

# 2018 Journal



## *Pathways to Hope*

 Annual Conference 2018  
**Arkansas**  
Hot Springs, June 17-20

# A Prayer for Annual Conference 2018

Holy God,

In these days of conferencing, guide us.

Grant us Your grace, that our lives may proclaim a hope that defies fear, logic, and circumstances.

By the power of Your Holy Spirit, renew us to walk on Your pathway to hope.

We pray this in the name of Your Son and our ultimate hope, Jesus Christ;

Amen.

*Pathways  
to Hope*





The Journal of the 16th Session of the  
**Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church**

Held at Hot Springs Convention Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas  
June 17th - 20th, 2018

**Bishop Gary E. Mueller**  
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Conference Secretary  
**Rev. Aubrietta Jones**

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# Leadership





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**Conference Lay Leader, Karon Mann**

## 2018 Appointive Cabinet



**Front Row:** Rev. Dede Roberts, Director of the Center for Vitality  
Bishop Gary Mueller

Rev. J.J. Galloway, Northeast District Superintendent

**Back Row:** Rev. Stephen Coburn, Northwest District Superintendent  
Rev. Dr. Blake Bradford, Central District Superintendent  
Rev. Mark Norman, Southeast District Superintendent  
Rev. Rodney Steele, Southwest District Superintendent;  
Rev. Jim Polk, Assistant to the Bishop



**2018 Newly Ordained Elders and Deacon:**

**Front Row: Jay Stephen Simpson, Deacon Brenda Wideman, Bishop Gary Muller, Lauren DeLano, Patti Butler**

**Back Row: Jennie Williams, Jeremy Pressgrove, Michael Bolin, Jonathan Griesse**

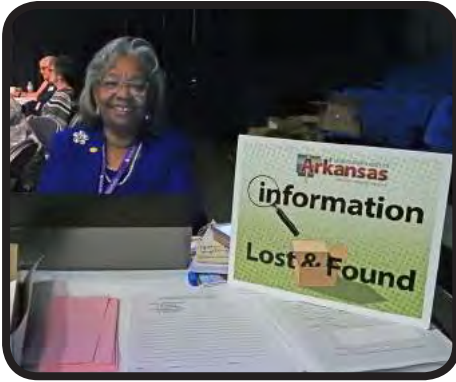


**2018 Newly Commissioned Provisional Elders and Deacon**

**Front Row: Deacon Janet Barrow, Melanie Tubbs**

**Back Row: Judy Hall, Taylor Loy, Andrew Suite, Andrea' Cummings**





Our Concierge, Rev. Maxine Allen, serves her final year helping folks find their way and recover lost possessions. She retired at this Annual Conference.

Cathy Hall, Lay Program Coordinator of the Center for Vitality, addressed the Conference.



Arkansas Conference Treasurer Todd Burris and Finance and Administration President Bill Wisener smile for the camera.

### Denman Evangelism Awards



**Outstanding Layperson: David Leech of First United Methodist Church in Stuttgart.**



**Outstanding Clergy: Rev. Danita Waller-Paige, pastor of White Memorial United Methodist Church in Little Rock.**

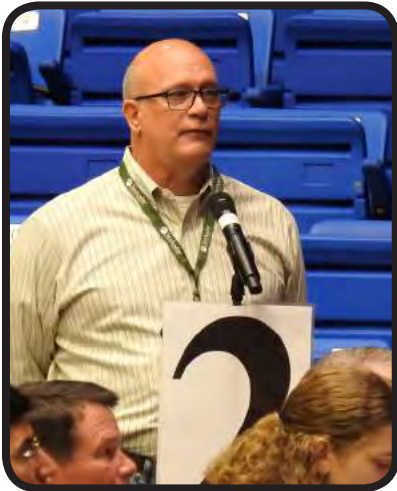


**Clergy Member Rev. Clark Atkins of Siloam Springs speaks to a motion while Head Lay Teller, Helen Emerson, looks on.**



Clockwise from above:  
1-Conference Secretary Rev. Aubrietta Jones participates in worship, 2-Long-time Conference Youth Leader Rod Hocott is honored on his retirement, 3-Mary Lewis Dassinger and Rev. Todd Vick give the report on conference facilities, 4-UMW President Martha Altom addresses the conference, and 5-Retired Elder and Stage Manager Rob Walker and his wife Kathi are recognized for their service in directing the conference.



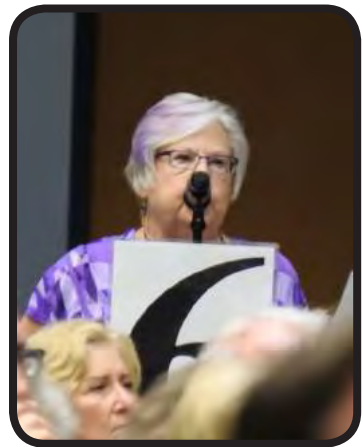


Rev. David Hoffman

With the large number of petitions this year, there was a good bit of debate.



Rev. Jay Clark



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Rev. Donna Alberts



Rev. Angie Gage



Rev. Judy Hall



2018 graduates from License to Preach School



Head clergy teller Rev. Dee Harper



District Admins watch the proceedings.

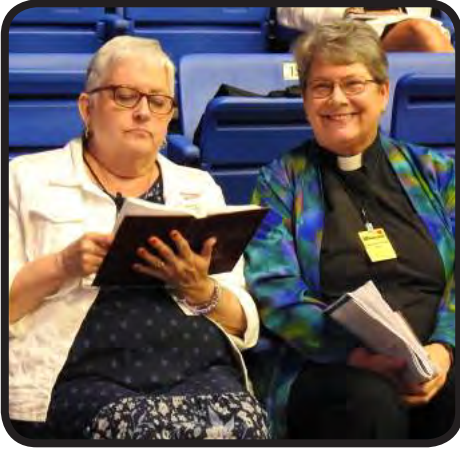


Class of 2018 Retirees



**Clockwise from above: 1-Philander Smith College President, Dr. Roderick Smothers, 2- Nominations Chair Rev. Katie Pearce, and 3-President Bill Tsutsui of Hendrix College all addressed the conference**





**Board of Ordained Ministry Secretary Nancy Meredith and Chair Rev. Pam Estes prepare for the BOM report.**

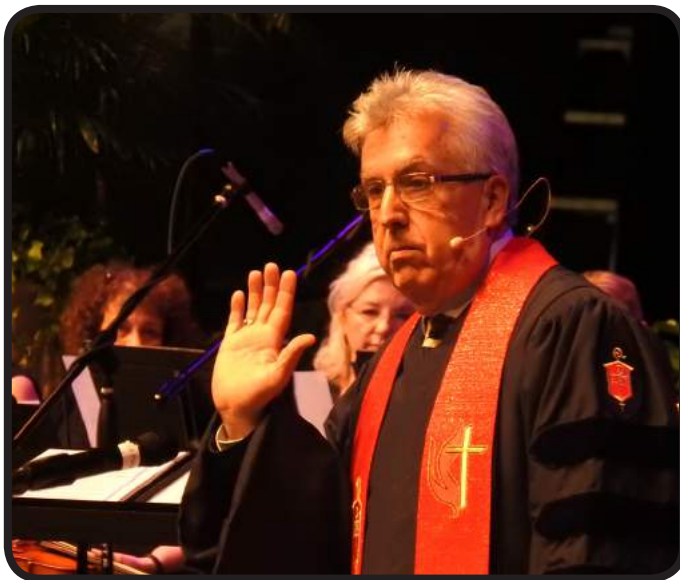
**Outgoing Dean of the Cabinet, Rev. Mark Norman, delivers the report from the Cabinet.**



**Conference Treasurer Todd Burris prepares to feed the Snarky Jar at the behest of Bishop Gary Mueller. All funds collected went to 200,000 Reasons, the children's hunger initiative.**



**Rev. Junius Dotson of Discipleship Ministries led the conference in several teaching sessions. He spoke on Intentional Discipleship Systems.**



**Bishop Ruben Saenz of the Great Plains Annual Conference preached the ordination service.**





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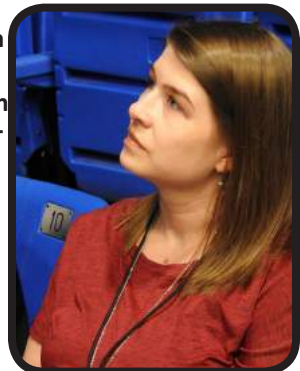
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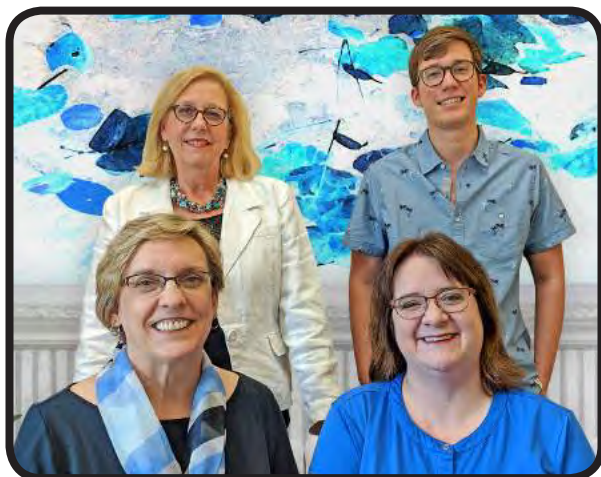


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Amy Ezell (left) addresses  
the conference, while Youth  
& Young Adult Coordinator  
Michelle Moore (right)  
looks on.**



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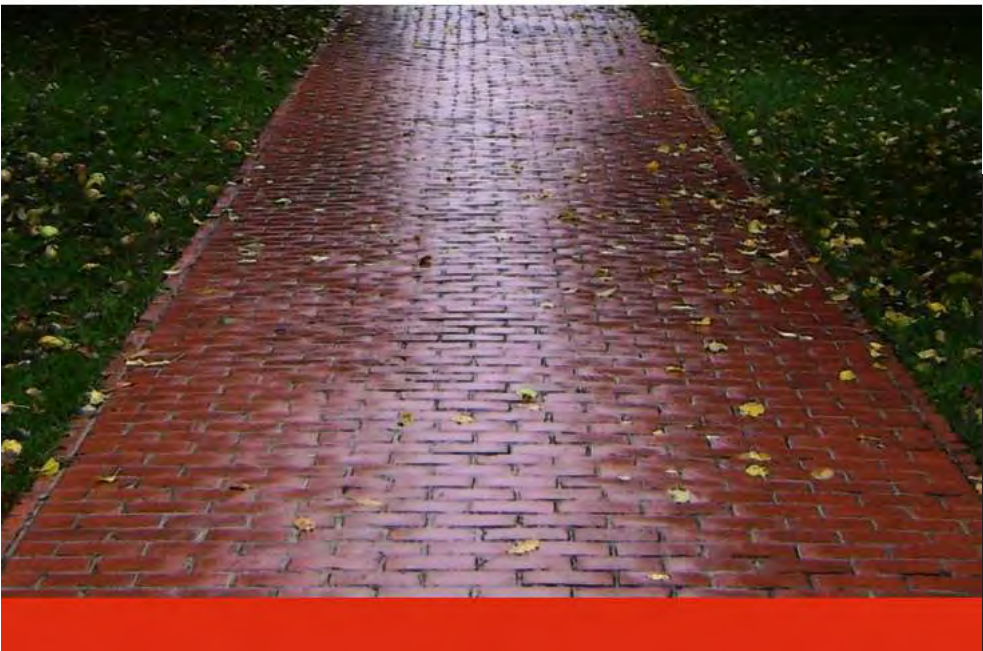
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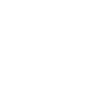
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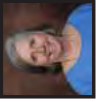
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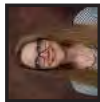
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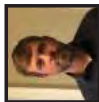
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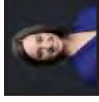
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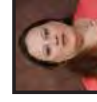
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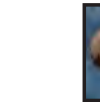
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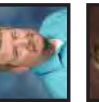
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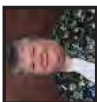
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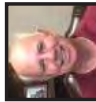
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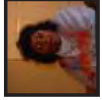
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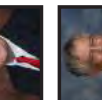
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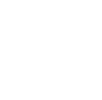
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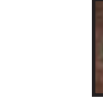
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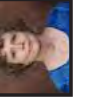
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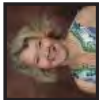
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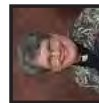
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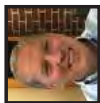


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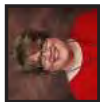




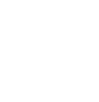
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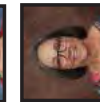
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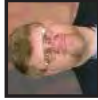


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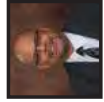


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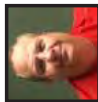
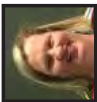
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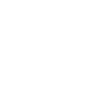
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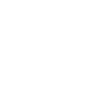
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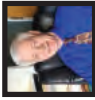
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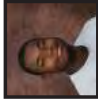
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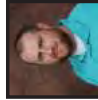


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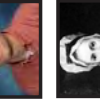
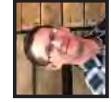
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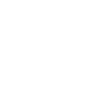
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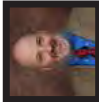




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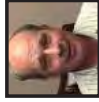
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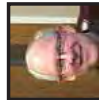


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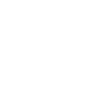
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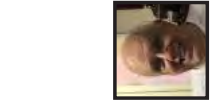
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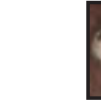
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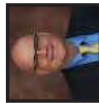


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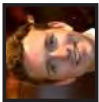
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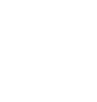
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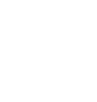
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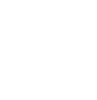
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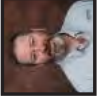
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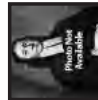
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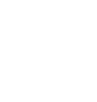
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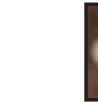
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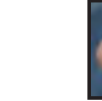
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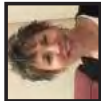
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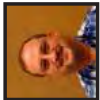
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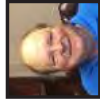
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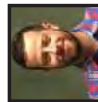
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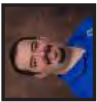
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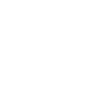
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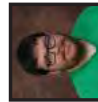
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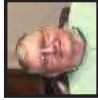
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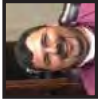
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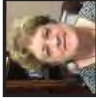
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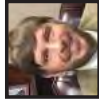


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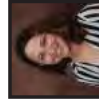


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AF	Affiliate Member ¶¶344.4, 586.4
AM	Associate Member ¶369.1
OA	Associate Member of other Annual Conference ¶346.1
LM	Certified Lay Minister ¶272
FD	Deacon in Full Connection ¶¶328-331
OD	Deacon Member of other Annual Conference ¶331.8
DM	Diaconal Minister ¶3602.2 (consecrated under provisions of 1992 or earlier Discipline)
FE	Elder in Full Connection ¶¶335, 369.1, 369.2
OE	Elder Member of other Annual Conference or other Methodist denomination ¶346.1
OF	Full Member of other denomination ¶346.2
FL	Full-time Local Pastor ¶318.1
LM	Certified Lay Minister ¶268
LP	Other Local Pastor ¶318.4
PL	Part-time Local Pastor ¶318.2
PD	Provisional Deacon ¶¶324, 325
PE	Provisional Elder ¶¶324, 325
OP	Provisional member of other Annual Conference ¶346.1 RA
RA	Retired Associate Member ¶357
RD	Retired Deacon in Full connection ¶357
DR	Retired Diaconal Minister ¶357 (consecrated under provisions of 1992 or earlier Discipline)
RE	Retired Full Elder ¶357
RL	Retired Local Pastor ¶320.5
SY	Supply Pastor, Other ¶16.2

## DISTRICT ABBREVIATIONS

CE	Central District
NE	Northeast District
NW	Northwest District
SE	Southeast District
SW	Southwest District



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Grace - East End	David Carter	
Grace - Rogers	Richard Booth	Becky Hill
Grace Community	Lance McReynolds	
Grand Avenue - Hot Springs	Jonnie Nix	Linda Stanley
Grand Avenue - Stuttgart	Nelson L White	Clara Dobson
Gravette	Alfred Blair	
Greenbrier First	Carolyn Baker	Rebecca Mills
Greenwood	Celia Wadsworth-Hall	
Greenwood	Billie Kay Warrick	
Greers Chapel	James Souter	
Grenades Chapel	Samuel Guy Wilcox	Lucy Sowell
Griffin Memorial	Penny Lee	Pam Diggs
Griffithville	Thomas Feather	Sandra Boatright
Gum Springs - Mountain Pine	Jane Jackson	
Gurdon	Bill Faulkner	Peggy Hargrave
Hackett	Debby Pankratz	
Hall	Nadine Poston	
Hamburg First	Peggy Harrod	Julie Barnes
Hamilton	Carol Plant	
Hampton	Alan Goolsby	Janette Goolsby
Hardy	Marilyn Lynn	Denise Gibbons
Harmon	Cindy Lyman	Mike Lyman
Harmony - Magnolia	Barbara A. Nipper	
Harmony - Searcy	Cliff Albert	Sharon Albert
Harmony Grove	Terry Harcrow	
Harrell	Alan Goolsby	
Harrisburg First	Bonnie Cox	Bonnie Reddmann
Harrison First	Katie Tolhurst-Friis	Gary McMahan
Hartford		Rose Harbottle

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Hartman	Darlene Dobbs	
Haven	Woodie Davis	Debra Dukes
Hawley Memorial	Virginia Robinson	Charles Cross
Hays Chapel	Chris Hull	
Hazel Edwards Memorial	Crystal Jolly	
Hazen	Lynda Andrews	
Heber Springs	Dennis Farmer	Tanya Eddington
Heber Springs	Sandy Phelps	Louis Rolleigh
Hebron - Carlisle	Tim Adams	Rick McNew
Hebron - New Edinburg	Frankie Hall	Rita Holder
Helena First	Paula Oliver	
Henderson	Charlotte Harrison	John Blanks
Heritage	Mark Wilkerson	Max Roger Goins
Heritage	Mike McSpadden	Tammy Prince
Heritage	Jennifer Bauman	
Hickory Plains	Betty Covington	Gail Polk
Hickory Ridge	David W. Proctor	
Highfill		Scott Eichenlaub
Highland Valley	Gay McDaniel	Elaine Jones
Highland Valley	Doug Hutchins	
Highlands	Russ Miller	Andy O'Neil
Hinton		Bobbie Cummings
Holiday Hills	Kitty Weatherford	Ruth Anne Brand
Holly Grove		Don Dearing
Holly Springs - Texarkana	Jerry Moore	Joann Moore
Hollywood	Rita Nickels	
Hope First	Catherine Cook	Susan Bailey
Horatio First	Rodney Young	Billy R. Foster
Horseshoe Bend	Mary Blankenship	Shirley Blankenship
Hot Springs First	Kate Schaffer	Brooks Clem
Hot Springs First	Jim Tarkington	Amie Hill
Hot Springs First	Allen Bedell	
Hoxie	Linda Holt	Teresa Lovelady
Hughes	Mika Hyman	Nancy Bonds
Humnoke	Carol Plant	
Humphrey	Alice Black	
Hunter - Hunter	Frank Mauldin	John Cruthis
Hunter - Little Rock	Gracie Carter	Robert Donaldson
Hunter's Chapel - Leola	Linda Chandler	
Hunter's Chapel - Roe		James (Bubba) Shelton
Huntington	Pam Moore	
Huntsville	Pat Anderson	Lana Couch
Huttig	Steve Hatten	
Imboden	Martha J. Johnson	
Jacksonville First	Carolyn Gray	James Silvi
Jasper	Mona Bullard	Marc VanCamp
Jonesboro First	Susan Miles	Cody Campbell
Jonesboro First	Brenda Long	Karen Holloway
Jonesboro First	Janet Elizabeth Agee	Christopher Metcalf
Jonesboro First	Tom Bishop	Tiffanie Turner
Joplin		Ancel Offutt
Journey Hispanic Mission	Damian Cabrera	

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>LAY</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
Judsonia		George Wirth
Kensett	Danny E Barnett	
Keo	Jerry Morton	Ken Orlicek
Kibler	Brian Vick	
Kingsland	Tyler Rushing	
L'eau Fraiz	Peggy Whatley	Debbie Paul
Lacey	Ellen Thomas	
Lake City	Josh Ridge	
Lakeside - Lake Village	Jan D Pugh	Karen Keith
Lakeside - Pine Bluff	Glenn Babb	Betty Babb
Lakewood	Tom Butler	
Lakewood	Hank Godwin	
Lakewood	Alan Ries	
Langley	Judy Lowery	
Lavaca	Enola Strang	
Leachville	John Edwards	
Leola	Dan Holland	Mayetta Holland
Lepanto		Portis Pleasants
Leslie	Colleen Overholt	
Levy	Jim-O-Lee McCaghren	
Lewisville	Danny Wilcox	Frank Wells
Little Missouri	Edgar Johnson	
Little Rock First	Ginny McMurray	
Little Rock First	Elizabeth Small	
Little Rock First	James Wohlleb	
Living Waters at Centerton		Diane Evans
Livingston Chapel	James Banks	
Lockesburg	Sandra Jackson	
Lodges Corner		Duppie Davis
Lonoke First	Charles Rudder	Danny Wright
Lynn		Matthew D. Hatley
Mabelvale	Tony Meyer	
Macedonia	Tracy Moore	
Madison		Edith West
Magnet Cove		Janice Goldman
Magnolia First	Bonnie Adcox	Jeremy Craig Carter
Malvern First	Mary Ann Harper	Tony Warner
Mammoth Spring	DeLon Buzz Allen	
Manchester	Dorothy Daniell	
Manila	Jane Huffman	Casey Wells
Mansfield		Neil Jones
Marianna	Judith Hicks	
Marion	John Fogleman	Betsy Cloninger
Marked Tree First	Pat Steele	
Markham		Edith Treadwell
Marks Chapel	Jennifer Colwey	
Marmaduke	Diana Derr	
Mars Hill	Ezra Jackson	
Martin's Chapel	Tommy Mitchell	Becky Outlaw
Marvell	Bill Heidelberger	
Marysville	Melissa Glass	
Maumelle First	Becky Allison	Carroll Winter

