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Dear Friends,

God calls us to love our neighbors and transform the world. One of the best opportunities available to each local church is to form a partnership with a public school in your community. We also need to be advocates with our state legislatures for better funding and better policies to support our public education system. Please join us for the Big, Hairy, Audacious Education Caravans coming near you.

We United Methodists care about educating all the children of all the people.

Toward that end, we invite you and all of the members of your congregation to attend one of six public education events in July and September. Locations, dates and special guests include:

**Kansas**

- Garden City First UMC, July 29, 1106 N Main St. (Superintendent Dr. Rick Atha)
- Iola Wesley UMC, July 30, 301 E Madison Ave. (Allen County Community College President Dr. John Masterson)
- Topeka First UMC, July 31, 600 SW Topeka Blvd. (Superintendent Dr. Julie Ford)(Will be webcast at [greatplainsumc.org/livestream](http://greatplainsumc.org/livestream))

**Nebraska**

- Scottsbluff First UMC, Sept. 29, 2002 4th St. (TBD)
- Kearney First UMC, Sept. 30, 4500 Linden Dr. (TBD)
- Lincoln Saint Paul UMC, Oct. 2, 1144 M St. (TBD) (Will be webcast at [greatplainsumc.org/livestream](http://greatplainsumc.org/livestream))

I will welcome participants at each one. You will hear vital information from educators and inspiring stories from congregations engaged in transforming ministry. There will be practical suggestions for your church's ministry. We will close with pie and ice cream as well! It should be a fun and inspiring evening. The Topeka and Lincoln events will be webcast so persons who cannot attend in person can participate over the internet. (A group in your church could watch together if travel is not possible).

We would like to know you are coming, so please register at [greatplainsumc.org/education](http://greatplainsumc.org/education). This is a time for us to make a difference in the lives of children and youth in our communities. Please get involved.

Grace and peace,

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