

Signs of Hope...Here? Now? Us?!

What signs of hope do you see in God's good creation and in the work and witness of United Methodist people? In your community? In the world?

The March/April 2005 issue of *Circuit Rider* will address the signs of hope you and your clergy colleagues identify. In these months following General Conference 2004, it seems fitting and necessary to "take stock."

WE INVITE AND ENCOURAGE YOU to contribute to this conversation about our future as Christians and United Methodists. Please tell us in brief (350 word maximum) comments where you see hope and promise. As part of the March/April issue, *Circuit Rider* will publish a selection of your responses in the print edition and an additional selection of responses in the electronic edition.

- How would you describe the hope that draws us forward as United Methodist people?
- What are the signs of that hope being fulfilled now or that you look for on the horizon?
- Is our hope grounded in our memory of God's merciful justice and saving grace?
- Is our hope tied to the future God is calling us to embrace?

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