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Maumelle First	Grant Martin	Kay Winter
Mayflower	Trina Yerby	
Maynard	Mack Early	Deborah Arsement
McCabe Chapel	Marleene Calvin	Jonathan Calvin
McCrory	Kelly Crenshaw	
McElroy		Rusty Hathcock
McGehee First	Deborah Patterson	Gidget Denton
McRae		Diana Baxley
Melbourne	Genevieve Paulson	
Mena First	Mary Meier	
Midland	Gladys Rink	
Midland Heights	Amy Jo Carr Williams	Steve Warren
Midway	Bobby Marler	Bobby Marlar
Mineral Springs	Jeri Jones	
Mission	Florine Johnson	
Monticello First	Belinda Akin Carpenter	Bill Wisener
Moore's Chapel - Sheridan	Susie Ellis	Joyce Pumphrey
Moorefield	Linda Dugger	
Morning Star	Charles Warren Stiles	Johnnie Holland
Morrilton First	John Gibson	Nancy Lacy
Mount Carmel - Benton	Louise Glover	Ben Williams
Mount Carmel - Jonesboro	Stuart Simpson	
Mount Carmel - Lockesburg	Felix Bell	
Mount Carmel - Vilonia	Neil Gusewelle	
Mount Ida	Pat McLemore	
Mount Moriah - Chidester	Junius Fort	Lois Fort
Mount Olive - Clarksville	Alvin Mason	
Mount Olive - Fordyce	Evelyn Galloway	Loretta Matlock
Mount Pisgah		Josh Emerson
Mount Pisgah - Searcy	Sue Dunn	
Mount Pleasant - Little Rock	Kathy Hinson	
Mount Pleasant - Quitman	Patricia Williamson	Mary Wilson
Mount Tabor - Cabot	Helen Kyle	
Mount Zion - Center Ridge	Mary Oates Scruggs	
Mount Zion - Lonoke	Kenneth L. Minin	
Mountain Home First	Jeff Quick	Shella Hagan
Mountain Home First	Debby Bodenhamer	Tommy Hagan
Mountain View First	Dale Holmlund	
Mountainside	Terry Crumpler	Ted Schramm
Murfreesboro First	Diane Carroll	
Nashville First	Gerald Moses	Gerald Moses
Naylor	Marilyn Ferguson	
Nettleton	Bob Ruff	
New Haven - Little Rock	Michael Hinton	Ronald Withers
New Hope - Sheridan	Jack LaVerne Gilbert	Juanita Gentry
New Salem	LaQuita Ward	Bill Jennings
Newport First	Barbara Clark	Sandra Pankey
Norfolk	Jo Wilson	
Norman	Elias Nesar	
Norphlet	Jim Bonsall	
North Little Rock First	Guinn Massey	
North Little Rock First	Elizabeth Mayfield-Hart	

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>LAY</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
North Little Rock First	Andy S. Miller	
North Pulaski	Donna Haynie	Wendy Tittle
Oak Forest	Pam Fish	
Oak Grove - Searcy	June Reaper Stewart	Martha Jane Stowe
Oakland	Charles D. Parsons	
Oaklawn	Gail Sears	Leslee Fulkerson
Oakley Chapel	Kent Oliver	Loria Oliver
Ogden		Sherry Grimes
Oil Trough		Ruth Kent Cook
Okolona		Gracie Smith
Ola	Mary Sue Smith	Jimmy Harrison
Old Austin	Charlie Gastineau	
Olive Branch	Emily Burnett	
Osceola	Teresa Hamilton	Robert Zenanko
Oxford	J.C. Majors	
Ozark	Kecia Berry	Stefan Lyons
Palestine		Otha Temple
Pangburn	Doug Pearce	Ken Wahlgren
Paragould First	Cody Gray	Susie Cook
Paragould First	Mary Justice	
Paris	Dorothy Noyce	Tracy Crane
Parker's Chapel	Ashley Nicole Wilson	James Machen
Parkin	Trent Sides	Pat Cherry
Parks	Susan May Fisher	
Parkview	Arthur R. Ritter	Bart Adams
Pea Ridge	Cynthia Stewart	
Perryville	Eleanor Jestor	
Philadelphia	Greg Cook	
Piney Grove	John Booth	Libby Stewart
Plainview		Kenneth Crawford
Pleasant Grove - Dewitt	Debra Connelly	Jerry Connelly
Pleasant Grove - El Dorado	Larry Joe Carter	
Pleasant Grove - Joneboro	Ginger Byard	Ashley Fields
Pleasant Hill - Alexander	Gloria Wright	David Hill
Pleasant Hill - Bono	Gwendolyn McElhannon	
Pleasant Hill - Texarkana	Billy Joe Grey	Michelle Grey
Pleasant Plains		Kenneth Ridgway
Plummerville		Bill Plummer
Pocahontas	Terri N. Presley	John Jackson, Jr
Portland	Marilyn Newcome	
Pottsville	Diana Hendricks	James Hendricks
Powell's Chapel	Alvetta Hatfield	
Prairie Grove First	Brea Gragg	Barbara Edmiston
Prairie Grove First	Mary Bartholomew	
Prescott First	Merlie Watson	Kim Hale
Presley Chapel	Alvin Lievsay	Rhonda Lievsay
Primrose	Danny White	Shawna Willingham
Prosperity	Mike Stewart	
Pruett's Chapel		Stephanie Cox
Pulaski Heights	Patricia Blick	
Pulaski Heights	Sylvia Borchert	
Pulaski Heights	Kyle Forehand	

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Pulaski Heights	Tom Show	
Pulaski Heights	Thomas Tyler Thompson	
Pulaski Heights	Paula Watson	
Pullman Heights	Rose A. Poag	
Quapaw Quarter	Harold Hughes	
Quitman	Jessica Hallett	
Ravenden	Phyllis Roark	
Rector	Lark Sigsby	Cathy Louder
Red Hill	Virginia Frost	
Redfield	Gary Case	Sandra Case
Rhodes Chapel	Bobbye Vines	Pam Jones
Richmond		Jamie D. Stevens
Rison	Penny Pitchford	Betty Taylor
Rock Springs - Lafe	Joyce Huckabay	Pat Miller
Rock Springs - Wilmar	Ab Pevey	
Rockport	Kay Donihue	
Roe	J. T. Davis	Roy Gray
Rogers First	Ron Hayes	
Rogers First	Mary Lynn Reese	
Rondo	Billy Joe Grey	Michelle Grey
Rushing Memorial	Susan Harrison	Jessica Schmidt
Russell	Helen Roetzel	
Russellville First	Peggy Stratton	
Russellville First	Bob Thurlby	
Saint Andrew - Arkadelphia	Mary Martin	Art Neagle
Saint Charles	Robert Patrick	
Saint Francis	Helen McCrillis	
Saint Francis	Paul Smith	
Saint James - Little Rock	Darrick Wilson	Brenda Weeks
Saint James - Little Rock	Marcia E Dunbar	
Saint James - Little Rock	Kathleen Joiner	
Saint James - Little Rock	Janet Marshall	
Saint James - Lonoke	Regina Carter	Joe Carter
Saint James - Mountain View		Rebecca Ford
Saint James - Pine Bluff	Cortez Henderson	Ramon Stewart
Saint John	Shari Smith	
Saint Luke - Little Rock	Tom Show	Terri Rowlan
Saint Luke - Pine Bluff	Loy Aikman	Bobby Wooten
Saint Mark - Camden	Sylvia Wray	
Saint Mark - El Dorado	Don Howard	Ruby Hall
Saint Mark - Pine Bluff	Pamela Jones	
Saint Paul - El Dorado	E.J. Daugherty	
Saint Paul - Fort Smith	Karen Malone	
Saint Paul - Jonesboro	Kay Brockwell	Norma Rorex
Saint Paul - Little Rock	April Johnson	
Saint Paul - Malvern	Nancy Scott	
Saint Paul - Maumelle	Brenda Norwood-Henson	Elmon Henderson
Saint Paul - Searcy	Tami Cofer	James Horton
Saint Paul's - Harrison	James A. Robb	Mildred Hampton
Salem - Benton	Bill Shirron	James Kane, Sr.
Salem - Conway	Mae Voegele	
Salem - Salem	John Ed Welch	Donald Montgomery



CHURCH	LAY	ALTERNATE
Sardis	Rosemary Kirby	Kathy Crone
Sardis (Washington)		Lena Ross
Scott's Memorial	Virginia Scott	Felecia Smith
Searcy First	Brenda Pruitt	Buddy Pruitt
Searcy First	Logan Cothorn	Marlene Cothorn
Sedgwick	Zach James	Michael Doyle
Sequoyah	William Clyde Mendenhall	
Sharp	Rickey Carter	Glenda Carter
Sheridan	Zoe Ann Hines	Sheila Aaron
Shiloh - Dry Fork	Denise I. Hudson	
Shiloh - Jonesboro	Glenn Crawford	
Shiloh - Paragould	Judy Rowland	Mike Sims
Shirley	Doris Brown	Benny Brown
Shorewood Hills	John Wiley	
Sidney	Frank Daniel	Wanda Daniel
Siloam Springs First	Lynn Stephens	Allison Atkins
Silver Hill	Janet Phillips	
Silver Springs	Lonnie Lamkin	Carolyn Lamkin
Sixteenth Section	Cheryl Johnson	Larry Grace
Smackover		Lawrence Bearden
Smithville	Larry Burrow	
Southbend	Terry Franke	Luther Glenn Williams
Southside	Audrey Pool-Easton	
Sparkman	Charlotte Maynard	
Spring Creek	Dan Lindsey	
Spring Hill	James Hairston	Ruth Ann Hairston
Springdale First	Greg Spencer	
Springdale First	Lynelle Spencer	
Springdale First	Anna Williams	
Springdale First	Arlis Williamson	
Springdale First	Cornelia Williamson	
Springfield	Linda Smith	Delores Wooten
Square Rock	Faye Young	
Stamps	Mary Pruitt	Brian Pruitt
Star City First	Karen Fish Moore	
Stoney Point	Dustin Lavender	
Stuttgart First	David Leech	Joanie Bush
Sugar Hill	Mindy Williams Day	Virginia Kesterson
Sulphur Spring - Pine Bluff	Kristen Spencer	Carolyn Elms
Sulphur Springs - Sulphur Springs	Bob Moore	
Sweet Home - Murfreesboro	Al Terrell	
Sweet Home Union		Laurice Montgomery
Swifton		Kathy King
Sylvan Hills	Carolyn Marsh	Bill Fraley
Taylor Chapel	Memory Conley	
Temperance Hill	Alta Freppon	Frances Parham
Texarkana First	Charles Bruce	Jeanie Nutter
Texarkana First	Margaret Bruce	
theJOURNEY		Mitch Forrest
Theressa Hoover Memorial	Deborah Bell	Sandra Mitchell
Thornton	Libby Coates	Sharon Scott
Tilton		Linda N. Wood

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Timothy		Linda Bohannon
Traskwood	Louis Reinoshek	Doris Tucker
Trinity - Fayetteville	Mary Brinks	Jeannie Smith
Trinity - Fayetteville	Claudia Smith	
Trinity - Gurdon	Becky Baumgardner	
Trinity - Little Rock	Alice Browning	Jamie Metcalf
Trinity - North Little Rock	Maxine Price	
Trinity - Warren	Wayne Wesson	Andrew Johnson
Trumann	Nancy England	
Tuckerman	Nancy Combs	
Tulip	Carolyn Eoff	
Umsted Memorial	Linda Norman	
Union	Mike Stewart	
Union Grove		Billy Clifft
Unity	Dan Pearson	
Valley Grove	Monica Snowden	
Vietnamese - Fort Smith	Tommy Ho	Karla Gallamore
Village - Hot Springs	Roxy Lynne Harkleroad	John Whitwell
Vilonia	Freddie Fowlkes	Melissa Freeman
Viola	John Ed Welch	Donald Montgomery
Wade's Chapel		Gene Lewis
Waldron	Roger Rice	
Waldron	Roger Simon	
Waller's Chapel	Ione Clark	
Walnut Ridge	Laura Woods	Ron "Punk" Woods
Waltreak	Lisa Davis	
Ward	Cheryl Johnson	Larry Grace
Warren First	Sue Wagnon	Liz McKinstry
Warren's Chapel	Peggy Isom	Charley Isom
Washburn	Dennis Williamson	
Washington	Josh Williams	LuGene Erwin
Watson	Walt Lowe	
Waverly	Eleanor Watkins	
Wesley - Conway	Teena Woodworth	
Wesley - Cotter	Julia A. Smith	
Wesley - Fort Smith	Donna Moreton	Chris Humann
Wesley - McGehee	Rita Gill	
Wesley - Pine Bluff		Charles Cross
Wesley - Russellville	Joe Fisher	
Wesley Chapel - Brinkley		Geraldine Davidson
Wesley Chapel - Little Rock	Tiffany Mays O'Guinn	
Wesley Chapel FC		Jo Keller
West Helena	Rose Seaton	
West Memphis First	Ramona Taylor	Judith Ledbetter
West Memphis First	Catherine Warner	
Western Hills	Lloyd Moore	Thommie Herndon
Wheatley	Mandy Clifton	
White Hall	Barbara Goodwin	Gloria Connell
White Memorial	Harrietta Lindsey	
Wickes		Dayton Holman
Wild Cherry	Doris Sullins	Midge Rayburn
Wiley Chapel	Velma Shaw Williamson	Andrew Stewart

CHURCH	LAY	ALTERNATE
Willisville	Carroll Jones	
Wilson	Gary Chandler	Johnny Worsham
Winfield	Skip Triplett	
Winslow	Travis Reed	Terry Reed
Woodlands	Laura Beth Anderson	
Wye Mountain	David Harmon	
Wynne	Andrea Gentry	Whitney Hayes
Yarbro	Edna Hall	
Yellville		Marcus Flippin



Lay and clergy delegates participate in discussions.

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## Lay Member Elected By Each Charge:

From ¶132, Book of Discipline: "...Each charge served by more than one clergy shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy members. The lay members shall have been for the two years next preceding their election members of The United Methodist Church and shall have been active participants in The United Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election. If the lay membership should number less than the clergy members of the annual conference, the annual conference shall, by its own formula, provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and clergy membership of the annual conference."

Number of Lay Members that Could Be Elected by the Local Churches in Each District:

Central District	106	
Northeast District	106	
Northwest District	123	
Southeast District	75	
Southwest District	108	TOTAL 518

## Part II

From Our Structure Document: the standing rules, on page 386 of the 2017 Journal: III. LAY MEMBERS (¶602.4 - 602.10):

The lay membership of the Annual Conference shall consist of a lay member elected by each charge, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, the conference president of United Methodist Women, the conference president of United Methodist Men, the Conference Lay Leader and Associate Lay Leader, District Lay Leaders, the Conference Director of Lay Speaking Ministries, the president or equivalent officer of the conference young adult organization, the president of the conference youth organization, the chair of the Annual Conference college student organization, one student from each Wesley Foundation, one student from Hendrix College Campus Ministries, one student from Philander Smith College Campus Ministries, two young person between the ages of twelve and seventeen (one of which shall be currently serving on the District or Conference Council on Youth Ministry) and two young persons between the ages of eighteen and thirty from each district to be selected by the District Leadership team or District Nominating Committee in consultation with the District Superintendent. Each charge served by more than one clergy member under appointment (including deacons in full connection for whom this is their primary appointment) shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy members under appointment.

Lay members of the Annual Conference shall participate in all deliberations and vote upon all measures except on the granting or validation of license, ordination, reception into full conference membership, or any question concerning the character and official conduct of ordained ministers, except those who are lay members of the board of ordained ministry. Lay members shall serve on all committees except those on ministerial relations and for the trial of clergy.

When at any time a lay member is excused by the Annual Conference from further attendance during the session, the alternate lay member, if present, shall be seated. The lay member or the alternate shall be the lay member of the Annual Conference, and it shall be the duty of the lay member to report to the local church on actions of the Annual Conference.

Diaconal ministers, Active (Q.83): 4  
 David Clemmons (CE)  
 David L. French (CE)  
 Denise Palmer (NW)  
 Jim Walsmith (CE)

Diaconal Ministers, retired (Q.75): 6  
 Donna Flenniken (SW)  
 Sally Jo Gibson (NW)  
 Avis Faith Bettag Moore (CE)  
 Pat Parette (CE)  
 Felix Thompson (CE)  
 Martha Lynn Thompson (CE)

Deaconess, Retired	Colleen Caldwell (CE)	1
Deaconess, Retired	Iris Hightower (NW)	1
Deaconess, Retired	Kandi Mount (NW)	1
Conference President of United Methodist Women	Martha Altom	1
Conference President of United Methodist Men:	Will Faulkner (CE)	1
Conference Lay Leader:	Karon Mann (CE)	1
Assistant Conference Lay Leader :	Kathy Conley (NE)	1

District Lay Leaders:		5
Central:	Kerri Jackson Case	
Northeast:	Charles Long	
Northwest:	Bruce Vick	
Southeast:	John Holliman	
Southwest:	Jim Kimzey	

Conference Director of Lay Speaking Ministries	Jimmie Boyd (SE)	1
President or equivalent officer, Com. on Young Adult Organization:	Dane Womack (clergy)	0
President of the conference youth organization.	Lexie Burleson (CE)	1
Chair of the Annual Conference college student organization	NONE	0
One student from each Wesley Foundation.		9
Wesley Foundation, Henderson/Ouachita:		1
Wesley Foundation, ASU, Jonesboro:	Lauren Oury (NE)	1
Wesley Foundation, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville:	Gracie Rymel (NW)	1
Wesley Foundation, University of Arkansas at Little Rock:	Tori Jackson (CE)	1
Wesley Foundation, University of Arkansas at Monticello:	Phillip Jackson(SE)	1
Wesley Foundation, U of A at Pine Bluff:		1
Wesley Foundation, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville		1
Wesley Foundation, Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia	Aaron Norton (SW)	1
Wesley Foundation, University of Central Arkansas, Conway	Maggie Rogers (CE)	1
One student from Hendrix College Campus Ministries	Sam Coker (CE)	1
One student from Philander Smith Campus Ministries	Santerris Booker (CE)	1

Two young persons between the ages of 12 and 17 from each District  
(one of which shall be currently serving on the District or Conference Council on Youth Ministry): 10

Central District:	John Mark Mathis	Leah Paige
Northeast District:	Donavan Lee	Joshua Richardson
Northwest District:	Taylor Aishman	Ainsley Turner
Southeast District:	Lanie Crowell	Ethan Harrod
Southwest District:	Joshua Keith Dodson	Rebekah Dodson

Two young persons between the ages of 18 and 30 from each district to be selected by the district Leadership Team of District  
Nominating Committee in consultation with the District Superintendent: 10

Central District:	Grace Petefish	Russell Williams
Northeast District:	Kirby R. Weaver	
Northwest District:	Spencer Hall	Leonard Shepherd
Southeast District:	Jessie Crowell	Chad Bo Hornsby
Southwest District:		

**Part I and Part II, subtotal** 518+55= 573  
**Number Of Clergy From Question 57a in the current Journal** 702  
**Needed To Equalize Lay And Clergy Membership** 129

If at this point lay membership is still less than clergy membership, then continue as far as needed:

**Part III (From Our Structure Document):**

If the lay membership should number less than the clergy members of the Annual Conference, the Annual Conference shall provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and clergy membership of the Annual Conference according to the following formula:

- a. Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference
- b. Lay Chairpersons of Conference Boards, Committees, and Commissions as elected by the Annual Conference. When the following positions are held by laity: conference treasurer, conference statistician, conference secretary, and conference ministry staff.

delegates to general conference [In order of election]..... 3  
 Karon Mann (CE) already listed, Todd Burris (CE), Karen Millar (NE), Asa Whitaker, Jr. (NE)

delegates to jurisdictional conference, & reserves to general 4  
 Elizabeth Fink (NW), Miller Wilbourne (CE), Brian Swain (NW), Brandon Bates (CE)

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Lay reserves to jurisdictional conference  
Makala Strang (NE) 1

Lay Chairpersons of Conference boards, Committees, Commissions as elected by the Annual Conference

Administrative Review Committee	Jeff Warrick (clergy)	0
Council on Adult, Singles, Family and Older Adult Ministries	Jaimie Alexander (clergy)	0
Commission on Archives and History	Helen Guenter (laity)	1
Conference Chancellor	Michelle Ator (laity)	1
Council on Children's Ministries	(laity)	1
Conference Board of Church and Society	Jay Clark (Clergy)	0
Commission on Communications	Brennen Boose (laity)	1
Conference Session Planning Committee	Bishop Gary E. Mueller (clergy)	0
Board of Discipleship	David Orr (clergy)	0
Committee on Episcopacy and Episcopal Residence	Karon Mann (laity)	0 already listed
Commission on Equitable Compensation	Paul Strang (clergy)	0
Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns	Ronnie Miller-Yow (clergy)	0
Council on Finance and Administration	Bill Wisener (laity)	1
Board of Global Ministries	Brenda Norwood (laity)	1
Disaster Relief Committee	Janice Mann (laity)	1
Conference Secretary of Global Ministries	Marleene Calvin (laity)	1
Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry	Roy Smith (clergy)	0
Committee on Investigation	Phil Hathcock (clergy)	0
Investigation for Diaconal Ministries	Susan Jett (laity)	1
Joint Committee on Incapacity	Rex Dickey (Clergy)	0
Board of Laity	Karon Mann (laity)	0 already listed
Conference Nominating Committee	Katie Pierce (clergy)	0
Board of Ordained Ministry	Pam Estes (clergy)	0
Outdoor Ministries	Nathan Kilbourne (clergy)	0
Conference Board of Pension	Stark Ligon (laity)	1
Conference Commission on Religion and Race	George Odell (clergy)	0
Committee on Review and Research	DeeDee Autry (clergy)	0
Commission on Status and Role of Women	Sara Bayles (clergy)	0
Conference Board of Trustees	Tony Griffin (clergy)	0
United Methodist Women	(already listed above in Part Two)	0
United Methodist Men	(already listed above in Part Two)	0
United Methodist Youth	(already listed above in Part Two)	0
Council on Young Adult Ministries	(already listed above in Part Two)	0
Council on Youth Ministries	Zach Schrick (laity)	1

When the following positions are held by laity:

Conference Treasurer	Todd Burris (laity)	0 already listed
Conference Secretary	Aubrietta Jones (Clergy)	0
Extended Cabinet	(laity)	1
Extended Cabinet	Bill Wisener. (laity)	0 already listed
Extended Cabinet	Brenda Norwood (laity)	0 already listed
Conference Ministry team:		
Executive Director of Mission and Ministry	Jim Polk (clergy)	0
Assistant Director of Mission and Ministry for Mission Field Engagement	Maxine Allen (clergy)	0
Administrative Assistant, Mission and Ministry	Rebecca Davis (laity)	1
Receptionist and Secretary to the Centers	Yvonne Armstrong (laity)	1
Children's Ministries		0 already listed
Director of Program and Marketing for Camp and Retreat Ministries and Youth and		
Youth Adult Coordinator	Michelle Moore (laity)	1
Volunteers in Mission	Byron Mann (laity)	1
200,000 Reasons Project Coordinator	Mary Lewis Dassinger (laity)	1
Center for Clergy and Lay Excellence in Leadership, Director	Dede Roberts (clergy)	0
Assistant Director, Center for Clergy & Lay Excellence	Blake Bradford (clergy)	0
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Director of Finance & Administrative Services	Todd Burris (laity)	0 already listed
Finance and Administrative Services Coordinator	Cat Boose (laity)	1

Executive Assistant, Episcopal Office	Vicki Davis (laity)	1
Executive Assistant, Board of Ordained Ministry	Nancy Meredith (laity)	1
<b>Total part III</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>Subtract number from part II sub-total</b>		<b>98</b>
<b>Additional Laity needed</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>98 ÷ 5 districts = 20 additional needed from each district</b>		

*{NOTE: We are allowed to have more laity than clergy, but not allowed to have more clergy than laity with voting rights.}*

**Part IV**

**From our structure document: the standing rules, number 4, page 387, 2017 Journal:**

a. When additional lay members are required to equalize representation an equal number of "at large" delegates from each district shall be elected. The Conference Secretary will notify each District Superintendent of the number of persons, if any, to be named Superintendents are encouraged to give consideration to persons from:

- Congregations underrepresented by virtue of size or circumstance
- Elected chairpersons of conference boards and agencies not included above
- Officers of the Conference Board of Laity
- Conference officers of UM Women, UM Men, and Conference Council on Youth Ministries residing within the bounds of a district
- Elected lay persons to general and jurisdictional conference boards and agencies
- District presidents of UM Women, UM Men, and District Councils on Youth Ministry
- Lay members of conference boards and agencies
- Additional youth from each district.

Upon their selection, the District Superintendent shall notify these persons in writing of their delegate status at least 60 days prior to the Annual Conference.

