

Lane lauded as founder of e-mail network

Jim Lane, founder of the first United Methodist e-mail network in Arkansas, was honored March 29 during a ceremony at the United Methodist conference office in Little Rock.

“The e-mail network wouldn’t be where it is today without the dedication of Jim,” said Tom Weir, director of Arkansas Conference Ministries.

Lane, a member of Levy UMC, North Little Rock, was presented a framed certificate of appreciation. “It is my extreme honor and pleasure to accept this award on behalf of all of you who make up the e-mail network,” Lane said. “Without each of you we would not have a network.”

The network has grown to nearly 1,500 members who share news, opinions and other concerns via e-mail. Lane describes its function as a “community bulletin board service” that posts announcements of local church events, items to sell or give away, prayer requests, exchange of viewpoints, death and funeral notices, new babies, marriages, etc. To register, send an e-mail message to Lane at emailnetwork@arumc.org.



Jim Lane (right), manager of the Arkansas E-Mail Network, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Tom Weir, Arkansas Conference Director of Ministries.

Arkansas Conference Communications has developed an additional e-mail network designed to complement the network that Lane has managed the last several years. The new network will be the primary tool for official communications from the conference ministry staff, the resident bishop, Cabinet and conference and district leaders.

Located on the Internet at www.arumc.com, the new network has the capability of directing messages to target groups, such as clergy, laity, missions, youth ministries, ethnic ministries, etc. The user designates which group or

groups are to receive a message.

“ARUMC.com went online to help us communicate more effectively with the United Methodist members in the state,” Arkansas Conference Director of Communications Billy Reeder stated. “We want people in specific ministries to be able to communicate directly with other people in other congregations who deal in those same ministries.”

The two e-mail networks will continue to operate independently and cooperatively. Registration information for both networks is available at www.arumc.org.