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Other events to watch for:

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How you can plant *Seeds of Hope*:

- Participate in at least one program (VBS, youth, church-wide Bible study, UMW, etc.) during the three-year campaign period, which continues until June 2014.
- Host an Africa University speaker during that period
- During Lent, ask every member to contribute \$1 a day to the AU Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Go to www.unyumc.org/auscholarship, to learn more and begin planting *Seeds of Hope*.

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