<b>CENTRAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>NORTHEAST DISTRICT</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>NORTHWEST DISTRICT</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>SOUTHEAST DISTRICT</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>SOUTHWEST DISTRICT</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>100</b>

**District At large lay members to annual conference:**

**Central District**

- Carole Blanks
- Kyle Bounds
- María Guadalupe Chavarria-García
- Melanie Churchill
- Betsy Dietz
- Cedric Doaks
- Mable Donaldson
- Nicole Ellis
- Clayton Ferrell
- Colleen Holt
- Michelle Kirk
- Fonda Kirkman
- Madeline Jade McDonald
- Linda Powell
- Nick Schimmer
- Carole Jean Teague
- Clarence E. Trice
- Clef Vaughan
- Sandra Wood
- Chris Wright

**Northeast District**

- Emma Barker
- Glen Busby
- LaDonna Busby
- Linda Futrell
- Carol Hager
- Jane Huffman
- Crystal Jolly
- Susanne Malone
- Doni Martin
- Lorrie McClure
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- Alisa Strang
- Mackenzie Thomason
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- Lou Wainscott
- Adam Brubaker Watkins
- Tricia Weaver
- Kenneth Wilson

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 Robin Hull  
 Vicky Johnson  
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 Susan Kramer  
 Cynthia Marsh  
 Regena Marie Mason  
 Donna Moreton  
 Kimberly Lynn Mullins  
 Kevin Overholt  
 Lamar Pettus  
 Sandra M. Smith  
 Larry Weir  
 Joy Williams  
 Mary Williams

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 Richard Herrington  
 Barbara Prowell Jones  
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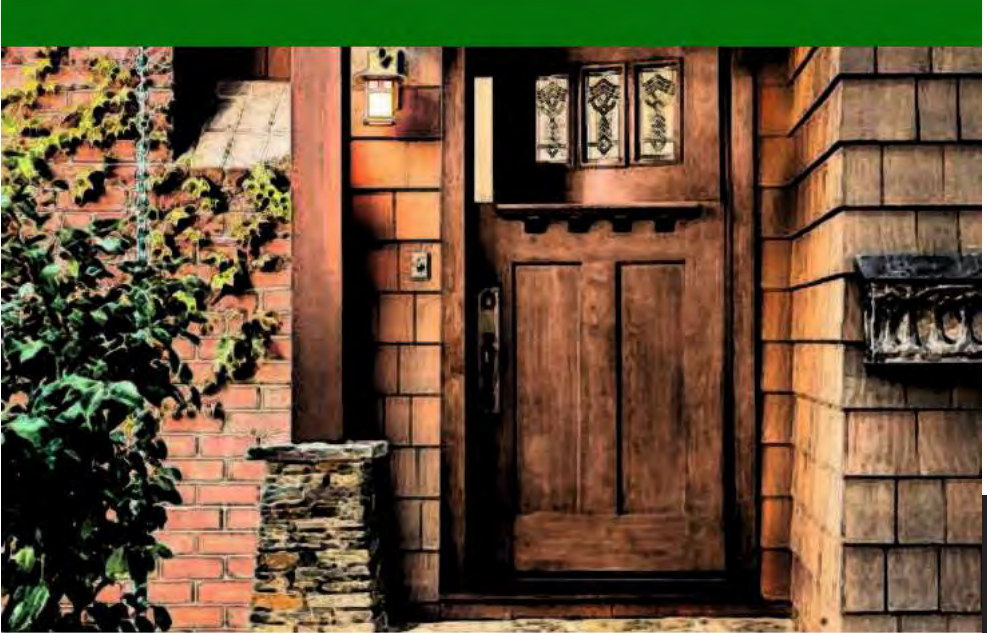
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 Kathryn Peacock  
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 Winston Turner  
 Tommy Welch  
 Jennifer White  
 Yesenia Zapata

## GRAND TOTAL LAITY

PART I, lay member(s) elected by each charge	518
PART II, from our structure III	55
PART III, from our structure V	31
PART IV - structure V 4. (district at large)	100
Grand total lay members	704
702 CLERGY + 704 LAY MEMBERS =	1,406 TOTAL





# Conference Committees



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Members of the Arkansas Annual Conference,

The Arkansas Conference Committee on Nominations presents its leadership report for 2018. Thank you to all the clergy and laity who have agreed to serve on conference committees, boards, and councils. In an effort to place the right people in the right positions, profile sheets have been included in this year's packet. Please submit a profile sheet, circulate these in your local churches, and encourage the laity in your church to turn in a sheet. These will help the Nominations Committee to match people to the best positions and to draw from the gifts, experience and knowledge of the people of the Arkansas Conference. Completed sheets may be emailed to [katie.pearce@arumc.org](mailto:katie.pearce@arumc.org)

Every effort has been made to have correct name spelling and contact information. Any corrections may be sent to Rebecca Davis at [rdavis@arumc.org](mailto:rdavis@arumc.org).

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**BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY ¶ 635**

In addition to the membership specified by the Book of Discipline, membership shall include:

At least six ordained elders and deacons in full connection.

When possible, at least two associate members or local pastors who have completed the course of study shall be included as members of the Board with voice but no vote.

At least one-fifth (but not more than one-third) laypersons, which may include diaconal ministers.

Membership shall include women and ethnic persons, at least one Chair: clergyperson in the retired relationship, at least one ordained clergyperson in extension ministry, and two district superintendents named by the bishop to represent the cabinet. Two thirds of members who are elders shall be graduates of seminaries listed by the University Senate.

Members shall be nominated by the Bishop after consultation with the chairperson of the Board, the Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and the cabinet. In addition there shall be one representative of each District Committee on Ordained Ministry named by the District Committee. The director of the Extension Course of Study School shall be an ex-officio member without vote.

The board shall organize by electing from its membership a chairperson vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer, executive registrar, memoirs secretary, and division chairs. Other officers shall be appointed by the chairperson. The Executive Committee shall be elected according to the current Book of Discipline. The board is divided into classes that may serve a maximum of three consecutive four-year terms. The Executive Committee is responsible for reporting expired terms to the Bishop who shall consult with the Board Chairperson and the Cabinet in making nominations to the Annual Conference (¶635.1.a).

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**CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES ¶ 650**

The membership of the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries shall be young adults (ages 19 - 35) and shall include a Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries, one representative from each district, and at-large members as needed to accomplish the Council's ministries. The Coordinator and district members shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference.

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**CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES ¶ 649**

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**Intern Chad Hornsby takes his turn to run the camera.**



**Conference Photographer Stephen Gideon documented this session of Annual Conference.**



**Kevin Wade runs the camera.**



**Rev. Jim Polk, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Connectional Ministries, has a quiet moment.**



**Vicki Davis, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, visits during the Ordination Reception.**

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**



**The Weatherfolk, led by Ken and Casey Weatherford, led worship every morning.**



**Christ of the Hills UMC's choir and orchestra led the ordination service.**



# Minutes





**Daily Proceedings**  
of the Sixteenth Session of the Arkansas Conference  
Sunday - Wednesday, June 17-20, 2018  
Held at Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas  
Bishop Gary E. Mueller, Presiding  
Reverend Aubrietta Jones, Secretary



**SUNDAY AFTERNOON**  
JUNE 17, 2018

**LAY ORIENTATION SESSION:** The Lay Orientation session, led by Karon Mann, Conference Lay Leader, was held in Bank of the Ozarks Arena, Hot Springs Convention Center, beginning at 3:30 pm, Sunday, June 17, 2018.

**CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session of the clergy was held in Hall D, Hot Springs Convention Center, beginning at 3:30 pm, Sunday, June 17, 2018. The report of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Arkansas Conference, dated March 15, 2018, was approved as corrected. (See Business of the Annual Conference report in section D of this Journal).



**SUNDAY EVENING**  
JUNE 17, 2018

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP:** The Opening Worship began at 7:30 pm in Bank of the Ozarks Arena, Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Worship participants were: Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop Gary E. Mueller, Resident Bishop of the Arkansas Episcopal Area; Liturgists: Lauren Seckington, First United Methodist Church, Bentonville; John Sadler, First United Methodist Church, Benton; Hannah Kaar, First United Methodist Church, Magnolia; Rebecca Still, First United Methodist Church, Hope; Carolyn Marsh, Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church, Sherwood; Zachary Thomas, Mountainside United Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village; Rev. Barbara Douglas, St. Luke United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. Conference Youth Choir: Belinda Guinn, Nick Palmisano and Caleb Williams. Praise Band: Members of Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church and Mountainside United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Jim Kelly, director. Ron Hall, First United Methodist Church, Benton, piano. Ushers and Greeters: Hot Springs First United Methodist Church. Worship Design Team: Service Design: Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson, Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church, worship co-chair; Rev. Colin Bagby, First United Methodist Church, Maumelle, Rev. Patti Butler, Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village, Rev. Jennie Williams, Highland Valley United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Rev. Kathleen McMurray, Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Jonesboro. Annual Conference Worship Team, Rev. Jeanne Williams, First United Methodist Church, Bella Vista, worship co-chair.

**Worship Message:** Bishop Gary Mueller spoke on Matthew 16: 13-19. The bishop indicated there are three kinds of faith: 1) Opinion Faith that's focused on what we think; 2) Faithful Faith that's based on responding to Christ as Savior and Lord; and 3) Deeper Faith in which Jesus gives us a new

identity, a new job description and new power. Jesus calls us to move from Opinion Faith to Faithful Faith and from Faithful Faith to Deeper Faith.



**MONDAY MORNING,  
JUNE 18, 2018**

**WORSHIP:** Music by The Weatherfolk and Friends (Ken and Casey Weatherford).

**OPENING VIDEO:** A message about unconditional love.

**“A PRAYER FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE”:** Rev. Andrea Cummings, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church-St. Luke Campus, Little Rock.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** The Episcopal Address by Bishop Gary Mueller. Pathways to Hope is our theme for this conference, so it is obvious to talk about hope! The most natural thing is to go find some hope, and it didn’t take long because the Arkansas Conference is awesome. Examples are Ozark Mission Project, 200,000 Reasons initiative, more women clergy in larger churches, innovative ministries, adults making profession of faith, etc. The fact of the matter is, the world is struggling, the church is struggling and many of us are struggling. We must address that before we can find our true hope. 1) God’s Still God, and God’s Not Finished. 2) We’ve Got Jesus, and That’s All We Need. It’s not a Liberal thing or a Conservative thing -- it’s a Jesus thing. It’s Simple. It’s Basic. It’s Eternal. 3) We need the fullness of God’s love, prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying. 4) It’s great to be a struggling church. We’re at our best when we’re underdogs. We’re getting real about God’s pathways to hope. We don’t need to manufacture hope. The fact is that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and gives us all we need.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE:** Reverend Aubrietta Jones, Conference Secretary, led the Conference through the Rules of Order.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE STAFF**

Conference Secretary: Rev. Aubrietta Jones; Worship Coordinator: Rev. Jeanne Williams; Journal Editor: Yvonne Armstrong; Minutes Typist: Colleen Holt. Minutes Editor: Peggy Nabors; Parliamentary Procedure: Rev. Dr. Blake Bradford; Daily Digest Editors: Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris and Caleb Hennington; Photography: Stephen Gideon; Display Space: Catherine Boose; Child Nursery: Hot Springs First United Methodist Church; Facility & Stage Manager: Rob Walker; Registration Bags: United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas; Media: Arkansas Methodist Conference, Center for Technology; Audio & Lighting: Hot Springs Convention Center; Registrar: Melissa Sanders; Late Registration: Lauren Lovelady; Registration Staff: District Administrators and assistants.

**FLOOR TELLERS**

Head Clergy Teller: Rev. Charles “Dee” Harper

Head Lay Teller: Helen Emerson

(one clergy and one layperson from each district, selected by District Superintendents)

Central: Danita Waller-Paige, Chase Burns

Northeast: James Wainscott, Randy Seale

Northwest: Rollie “Tom” Mullins, Susan Kramer

Southeast: Nan Nelson, Helen Emerson (listed as Head Lay Teller)

Southwest: Terry Chapman, Cindy Parker

At Large: Charles “Dee” Harper (listed as Head Clergy Teller),  
Renee Willett, Ben McDonald

The official record of those attending this session of the Annual Conference will be drawn from registration information, including names and address.

### Bar of the Conference

The Bar of the Conference shall be the seating area identified by the Conference Secretary. Members desiring to have voice and vote must be seated within the bar. Voting members of the Arkansas Conference must be wearing a nametag.

### Items to Lay on the Table

Petition to the 2019 General Conference Affirming the Current Doctrine and Discipline of the UMC.  
Petition to the 2019 General Conference Affirming the Movement of the Holy Spirit in Scripture, Our Tradition, and Our Current Context.

Resolution to the Arkansas Conference Regarding Native American Ministries.

Resolution Affirming Women in Ministry.

Nominating Committee Report.

Resolution to End Child/Parent Separation.

**MOMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** An announcement was made to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Sam and Brenda Long.

### Official Roll

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### Making Motions/Obtaining the Floor

Those desiring the floor of the Conference shall be:

- Seated within the Bar of the Conference;
- Obtain a copy of the necessary form, provided at the secretary tables;
- After completing the form, return a copy to the Journal Editor;
- Walk to the microphone and wait until recognized by the Bishop;
- When recognized, state name, local church or area of responsibility;
- Make motion and wait for the Bishop to recognize that your motion has been seconded;
- Briefly explain the rationale for your motion;
- Follow the Bishop's directions during discussion/debate;
- Submit a written copy of changes/amendments to your motion to the Conference Staff Desk. At the end of the day you may proofread the notes of the Minutes Editor to confirm that your motion has been accurately recorded.

### Robert's Rules of Order

The Annual Conference sessions shall be governed by the Session Rules (adopted at the beginning of each Annual Conference Session); and the Standing Rules (printed in the *Journal* of the previous Conference Session; otherwise, Robert's Rules of Order; all of which shall comply with the *2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

**Debates, Motions and Resolutions/Petitions Procedures** (see proposed session rules below).

### Consent Calendar

Reports and other items for which no changes are anticipated are placed in the Pre-Conference Journal Consent Calendar. These items may be removed from the Consent Calendar (only for the purpose of amendment/alteration) by a petition signed by five voting members of the Conference and given to the Conference Secretary before 8:00 am on the first day of Annual Conference business. Items or reports removed from the Consent Calendar will be worked into the Conference agenda on the last day of business.

### Standing Rules Par. 213. Resolutions and Petitions

1. Resolutions or petitions not offered by a Conference agency must be signed by at least ten

lay and/ or clergy members of the upcoming Arkansas Annual Conference Session before they may be considered by the Conference Session Planning Committee to be included in the Pre-Conference Journal. All petitions and resolutions not printed in the Pre-Conference Journal must be in the hands of the Conference Secretary no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to the opening Business Session. Those proposing the petition or resolution shall provide at their own expense copies for all lay and clergy members. Any petitions and resolutions must lay on the table for a minimum of 24 hours prior to consideration.

2. Footnotes. Resolutions and petitions shall contain footnotes that clarify the source of any facts, quotes, or generalizations made within the proposed resolution or petition before they may be considered by the Conference Session Planning Committee to be included in the Pre-Conference Journal. These footnotes shall include enough information to allow the Conference some level of confidence that the content of the proposed resolution or petition is accurate and reliable. These footnotes shall also include enough information to allow the content of the proposed resolution or petition to be checked for accuracy.

**Handouts**

All items for general distribution shall be prepared by the sponsoring person or agency at their own expense and must be in the hands of the Conference Secretary no later than 3:00 pm prior to the next day’s Business Session.

**Journal**

There shall be a *Journal*, which contains a record of the Annual Conference proceedings. All content for the *Journal* shall be provided to the Conference Secretary no later than the close of the Annual Conference session. All material to be published in the *Journal* that does not meet this deadline may be excluded unless specific permission for delay is granted by the Conference Secretary. The Conference Secretary, Dean of the Cabinet, and Conference Treasurer shall be authorized to edit all reports for printing in the *Journal*.

**MOTION 1**

Motion made by Conference Secretary to suspend the rules and take off the table a Resolution for

**Voting Rights - Who Can Vote When**

Your name tag indicates your voting status at Plenary Sessions. Please wear your name tag in a visible location during these sessions. All lay and clergy members of the Annual Conference have the right to speak on all matters before the Conference. Voting privileges are as follows:

	Recommendations & Conference Business	Elections for clergy delegates to the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conference(s)	Elections for lay delegates to the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conference(s)	Constitutional Amendments	Matters of ordination, character and conference relations of clergy
<b>Clergy Members in full connection (§602.a)</b>	•	•		•	•
<b>Provisional Clergy Members</b> who have not completed all educational requirements (§602.b)	•				
<b>Provisional Clergy Members</b> who have completed all education requirements (§602.b)	•	•			
<b>Associate Clergy Members</b> (§602.c errata)	•	•			†
<b>Affiliate Clergy Members</b> (§602.c errata)	•				
<b>Full- and Part-time Local Pastors</b> under appointment to a pastoral charge (§602.d)	•				†
<b>Local Pastors</b> who have completed Course of Study or an M.Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment before the election (§602.d errata)	•	•			†
<b>Elders or Ordained Clergy from other denominations</b> serving under appointment within the Annual Conference (§346.2)	•				
<b>Lay Members:</b> Elected Members representing congregations, Members by Virtue of Office, At-large Members as designated by districts, Youth Members (§602.4)	•		•	•	‡
<b>Alternate Lay Members, when seated in place of lay member</b> (§602.7)	•		•	•	
<b>Missionaries</b> regularly assigned by the GMGM in nations other than the US & Certified Lay Missionaries from nations other than the US serving within the bounds of the Annual Conference (§602.9)	○				
<b>Conference Chancellor</b> if not otherwise a voting member (§602.10)	○				
<b>Ordained Clergy or Provisional Members</b> from other Annual Conference and Other Methodist Denominations (§346.1)	○				
<b>Retired Local Pastors</b> (§320.5)	○				
<b>Visitors, with majority approval of Annual Conference Members</b>	○				
<b>•Voting Privilege</b>					

○ Voice without vote

† If also a member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they may vote at Clergy Session

‡ If also a lay member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and/or Committee on Investigation (§602.6)

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Straw Poll on the Council of Bishop's Three Models and consider the resolution today. Two-thirds vote of members required. Motion PASSED.

### MOTION 2

Motion made by Conference Secretary to suspend the rules and consider any other resolutions/petitions. Two-thirds vote of members required. Motion PASSED.

**MONITORING REPORT #1: Sara Bayles, Committee on Women in Ministry. George Odell, chair of the Arkansas Commission on Race and Religion.**

**GREETING FROM HOT SPRINGS AREA CHURCHES:** Rev. David Moseley, First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs.

**200,000 Reasons:** Rev. J.J. Whitney reported on the 200,000 Reasons Childhood Hunger Initiative, which started in 2014. The mission is to bring down the number of hungry children in Arkansas. In 2018, the number is down to 163,800 children. Now, 66 percent of United Methodist Churches participate in the 200,000 Reasons ministries. What can we do: feed, glean, provide, witness.

### Vitality! Update: The Summit on Growing Disciples Video

The Summit on Growing Disciples will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, at St. James UMC in Little Rock, hosted by the Center on Vitality.

### Greetings from Craig Hill, Dean of Perkins School of Theology.

**EPISCOPACY REPORT:** Karon Mann, chair of the Arkansas Conference Board of Episcopacy, and Rev. Mark Norman, South Central District Superintendent, gave a report and presented a floral display to Karen Mueller, wife to Bishop Gary Mueller.

**BREAK:** Bishop Mueller called for a break until 10:00 am.

**GATHERING:** Bishop Mueller called the session to order at 10:00 am and offered a prayer.

**THE WAY FORWARD UPDATE:** Bishop Gary Mueller gave an update on the Commission on a Way Forward. There's not much we can do today on the Way Forward since the report will not be made available until July 8. He then invited the Conference to take some time to remember who we REALLY are: United or Untied Methodist. Gather into groups of 4 to 6 people to do a little work this morning with the following questions. 1. What happened in the United Methodist Church that has made a difference in your life? 2. What have you learned from a person with whom you disagreed on an important issue? 3. What do you value most about being a United Methodist Christian? 4. The trajectory of the Arkansas Annual Conference is to create vital congregations to make disciples, equipped to transform lives, and communities, and the world. 5. What do you value most about the United Methodist Church?

**PROCESSING THE WAY FORWARD, PRAYER AND DISCUSSION:** Bishop Gary Mueller.

Praying our Way Forward. Fast one day per week. Pray using a weekly prayer calendar that is posted on the UMCprays.org website through the end of February 2019.

**MOMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Mueller recognized lay member Rod Hocott, who is retired this year after 50 years in Youth ministry in the United Methodist Church.

**ORDER OF THE DAY: CELEBRATION OF RETIREES AND NEWLY LICENSED LOCAL PASTORS:** The Service of Worship recognizing the 2018 Clergy Retirees and Newly Licensed Local Pastors was held.

### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO NEWLY LICENSED LOCAL PASTORS

Bishop Mueller and Rev. Glenn Harris presented certificates to the following persons who are new-



ly licensed local pastors: Jerrod Bachuss, Trinette Barnes, Dazzle Burns, Max Daugherty, Clayton Ferrell, Tonya Hancock, Terry Hughes, Phillip Jackson, William James, Bobby Jones, Regena Mason, William Nowell, Tyler Rushing, Andrew Smith, Renee Willett, Steve Wilson, Christopher Wright, and Yesenia Zapata.

### CELEBRATION OF RETIREES

Those entering retired status were: Maxine Allen (23 years); David E. Baker (40.5 years); Cherie Baker (27 years); Robert C. "Bobby" Bell (42 years); Walter L. Burnett (23 years); Rufus R. "Bob" Burnham Jr. (40 years); David Caswell (11.75 years); Austin "Hawk" Coleman (8 years); Jenni Duncan (20 years); Bill L. Fish (36.5 years); Thomas T. Frase (18.5 years); James E. Harris (15 years); Robert Hunt (24.75 years); Richard Lancaster (44 years); Robert L. Lyons (12 years); P. Dianne Miller (14.5 years); Thompson W. Murray (31.5 years); Carl Ownbey (8 years); Lewis T. See (40 years); Charles Sigman (21 years); Dennis W. Spence (43 years); Lynn D. Strang (18 years); Mace Straubel (24 years); Carol Ann Stewart (5 years); Sandra Wanasek (18.5 years).

They were greeted with ovation by the Conference. The retirees had a combined total of over 600 (612.5) years of ministry. Each retiree received a Retirement Certificate, Retirement Pin, and a plaque of appreciation from the Board of Ordained Ministry. Retiring pastors and 2018 class of ordinands took part in the Passing of the Mantle. Bishop Mueller gave the benediction and prayer of blessing.

Worship Participants: Bishop Gary E. Mueller, Presiding Bishop of the Arkansas Episcopal Area; Rev. Glen Harris, Chair of Local Pastors and Associate Ministers; Ms. Karon Mann, Conference Lay Leader; Rev. Lauren DeLano, First United Methodist Church, Conway, Liturgist; Rev. Charles Sigman, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Liturgist; Rev. Andrew Kjørlaug, First United Methodist Church, Charleston, Worship Leader; Earl Wilde, Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village, Pianist. Worship Design Team: Rev. Patti Butler, Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village; Rev. Andrew Kjørlaug, First United Methodist Church, Charleston; 2018 Arkansas Annual Conference Worship Team; Rev. Jeanne Williams, First United Methodist Church, Bella Vista, and Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson, Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church, Sherwood (co-chairs).

