

COMMISSION ON CHILD ADVOCACY SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE UMC

Upcoming Training Event...Save the Date: May 20th

The Conference Commission on Child Advocacy is excited to report that the next Child Advocacy Training Event is being held at Bethlehem UMC, in Dallastown, PA, York District on MAY 20th from 8:30AM until 3:30PM. Registration information will be available in early April. This will be the fourth training event provided by the Commission in this conference year, including Riverwoods, Lewisburg, Countryside Community Church, Clarks Summit, an abbreviated Annual Conference session in 2016, and now Bethlehem Church in the York District.

The Commission is mandated to host at least one event in each District and also to provide networking and support for establishing District Advocacy teams, strategies, and processes.

The Schedule for Bethlehem Church on the 20th will include registration and a morning plenary with gathering foods at 8:30AM, devotions at 9:00AM, our keynote address, and a significant demographics plenary with materials for every participant. Break foods, luncheon, and packets of materials are included in the \$35.00 Registration Fee.

The afternoon schedule will include a brief afternoon plenary and workshops that include [1] Child Advocacy in Context, led by Drs. Tom and Lucie Pentz, child psychologists; [2] Reaching young people and their families, Ms. Kayt Hughes; [3] Safe Sanctuaries and Mandated Reporting, Rev. Evelyn Madison; and Building Effective Advocacy Programs and Networks, Rev. Dr. G. Edwin Zeiders.

Contact Dr. Zeiders at 814-308-3343 for more information or email to ezeiders@susumc.org.

Love a Child Fund: Grants to Local Congregations

The Stewardship Foundation: 3901 Hartzdale Drive, Suite 110, Camp Hill, PA 17011

The Commission on Child Advocacy has been offering grants in support of smaller congregations or networks of congregations with funds to assist in the sustaining or developing of new ministries with children and young people. While the Commission is eager to hear from local congregations, clusters, or ecumenical partnerships, \$17,000 additional funding is needed to reach our \$100,000 goal before providing any major grants. Smaller grants may be given upon request and special circumstances. Gifts in support of the Love a Child Fund can be forwarded to the Stewardship Foundation with "Love a Child Fund" on the Memo Line. Be in touch with Ed Zeiders, 814-308-3343, with questions or conversation.