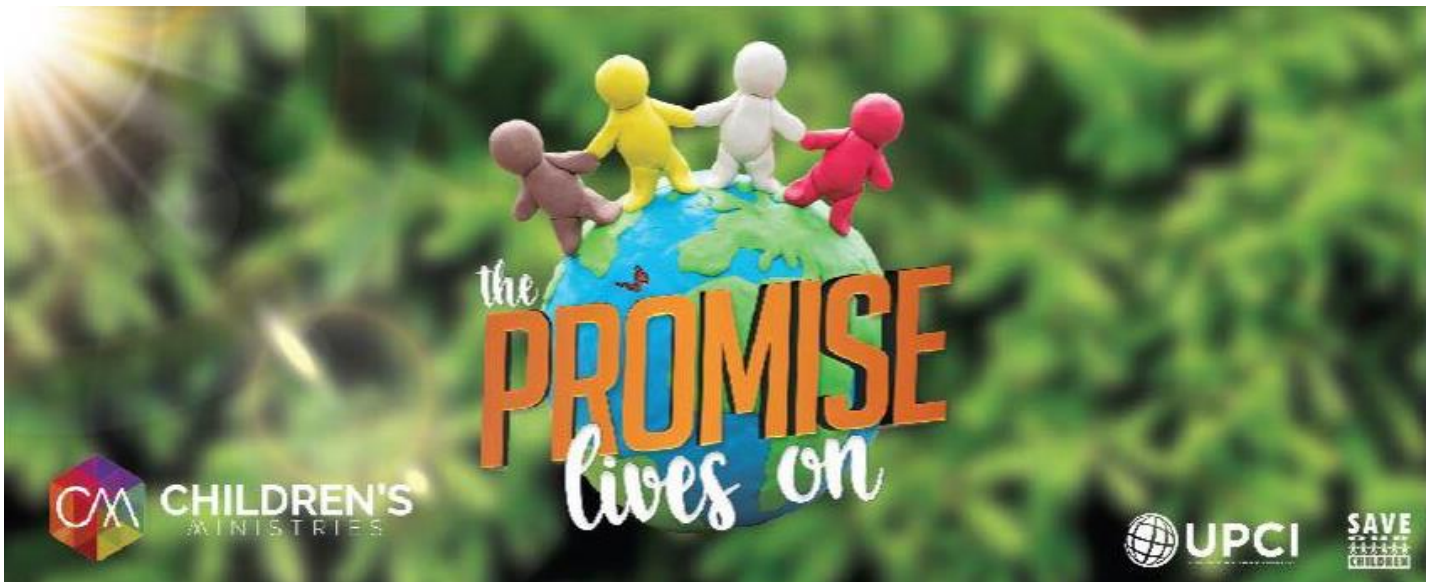
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Point Lookout Resort, Northport, Maine



- Onsite accommodations for up to 250 people
- Registration includes general sessions, breakout sessions, two breakfasts and two late-night meals
- 1-2-3-bedroom cabins available, (sleeps 2-6 people) ranging from \$109 to \$229 per night

*Reserve your cabin accommodations  
now by calling Point Lookout at*  
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Online conference registration opens December 1 at  
<https://maineladies2019.eventbrite.com>.  
\$110 by February 1; \$120 by March 1; \$130 by April 15;  
limited space available after April 15. \$40 registration  
discount for pastor's wife, lady pastor and licensed lady minister.



March 24<sup>th</sup> began our 2019 Save Our Children drive! Our goal this year is \$20,000, and we believe that with your help and with God's blessings we can reach our goal! Please join us in prayer and giving for our Children's Ministries during the next few weeks! Sunday, April 21, is Easter Sunday! Our Save Our Children Drive will end that day.

# MAINE DISTRICT *Family Camp*

## Highlights

**Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Evening Speaker: Rev. Rick Stoops

**Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. – Children's Church

10:30 a.m. – Bible Teacher Rev. Stan Gleason

7:00 p.m. – Camp Speaker Rev. Art Wilson

**Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. – Children's Church

10:30 a.m. – Bible Teacher Rev. Stan Gleason

7:00 p.m. – Camp Speaker Rev. Art Wilson

**Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. – Children's Church

10:30 a.m. – Bible Teacher Rev. Stan Gleason

7:00 p.m. – Camp Speaker Rev. Art Wilson

Post-Service – Minister's & Spouse Banquet

**Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. – Children's Church

10:30 a.m. – Bible Teacher Rev. Stan Gleason

7:00 p.m. – Camp Speaker Rev. Art Wilson

## Guest Speakers



**Rev. Art Wilson**  
Evening Evangelist  
Good Will Ambassador  
To the United Nations



**Rev. Stan Gleason**  
Bible Study Teacher  
Assistant General  
Superintendent UPCI

## Local Accommodations

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4 Godfrey Drive  
Orono, Maine  
Tel 207 | 866-7120

**Howard Johnson**  
336 Odlin Road  
Bangor, Maine  
Tel 207 | 942-5251

**Comfort Inn**  
10 Bangor Mall Boulevard  
Bangor, Maine  
Tel 207 | 990-0577

**Country Inn**  
936 Stillwater Avenue  
Bangor, Maine  
Tel 207 | 941-0200



# GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019 SCHEDULE

## UPCI GENERAL CONFERENCE

I AM

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

- 6:30 PM WNOP Prayer Service
- 6:45 PM Worship - UPCI Music Ministry
- 7:00 PM North American Missions Service

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Business Meeting
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Ministers' Wives Breakfast
- 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Workshops
- 6:30 PM WNOP Prayer Service
- 6:45 PM Worship - UPCI Music Ministry
- 7:00 PM Global Missions Service

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

- 9:30 AM – 11:50 AM Seminars
- 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Ministers Session
- 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Children's Ministries Service
- 4:00 PM – 6:15 PM Seminars
- 6:30 PM WNOP Prayer Service
- 6:45 PM Worship - UPCI Music Ministry
- 7:00 PM General Superintendent's Message

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

- 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM EPIC (for ladies)
- 9:30 AM – 11:50 AM Seminars
- 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Youth Ministries Service
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Memorial Service
- 6:30 PM WNOP Prayer Service
- 6:45 PM Worship - UPCI Music Ministry
- 7:00 PM General Conference Service

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# Calendar of Events

# Maine Focus

## April 2019

21 EASTER: Save Our Children Special Offering Sunday

## May 2019

2-4	Maine District Ladies Conference	Point Lookout
6	Ladies of Prayer International	
6-10	Work Week at the Camp Grounds	Old Town
11	Junior and Senior Bible Quiz District Tournament	
12	Mother's Day: Mother's Memorial Offering Sunday	
24	Articles due for June Maine Focus	Email

## June 2019

1	Mother's Memorial Offering Due Save Our Children Offering Due	
3	Ladies of Prayer International	
8	Junior and Senior Bible Quizzing District Finals	Hampden
9	Pentecost Sunday	
15	Camp Ground Clean Up for Family Camp	Old Town
16	Father's Day: Men's Ministry Offering Sunday	
24-28	Maine District Family Camp	Old Town
26	Maine District Board Meeting	
27	Ministers and Spouses Banquet (after evening service)	

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