**ADJOURN FOR LUNCH:** Bishop Mueller dismissed the Conference at 11:45 am for lunch. Sessions began again at 1:15 pm.



### MONDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 18, 2018

#### CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Rev. Mary Jane Cole was the preacher and spoke on "Hello ... Goodbye ... Hello."

**Naming the Saints:** Thomas A. Abney, Lois A. Anderson, Gertrude Bitter, Venita Bruner, H. Frank Cook, Dewey Dark, Leon T. Dixon Jr., Edwin Bland Dodson, Gleda Marie Edwards, William D. "Bill" Elliott, Rita Kaye Hammett Evans, Marion Fleming, Peggy Lann, Jerry L. Lumpkin, Gary B. Lunsford, James Edward Major, Lillie R. Major, Albert C. Marlar, Carlos E. Martin, John Pershing Miles, Rebecca J. Miller, Earl Thomas Moreland, Sylvia L. Nosc, Eva Louise Pettus, Carol Ann Robbins, Elizabeth "Betty" Embrey Robertson, Robert P. Sessions, Wensil Smith, Ellis Edward "Ed" Warren, Sondra Warren, Dorothy Yarnell Warden.

**Worship Participants:** Bishop Gary E. Mueller, Presiding Bishop of the Arkansas Episcopal Area; Rev. Mary Jane Cole, Spiritual Director, Sacred Path/First United Methodist, Little Rock, preacher; Joann Carr, University of Arkansas at Monticello Wesley Foundation, liturgist; Phillip Jackson, Seth Tyler Rushing, Lorna Shelton, Amanda Pack, University of Arkansas at Monticello Wesley Foundation, acolytes; Rev. Andrea' Cummings, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church-St. Luke Campus, Little Rock, liturgist; Toni Black, Kit Edscorn and Debbie Holliday, Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Hot Springs Village, strings; Earl Wilde, Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village, piano; Rev. Patti Butler, Christ of the Hills United Method-

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ist Church, Hot Springs Village; Rev. Natasha Murray, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Wesley Foundation, Rev. Zach Roberts, First United Methodist Church, Blytheville; 2018 Arkansas Annual Conference Worship Team; Rev. Jeanne Williams, First United Methodist Church, Bella Vista, and Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson, Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church, Sherwood (co-chairs).

**BREAK:** The conference was in recess for 20 minutes until 2:30 pm.

**GATHERING MUSIC:** Trenton Teegarden provided music to regather the Conference.

**“A PRAYER FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE”:** Bishop Mueller called the Conference back to order at 2:30 p.m.. Rev. Jennie Williams of Highland Valley United Methodist Church in Little Rock led the prayer.

### BUSINESS SESSION

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:** Rev. Mark Norman, South Central District Superintendent.

Corrected text of Constitutional Amendment 1 - In the 2012 Book of Discipline, Division One, add a new paragraph between current paragraph 5 and 6:

As the Holy Scripture reveals, both men and women are made in the image of God and therefore, men and women are of equal value in the eyes of God. The United Methodist Church acknowledges the long history of discrimination against women and girls. The United Methodist Church shall confront and see to eliminate discrimination against women and girls, whether in organizations or individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large. The United Methodist Church shall work collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten women’s and girl’s equality and well-being.

If voted so and so declared by the Council of Bishops, this would become the new paragraph 6 and the current paragraph 6-16 would be renumbered as paragraph 7-62

Rationale: The Constitution contains a paragraph on racial justice but not one on gender justice. The language of this petition is parallel to the language of Article 5 on racial justice already in our Constitution. It is an affirmation that, as part of our core foundational beliefs, this church will forever stand against any actions, organizations or individuals that discriminate or dehumanize women and girls anywhere on this planet.

One speech was given in favor of the amendment. The amendment is not an amendable document and requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote for approval. The results of the balloting will not be shared until all annual conferences have voted.

### RESOLUTION TO 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUPPORTING JUST AND INCLUSIVE POLICY FOR LAY STAFF EMPLOYED IN LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY.

Whereas, we affirm that the mark of a faithful believer is the presence of the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 10:44-48;*

Whereas, we affirm that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. *Galatians 5:22-23;*

Whereas, we affirm that the fruit of the Spirit and the presence of the Spirit are evident in the lives and relationships of Christians of all gender identities and sexual orientations. *Galatians 3:26-29;*

Whereas, we affirm that throughout salvation history, God is continually doing new things. *Isaiah 43:19; Ephesians 3:5-6;* Whereas, within our own tradition as Wesleyan Christians, our founder, John Wesley, recognized that certain canons and practices of the Church of England were in tension with where the Holy Spirit was leading and at work;

Whereas, in response to the movement of the Holy Spirit, Wesley consecrated Thomas Coke to spread the good news of the Gospel in America and authorized him to ordain deacons and elders and to consecrate Francis Asbury;

Whereas, also in response to the movement of the Holy Spirit, John Wesley licensed women to preach, teach and exhort; and

Whereas, Francis Asbury, responding to the movement of the Holy Spirit, ordained Richard Allen,

an African-American, as a deacon in 1799 even before General Conference approved the ordination of African-American clergy; (Ted A. Campbell, "Negotiating Wesleyan Catholicity," in Daniel Castelo, ed., *Embodying Wesley's Catholic Spirit* (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2017), pp. 7-11). Therefore, be it resolved that the Arkansas Annual Conference urges delegates to the Called Session of the General Conference 2019 to remove from the United Methodist Book of Discipline any language that restricts the movement of the Holy Spirit, including the "incompatibility clause," restrictions on "same-sex" marriage and/or "conducting ceremonies which celebrate homosexual unions or performing same-sex wedding ceremonies" by ordained or licensed clergy, restrictions on the ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals," and other restrictions "ensuring that no board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality," so that the power of God for salvation will be expressed to its fullest for all people. *Romans 1:16*. (Book of Discipline: ¶ 161.F - Human Sexuality; ¶ 341.6 - Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions; ¶ 806.9 -Ban on Funding; ¶ 304.3- Ordained Ministry; ¶ 304.2b - Ordained Ministry; ¶ 2702.1b - Chargeable Offenses)

Action: to be forwarded to called General Conference (2019).

Submitted by (open) ARMS Reconciling Methodists, Harold Hughes, Suzie Bell, Joy Williams, Rev Velda Bell, Larry Cook, Rev Keith Coker, Julie Cabe, Nate Clark, K D Reep, Anne Holcomb, Rachel Alwis-Lindstrom, David Holcomb, Jennifer Boulden, Rev Roger Armstrong, Vernon Stokay, Julie Atkins, Jennifer Atkins-Gordeeva, Nikolai Gordeev, Barbara Mullins.

Presented by Harold Hughes. Bishop Mueller said the Conference Chancellor has ruled use of the word "will" asks for something beyond conference's ability to act. The wording needs to be more aspirational. Bishop Mueller declared the resolution in its present form to be out of order.

#### **RESOLUTION: STRAW POLL ON THE COUNCIL OF BISHOP'S THREE MODELS**

Whereas: The Special Called Session of General Conference (February 23-26, 2019) will be voting on issues of Human Sexuality that will have significant consequences on the nature and shape of our shared ministry, and our ability to make disciples.

Whereas: The Town Hall meetings were held in January throughout the Conference to inform the laity and clergy alike of the three Models that were at that time being considered.

Where as: The Town Hall meetings provided opportunity for those present to vote on the strengths and weaknesses of the three Models. Yet there was no direct voting on which Model was preferred by those present.

Whereas: The Council of Bishops will be formulating a final report to be voted on at General Conference, and the final report will not be completed until after the Arkansas Annual Conference has met, thus Arkansas United Methodist will not have an opportunity to express their preference on this vitally important decision.

Whereas: The Council of Bishops has offered a preliminary report on their recommendations to General Conference. The Three (3) Models from the Commission on the Way Forward are being moved forward, with some adjustments. The current "One Church" or Model #2 is being favored by the Council of Bishops.

We as the Arkansas Annual Conference resolve: That in our Five District Charge Conferences this fall we be given the opportunity to express our support or our lack of support on the Final Report that will be presented to General Conference.

The voting shall be a one vote preference on all Three Models, and any additional Model (s) that may also be presented by the Council of Bishops in their final report to the General Conference. Those eligible to vote shall be those authorized to vote at Charge Conference. The vote totals from each District shall be published in the Arkansas United Methodist. Signed by Mike Morey, Harry Hamner, Ken Minin, Barbara Douglas, Pauleen Ann Ferris, Tommy Labman, David Kassos, Michael Bolin, Richard Gifford, George Odell, Deborah L. Head, Tom Letchworth, Stephen Dickinson, Roger Glover, Mary Meier, Louise Glover, John Miles, Pat Bodenhamer.

Four speeches in favor and four speeches opposed. Motion was NOT ADOPTED.

**PETITIONS**

**Affirming the Current Doctrine and Discipline of the UMC Concerning Human Sexuality.**

Rationale: The United Methodist Church is in continuity with the “holy catholic and apostolic church” (The United Methodist Hymnal, #880 The Nicene Creed). The historic and Biblical position of United Methodism on human sexuality has been consistently reaffirmed since 1972 despite consistent attempts to alter our position at subsequent General Conferences.

That position was once again reaffirmed at the General Conference of 2016, that defines “marriage as the union of one man and one woman” (Book of Discipline 2016, Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, Marriage).

This position is grounded in the doctrine of the United Methodist Church that clearly confirms the authority of the Old and New Testaments, which “is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice” (Book of Discipline, Confession of Faith, Article IV). Furthermore, the Scriptures exhort us to “contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints” (Jude 1:3).

The 2016 General Conference also reaffirmed our conviction that “Although all persons are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous, heterosexual marriage” (Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, Human Sexuality).

The 2016 General Conference also reaffirmed our confidence that “all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God;” and yet continues to maintain that “The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching,” while balancing that view by continuing to “implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends” (Book of Discipline 2016, Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, Human Sexuality).

And the 2016 General Conference has again made clear that “The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church” (Book of Discipline 2016, ¶ 304.3 Qualifications for Ordination).

We value denominational unity, provided that it does not compromise our existing, consistently affirmed core convictions on marriage and Scriptural holiness. Moreover, the core of the Christian doctrine and Scriptural holiness is not determined by cultural context or changing historical realities, but is grounded in that which has been “believed everywhere, always and by all” (Vincent of Lerins) and has been confirmed in the experience of the community of faith in the church universal.

**Petition:**

The Arkansas Annual Conference petitions the 2019 General Conference, assembled in St. Louis, February 23-26 to retain our current core convictions in regard to human sexuality, particularly as related to marriage and ordination.

Date: June 6, 2018

Tom Letchworth

Elder, Arkansas Annual Conference, retired

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**Signatories:**

Tom Letchworth, Bob Hager, Dee Harper, Bryan Fink, Christopher Bounds, Jeff Warrick, Joe Head, Deborah Head, Pat Bodenhamer, Mary Baker Meier, Troy Conrad, Steve Pulliam, Jim Lenderman, David A. Moore, David Jones, John Miles, Justin Ledbetter, Debby Bodenhamer, Paul Coy, Tommy Toombs, Todd Vick, Ann Ferris, Andrew Thompson

Presented by Rev. Tom Letchworth.

Four speeches in favor and four speeches opposed. Vote by hand count was inconclusive. Vote was then taken by standing count with tellers. The petition was NOT ADOPTED.

**REPORTS**

- Center for Communication. Presented by Amy Ezell, Director of the Center. New staff members have been added, and in August, the magazine will come out online. There will be a workshop for local church communicators and administrators. The magazine will no longer require paid subscriptions and will be presented at no cost in an online format.
- Greetings from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, presented by Dr. Neil Blair, president of St. Paul School of Theology. Dr. Blair recognized those in the audience with ties to the school.
- Greetings from Philander Smith College, presented by Dr. Roderick L. Smothers, president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock. A video showed highlights of the college, featuring its students and faculty. Dr. Smothers said the college is a family and embraces its connection with the United Methodist Church through a variety of avenues. Enrollment has been doubled to almost 1,000 students since 2015. The college's footprint has been expanded throughout the community. Philander Smith has always been known as a place of action. 100 beds will be added to Panther Village this summer to accommodate some of these new students.

**DENMAN AWARDS**

Presented by Dante Shelton, White Memorial United Methodist Church, Little Rock, and the Foundation for Evangelism.

Outstanding Laity: David Leech, First United Methodist Church, Stuttgart. A nomination form said, "He did not care about politics. He just cared about getting the job done."

Outstanding Clergy: Rev. Danita Waller-Paige, pastor of White Memorial United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Believes we should be in connection with both the church and unchurched in our community.

**PETITION TO 2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE TO AFFIRM THE MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE, OUR TRADITION, AND OUR CURRENT CONTEXT**

Whereas, we affirm that the mark of a faithful believer is the presence of the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 10:44-48;*

Whereas, we affirm that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. *Galatians 5:22-23;*

Whereas, we affirm that the fruit of the Spirit and the presence of the Spirit are evident in the lives and relationships of Christians of all gender identities and sexual orientations. *Galatians 3:26-29;*

Whereas, we affirm that throughout salvation history, God is continually doing new things. *Isaiah 43:19; Ephesians 3:5-6;* Whereas, within our own tradition as Wesleyan Christians, our founder, John Wesley, recognized that certain canons and practices of the Church of England were in tension with where the Holy Spirit was leading and at work;

Whereas, in response to the movement of the Holy Spirit, Wesley consecrated Thomas Coke to spread the good news of the Gospel in America and authorized him to ordain deacons and elders and to consecrate Francis Asbury;

Whereas, also in response to the movement of the Holy Spirit, John Wesley licensed women to preach, teach and exhort; and

Whereas, Francis Asbury, responding to the movement of the Holy Spirit, ordained Richard Allen, an African-American, as a deacon in 1799 even before General Conference approved the ordination of African-American clergy; (Ted A. Campbell, "Negotiating Wesleyan Catholicity," in Daniel Castelo, ed., *Embodying Wesley's Catholic Spirit* (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2017), pp. 7-11).

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arkansas Annual Conference urges delegates to the Called Session of the General Conference 2019 to remove from the United Methodist Book of Discipline any language that restricts the movement of the Holy Spirit, including the "incompatibility clause," restrictions on "same-sex" marriage and/or "conducting ceremonies which celebrate homosexual unions or performing same-sex wedding ceremonies" by ordained or licensed clergy, restrictions on the ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals," and other restrictions "ensuring that

no board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality,” so that the power of God for salvation will be expressed to its fullest for all people. *Romans 1:16*. (Book of Discipline: ¶ 161.F - Human Sexuality; ¶ 341.6 - Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions; ¶ 806.9 -Ban on Funding; ¶ 304.3- Ordained Ministry; ¶ 304.2b - Ordained Ministry; ¶ 2702.1b - Chargeable Offenses)

Action: to be forwarded to called General Conference (2019).

Submitted by (open) ARMS Reconciling Methodists, Harold Hughes, Suzie Bell, Joy Williams, Rev Velda Bell, Larry Cook, Rev Keith Coker, Julie Cabe, Nate Clark, K D Reep, Anne Holcomb, Rachel Alwis-Lindstrom, David Holcomb, Jennifer Boulden, Rev Roger Armstrong, Vernon Stokay, Julie Atkins, Jennifer Atkins-Gordeeva, Nikolai Gordeev, Barbara Mullins.

Kyle Forehand from Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, presented the petition. Two speeches in favor and four speeches opposed. The petition was NOT ADOPTED.

### RESOLUTION AFFIRMING WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Sponsored by Arkansas Connection of Orthodox Wesleyans

Whereas the equality of men and women is established as a premise of Biblical theology (Genesis 1:27 describes the creation of humankind: “So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”).

And whereas the ministry of women is affirmed emphatically and persistently throughout Scripture (Miriam the sister of Moses is called a prophet in Exodus 15:20; Deborah is designated as both a prophetess and a judge in Judges 4-5; Mary Magdalene is the first person to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus in John 20:18; the daughters of Philip the evangelist are described as possessing the gift of prophecy in Acts 21:8-9; Acts 18:24-26, Priscilla instructs Apollos; Romans 16:6-7 Paul sends greeting to the apostles Mary and Junia; Romans 16:1 Phoebe is named as a deacon in the church; Acts 16:14-15, Lydia is named as a powerful woman in the community, who is head of her household, and who cared for Paul and Silas; 1 Corinthians 1:11, and in Colossians 4:15 we see Chloe and Nympha listed as the heads of churches that met in their homes. All throughout the Bible we see a message about women that puts them on equal footing with men. Galatians 3:28-29 states it clearly, “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” The implication is that barriers in status are gone. We are all heirs, adopted into the family of Christ. None of us remains as a slave or a subordinate. None of these groups listed holds of place of superiority, leadership, or hierarchy over another in Christ, or in his family, the Church).

And whereas United Methodism is historically a part of the Holiness tradition in Protestantism, which focuses on the work of the Holy Spirit in the inspiration of Scripture, the birth of the church, the gifts of the Spirit for the edification of the church, and the work of the Holy Spirit in the Order of Salvation;

And whereas the Holiness tradition in Christianity has affirmed the ministry of women, citing in particular the sermon of the Apostle Peter on the Day of Pentecost, when the apostle quotes the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy (Acts 2:17-18).

And whereas the Greek word *prophemi* (prophecy) in the New Testament describes the act of speaking for God, or interpreting the Scripture rather than foretelling the future, thus reinforcing

the preaching and teaching role of women in the church (Greek-English Lexicon, Liddell & Scott Oxford Press 1889, Impression 1972, p. 704);

And whereas the Methodist tradition has approved women for ministry from the time that John Wesley authorized Sara Crosby to preach in 1761, and Methodists ordained women as early as the late 1800's; and the Methodist Church as one forerunner of United Methodism ordained women into full inclusion as elders at the General Conference of May 4, 1956

(see Why does The United Methodist Church ordain women? at <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/why-does-the-united-methodist-church-ordain-women>);

Therefore be it resolved that the Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church earnestly and enthusiastically endorses the full inclusion and equality of women as ordained elders and deacons, diaconal ministers and licensed local pastors among us.

Signed: Tom Letchworth, George Odell, Bob Hager, Susan Miles, Carol Hager, Jeff Warrick, Pat Bodenhamer, David A. Moore, Kevin Lyon, Richard Gifford, Dee Harper, Chris Hemund, Bryan Fink, Carl Palmer, John Miles, Wesley Hilliard, Dixon Platt, Donnie Hudson, Mary Baker Meier, Deborah Head, Debby Bodenhamer, Carlton Noel Cross, Ann Ferris, Denni Palmer, Mitch Forrest, Christopher Bounds, Troy Conrad, Allen Crum, Carol Reese Moore, Matthew Johnson, Steve Pulliam, Tracy Roden, Jim Lenderman, John D. Palmer, Billy Vanderbilt, David Jones, Tommy Toombs, Todd Vick.

Presented by Rev. Tom Letchworth, retired elder. Four speeches in favor and four speeches opposed.

**MOTION:** Charles Murry, retired clergy, moved to suspend the rules so the resolution can be considered further through referral.  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required -- motion PASSED

Charles Murry made a further motion to refer the resolution to a representative group of the signatories of the resolution and the clergy women for holy conferencing. Motion was seconded. Rev. Steve Wingo offered a prayer of reconciliation and unity.

Four speeches in favor and four speeches opposed. The motion to refer for holy conversation was referred to the group by a vote of 290-216.

**RECESS:** Bishop Mueller gave the prayer of dismissal and blessing for the evening. There is no formal worship service scheduled for the evening.



**TUESDAY MORNING  
JUNE 19, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Morning worship music by Ken and Casey Weatherford and Trenton Teegarden began at 8:00 a.m.

**"A PRAYER FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE":** Bishop Mueller called the Conference back to order. Rev. Andrew Suite of Mountainside United Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village, led the prayer.

**LAITY ADDRESS:** Bishop Mueller introduced Karon Mann, Conference Lay Leader, and Kathy Conley, Associate Lay Leader. Words upon which they focused were love, learn, lead, pray. Karon Mann's address was centered around getting her focus fixed and centered around Jesus Christ. We need to remember that we are disciples of Jesus Christ and we are called to love. She urged us to love rather than tolerate as did Jesus. Love God with everything we have. Kathy Conley shared her thoughts on a disciple's need to learn. That "C" word -- change -- you can't say it or do it. We are encouraged to learn new things, and we worship a God who is a God of new things. We would be wise to pray that we will always be open to God's plan and not ours. Learn to be: open to the whispers of God's guidance; willing to go on a new adventure; comfortable in our witness and talk to others in an

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open-minded way; free to join in order to expand your realm of life in the world; mindful in looking for people you can connect to God and to one another (invite and be an encourager); the presence of Jesus in the world; the dream fulfilled. Karon Mann then encouraged the laity to be leaders in their congregations and communities. Be encouraging, fair, open, a calming influence. Kathy Conley encouraged laity to seek the holy ground in the presence of Jesus through prayer, a privilege that will never be denied us. Karon Mann read Hebrews 4:16. The conference was led in a unison prayer on love and forgiveness.

**MOMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Bishop Mueller said it is his son Nick's birthday and asked the conference to sing Happy Birthday to him in Los Angeles.

### REPORTS

**FACILITIES FEASIBILITY STUDY:** The study was presented by Todd Vick and Mary Lewis Dassinger (see ANNUAL REPORTS in Section I of the Journal). Rev. Vick discussed the recommendation from the Future Facility Task Force, which collected and analyzed data to determine areas in which we are lacking. The team's vision includes establishing the Arkansas Annual Conference Ministry Center. This would be a unified place for Arkansas Methodists, provide space to equip ministry leaders, enhance our communication across the Annual Conference, centralize our mission focus, encourage corporate worship in Sacred Spaces, connect us with our Arkansas Methodist heritage, and offer a positive and hopeful statement to the wider community. The report was ADOPTED.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:** Rev. Katie Pearce, chair of the Nominating Committee, gave the report. (see COMMITTEES in Section E of the Journal). She announced a few changes to the report and encouraged members to use the nominations profile sheet to help fill committees with people who want to serve. The report was ADOPTED.

**MOMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Rev. Jim Polk gave a prayer for conference staff member Rebecca Davis.

### REPORTS

**CENTER FOR VITALITY:** The report was presented by the Rev. Dede Roberts, director of the Center. We are so grateful to offer this report on this day. One of our Pathways to Hope is sharing our faith. The center has brought Spiritual Revival session, the Grow by One Summit, and the website [www.vitaldisciples.org](http://www.vitaldisciples.org). Rev. Roberts encouraged all to use materials available through the center on the website and in other ways. Dr. Blake Bradford is leaving the Center for Vitality team to become Central District Superintendent. Upcoming is the Growing Disciples summit. Chad Hornsby, a junior at Hendrix College, is a part of the team and is working on a Taize project that can be used in churches, particularly a worship service that could be used by laity. Team member Cathy Hall is working on the initiative Leadership Unleashed for lay leaders. The initiative works on ways laity can reach those outside our walls. It emphasizes relational evangelism. The next phase of Leadership Unleashed will be launched this fall and will include Communities of Practice. Dr. Michelle Morris is joining the team as lead trainer. She is looking at ways to help others find information and training in spite of the challenges in our state: geography, church sizes, etc. She is looking into online learning and training options. (See ANNUAL REPORTS in Section I of the Journal)

**CENTER FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Bill Wisener, chairman of the Council on Finance and Administration, and Todd Burris, treasurer and director of administrative services for the Arkansas Conference, brought the report. (See ANNUAL REPORTS in Section I of the Journal). The report was ADOPTED.

**COMMITTEE ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION:** The report was given by Paul Strang, committee chairman. (See ANNUAL REPORTS in Section I of the Journal). The report was ADOPTED.

