

## A Word from the Executive Director: *Once in a Lifetime*

In 2015, we have a “once in a lifetime” opportunity to **celebrate** all that God has done through the Ashram movement for 75 years! We also have the opportunity to **strengthen** the foundation for the future. And, we have the opportunity to **launch** the new Ashram experiences that will enable us to reach more people, in more places, in more ways.



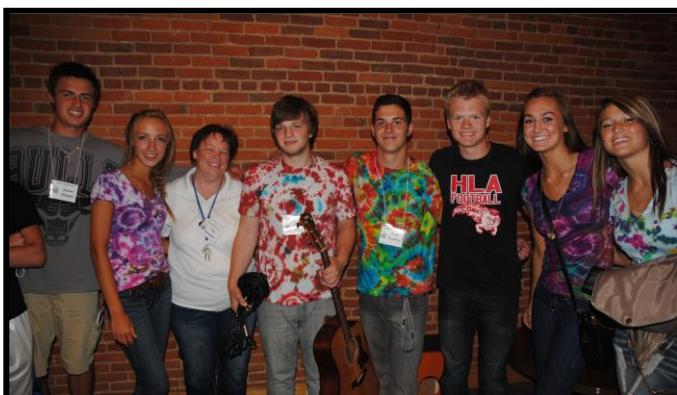
Today, there are three things you can do to make history and shape the future:

1. **Plan to attend** one of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration events **in addition to** your own local Ashram. We want you to be there to meet our new leaders and learn new ways to make the Ashram more effective in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
2. **Invest in scholarships** to make it possible for more people, younger people, and more diverse people to attend. The average cost per person is \$225. Remember what God has done in your life through this movement and make a “thank-offering” of some multiple of 75 (e.g. \$75, \$150, \$225, \$300 ... \$750 ... \$7,500 ... \$75,000)
3. **Make a legacy gift.** God used others to make the Ashram possible, allowing something eternally valuable to take place in your life—now it is your turn to pass it on! Including the UCA in your will or making a gift to the endowment fund is an investment that will pay spiritual and eternal dividends, ensuring the Ashram will be available for your children, grandchildren, and future generations.

Friends, we will not be here to celebrate 75 years from now. This is our opportunity—a once in a lifetime opportunity. I believe God has blessed us so that we might be a blessing to future generations—an opportunity I am not going to miss!

Please pray and act as the spirit leads you. Together we can help the world experience the life transforming power of Jesus as Lord!

*Tom Allen*



Teens enjoying the fellowship at Minnesota Ashram

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Locations

### Redwood Christian Ashram

Boulder Creek, California  
June 28-July 3, 2015  
*(note date change)*

### Texas Christian Ashram

Scottsville, Texas  
July 18-23, 2015

### Minnesota Christian Ashram

Collegetown, Minnesota  
July 30-August 2, 2015  
*(note location change)*

### New Brunswick Christian Ashram

Brown's Flat, Canada  
August 6-9, 2015

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[www.christianashram.org](http://www.christianashram.org)  
*for complete information on  
all Ashrams scheduled in  
2015!*

Receiving New Life in Baptism at Sierra Ashram



***New Spiritual Leaders and Approved Speakers***

At the 2014 Board of Directors meeting in Nashville, ***seven new speakers were approved*** for leadership in the United Christian Ashram movement. These candidates completed an extensive application and had phone interviews with members of the Personnel committee.

After much prayer, they were added to the list of speakers who can fill the roles of Evangelist and/or Bible Teacher at local Ashrams. Be in prayer for each of these individuals as they follow God’s call. Directors can contact the Central Office for contact information for any of these new approved speakers. We will be featuring two new approved speakers in each upcoming newsletter!



**REV. JEREMY JONES**

**Bible Teacher**

Jeremy serves as lead pastor at Douglas United Methodist Church. He received his theological training from Asbury Seminary, and is ordained in the Louisiana Conference. He has attended the Texas Ashram many times with his family, and recently began attending the Louisiana Ashram. He and his wife, Melanie, have one daughter and a son due in January.

**REV. JOHN HOBBS**

**Evangelist, Bible Teacher**

As a pastor and General Evangelist in the United Methodist Church since 1970, John has ministered to many people in many locations. He has been involved as a participant and leader at the local Ashram level since the 1990s. He currently serves at Liberty Christian Fellowship in North Carolina. John is married to Betty Jo and they have three children.



***Serving God in China***

Where do Ashram leaders go when their time in the local Ashram is completed? For Kevin Shorey and his spouse, Emma, the call was to Kunming, China, to work with expat students, most of whom are children of missionaries.

Kevin teaches middle school Social Studies and serves as athletic director. Emma runs the Extension Services Program that helps expat students who can't go to a school in the areas where their parents serve. She also travels one week a month to lead a week of school for homeschooled children.

Together they serve as the Member Care representatives at KIA, helping new staff to start well in a new place, and providing support to help them stay there long term.



Kevin, former youth director at the Texas Christian Ashram for 10 years, is the father of Wesley who will graduate from high school in China later this year. Here, Kevin and Emma are pictured during their annual trip to the USA. In addition to family and friends, they make visiting their Texas Christian Ashram family a priority.



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