**Monitoring Report #2** by Sara Bayles and George Odell

## RESOLUTION TO END CHILD/PARENT SEPARATION



Whereas the United States government recently implemented a coercive “zero tolerance policy” resulting in the separation of children from immigrant parents and the incarceration of children in detention centers;

Whereas this practice constitutes a violation of international law, is child abuse, harassment and discrimination;

Whereas Christians have Biblical mandates in the Old and New Testaments on how to treat one another: “do not mistreat the alien living among you” (Leviticus 19:33); Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40); “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39); “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” Matthew 7:12;

Whereas the United Methodist Social Principles includes: The Social Community: Rights of Immigrants. “We oppose immigration policies that separate family members from each other or that include detention of families with children, and we call on local churches to be in ministry with immigrant families.” (paragraph 162.H)

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church strongly urges the US Department of Justice to immediately discontinue separating children from their families due to the “zero tolerance policy.”

Be it further resolved that the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church call on leaders and policymakers to ensure that our laws affirm the inherent worth, dignity and human rights of all immigrants.

Arkansas Conference Board of Church and Society

Jay Clark, chairman of the Conference Board of Church of Society, presented the resolution.

Four speeches in favor and three speeches opposed. The resolution was ADOPTED.

#### **RESOLUTION REGARDING NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

Rev. Angie Gage, Cherokee Village United Methodist Church, presented the resolution.

*Rationale:* The United Methodist Church has taken a deep look into the past treatment of Native Indigenous People in North America. Native Americans (Indians), Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have had to endure much suffering over the centuries. With the recent movement within the UMC for repentance, reconciliation and healing with the native peoples, we bring forth this resolution to continue in this process. This resolution has no financial implications as the Committee on Native American Ministry operates through the portion of the Native American Ministry Sunday offering which remains within our Conference. The reestablished Committee on Native American Ministry would be able to operate as a sub-committee under the ELCC, thus not changing our structure. Over the last two years, the authors of this resolution have traveled on behalf of the Arkansas Conference to General Conference events for Native American Ministry. This resolution is a result of much prayer, worship with Native brothers and sisters, sharing of faith stories, and hard work they have been doing on the behalf of our Conference.

*Whereas*, the United Methodist Church, through the Book of Discipline ¶ 654, states that in every conference there shall be a committee on Native American Ministry or other structure to provide for these ministries; and

*Whereas*, ¶ 654 further states, that where possible, the membership of this committee shall consist of a majority of Native Americans; and

*Whereas*, the Arkansas Conference has both laity and clergy who are Native Indigenous People; and

*Whereas*, the Committee on Native American Ministry has not been a part of our conference structure since 2012, instead has had a seat at the table on the Ethnic and Language Concerns Committee; and

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*Whereas*, at the 2015 session of the Arkansas Annual Conference, a service of repentance and reconciliation was conducted; and

*Whereas*, since 2015, the voice and traditions of the Native Americans in the Arkansas Conference is still silenced, including within worship during Annual Conference; and

*Whereas*, at the 2016 General Conference the continuance of the desire of repentance, reconciliation, and healing with Native Americans was reaffirmed through the Book of Resolutions #3321;

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Committee on Native American Ministry be reinstated as of the 2018 Arkansas Annual Conference while retaining representation on the Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns; and

*Be it further resolved*, that this committee will be comprised of a majority of Native Americans, as possible; and

*Be it further resolved*, that this committee will actively work toward the awareness of and the inclusion of Native Americans within all aspects of our Conference; and

*Be it further resolved*, that as a Conference, who has participated in an act of repentance and reconciliation, we will include the presence of our Native American sisters and brothers in our worship experiences every year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. George Odell, Chair of Arkansas Commission on Race and Religion, Algonquin

Rev. Angie Gage, Sr. Pastor Cherokee Village United Methodist Church, Cherokee

Helen Emerson, Southeast District, Choctaw

Harris Moore, Northwest District, Choctaw Freeman

Billy Britt, Southeast District, Cherokee

Rev. John F. Michael, Northeast District, Chickasaw

Doni Martin, Northeast District

Rev. Brad Elrod, Southeast District

Linda Dunn, Northeast District

Rev. Donna Harvey, Northeast District

Four speeches in favor and no speeches opposed. The resolution was ADOPTED.

**MOMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** The members of the Native American Ministry in the conference presented a gift to Bishop Mueller.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please keep Rev. Mike Wilkie and Rev. John Alston in our prayers as they are hospitalized. Also, there are many items at the Lost and Found table.

**BREAK:** The Conference was on a break for 20 minutes at 10:10 am.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bishop Mueller called the Conference back to order.

**“A PRAYER FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE”:** Rev. Taylor Loy, incoming associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, Benton, led the prayer.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** Bishop Mueller introduced Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries, for a teaching session -- Making, Shaping and Engaging Passionate Disciples of Jesus Christ. Using a baseball analogy, touching first base is intentional discipleship. For a long time, we have not been touching first base, and if you don't touch first base, nothing after that matters. Discipleship is 1). personal, and 2). corporate. Before you can teach discipleship, you must BE a disciple. Knowing, growing, serving, sharing and worshiping Jesus. Prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Discipleship, first and foremost, begins with us (me), the leaders in the denomination. You cannot lead what you are not willing to model. How you lead shapes how you lead others. Each year as a yearly checkup, ask these questions: How have you grown in your faith this year?

What spiritual discipline/practice has been most helpful? What is your plan for spiritual growth this upcoming year? Healthy people develop healthy congregations. Healthy congregations develop healthy people. Vital congregations are effective in disciple-making not because they have some magical formula, or secret sauce, or have just implemented the latest “can’t miss” program. They are vital and effective at disciple making because they have leaders who are growing in their discipleship. Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ, Serving Christ, Sharing Christ -- resources are available for these areas of discipleship. If you build disciples, you will always get the Church. Intentional discipleship is keeping the main thing, the main thing. We cannot disciple people with whom we do not have a relationship.

**ADJOURN FOR LUNCH:** Bishop Mueller dismissed the Conference at 11:45 am for lunch. Rev. Jonathan Griesse, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, Heber Springs, offered grace for the noon meal.



**TUESDAY AFTERNOON  
JUNE 19, 2018**

**GATHERING MUSIC:** Ken and Casey Weatherford provided music to regather the Conference at 1:15 p.m.

**REPORTS**

**UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS:** Clarence Trice, senior vice president and chief financial officer of the Foundation, gave the report (see REPORTS, pages 55-56). The Seminary Scholarship Fund was highlighted as one of the funds supported through the Foundation, with a video featuring a recent recipient and divinity school graduate, a recipient who now leads Ozark Mission Project, and a couple who established a trust to help support the Foundation. A special time of remembrance was held in memory of Jim Argue, executive director of the Foundation.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** Martha Altom, president of United Methodist Women for the Arkansas Conference gave the report. The annual meeting of UMW will be at Russellville UMC. Mission is July 25-28 at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville.

**CENTER FOR CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY:** The report was presented by Rev. Jim Polk, director of Connectional Ministries. A video outlining several aspects of this ministry was presented. These include ministries for children, youth, college students, and adults. Some of the ministries include feeding the hungry, disaster relief, camping and retreats, ethnic ministries, and global issues. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is changing lives. Connectional Ministries are about people -- making disciples and being disciples. The breadth and scope of the ministries is wide. Rev. Polk encouraged all to take a look at the resources and opportunities that are available on the website at arumc.org to help people get involved in the connectional ministries. Rev. Maxine Allen is retiring and leaving the Connectional Ministries team. She shared with the group a scripture from John 15, and the words of Al Green: “Arkansas Annual Conference -- Let’s Stay Together.”

**DEAN OF THE CABINET OF THE ARKANSAS CONFERENCE:** Rev. Mark Norman gave the report. We are in a time of transition. Rev. Richard Lancaster is retiring and Rev. Blake Bradford has been appointed to that position as Central District Superintendent. As we witness to one another, we as the Cabinet have been kind of like a church. When we worship together, we laugh AT each other, we experience the joy of being together, and we actually like each other. The new dean of the Cabinet will be Rev. Stephen Coburn.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** Rev. Dede Roberts introduced Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries, for a second teaching session -- It’s Not About Fixing Churches. We can no longer get to our goal with surface and programmatic relationships. A more relational ministry can

be more difficult. See All the People (SeeAllThePeople.org) initiative is focused on moving beyond the four walls. It is a resource from the bottom up, rather than the top down. Discipleship begins with relationship. This is missional discipleship. We do great outreach in the United Methodist Church. What we don't do so well is building relationships. Discussion question: What does the phrase, "Discipleship begins with relationship," say to you? Outreach and evangelistic ministries work best when they are relational. Rev. Dotson discussed the life cycle of the church in four stages: introductory, growth, maturity, and decline. Discussion question: Where is your church in this life cycle? Rebirth happens when a church intentionally decides to re-engage with its community. Rebirth can happen at any stage, which means there is always hope. Ask the question "why" and it could mean a lot to the trajectory of your ministries. Most church members and leaders live in activities, events and programs that keep church going from week to week. The problem is that we lose sight of why the activities exist in the first place and our activities become more important than our own spiritual growth. The posture of being the church: Dying church is one that comes to the church, sits in the church, and leaves the church. A vital church is one that goes to the people, engages with the people, and connects with the people. Discussion question: What is the current culture of your church or ministry? What things need to change in order to move toward a discipleship culture? Relationships must be authentic, organic and consistent. Apply these characteristics to any ministry you have right now and see what needs to be changed to make it authentic, organic and consistent.

**BREAK:** The Conference was on a break for 20 minutes until 3:30 pm.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conference Secretary Aubrietta Jones announced that yesterday was Bishop Hicks' 95th birthday.

### REPORTS

**BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH:** The report was presented by Todd Burris, conference treasurer and director of the center. (See ANNUAL REPORTS in Section I of the Journal). The report was ADOPTED.

**CENTER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:** The report was presented by Todd Burris, conference treasurer and director of the center. Technology is now part of the Center for Administrative Services. Palmer Lee is now in charge of the phones, conference computers, and is technology director for Annual Conference, etc. Cat Boose is leaving the center team to move to her home in Nashville. CFA has created a position as assistant director for the Center, and that position will be filled by Megan Rugg.

**CAMPING MINISTRIES:** Rev. Jim Polk announced that it is the 70th anniversary of Camp Tanako. (See ANNUAL REPORTS in Section I of the Journal). The report discussed the results from the Camp and Retreat Ministries Task Force, which discusses the Camp and Retreat Center Governance, Camp Relationships, and the Conference Structure.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE REPORT ON CAMPING MINISTRIES

Submitted by Judy Hall, clergy at Paris/Magazine UMCs and member of the Board of Trustees of Shoal Creek Camp.

An Amendment Offered by the Shoal Creek Camp Board of Trustees

In section 3c of the report, found on page 29, lines 117 through 120 of the pre-conference journal, we would like to amend the report by extending the dates for accreditation by one year.

The sentence would then read, "If the camps are not accredited by December 31, 2019 the Arkansas Conference will not renew relationship statements and will end support and funding of these camps effective January 1, 2020."

Rationale for amendment:

The board of Shoal Creek Camp is currently exploring what would be involved with accreditation, and will decide soon whether or not to pursue it. However, even if they do choose to seek accreditation, at this point the earliest the process could be completed would be

October, 2019. For that reason alone the board is seeking this extension.

Three speeches in favor and two speeches opposed. The amendment was APPROVED.

The report, as amended, was ADOPTED.

**BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY:** The report was given by Rev. Pam Estes, chairman of the Board of Ordained Ministry. (See ANNUAL REPORTS in Section I of the Journal). She discussed why the BOM exists: each Annual Conference shall have a board to do the work of recruiting, training and creating set-apart ministry of those who have received a call to ministry. A new Arkansas Conference Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training Policy was discussed and ADOPTED.

Local supply pastors, and local pastors, those who graduated from the Course of Study School were recognized and received a copy of the book about the Apostle Paul by N.T. Wright. Three individuals have completed studies in specific disciplines, and they were recognized. Those approved for provisional membership and those to be ordained were recognized.

The report was ADOPTED.

**LUCY FOSTER SERVICE AWARD:** Given by the Methodist Federation for Social Action, the award was presented by Kyle Forehand. The recipient was Dr. Rob Scherer and was accepted on his behalf by Harold Hughes.

## REPORTS

**LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE:** Greetings were given by Richard Hearne, director of development, on behalf of the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas. He brought good news from the U.S./Mexico border through the works of the United Methodist Church at the Lydia Patterson Institute.

**METHODIST LEBONHEUR HEALTHCARE:** Greetings were brought by Dr. Albert Mosley, senior vice president for faith and health, and Jonathan Lewis, ordained deacon in the Memphis conference and former chaplain at Methodist Healthcare. Sunday, Sept. 30, congregations are invited to recognize the 100th anniversary year of Methodist Healthcare.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF HENDRIX COLLEGE:

### RATIONALE

The Hendrix College Board of Trustees currently has 42 members. A review of Board composition among our peer and aspirant institutions revealed that the Hendrix Board was among the largest, with some colleges in the comparison pool having as few as 20 board members. A Board with fewer members will allow us to deliberate and discuss matters of importance more deeply as we seek to fulfill our mission. In close consultation with Bishop Mueller and the Hendrix Board of Trustees Chair, along with approval by the Hendrix Board of Trustees, the following amendments to the College's Charter are proposed before the Arkansas Annual Conference.

### SUMMARY

The following points summarize the amendments:

1. The number of Clergy Trustees would be reduced from 5 to 3 and the terms for Clergy Trustees would be adjusted to three years with a three-year renewal. These Trustees would require election by the Hendrix Board of Trustees and confirmation by the Annual Conference;
2. The ex officio Conference Director position would be eliminated. The Bishop would have the authority to designate a representative to attend on his/her behalf in the event the Bishop is unable to attend a meeting;

3. The number of At Large Trustees would be reduced by 5 positions;
4. The total number of Board members would be reduced from 42 to 34.
5. The amendments are reflected in the Hendrix College Charter with proposed additions bolded and proposed deletions shaded. These amendments were approved by the Hendrix College Board of Trustees on February 16, 2018.

Greetings were given by Dr. Bill Tsutsui, president of Hendrix College, Rev. J.J. Whitney, Hendrix College chaplain, and Rev. David Fleming of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, and a member of the Board of Trustees. According to the amendment, the number of board members would be reduced from 42 to 34 members. The change was APPROVED.

#### REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Rev. Tony Griffin, pastor of Highland Valley United Methodist Church, Little Rock. (See ANNUAL REPORTS in Section I of the Journal). There were three amendments to the report. The report, with amendments, was ADOPTED.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES Chapter 2, Section VI

**Par. 212.** Pre-Conference Journal. There shall be a *Pre-Conference Journal*, which shall contain reports of all program agencies of the Conference, proposed legislation, resolutions and petitions, and information about the Annual Conference session. This Pre-Conference Journal shall be provided to each member of the Arkansas Conference at least 30 days before the annual session. The Conference Secretary shall be the editor of this publication. pre-conference reports submitted for inclusion in the *Pre-Conference Journal* shall be submitted to the Conference Secretary **by a deadline to be determined and widely publicized by the Conference Secretary. no later than 60 days prior to the beginning of Annual Conference.** Any agency making a report not included in the Pre-Conference Journal that proposes changes in policy or has financial implications shall provide the Conference Treasurer and chair of CF&A with the report no later than 10 days prior to the opening Business Session of Annual Conference.

DELETE # 5 UNDER CURRENT PAR 214, INSERT HERE AS NEW PAR 214, and renumber accordingly.

#### **214. Items for Distribution.**

**All items for general distribution shall be prepared by the sponsoring person or agency at their own expense and must be in the hands of the Conference Secretary no later than 3:00 p.m. prior to the next day's Business Session.**

#### **Par. 214: Par. 215** Journal of the Annual Conference

1. There shall be a Journal , which contains a record of the Annual Conference proceedings.
2. All content for the Journal shall be provided to the Conference Secretary no later than the close of the Annual Conference session. All material to be published in the Journal that does not meet this deadline may be excluded unless specific permission for delay is granted by the Conference Secretary. The Conference Secretary, Dean of the Cabinet, and Conference Treasurer shall be authorized to edit all reports for printing in the Journal .
3. Addresses delivered to the Conference, except for the Episcopal Address, Laity Address and Youth Address, shall not be printed in the Conference Journal .
4. All legislation and reports not printed in the Pre-Conference Journal shall be in the hands of the Conference Secretary and Presiding Officer no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the opening Business Session. The agency, at their own expense, also will provide enough copies for the members of the Annual Conference Session to the Conference Secretary no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day before the opening Business Session.
5. **All items for general distribution shall be prepared by the sponsoring person or agency at their own expense and must be in the hands of the Conference Secretary no later than 3:00 p.m. prior to the next**

**day's Business Session:**

5. The Conference Structure shall be reprinted each year in the Journal, incorporating any changes made during the preceding Annual Conference.
6. The Conference Secretary shall distribute an electronic copy of the Journal to active and retired clergy, seminarians, all probationary members, lay members of the Annual Conference, and chairpersons of Conference board, committees, and agencies. Printed copies may be obtained upon request

**RECESS:** Bishop Mueller gave the prayer of dismissal and blessing for the evening. Jay Steven Simpson, First United Methodist Church, Osceola, gave the prayer for the meal.



**TUESDAY EVENING  
JUNE 19, 2018**

**TUESDAY EVENING WORSHIP:** Service for the Ordering of Ministry began at 7:30 pm in Bank of the Ozarks Arena. Worship Participants were Bishop Gary Mueller, Presiding Bishop of the Arkansas Episcopal Area; Preacher: Bishop Ruben Saenz, Resident Bishop of The Great Plains Episcopal Area; Liturgists: Rev. Samantha Meadors, Rev. Ed Seay, Melissa Romero, Jim Spears; Karon Mann, conference lay leader; Reverend Will Choate, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Executive Registrar; Reverend Dawn Spragg, chair, Order of Deacons; Rev. Pam Estes, chair, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry; new ordinands, provisional members and laity of their choice are communion servers; members of Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church are ushers and greeters; members of Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church were choir and orchestra members, with choir director Kenny McKay, and pianists Ruth Clemens and Earl Wilde. Those ordained elder at this conference are: Michael W. Bolin, Patricia Kathryn Butler, Lauren Kristine DeLano, Jonathan R. Griesse, Jay Stephen Simpson, Ronald Jeremy Pressgrove and Jennifer McCain Williams. Brenda Dianne Brewer Wideman was ordained as a deacon. Provisional members are Janet Barrow, Andrea Cummings, Judy Casbeer Hall, Taylor Wade Loy, Andrew Suite and Melanie Tubbs.

Bishop Ruben Saenz of the Kansas/Nebraska Conference spoke during worship. He reminded us that Wesleyan Covenant groups were like a sports huddle in that they were for encouraging and to stimulate good play. They speak as Wesley modeled "How is it with your soul?" Like huddles they encourage good play. After Easter the disciples huddled for worship, prayer, thanksgiving and moving forward. But, they were also afraid. There was a heightened awareness and that fear can be devastating. It is our message that we cannot stop doing good. Sin is what separates us from God. Fear can eat us up. But the message of Christ is that we are to have hope and that hope eats up fear and sin. There will always be someone in the group that will say "the sky is falling." Jesus prayed for unity. Some may lose sight of the mission but we know that Jesus brings hope and peace. When the peace of Christ is in the room nothing else fits. He spoke to the newly ordained and commissioned and told them they were disciples to continue Jesus' mission and go into the world, stay connected, remain calm, and stay courageous.



**WEDNESDAY MORNING  
JUNE 20, 2018**

**OPENING MUSIC: 8:45 am-** Ken and Casey Weatherford, Trenton Teegarden and musicians from the Campus Ministries provided music and prayer to begin the morning session.

**MOMENT OF RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** A video was shown that shared the history of the United Methodist Church and celebrated 50 years of transforming the world.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bishop Mueller called the conference to order at 8:25 am.

**“A PRAYER FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE”:** Rev. Judy Hall of First United Methodist Church, Paris, led the prayer.

**ORDER OF THE DAY: YOUTH ADDRESS:** Bishop Mueller introduced Rebekah Dodson, outgoing president of the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministry, and John Mark Mathis, incoming president of the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministry, who gave a report. The report emphasized a statement the Youth crafted in 2014 at a conference in Manila regarding the future of the UMC. They also told several things that UMC Youth would like the older generations to know about today’s Youth. Some Youth activities: More than 1,400 youth “huddled together” (as Bishop Saenz says) in worship at Veritas and Reconnect. We hold dear the mission “Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing,” and have hope for the future.

## **PROPOSAL**

### **COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

Members of the committee will be Rev. Angie Gage, Southwest District, chair; Rev. Clark Adkins, Northwest District; Billy Britt, Southeast District; Helen Emerson, ELCC Representative; Lexie Burleson, Central District; and Rev. George Odell, Commission on Race and Religion. The Proposal **PASSED**.

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

**MONITORING REPORT #3:** Given by Rev. Sara Bayles on gender equity, and by Rev. George Odell from the Commission on Race and Religion.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:** Rev. Aubrietta Jones, reported that since there were no requests to remove items from the consent calendar reports as listed in the Pre-Conference Journal, the consent calendar was **PASSED**.

**COVERING MOTION:** Reverend Aubrietta Jones:

*“I move that we receive all the reports that have been properly before this session of the Arkansas Annual Conference. I further move that the Cabinet and officers of the conference be empowered to perfect and edit the reports and minutes of this conference session.”*

The covering motion was seconded.

The Motion **PASSED**.

**MOMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** The Bishop thanked those behind the scenes at annual Conference, including the Worship Design Team, the entire Worship Team, Conference Youth Choir, Conference Praise Band, the Secretarial Team, the Conference Secretary and Parliamentarian, the Tellers, the “brand new” Communications Team, Todd Burris, Palmer Lee and Kevin Wade. Rev. Rob and Kathi Walker were specifically thanked, for Rob’s work as stage manager for the event, and Kathi for her food ministry and hospitality. Rev. Jack Wilson, retired elder, recognized the encouraging and gracious spirit of Bishop Mueller.



**ORDER OF THE DAY:** Rev. Mark Norman introduced Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries, for a third teaching session. He continued our discussion of the foundations of evangelism: authentic, organic and consistent. Emphasizing the foundation of “organic” opportunities for outreach ministries, he showed a video that featured the establishment of a McChurch at a McDonald’s restaurant. The third foundation is “consistent” -- don’t move from place to place. The church is at its best when it is known. Even in the seas of change, what lies ahead of us are oceans of opportunities. No matter what happens in 2019, we will still be called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I am a part of the fellowship of the unashamed, I live by faith, my vision is clear. I am strong. My “better” will be clear. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. You will reap if you don’t give up.

**BREAK:** A 15-minute recess was called to prepare for the closing worship and the Reading of the Appointments.

**CLOSING WORSHIP:** The Closing Worship Service began at 9:45 am. Participants were: Cabinet: Bishop Gary E. Mueller; Presiding Bishop of the Arkansas Episcopal Area; Rev. Blake Bradford, Central District Superintendent; Rev. J.J. Galloway, Northeast District Superintendent; Rev. Stephen Coburn, Northwest District Superintendent; Rev. Mark K. Norman, Southeast District Superintendent; Rev. Rodney Steele, Southwest District Superintendent; Liturgist: Ginny McMurray, First United Methodist Church, Little Rock; Musicians: Adam Watkins, Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Jonesboro; Laura Merryman Syc, Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Jonesboro; Ken Weatherford, First United Methodist Church, Bentonville, Ken Weatherford, First United Methodist Church, Bentonville, Gloria Echeveria, First United Methodist Church, Bentonville, Matt Nelson, First United Methodist Church, Bentonville; Design Team: Trenton Teegarden, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock; Ken Weatherford, First United Methodist Church, Bentonville, 2018 Annual Conference Worship Team, Rev. Jeanne Williams, First United Methodist Church, Bella Vista, and Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson, Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church, Sherwood, co-chairs.

**READING OF THE APPOINTMENTS:** The appointments for the coming year were read by the District Superintendents. At the completion of the reading, Bishop Mueller fixed the appointments.

The final blessing and benediction were pronounced by Bishop Mueller at 11:25 am.



*Clergy Moving Day 2018 is June 27, 2019. Annual Conference dates are May 29 to June 1, 2019, here in Hot Springs.*

*An important note for 2019: Bishop Mueller will meet with those to be ordained & commissioned on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 841 Quapaw Avenue, Hot Springs. The Ordinands will meet from 10:00 am - 11:30 am, with the Commissioned joining them for lunch at 11:30 am. The Commissioned will then meet with him until 1:30 pm. This will be a mandatory meeting!*



**Book signings in the Cokesbury display**

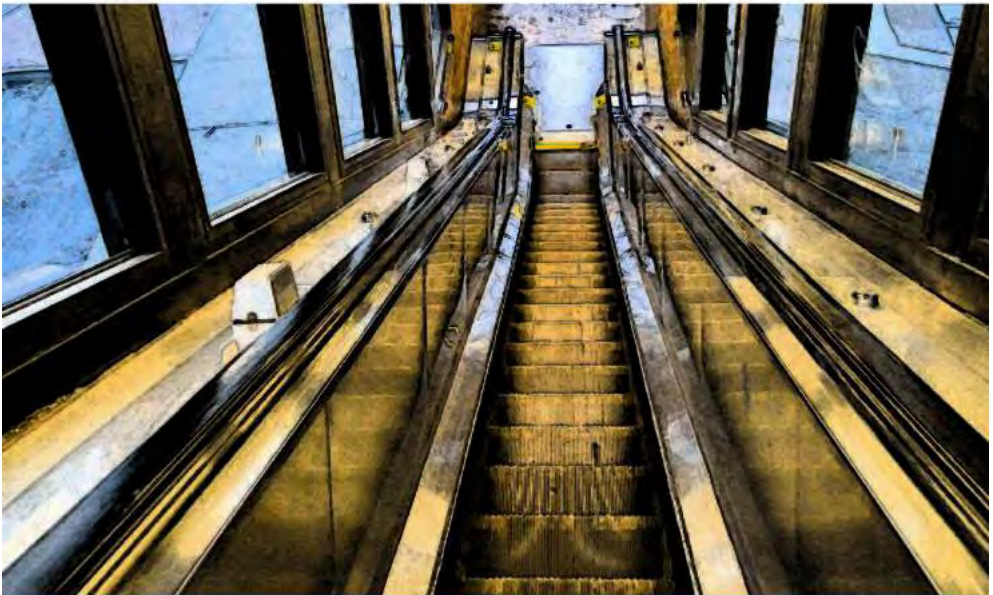
above: Rev. C.E. McAdoo signs his book for Rev. Dan Brand

below: Rev. Dr. Blake Bradford signs his book for Rev. Gary Maskell





# Business of Annual Conference



**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Minutes of the Arkansas Annual Conference  
Held in Hot Springs, Arkansas  
From June 17, 2018 through June 20, 2018  
Bishop Gary Mueller Presiding  
Date When Organized June 11, 2003

Number of This Session - 16th

**PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (§§ 603.7, 619)?

**Secretary?** **Aubrietta Jones**  
Mailing Address: PO Box 13984, Maumelle, AR 72113  
Telephone: (501) 259-5384  
Email: aubrietta.jones@arumc.org

**Statistician?** **Melissa Sanders**  
Mailing Address: 800 Daisy Bates Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202  
Telephone: (501) 324-8022  
Email: msanders@arumc.org

**Treasurer?** **Todd Burris**  
Mailing Address: 800 Daisy Bates Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202  
Telephone: (510) 324-8024  
Email: tburris@arumc.org

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (§ 603.1)? Yes

3. Bonding and auditing.

What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (§§ 618, 2511)?

Name	Position	Amount Bonded
Todd Burris	Treasurer	\$1,000,000.00
Megan Rugg	Asst. Dir., Admin Services	\$1,000,000.00
Melissa Sanders	Financial Controller	\$1,000,000.00
Mona Williams	Benefits Officer	\$1,000,000.00
Wendy Brunson-Daniels	Assistant Benefits Officer	\$1,000,000.00

Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (§§617, 2511)? Yes (See report, page 258 of Journal.)

4. What agencies have been appointed or elected?

a) Who have been elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed?

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Council on Finance and Administration (§ 611)	Bill Wisener	124 Hunger Run Est., Monticello, AR 71655	(870) 367-1720	billmj@ccc-cable.net
Board of Ordained Ministry (§ 635)	Pam Estes	320 W. Main St., Magnolia, AR 71753	(870) 534-6241	pam.estes@arumc.org
Board of Pensions (§ 639)	Stark Ligon	2312 Broadway St., Little Rock, AR 72206	(501) 590-0122	stark.ligon@arcourts.gov
Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (§ 2512)	Tony Griffin	304 S Commerce Ave., Russellville, AR 72801	(501) 230-9858	tony.griffin@arumc.org
Committee on Episcopacy (§ 637)	Karon Mann	1806 Martha Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212	(501) 681-2311	karon57@comcast.net
Administrative Review Committee (§ 636)	Jeff Warnick	15361 Highway 5, Ste. B, Cabot, AR 72023	(501) 843-2302	pastorjeff@journeymc.com

b) Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference which is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (§610.1).

General Agency	Conference Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
General Board of Church and Society	Conference Board of Church & Society	Jay Clark	4823 Woodlawn Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205	(501) 944-8400	jclark@phumc.com
Discipleship Ministries	Board of Discipleship	Dee Dee Autry	301 Elcano Dr., Hot Springs Village, AR 71909	(479) 650-8375	deedee.autry@arumc.org
General Board of Ordained Ministry	Board of Ordained Ministry	Pam Estes	320 W. Main St., Magnolia, AR 71753	(870) 534-6241	pam.estes@arumc.org
Higher Education and Campus Ministry	Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry	Roy Smith	1101 N Mississippi St. Little Rock, AR 72207	(501) 350-0330	roy.smith@arumc.org
General Commission on Archives and History	Commission on Archives and History	Helen Guenter	315 Glenwood Dr., Monticello, AR 71655	(870) 367-5982	guenter@uamont.edu
General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns	Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns	Stephen Copley	5009 Candlewick Ln., North Little Rock, AR 72116	(501) 771-4828	stephen.copley@arumc.org
General Commission on Religion and Race	Conference Commission on Religion and Race	George Odell	141 Joe Bowling Rd., Clinton, AR 72031	(903) 701-0744	george.odell@arumc.org
General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	Commission on Status and Role of Women	Sara Bayles	9921 Highway 107, Sherwood, AR 72120	(501) 835-3410	sara.bayles@arumc.org
United Methodist Communications	Commission on Communications	ibs			

c) Indicate the conference agencies and chairpersons which have responsibilities for the following functions

General Agency	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (§ 657)?	Conference Board of Church and Society	Jay Clark	4823 Woodlawn Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205	(501) 664-3600	jclark@phumc.com
Disability Concerns (§ 653)?	Conference Board of Church and Society	Jay Clark	4823 Woodlawn Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205	(501) 664-3600	jclark@phumc.com
Equitable Compensation (§ 625)?	Commission on Equitable Compensation	Paul Strang	PO Box 1399, Fairfield Bay, AR 72088	(501) 884-3373	pstrang@arumc.org
Layty (§ 631)?	Board of Layty	Karon Miam	1806 Martha Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212	(501) 681-2311	karon57@comcast.net
Native American Ministry (§ 654)?	Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns	Ronnie Miller-Yow	PO Box 164210, Little Rock, AR 72216	(214) 288-0109	pastoryow@gmail.com

Small Membership Church (§ 645)?	Board of Discipleship	Dee Dee Autry	301 Elcano Dr., Hot Springs Village, AR 71909	(479) 650-8375	deedee.autry@arumc.org
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d) Indicate the president or equivalent for the following organizations.

Organization	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference United Methodist Women (§ 647)	United Methodist Women	Martha Altom	38 Reclamo Circle, Hot Springs, AR 71909	(501) 915-0817	maltom@att.net
Conference United Methodist Men (§ 648)	United Methodist Men	Ibs			
Conference Council on Youth Ministry (§ 649)	United Methodist Youth	Zach Schnock	1610 Prince St., Conway, AR 72034	(501) 329-3801	zschnock@conwayfumc.org
Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (§ 650)?	Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries	Dane Womack	200 N. 15th St., Fort Smith, AR 72901	(479) 782-5068	william.womack@arumc.org

e) Have persons been elected for the following district boards and committees? Answer yes or no.

- (1) District Boards of Church Location & Building (§ 2518.2)? yes
- (2) Committees on District Superintendency (§ 669)? yes
- (3) District Committees on Ordained Ministry (§ 666)? yes

f) What other councils, boards, commissions, or committees have been appointed or elected in the annual conference?

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Council on Adult, Singles, Family and Older Adult Ministries	Jamie Alexander	400 East 6th St., Texarkana, AR 71854	(870) 772-6931	jamie_alexander@arumc.org
Cabinet	Bishop Gary Mueller	800 Daisy Bates Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202	(501) 324-8019	bishop@arumc.org
Extended Cabinet	Bishop Gary Mueller	800 Daisy Bates Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202	(501) 324-8019	bishop@arumc.org
Conference Chancellor	Michelle Ator	400 West Capitol Ave., Suite 200, Little Rock, AR 72201	(501) 376-2011	mator@fridayfirm.com
Council on Children's Ministries	Melinda Shunk	217 Whispering Hills St., Hot Springs, AR 71901	(515) 707-5537	melinda.shunk@arumc.org
Conference Session Planning Committee	Bishop Gary Mueller	800 Daisy Bates Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202	(501) 324-8019	bishop@arumc.org
Board of Global Ministries	Brenda Norwood	7301 Hidden Valley Rd., Little Rock, AR 72223	(501) 773-5749	brenda.norwood@arumc.org
Conference Secretary of Global Ministries	Marleene Calvin	8 Sierra Ct., North Little Rock, AR 72118	(501) 425-0157	welovezumba2@yahoo.com

Joint Committee on Incapacity	Rex Dickey	18 Bongleton Cir Bella Vista, AR 72714	(479) 644-7094	rex.dickey@arumc.org
Conference Nominating Committee	Katie Pearce	201 S. Chestnut St., Morrilton, AR 72110	(501) 354-4077	katie.pearce@arumc.org
Conference Committee on Camp and Retreat Ministries	Ben Crismon	200 N Market St Benton, AR 72015	(501) 778-3601	benecrismon@gmail.com
Committee on Review and Research	Dee Dee Autry	301 Elcano Dr Hot Springs Village, AR 71909	(479) 650-8375	deedee.autry@arumc.org

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance to the prescribed formats? (§ 606.8)? yes
6. What is the report of the statistician? (See report, page 393 of Journal.)
7. What is the report of the treasurer? (See report, page 246 of Journal.)
8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts?  
n/a
9. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (§§ 342, 625.3)? (See report, page 280 of Journal.)
10. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year (§ 614.1a)? \$711,700
11. a) What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the conference for the ensuing year (§§ 614.1d, 1507)? \$1,165,000  
 b) What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year?  
 (1) For the World Service Fund? \$1,371,964  
 (2) For the Ministerial Education Fund? \$463,386  
 (3) For the Black College Fund? \$184,840  
 (4) For the Africa University Fund? \$41,367  
 (5) For the Episcopal Fund? \$406,294  
 (6) For the General Administration Fund? \$162,909  
 (7) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund? \$36,240
12. What are the findings of the annual audit of the conference treasuries? (See report, page 258 of Journal)
13. Conference and district lay leaders (§§ 603.9, 660):  
 a) Conference lay leader: Name: Karon Mann  
 Mailing Address: 1806 Martha Dr, Little Rock, AR 72212  
 b) Associate conference lay leaders: Kathy Conley  
 c) District and associate district lay leaders: Central: Kerri Case; Northeast: Charles Long; Northwest: Bruce Vick; Southeast: John Hollimon; Southwest: Jim Kimzey
14. List local churches which have been:  
 a) Organized or continued as New Church Starts (§ 259,1-4, continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14.c, d, e or f)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
700675	theJourney	Central	15361 Highway 5, Suite B, Cabot, AR 72023	.501-843-2302	6/1/2005

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b) Organized or continued as Mission Congregations (§ 259.1-4, continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14.c, d, e or f)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
719413	Adona	Central	PO Box 34, Adona AR 72001	501-250-4142	7/1/2017
701500	CanvasCommunity	Central	PO Box 1824, Little Rock AR 72202-1824	501-492-6815	9/10/2009
700072	Nueva Vida	Northwest	1002 N 2nd Dardanelle AR 72834-3812	501-201-0311 (pastor's cell)	03/2013
701178	Vietnamese Van Buren	Northwest	3005 Hwy 282E Van Buren AR 72956	N/A	01/20/2009
701043	Journey Hispanic	Northwest	4235 Kelley Hwy Fort Smith AR 72904	N/A	03/01/2008
719936	AR Korean Mission	Northwest	1021 W Sycamore Fayetteville AR 72703	479-225-1673 (pastor's cell)	02/01/2006 (formerly known as Hanmaun Korean)

c) Organized or continued Satellite congregations (§ 247.22, continue to list here until listed in questions 14.a, d, e or f)

GCFA Number	Church Name	Parent Church	District	Mailing Address	Date Launched
701668	Argenta	First NLR	Central	PO Box 5621, BKR /ar 62118	7/1/2008
702880	PH/St. Luke	Pulaski Heights	Central	6401 W 32nd St Little Rock 72204	5/1/2017
700004	Grace/Sweet Home	Grace-East End	Central	24300 Hwy 167 Hershey 72065	8/1/2017
722524	Netleton	FUMC Jonesboro	Northeast	801 S Main St., Jonesboro, AR 72401	7/1/2013
700050	Agape	FUMC Springdale	Northwest	1520 Huntsville Springdale AR 72764	01/01/2014 (formerly known as Beth)
700061	Genesis	Central Fayetteville	Northwest	205 W 6th St Fayetteville AR 72701	12/07/2014

d) Organized as Chartered (§ 259.5-10)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Chartered

e) Merged (§§ 2546, 2547)

(1) United Methodist with United Methodist

District	GCFA Number	Name of First Church	GCFA Number	Name of Second Church	GCFA Number	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged



(2) Other mergers (indicate denomination)

District	GCFA Number	Name of First Church	GCFA Number	Name of Second Church	GCFA Number	Name of Merged Church	Date Merged

f) Discontinued or abandoned (§§ 229, 341.2, 2549) (State which for each church listed.)

(1) New Church Start (§259.2.3)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
702116	De Ann - Abandoned	Southwest	400 Highway 195 Hope, AR 71801	04/01/2018

(2) Mission Congregation (§2.59.1a)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed

(3) Satellite Congregation

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed

(4) Chartered Local Church (§ 259.5)

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed
993515	Sweet Home - LR Abandoned	Central	3911 Hampton Sweet Home, AR 72164	8/1/2017
721768	Lavaca	Northwest	302 W Columbus Lavaca, AR 72941	06/30/2018
718351	Wiseman	Northeast	Morrison Road Wiseman, AR 72587	4/22/2018

g) Relocated and to what address

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Location	Date Relocated

h) Changed name of church? (Example: "First" to "Trinity")

GCFA Number	Former Name	New Name	Address	District

i) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and with what membership (§§ 41, 260)?

GCFA Number	Name	Membership	Sending Conference

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j) What cooperative parishes in structured forms have been established? (§ 206)

GCFE Number	Parish Name	Charge Name	Church Name	District

k) What other changes have taken place in the list of churches?

15. Are there Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the conference? (§ 207, 208)

a) Federated church

GCFE Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
719504	Mount Carmel-Vilonia	Central	Baptist/UMC
720137	Elkins	Northwest	Presbyterian/Baptist/UMC
718464	Antioch	Northeast	Baptist/UMC
724578	Gum Springs	Northeast	Cumberland Presby/UMC
718750	Oxford	Northeast	Cumberland Presby/UMC
718668	Sidney	Northeast	Cumberland Presby/UMC

b) Union Church

GCFE Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
701896	Sweet Home Union	Southwest	Baptist/UMC

c) Merged Church

GCFE Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

d) Yoked Parish

GCFE Number	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

16. What changes have been made in district and charge lines (please list the GCFE Number beside church name)?

### **Northeast District**

#### **Effective 4/22/2018**

Wiseman UMC (718351) closed.

#### **Effective 7/1/2018**

Marmaduke (723461)/Christ United (723756) a two point charge ended.

Marmaduke (723461) became a single point charge.

Christ United (723756) became a single point charge.

McRae (724385)/Mount Pisgah (724476)/Harmony (724272) a three point charge ended.

McRae (724385) became a single point charge.

Harmony (724272)/Mount Pisgah (724476) became a two point charge.

### **Northwest District**

Lavaca/New Hope: 2-point charge - Lavaca (GCFE #721768) closed effective June 30, 2018 and New Hope Van Buren (GCFE #721883) will become a single church charge **effective July 1, 2018**

Alpena (GCEA #719708) - a single church charge and Shiloh at Dry Fork (GCEA #719812) - a single church charge will become Alpena/Shiloh - a 2-point charge **effective July 1, 20**

#### **Southeast District**

##### **Effective 8/5/17**

Good Hope (703372)/New Edinburg (703760) Charge ended  
Martin's Chapel (703667)/Trinity (703417) Charge ended

##### **Effective 8/6/17**

Martin's Chapel (703667) Charge created  
New Edinburg (703760) Charge created  
Good Hope (703372)/Trinity (703417) Charge created

##### **Effective 7/1/2018**

The Mount Olive-Fordyce (993652) / Bethel (993481) / Wilson Chapel (993708) charge currently under the jurisdiction of the Southwest District will be moved under the jurisdiction of the Southeast District. Two of the churches are located within the Southeast District boundaries.

#### **Southwest District**

##### **Effective 8/21/2017**

Emmet (70184) split from Harmony-Emmet (702515) / Emmet / Willisville (701588), a three-point charge. Emmet is now a station charge and Harmony-Emmet / Willisville, a two-point charge

##### **Effective 10/01/2017**

Lisbon (700755) broke off from Lisbon / Marysville (701282), a two point charge. Lisbon is a station charge and Marysville is a station charge.

##### **Effective 4/1/2018**

De Ann UMC (702116) closed. The Friendship-Prescott (701772) / Sweet Home Union (701896) / De Ann charge will become a two point charge - Friendship-Prescott / Sweet Home Union.

##### **Effective 7/1/2018**

The Mount Olive-Fordyce (993652) / Bethel (993481) / Wilson Chapel (993708) charge currently under the jurisdiction of the Southwest District will be moved under the jurisdiction of the Southeast District. Two of the churches are located within the Southeast District boundaries.

Faith-Hot Springs (700425), a station charge and Gardner (700378), a station charge will become the Faith-Hot Springs / Gardner, a two-point charge.

Marysville (701282), a station charge and Emmet (701841), a station charge will become Marysville / Emmet, a two-point charge.

Mineral Springs (702047), a station charge and Center (701954) / Center Point (701761), a two-point charge will become Mineral Springs / Center / Center Point, a three-point charge.

Foreman (701863) / Wade's Chapel (702696) Charge will split. Foreman First will become a station charge. Wade's Chapel will be added to the Ashdown (701681) / Richmond (702127) charge, a two-point charge, making it a three-point charge - Ashdown / Richmond / Wade's Chapel.

Mount Moriah (993606), a station charge and Rushing Memorial (701032), a station charge will become the Mount Moriah / Rushing Memorial charge.

**PART II PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY**

(Note: A (v) notation following a question in this section signifies that the action or election requires a majority vote of the clergy session of the annual conference. If an action requires more than a simple majority, the notation (v 2/3) or (v 3/4) signifies that a two-thirds or three-fourths majority vote is required. Indicate credential of persons in Part II: FD, FE, PD, PE, and AM when requested.)

17. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (¶¶ 604.4, 605.7)? Yes

18. Who constitute:

a) The Administrative Review Committee (¶ 636)? (v)

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c) The Committee on Investigation (¶ 2703)?

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19. Who are the certified candidates (¶¶ 310, 313, 314) (NOTE: Everyone who wants to become an LP, PE, or PD must first become a certified candidate.)

a) Who are currently certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry?

Name	District	Date Certified
Trinette Barnes	CE	10/27/2016
Mary Lewis Dassinger	CE	4/9/2011
Liz Sourd	CE	8/17/2009

Deena Hamilton	CE	3/1/2005
Pam Hoover	CE	10/19/2017
Daniel Curry	CE	2/15/2018
Annie Meek	CE	2/15/2018
Chris Wright	CE	2/15/2018
Steve Wilson	CE	3/13/2018
Nick Schummer	CE	3/13/2018
Clay Ferrell	CE	3/13/2018
Bill Nowell	CE	3/13/2018
Max Daughtery	CE	3/13/2018
Tanya Hancock	NE	9/13/2017
James Markley	NE	9/6/2016
Jerrod Bachuss	NW	3/13/2018
Dazzle Burns	NW	3/10/2018
William "Kip" James	NW	3/10/2018
Regena Mason	NW	3/10/2018
Andrew Smith	NW	3/10/2018
Leah Williams	NW	5/4/2018
Bobby Jones	SE	4/5/2018
Hardy Peacock	SE	3/13/2018
Yesenia Zapata	SE	3/13/2018
Jay Mueller	SW	9/11/2017

b) Who have had their candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference? (Include name of accepting conference.)

c) Who have been discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry?

Name	District	Date Certified	Date Discontinued
Donatie Boyett	NE	9/19/2008	5/7/2018
Elana Pyatek	NE	2/1/2010	5/7/2018
Shelly Coggin	NW	12/19/2013	11/19/2017

(Note: Once a candidate is appointed as FL or PL, they are no longer listed as a certified candidate (except the first year they are appointed when they would need to be listed in 19 and in 20 or 21). Students appointed as Local Pastors (par 318.5) are the only people who are allowed to be listed as a candidate in one conference while being listed as an LP in a different conference. Par.318.3 stipulates that students appointed as local pastors can serve in either a full or part-time capacity.)

20. Who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed? (¶ 315 —Indicate for each person the year the license was approved.) (3/4v)

Name	District	Year Completed LPLS	Last Year Appointed	Years Completed with Course of Study
Trinette Barnes	CE	2018	Never	0
Chase Burns	CE	2016	Never	MDiv(Perkins)
Steven Carr	CE	2016	Never	MDiv(Asbury)
Anne Holcomb	CE	2008	2017	4
Johmie Kirk	CE	2017	2017	0
Mark Matthews	CE	2003	2012	2.75
Chris Neel	CE	2016	Never	MDiv(MTS)
William Nowell	CE	2018	Never	0
Renee Willett	CE	2018	Never	0
Craig Williams	CE	2016	Never	0
Paul Homer	NE	2003	2016	0
Joe Kaiser	NE	2013	2018	1.25
Harold "Bo" Moore	NE	2007	2013	0
Nikki Pierce Stair	NE	2010	2017	2.75
Cathy Steton	NE	2017	2018	0
Amanda Keller	NW	2017	2018	0.25
Kwangmin Shin	NW	2013	2017	MDiv*

Mark Sullivan	NW	2011	2014	0.5
Robin Roark	SE	2017	Never	0
Steven Bush	SW	2003/2016	2016	5*
Sidney Carol Clark	SW	2010	2014	1.75
Robert S. Reid	SW	2009	2012	1
Anthony Watkins	SW	2015	2017	0.5

21. Who are approved and appointed as: (Indicate for each person the first year the license was awarded, indicate what progress each has made in the course of study or the name of the seminary in which they are enrolled. Indicate with an asterisk those who have completed the five year course of study or the M.Div. ¶ 319.4? PLEASE NOTE: Persons on this list must receive an episcopal appointment. (3/4v)

a) Full-time local pastors? (¶ 318.1)

Name	District	First Year Licensed Awarded	Years Completed with Course of Study
Jay Clark	CE	2013	.2
Tommy Jones	CE	2011	MDiv(Asbury)
Greg Schick	CE	2004	5*
Chanda Adams	CE	2012	MDiv(St. Paul)
Steve Wilson	CE	2018	0
Doug Walker	CE	2017	MDiv(Asbury)
Keith Coker	CE	2011	2.75
Kenny Lee	NE	2008	5*
John Mark Moore	NE	2012	5*
Rollie Thomas Mullins	NE	2007	MDiv*
Jerry Pentecost	NE	2007	MDiv*
Laura Jo Prange	NE	2013	MDiv*
Ed Seay	NE	2009	4.25
Carla Thompson	NE	2008	3.75
Casey Turner	NE	2016	0.25
Billy Vanderbilt	NE	2015	0.75
Jeff Weaver	NE	2006	.2
Charles Beevers	NW	2011	MDiv*(RL under apt.)
Greg Gibson	NW	2015	MDiv*
Roy Beth Kelley	NW	2011	MDiv(United)
Lyn Poplin	NW	2012	MDiv*
Micheaul Proctor	NW	2007	5*
Richard Rogers	NW	1999	5*
Jennifer Ryerson	NW	2015	0.50
LaToya Shepherd	NW	2016	MDiv(United)
Rob Williams	NW	2004	4.25
Wayne Baldwin	SE	2010	MDiv*
Glenn Hicks	SE	2002	MDiv*
Gordon Ike Mohr	SE	2005	5*
Boyd Savage	SE	1996	2.25
Terrie Bunnell	SW	2004	5*
Kathryn Burchfield	SW	2012	5*
Michael Daniel	SW	2006	5*
Harry "Buddy" Hamner	SW	2002	5*
Pam Jackson	SW	2010	3.25
Benny Morgan	SW	2015	0.25
John Noggle	SW	2010	MDiv*
Debbie Perry	SW	2007	3.5(RL under appt.)
Rose Peag	SW	1996	4.5
Phil Smith	SW	2010	3.50
Regina Turner	SW	2003	4.5

b) Part-time local pastors? (¶ 318.2) (fraction of full-time in one-quarter increments)

Name	District	Fraction of full time to be served	First Year License Awarded	Years Completed with Course of Study
Lonzell Blackmon	CE	0.25	2017	MDiv(MTS)
Marty Bowie	CE	0.25	2012	2.50
Carey Chrisco	CE	<.25	2014	1.50
Tom Crawford	CE	<.25	2015	1.25
LaNita Daniels	CE	0.5	2000	5*
Johnnie Davis	CE	0.25	1994	5*
Shari Day	CE	0.5	2017	MDiv(MTS)
Max Daughtery	CE	0.25	2018	0
William "Bill" Ferguson	CE	0.25	2002	5*(RL under appt.)
Clay Ferrell	CE	0.5	2018	0
Lana Gartner	CE	<.25	2011	3
Norma Gillerson	CE	0.25	2000	5*(RL under appt.)
Carol Grace	CE	0.5	2013	2
Garren Hagemeier	CE	0.25	1980	MDiv(RL under appt.)
Robbin Haley	CE	0.25	2014	2.75
Debbie Harrison	CE	<.25	2015	3.50
Brenton Higdem	CE	0.5	2011	1.75
Larry LeMasters	CE	0.25	2017	0.5
Alicia Finch-McCastlain	CE	<.25	2015	1
Suarne Morgan	CE	0.25	2017	0
Jemie Reynolds	CE	0.25	2017	MDiv(Asbury)
David Seruggs	CE	<.25	1980	5*
Danita Waller-Paige	CE	0.25	2016	MDiv(MTS)
Rick Wilkins	CE	0.5	2006	5*
Chris Wright	CE	0.25	2018	0
Kenneth Anderson	NE	0.25	2013	2.25(RL under appt.)
Stephen Anderson	NE	0.25	2007	MDiv*
Everett Blakely	NE	0.25	2011	3.25
C. Daniel Brand	NE	0.75	1989	5*(RL under appt.)
Kathy DeBusk	NE	0.25	2002	5*
Tom Dellinger	NE	0.25	2007	5*
Michael Dodson	NE	0.5	2013	MDiv(MTS)
William G. Grothe	NE	0.5	1999	4.5(RL under appt.)
Shawn Gustin	NE	0.5	2017	MDiv*
Tonya Hancock	NE	0.25	2018	0
Alma Hastings	NE	0.25	2013	2
John Hiegel	NE	0.75	2011	5*
Carl Hudson	NE	0.25	2017	MDiv*
Tony Huffman	NE	0.75	2017	.75
Jesse James	NE	0.75	2016	MDiv(MTS)
LaVon Long	NE	0.25	1999	4.5(RL under appt.)
Steve Long	NE	0.25	2005	5*(RL under appt.)
Bill Mills	NE	0.25	2006	3.75(RL under appt.)
Treva Mills	NE	0.25	2005	5*
Larry Morris	NE	0.75	1988	5*
Cory Pfeifer	NE	0.75	2015	1
R. Mark Quick	NE	0.5	1997	5*
Jerry Reed	NE	0.5	2003	1.50(RL under appt.)
Gill Sills	NE	0.5	1979	5*(RL under appt.)
Jimmie Snow	NE	0.25	2005	3.75(RL under appt.)
Ryan Spurlock	NE	0.5	2013	MDiv(MTS)
Jim Stillwell	NE	0.5	2016	1

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John Thomas Stoll	NE	0.25	1978	5*(RL under appt.)
Mark Trout	NE	0.25	2016	1
James Turner	NE	0.25	2015	0.75
James Wheeler	NE	0.25	2006	5*
Gary Yarbrough	NE	0.25	2006	MDiv(MTS)
Jeffery Blassingame	NW	0.5	2000	5*
Mildred Bryant	NW	0.75	1988	5*(RL under appt.)
Dazzle Burns	NW	0.5	2018	0
Michael Callahan	NW	0.75	2005	5*
Frank Grubbs	NW	0.25	2003	4.75
Joe Hall	NW	0.25	1990	4.50
Gina Hamlin	NW	0.25	2017	0.50
Deborah Head	NW	0.5	2014	0.75
Geral Holloway	NW	0.5	2007	3.25
Andy Hughes	NW	0.75	2004	5*
John Humphries	NW	0.5	2000	2
William James	NW	0.5	2000	0
Robert Jeffery Jr.	NW	0.25	1981	1(RL under appt.)
Rachel Krest	NW	0.5	2016	0
Lonnie Landers	NW	0.5	2011	2.75
Beth Latham	NW	0.5	2012	5*
Aaron Madden	NW	0.5	2014	0.75
Byron, Mann	NW	0.5	2007	0.25
Paul Marshall	NW	0.25	2017	0.25
Regena Mason	NW	0.25	2018	0
Vitalino Mendez	NW	0.5	2012	1
Diane Miller	NW	0.5	2003	4.50
Randy Miller	NW	0.5	1980	3.75
Roger Rice	NW	0.25	2017	0.50
Bryan Richardson	NW	0.5	2009	1
Dale Richardson	NW	0.25	2015	1.25
Chris Rink	NW	0.5	1997	2.75
Brian Seewald	NW	0.75	2014	1
Andrews Smith	NW	0.5	2018	0
Heather Sprinkle	NW	0.75	2017	MDiv(United)
Lym Strang	NW	0.25	2004	5*
Dan Williams	NW	0.75	2002	0.50
Brian Youngs	NW	0.75	2010	2.75
Toby Austin	SE	0.75	2008	1.50
Cheyann Bolin Chambers	SE	0.5	2016	MDiv(Perkins)
Spencer Branch	SE	0.25	2017	0
Lori Fallon	SE	0.75	2017	.25
Willis Findley	SE	0.5	2011	1.50
Joe Glover	SE	0.5	1999	3.50(RL under appt.)
Phillip Jackson	SE	0.25	2018	0
Travis Jackson	SE	0.25	1974	5*
Bobby Jones	SE	0.25	2018	0
Don Johnson	SE	0.5	1984	5*
John Love	SE	0.25	1996	4(RL under appt.)
Melvin Mann	SE	0.5	2004	5*
Melissa Maskell	SE	0.5	2007	5*
Randy Reed	SE	0.25	2008	1
Marty Reep	SE	0.5	2008	5*
Timothy Rushing	SE	0.75	2013	MDiv(MTS)
Tyler Rushing	SE	0.5	2018	0
Chyrl Slocum	SE	0.5	2005	3.75



Jonah Smith	SE	0.25	2001	5*
Mary Welch	SE	0.75	1999	5*
Paul Woolley	SE	0.25	1978	5*(RL under apt.)
Yesenia Zapata	SE	0.5	2018	0
Jerrod Bachcuss	SW	0.25	2018	0
Ryan Bachcuss	SW	0.75	2015	Asbury
Walter Burnett	SW	0.25	1994	4.5(RL under apt.)
Troy Lee Cate	SW	0.5	2010	3.50
Pat Daugherty	SW	0.5	2009	3.5
Mary Depper	SW	0.5	2012	1.25
Danny Dunlap	SW	0.5	2009	3.25
Walter Garrett	SW	0.25	2010	5*
Ron Grigsby	SW	0.5	2002	5*
Tommy Halsell	SW	0.5	2008	3.50
Tammy Harrell	SW	0.5	2012	3
Jim Henderson	SW	0.75	2004	3.75
Daryl E. Hines	SW	0.5	2005	1.5(RL under apt.)
Revel Kidd	SW	0.75	2009	0.75
Jeff Ladd	SW	0.75	2011	3.50
Barbara Lewis	SW	0.25	1994	5*(RL under apt.)
Willie Joe Miller	SW	0.5	1994	4.5(RL under apt.)
Bonnie "Carol" Moore	SW	0.5	2006	3.75
Charles Perry	SW	0.5	2010	1.25(RL under apt.)
Spencer Plumley	SW	0.5	1997	5*(RL under apt.)
Donald H. Robmson	SW	0.5	1989	7.5(RL under apt.)
Jerry Doug Rhodes	SW	0.75	2007	0.50
Tracy Roden	SW	0.5	2015	0
Winston Roden	SW	0.5	1964	5*(RL under apt.)
Gene Ross	SW	0.25	2007	2.75(RL under apt.)
Bob Sanders	SW	0.25	2005	5*(RL under apt.)
Joyce Watson	SW	0.25	2008	0
Shirley White-Souder	SW	0.25	2003	5*(RL under apt.)

- c) Students from other annual conferences or denominations serving as local pastors and enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§ 318.3.4)?
- d) Students who have been certified as candidates in your annual conference and are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§ 318.3)
- e) Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (§§ 365.4, 367, 368.3)? (If not in this conference indicate name of conference where serving.)

22. Who have been discontinued as local pastors (§ 320.1)?

Name	District	Discontinued
Patrick Gillespie	NE	5/7/2018
Randy Brister	NE	5/7/2018
Elizabeth Gersch	NE	5/7/2018
David Caswell	NE	5/7/2018
Terry Moser	NE	5/7/2018
Julio Ibarra	NW	4/15/2018
Lindsey Clarke	SE	Move to Great Plains 12/14/2017
Russ Hall	NW	6/30/2018

23. Who have been reinstated as local pastors (§ 320.4) (v)?

24. What ordained ministers or provisional members from other Annual Conferences or Methodist denominations are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership (§§ 331 §, 346.1)? (List alphabetically; indicate Annual Conference or denomination where membership is held. Indicate credential.)

a) Annual Conferences

Name	District	Clergy Status	Home Conference
Donna Hankins-Hull	CE	OE	New York
William (Billy) Stephenson McMalion	CE	OE	Texas
Haley Jones	CE	OP - deacon	Mississippi
Charles Miller	NE	OR	Iowa
Rick Broadway	NW	OR	Missouri
Emily Burch	NW	OE	Memphis
Mary Olson	SE	OR	New York

b) Other Methodist Denominations

Name	District	Clergy Status	Denomination
Michael Lowenberg	NW	OE	Church of the Nazarene
Sarah Lowenberg	NW	OE	Church of the Nazarene

25. What clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (§§ 331.8, 346.2)? (v) (Designate with an asterisk those who have been accorded voting rights within the annual conference. Indicate credential.)

Name	District	Clergy Status	Denomination
Terry Hughes	CE	OF	Missionary Baptist
Ray Baclman	NE	OF	Missionary Church
Bobby Coleman	NE	OR	Cumberland Presbyterian
Dorna Harvey	NE	OF	Brethren in Christ
J.R. McElhannon	NE	OF	Assembly of God
George Adkins	NW	OF	Southern Baptist
Larry Pat Millard	NW	OF	Freewill Baptist
Daniel Joseph Nguyen	NW	OF	Christian Missionary Alliance
Kern Reeder	NW	OF	Southern Baptist
Ted Edmondson	SE	OF	Full Gospel Fellowship
Luke Parker	SE	OF	Salvation Army
Glen Gaboury	SW	OF	Evangelical Association
Philip McLarty	SW	OF	Presbyterian
Thomas "Tommy" Rider	SW	OF	Southern Baptist

26. Who are affiliate members: (List alphabetically; indicate annual conference or denomination where membership is held.)

- a) With vote (§ 586.4b [v])?
- b) Without vote (§§ 334.5, 344.4)? (v 2/3)

NOTE: If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, list these persons in Question 40 only. If persons have been admitted or ordained by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, list these persons in Questions 27-39, whichever are appropriate, giving the date and name of the accommodating conference.

27. Who are elected as associate members? § 322 (3/4v) (List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 27).

28. Who are **elected** as provisional members and what seminary are they attending, if in school? (under §§ 322.4, 324, 325)

a) Provisional Deacons under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, c or § 324.5(3/4v)

Name	Seminary	Graduated
Janet Barrow	Phillips	2015

b) Provisional Elders under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, b or § 324.6 (3/4v); § 322.4 (v 3/4)

Name	Seminary	Graduated
Andrea Cummings	Candler	2018
Judy Hall	Phillips	2014
Taylor Loy	Duke	2017

Andrew Suite	Asbury	2018
Melame Tubbs	Illif	2018

29. Who are **continued as** provisional members, in what year were they admitted to provisional membership, and what seminary are they attending, if in school (§ 326, ¶ 327 v)?  
 a) In preparation for ordination as a deacon or elder? (§ 326)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Admitted
George Hull	PD	2017
Matthew Carter	PE	2017
Jody L. Farrell	PE	2017
Gary L. Maskell	PE	2017
Bradley Moore	PE	2017
Blake Schrepfer	PE	2017
Jonathon Bevil	PE	2011
Katie Dunn Chambers	PD	2016
James Kjolrang	PE	2016
Doug Phillips	PE	2016
Corey Tyson Read	PE	2016
Daniel Read	PE	2016
Judy Ridd	PE	2016

b) Provisional deacons who became provisional elders? (v)  
 c) Provisional elders who became provisional deacons? (v) (Indicate year)  
 d) Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations? (§ 347.1) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Admitted
Rashim Merriwether	PE	2016 listed on Q31 in 2016

30. What ordained clergy, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (§347.6) (v) A person's orders may be recognized when they are transferring their membership into your annual conference from another Christian denomination. A person who is listed in Q.30 must also be listed in either Q. 31 a or b, depending on the transfer status.

31. What ordained clergy have been received from other Christian denominations (§ 347.3): (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27).

a) As provisional members (§ 347.3c)? (v)  
 b) As local pastors (§ 347.3)? (v)

32. Who are elected as members in full connection? (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 27. **Anyone appearing on this question must also be listed somewhere in questions 33-34 or 36, unless the clergy's orders from another denomination were recognized on question 30 in a previous year.**) (v3/4)

a) Deacons

Name
Brenda Dianne Brewer Wideman

b) Elders

Name
Michael W. Bolin
Patricia Kathryn Butler
Lauren Kristine DeLano
Jonathan R. Griesse
Ronald Jeremy Pressgrove
Jay Stephen Simpson
Jennifer McCain Williams

33. Who are ordained as deacons and what seminary awarded their degree? Or, if their master's degree is not from a seminary, at what seminary did they complete the basic graduate theological studies? (List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 27)

a) After provisional membership (§ 330)? (v3/4)

Name	Seminary
Brenda Dianne Brewer Wideman	Perkins

b) Transfer from elder? (§ 309) (v3/4)

34. Who are ordained as elders and what seminary awarded their degree?

a) After provisional membership? (§ 335) (v3/4)

Name	Seminary
Michael W. Bolin	MTS
Patricia Kathryn Butler	Huff
Lauren Kristine DeLano	Boston
Jonathan R. Griesse	Asbury
Ronald Jeremy Pressgrove	United
Jay Stephen Simpson	Asbury
Jennifer McCam Williams	Asbury

b) Transfer from deacon? (§ 309) (v 3/4)

35. What provisional members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (§ 364)? (v)

36. Who are readmitted (§§ 365-367 [v], § 368 [v 2/3]):

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Status
Jeffrey Jackson	FE	Withdrawn 1999/LP 2013

37. Who are returned to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (§ 357.7) (v)

38. Who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§§ 347.1, 416.5, 635.2n)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.) (v)

Name	District	Clergy Status	Previous Conference	Date of Transfer
John Scott Stewart	NW	FE	Texas	7/1/2018

39. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (§ 347.2)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential.)

40. Who have been ordained as a courtesy to other conferences, after election by the other conference? (See note preceding Question 27. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do not require transfer of conference membership.)

a) Deacons?

b) Elders?

41. Who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§ 416.5)? (List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.)

42. Who are discontinued as provisional members (§ 327)? (v)

a) By expiration of eight-year time limit (§ 327)

b) By voluntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

c) By involuntary discontinuance (§ 327.6) (v)

d) By reaching Mandatory Retirement Age (§ 327.7)

43. Who are on location?

a) Who has been granted honorable location (§ 358.1)?

(1) This year? (v)

(2) Previously?

Name	District	Year Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
William S. Briant, Jr.	CE	7/1/2004	St James, Little Rock, AR	2017
Susan E. Gladin	CE	6/1/1994	New Sharon, Hillsboro, NC	2018
Connie Steele	SE	6/9/1972	Sebastian UMC, Sebastian, FL	2018
Jon Mac Taylor	CE	7/1/2008	FUMC, Bryant, AR	2018
C. D. Womack	SW	7/1/2003	Woodlands, Woodlands, TX	2018

b) Who on honorable location are appointed ad interim as local pastors? (§ 358.2) (Indicate date and appointment.)

c) Who has been placed on administrative location (§ 359)?

(1) This year? (v)

Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership
Larry Don Ott	7/1/2018	TBD

(2) Ad Interim Administrative Location (v)

(3) Previously?

Name	District	Year Originally Placed	Charge Conference Membership
Steve Broome	CE	6/1/1994	St. John, Memphis, TN

44. Who have been granted the status of honorable location-retired (§ 358.3):

a) This year? (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
Cynthia Davis	FB	7/1/2018 Retired Status 6/1/1995 Initial HL	Midland Heights, Ft. Smith, AR
Norman Moyer	FE	7/1/2018 Retired Status 7/1/2007 Initial HL	Wesley, Conway

b) Previously?

Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
Thomas Barnett	RE	7/1/2011 Retired Status 6/1/1979 Initial HL	FUMC, North Little Rock
Marcia Crossman	RE	5/1/2015 Retired Status 6/1/1993 Initial HL	Grace UMC, Conway
Jerry K. Cookus	RE	7/1/2007 - Retired Status 6/1/1985 - Initial HL	FUMC, Little Rock
Charles Marcus Cooper	RE	7/1/2015 Retired Status 1/1/1999 Initial HL	FUMC, Searcy
Rhonda Kay Crow Monroe	RE	1/1/2014 - Retired Status 6/1/1981 - Initial HL	FUMC, Fort Smith
Larry Pearce	RE	7/1/2012 - Retired Status 6/10/1982 - Initial HL	FUMC, Fort Smith
Darrell Van Smith	RE	7/1/2012 - Retired Status 5/23/1972 - Initial HL	FUMC, Hot Springs

45. Who have had their status as honorably located and their orders terminated (§ 358.2)? (v)

46. Who have had their conference membership terminated?

a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§ 360.1, .4)? (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
Charles Coffelt	9/6/16 (notified conference 8/19/17) Catholic	RE
Tom Rhoades	10/3/2017 ELCA	FE on L.O.A.

b)By withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office (§ 360.2, A)? (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
Louann Averitt Brace	4/1/2018	FE
Carissa Rodgers	8/16/2017	FE
David S. Williams	7/1/2018	FE

c)By withdrawal under complaints or charges (§§ 360.3, .4; 2719.2)?

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
Henry Hank Wilkins	4/16/2018	RE

d)Termination of orders under recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§§ 358.2, 359.3 )? (v)

e)By trial (§ 271.3)?

47. Who have been suspended under the provisions of § 362.1d, § 2704.2c or § 2711.3? (Give effective dates. Indicate credential.)

48. Deceased (List alphabetically)

a)What associate members have died during the year?

Active:

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
H. Franklin Cook	1/9/1941	4/13/2018
Gary B. Lunsford	8/3/1942	1/24/2018
Sylvia Nasic	2/9/1934	5/19/2018

b)What provisional members have died during the year? (Indicate credential.)

Active:

Retired:

c)What elders have died during the year?

Active:

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Thomas A. Abney	10/13/1929	4/22/2018
Dewey Dark	4/30/1930	8/18/2017
Edwin B. Dodson	12/22/1922	5/18/2018
William Dean Elliot	10/19/1932	5/6/2018
Rita Kaye Hammett Evans	3/2/1948	3/19/2018
Marion E. Fleming	9/10/1944	4/25/2018
James Edward Major	6/14/1916	8/13/2017
Carlos E. Martin	12/27/1924	1/28/2018
John Pershing Miles	11/11/1929	11/2/2017
Earl Thomas Moreland	7/10/1954	7/26/2017
Elizabeth "Betty" Embrey Robertson	3/9/1929	10/25/2017
Robert Paul Sessions	10/5/1926	3/26/2018
Ellis Edward Warren	9/21/1948	9/21/2017

d) What deacons have died during the year?

Active:

Retired:

e) What local pastors have died during the year?

Active:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Leon T. Dixon	3/9/1968	9/29/2017
Albert C. Marlar	6/19/1951	7/16/2017

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Jerry L. Lumpkin	4/24/1941	8/4/2017

49. What provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference (§§ 331.8, 346.1)?

Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment
Colin Bugby	FE	Texas	Memorial Drive UMC, Houston, TX
Cheryl Jean Baker	FE	Great Plains	Grace UMC, Topeka Kansas
Len Delony	FE	Central Texas	FUMC Fort Worth, TX
Carolyn Doering	FE	Minnesota	FUMC Lakefield/Heron Lake UMC, MN
Kirk Doering	FE	Minnesota	Lamberton/Sarborn/Walnut Grove UMC, MN
Carter Ferguson	FE	Western North Carolina	Wesley Memorial- Associate Pastor- Ward Street Mission- Senior Pastor, Highpoint, NC
Donna Hendricks	FD	Oklahoma	FUMC Owassa/The Table Church, Owassa, OK

50. Who are the provisional, ordained members or associate members on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation (§ 353)? (Indicate credential. Record Charge Conference where membership is held.)

a) Voluntary?

(1) Personal, 5 years or less (§ 353.2a 3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference	Annual Report
Clint Black	FE	10/8/2014	FUMC, Jonesboro	2018
Donna Hendricks	FD	11/1/2016-6/31/2018	FUMC Harrisburg	2018
Randy Ludwig	FE	4/11/2016	Bull Shoals	2018

(2) Personal, more than 5 years (§ 353.2a 3) (v2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference	Annual Report
Mark Ashcraft	FE	7/1/2008	FUMC, Gentry	2018

(3) Family, 5 years or less (§ 353.2b 3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference	Annual Report
Regina Gideon	FE	2/1/2013	FUMC, Maumelle	2018
Brian Timmons	FE	7/1/2017	Eureka Springs, AR	2018
Britany Richardson Watson	FE	7/1/2018	FUMC, Little Rock	2018

(4) Family, more than 5 years (§ 353.2b 3) (v 2/3)

(5) Transitional (§ 353.2c)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Martha Taylor	FD	5/13/2018 – 5/31/2018	St. James UMC, Little Rock, AR

b) Involuntary?

(1) Involuntary Leave (§ 354)? (v 2/3)

(2) Ad Interim Involuntary Leave (ICD 1355) (v)

51. Who are granted sabbatical leave (§ 351)? (v)

52. Who have been granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (§ 356)? (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Andrea Allen	FE	7/1/2014	Wesley UMC, Fort Smith
Joe Head	FE	5/1/2016	Portland/Demott/Wilmot
Larry Martineau	FE	11/1/2016	FUMC, Beebe
Lynn McClue	FE	7/1/2017	First UMC, Conway, AR
Leslee Phillips	FE	2/1/2003	First UMC, Little Rock, AR
Martha Taylor	FD	10/1/2017 – 5/12/2018	St. James UMC, Little Rock, AR
Gregory Webb	FE	6/1/2000	St. Paul UMC, Searcy

53. What members in full connection have been retired (§ 357): (List alphabetically. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§ 357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under § 357.1, no vote required; under § 357.2, v; under § 357.3, v2/3)

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### Deacons

#### a) This year?

Name	Date Effective	Service
Jemmi Duncan	7/1/18	20 years of service/14 years Diaconal
Sandra Wanasek	4/15/18	18.5 years of service/6 years Diaconal

#### b) Previously?

Name	Retirement Date
Jocelyn Bernholdt	7/1/2003
Lai Harding	1/1/2015
Garl Hocott	7/1/2012
Mary Hoey	7/1/2010
Donnie Hume	7/1/2013
LaVerne Krahey	1/1/2007
Sue Kelly	1/1/2011
Lynn Lindsey	7/1/2007
Lester Oliver	7/1/2014
Mary Jane Pearce	7/1/2016
Helen Stegall	1/1/2015
Jane Steingger	7/1/2004
Judith Van Hoose	7/1/2017
Kay Wiggins	7/9/2010

### Elders

#### c) This year?

Name	Date Effective	Service
Maxine Allen	7/1/2018	23 years of service
Cheryl Baker	7/1/2018	27 years of service
David E. Baker	7/1/2018	40.5 years of service
Robert C. "Bobby" Bell	7/1/2018	42 years of service
Rufus R. "Bob" Burdham Jr.	7/1/2018	40 years of service
Bill L. Fish	7/1/2018	36.5 years of service
Thomas T. Frase	7/1/2018	18.5 years of service
Robert Hunt	2/1/2018	24.75 years of service
Richard Lanoaster	7/1/2018	44 years of service
Robert Lyons	7/1/2018	12 years of service
Thompson W. Murray	7/1/2018	31.5 years of service
Carl Ownbey	11/1/2017	8 years of service
Lewis T. See	7/1/2018	40 years of service
Charles L. Sigman	7/1/2018	21 years of service
Dennis Spence	7/1/2018	43 years of service

#### d) Previously?

Name	Retirement Date	Name	Retirement Date	Name	Retirement Date
Kay Burton	2/1/2013	John Dill	6/1/2005	Victor Nixon	7/1/2010
Robert Burton	7/1/2015	Marcia Dodd	7/1/2015	Donald Nolley	6/1/2000
Joe Campbell	7/1/2014	Lawrence Dodgen	6/1/2000	William Onlaw	6/1/1999
Connelia DeLee	7/1/2014	Gordon Dorham	7/1/2004	Loyd Pery	6/1/2000
Ronald Durham	7/1/2012	Wendell Dorman	6/1/2000	Muriel Peters	6/1/1991
Susan D. May Howe	7/1/2013	Valerie Duncan	6/1/2006	Dubois Pettit	6/1/2001
Robert Hunt	2/1/2018	William Eason	7/1/2012	Ellis Posey	6/1/1994
Edwin Kerr	7/1/2011	Lowell Eaton	6/1/2002	Lavon Post	7/1/2017
Thomas Letchworth	7/1/2017	John Edwards	6/1/2000	Larry Powell	6/1/2005
Mary Loftis	7/1/2017	Ernest Efrid	6/1/1996	David Prothro	7/1/2010
Robert Marble	7/1/2007	William Elder	6/1/1992	Clarence Pruett	1/1/2017
Richard McKinnie	7/1/2013	Floyd Ervin	7/1/2016	Carr Racoop	6/1/1997



Edna Morgan	7/1/2014
Jimmy Mosby	7/1/2016
Sara Nelson	7/1/2017
Donald Nicholson	6/1/2006
James Rowland	7/1/2014
William Shownes	1/1/2017
Linda Singh	6/1/2005
Michael Sutton	7/1/2012
Billie Tate	7/1/2011
Davis Thompson	7/1/2016
Michael Topham	7/1/2016
Fleming O. Turner	6/1/2006
Julia Turner	7/1/2011
John Walls	7/1/2010
Rebecca Wiseman	7/1/2014
Stanley Adams	7/1/2016
Samuel Albright	4/1/2009
John Alston	6/1/2001
Thomas Anderson	6/1/1996
Ben Anderson	7/1/2014
Jimmy Anderson	7/1/2004
Robert Armstrong	7/1/2012
Roger Armstrong	7/1/2011
Fred Arnold	6/1/2000
Louis Averitt	7/1/2008
Sara Bainbridge	7/1/2011
Aaron Barling	6/1/1996
Montgomery Bell	6/1/1996
Wayne Bell	4/1/2001
David Bentley	7/1/2016
Edward Blythe	6/1/1997
William Bone	6/1/1990
Stephen Brzoz	7/1/2015
Helen Burton	10/1/2015
Earl Carter	9/1/1992
Lewis Chesser	6/1/1999
William Cheyne	6/1/1995
James Christopher	7/1/2016
Robert A. Clanton	9/1/1999
Norman Clark	7/1/2009
Ronald Clark	6/1/1998
Judy D. Clark	7/1/2013
Michael Clayton	6/1/2001
John Collier	6/1/2002
Gerald Collins	7/1/2014
Foster Connell	6/1/2000
B. Cook	10/1/2008
William Cooper	7/1/2015
Charles Cooper	7/1/2011
Douglas Criss	7/1/2017
James Crooks	7/1/2008
Robert Crossman	7/1/2014
Rex Darling	7/1/2012
John Damall	7/1/2013
Glen Deere	6/1/2006

Donald Eubanks	7/1/2010
John Farthing	7/1/2011
Lawrence Ferguson	6/1/1998
William Fisser	6/3/1987
Derman Gillett	7/1/2011
Roger Glover	7/1/2009
Leland Goldman	7/1/2003
Kaith Goza	7/1/2012
Victor Green	6/1/1994
Robert Hager	5/1/2009
Donald Hall	7/1/2014
David Hanshaw	7/1/2014
Bennie Harmon	7/1/2003
Philip Hatcock	7/1/2013
Fred Haustein	7/1/2011
Ralph Hemund	5/30/1984
Elmer Holifield	7/1/2007
John Holifield	7/1/2013
Roger Hook	7/1/2014
Bruce Howard	10/1/2010
Fred Hunter	7/1/2015
Everett Isom	7/1/2013
Carroll Jackson	7/1/2013
Richard Jarrell	6/1/2001
Wayne Jarvis	6/1/2000
Merle Johnson	6/1/1999
Chester Jones	7/1/2011
Robert Jones	7/1/2016
Ben Jordan	6/3/1987
Susan Kemp	1/1/2007
Joe Kennedy	6/1/2000
Robert Langley	6/1/2000
James Lasater	7/1/2017
Nicholas Lascaro	7/1/2011
Joe Linam	6/1/2002
Virginia Livergood	7/1/2003
Samuel Long	7/1/2012
Thomas Macmahon	7/1/2007
Vaughn Mursden	7/1/2012
Albert Martin	6/1/1992
Edward Matthews	6/1/1998
Charlie Meadoo	7/1/2012
George Mccoy	7/1/2015
James Meadors	6/1/1994
Gerald Meeks	6/1/2006
Calvin Mitchell	6/1/1994
Von Mooney	6/1/1996
Russell Moore	7/1/2017
Nancy Moore	7/1/2017
David Moose	7/1/2010
Glenn Morrison	6/1/2005
Bonda Moyer	7/1/2017
Louis Mulkey	6/1/1992
Charles Murry	7/1/2017
Joe Nichols	6/1/2002
George Nix	6/1/2005

Allen Rainey	7/1/2008
Gordon Reddin	6/1/2006
Walter Richards	6/1/2001
William Robinson	7/1/2003
James Robnolt	6/1/2002
Danny Rogers	7/1/2004
George Rook	12/1/2014
Robert Russell	7/1/2016
Jacob Schable	7/1/2003
James Scott	7/1/2004
Molly Scott	7/1/2014
Charles Settle	7/1/2012
John Shafer	7/1/2004
Patricia Sims	6/1/2002
Lloyd Smith	6/1/1988
Walter Smith	7/1/2017
David Smith	6/1/1997
Rockey Starnes	7/1/2017
David Steele	7/1/2015
William Steele	7/1/2017
David Swift	7/1/2012
George Tanner	6/1/1997
Samuel Teague	6/1/1999
Jim Teeter	7/1/2013
Dana Thomason	1/1/2009
Charles Thompson	7/1/2009
William Thompson	1/1/2012
Jimmy Thresher	7/1/2008
John Walker	7/1/2004
Robert Walker	7/1/2016
Charles Walthall	6/1/1986
Bennie Warner	7/1/2004
Sheruan Waters	6/1/2000
Beverly Watkins	7/1/2012
Kenneth Watson	6/1/1992
Charles Watt	6/1/1993
Marilyn Webb	1/1/2013
Thomas Weir	6/1/2005
Jimmie West	7/1/2003
Guy Whitney	7/1/2010
Charles Wiggins	7/1/2008
John Wilcher	7/1/2016
Joseph Wilkerson	6/1/2001
Walter Wilkie	7/1/2017
Henry Wilkins	12/31/2016
Keenan Williams	7/1/2011
Larry Williams	6/1/2005
Samuel Williams	6/1/2005
George Williams	7/1/2004
David Wilson	6/1/2006
Jack Wilson	7/1/2007
James Wilson	6/1/1989
Therral Wilson	6/1/2006
Edward Wyers	7/1/2014
George Yokem	7/1/2016
Grover Zinn	7/1/2007

54. What associate members have been retired (§ 357) (List alphabetically. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§ 357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (Under § 357.1, no vote required; under § 357.2, v; under § 357.3, v 2/3)

a) This year?

Name	Date Effective	Service
Mace Straubel	7/1/2018	24 years of service
James Harris	7/1/2018	15 years of service

b) Previously?

Name	Retirement Date
Donna Albarts	7/1/2012
George Corbett	6/1/2000
Royal Dodson	6/1/2000
James Fort	7/1/2013
Raymond Gray	3/1/2014
Jackie Gregory	7/1/2013
Glen Harris	7/1/2008
Larry Hughes	4/25/2016
Nancy Rainwater	7/1/2012
Sidney Savage	7/1/2011
David Scroggin	7/1/2011
James Scuggs	7/1/2011
Joe Sparks	6/1/1996
Bobby Warford	7/1/2007
John Wedaman	7/1/2012
Jerry Westmoreland	3/1/2012
Garry Wiles	7/1/2017
Ron Williams	7/1/2012

55. What provisional members have been previously retired (§ 358, 2008 Book of Discipline)?

56. Who have been recognized as retired local pastors (§ 320.5):

a) This year?

Name	Date Effective	Service
Walter Burnett	7/1/2018	23 years of service
David Caswell	8/25/17	11.75 years of service
Austin "Hawk" Coleman	9/1/2017	8 years of service
P. Diane Miller	7/1/2018	14.5 years of service
Carol Ann Stewart	7/1/2018	5 years of service
Lynn D. Strang	7/1/2018	16 years of service

b) Previously?

Name	Retirement Date	Name	Retirement Date	Name	Retirement Date
Charles Beavers	1/1/2016	David Caswell	8/25/2017	Bobby McMillon	7/1/2013
Hazel Clark	6/1/2001	Charles Cautley	8/24/2006	Mary McSpadden	7/1/2003
James Conn	7/1/2013	Harold Claassen	6/1/2005	Willie Miller	7/1/2016
Robert Debaun	7/1/2016	Austin Coleman	9/1/2017	William Mills	7/1/2016
Clarence Fowler	7/1/2015	Trecete Cook	6/1/2000	George Mitchell	1/1/2014
Daryl Hines	7/1/2011	Vince Crawford	10/1/2015	Fredrick Mollenhauer	6/1/2002
Larry Hunt	7/1/2014	Donald Cremer	11/1/2015	David Moore	7/1/2015
J. Johnson	7/1/2007	Ronnie Eldridge	7/1/2011	David Morgan	7/1/2015
Bill Kelton	6/1/1994	Delbert Essen	6/1/2005	Larry Morris	1/1/2014
James Lamm	7/1/2009	Jery Eubanks	7/1/2014	Andy Newbill	7/1/2013
Mary Pickett	6/1/2000	William Ferguson	7/1/2013	Deborah Perry	7/1/2014
Sammye Rink	6/1/2002	Michael Fikes	6/1/2013	Spencer Plunley	7/1/2012
Judyth Ross	1/1/2012	Louise Finney	7/1/2014	John Polk	7/1/2008
Terry Saget	7/1/2012	Alicia Frye	12/31/2015	Bill Ponder	9/1/2006

John Snyder	6/1/2006	Norma Gillerson	12/1/2013	Jerry Reed	7/1/2007
Virginia Trexler	7/1/2011	Milton Glass	7/1/2008	Ralph Riley	7/1/2011
Raymond Vining	7/1/2011	Joe Glover	12/1/2013	Jerry Roddy	1/1/2002
Harmon Whitehurst	6/1/1992	Larry Goza	6/1/2005	Bobby Sanders	7/1/2013
Janice Williams	7/1/2012	Bill Grothe	7/1/2014	Betty Scull	7/1/2010
Elizabeth Armstrong	7/1/2008	Garren Hagemeyer	7/1/2012	Gillian Sils	6/1/2001
James Bacon	7/1/2011	Ella Harris	11/1/2012	David Smith	7/1/2011
James Barts	6/1/2001	George Harris	7/1/2017	James Smith	7/1/2016
James Bell	6/1/1997	Don Hewett	3/20/2011	James Snow	7/1/2015
Donna Bennett	6/1/2002	Steven Holyfield	7/1/2017	Elizabeth Stegall	12/30/2013
Lavon Bloodworth Long	1/1/2016	Linda Horton	1/1/2009	John Stoll	7/1/2015
Loretta Book	12/1/2002	Lon Hudson	7/1/2010	Dennis Stropes	7/1/2007
William Bradford	7/1/2014	Richard Hughes	6/1/2006	Celia Sykes	7/1/2007
Clarence Brand	7/1/2017	Robert Jeffery	7/1/2008	Berah Thompson	7/1/2003
Mildred Bryant	7/1/2002	Barbara Lewis	7/1/2013	John Vise	5/1/2003
Steven Bush	8/1/2016	Steve Long	7/1/2017	Dan Walker	8/15/2014
Barton Bynum	7/1/2015	John Love	6/1/2005	James Wheeler	7/1/2015
Kit Carson	6/1/2009	L. Marks	6/1/1999	Shirley White-Scouder	7/1/2016
				William Woolley	7/1/2009

57. What is the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference:

a) By appointment category and conference relationship?

(NOTES:

- (1) Where applicable, the question numbers on this report form corresponding to each category have been placed in parenthesis following the category title. Where these question numbers appear, the number reported in that category should agree with the number of names listed in the corresponding questions.
- (2) For the three categories of Appointments to Extension Ministries, report as follows:
  - ¶ 344.1 a, c) the number of clergy members appointed within United Methodist connectional structures, including district superintendents, or to an ecumenical agency.
  - ¶ 344.1 b) the number of clergy members appointed to extension ministries, under endorsement by the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
  - ¶ 344.1 d) the number of clergy members appointed to other valid ministries, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

**Note: Report those in extension ministry in one category only.**

See the Discipline paragraphs indicated for more detailed description of these appointment categories.)

**Note: Those approved to serve as a local pastor, but not currently under appointment, are not counted as clergy members of the conference.**

Categories	Deacons in Full Connection	Elders in Full Connection	Provisional Deacons	Provisional Elders	Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote	Full-time Local Pastors	Part-time Local Pastors
Pastors and deacons whose primary appointment is to a Local Church (¶ 331.1c, 339)(74)	10	165	1	14	4	38	105
Deacons (in full connection and provisional) serving Beyond the Local Church (¶ 331.1a, b) (77a,b)	13	XXXXX XX XXX XX XXX	2	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶ 316.1; 344.1a, c) (76a)	XXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	23	XXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	1	0	0	0
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶ 316.1; 344.1b) (76b)	XXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	7	XXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	0	0	0	0
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶ 316.1; 344.1d) (76c)	XXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	3	XXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	0	0	1	0
Appointments to Attend School (¶ 331.3) (79)	0	0	0	0	0	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX

Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (49)	1	6	0	0	0	XXXXX	XXXXX
On Leave of Absence (50a1, a2)	0	2	0	0	0	XXXXX	XXXXX
On Family Leave (50a3, a4)	0	3	0	0	0	XXXXX	XXXXX
On Sabbatical Leave (51)	0	0	0	0	0	XXXXX	XXXXX
On Medical Leave (52)	0	6	0	1	0	0	0
On Transitional Leave (50a5)	0	0	0	0	0	XXXXX	XXXXX
Retired (53, 54, 55)	16	221	0	0	21	XXXXX	XXXXX
Total Number, Clergy Members	40	436	3	16	25	39	105
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members	664						

b) By gender and racial/ethnic identification? (NOTE: See the instruction for item 57 for guidelines to assist in the racial/ethnic identification count.)

<i>Clergy Demographics</i>														
Categories	Deacons in Full Connection		Elders in Full Connection		Provisional Deacons		Provisional Elders		Associate Members & Affiliate Members with Vote		Full-time Local Pastors		Part-time Local Pastors	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Asian	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black	0	0	14	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	6	3
Hispanic	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Native American	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	7	32	337	76	1	2	10	4	12	2	29	10	62	27
Multi-Racial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members*	8	32	353	83	1	2	12	5	13	2	29	11	72	30

**PART III CERTIFICATION IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY**

Note: Indicate credential of persons in Part III: FD, FE, PD, PE, AM, FL, PL, and LM.

58. Who are the candidates in process for certification in specialized ministry?

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Tammy Felder	LM	Children's Ministry
Tammy Felder	LM	Christian Education
Debra Ann Owens	LM	Children's Ministry
Debra Ann Owens	LM	Christian Education
Sean Dunbar	LM	Children's Ministry
Joshua Holt	LM	Youth Ministry
Gwen Watkins	LM	Youth Ministry
Jamal Williams	LM	Youth Ministry
Lisa Hester	LM	Para Music

Catherine Vest	LM	Children's Ministry
Catherine Vest	LM	Christian Education
George Edwin Odell	FE	Spiritual Formation
Zach Schrick	LM	Youth Ministry

59. Who is certified in specialized ministry? (List the areas of specialized ministry.)

Professional Certification	Clergy/Lay Status	Certified
<b>GBHEM Camping/Retreat</b>		
Lu Harding	RD	2003
<b>GBHEM Christian Education</b>		
Cynthia Burns	LM	2013
Jenni Duncan	RD	1983
Cindy Shaw Henry	FD	2007
Lu Harding	RD	1986
Teresa L. Holt	FD	1994
<b>GBHEM Music Ministry</b>		
Rebecca Boggan	FD	1994
Jim Walsmith	DM	1986
<b>GBHEM Spiritual Formation</b>		
Helen Stegall	RD	2007
*Christmas Wilbur	RLP	2018
<b>GBHEM Youth Ministry</b>		
Brandon Bates	LM	2012
Lu Harding	RD	1991
Todd Lovell	FE	2012
Michelle Moore	LM	2012
*Andrew J. Sute	PE	2018
*William M. Skaggs	LM	2018
<b>UMCOM Communications</b>		
Martha Taylor	FD	2010
<b>GCEA PAUMCS Administrators</b>		
Teresa Bodie	LAY	2016
Kathy Bracke	LAY	2011
LaDorna Busby	LAY	2009
Rebecca Davis	LAY	2015
Fonda Kirkman	LAY	2007
Becky Neighbors	LAY	2016
Cindy Parker	LAY	2010
Connie Thomas	LAY	2008
<b>GCEA Church Administrators</b>		
David Trent Hubbard	Lay	2014
<b>Paraprofessional Certification</b>	<b>Clergy/Lay Status</b>	<b>Certified</b>
<b>GBHEM Christian Education</b>		
Jeremy Carter	LM	2008
Rosemarie Gagnon	LM	2012
Terry Harcrow	LM	2008
<b>GBHEM Youth Ministry</b>		
Rosemarie Gagnon	LM	2012

<b>GBHEM Children's Ministry</b>		
Penny Lee	LM	2013

- 60. Who are transferred in as a certified person in specialized ministry?
- 61. Who are transferred out as a certified person in specialized ministry?
- 62. Who have been removed as a certified person in specialized ministry?

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Marci A. Milus	LM	Music
David T. Jones	LM	GCFA Church Business Administration
Evy Lamb	LM	Music Ministry

**PART IV CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY**

(¶¶ 268, and 666.10 *The Book of Discipline 2018*)

- 63. Who are certified as lay ministers (¶ 268, and 666.10)? (List alphabetically, by district)

**PART V DIACONAL MINISTERS**

(Paragraph numbers in questions 64-71 refer to *The 1992 Book of Discipline*)

- 64. Who are transferred in as diaconal ministers (¶ 312)?
- 65. Who are transferred out as diaconal ministers (¶ 312)?
- 66. Who have had their conference relationship as diaconal ministers terminated by Annual Conference action (¶ 313.3)? (Under ¶ 313.3a, no vote; under ¶ 313.3b, v 2/3)
- 67. What diaconal ministers have died during the year?
  - a) Effective.
  - b) Retired.
- 68. What diaconal ministers have been granted leaves of absence under ¶ 313.1a, c, d) (disability, study/sabbatical, or personal leave): (v)
- 69. What diaconal ministers have been granted an extended leave (¶ 313.1e):
- 70. Who have returned to active status from extended leave (¶ 313.1e)? (v)?
- 71. Who have taken the retired relationship to the Annual Conference as diaconal ministers (¶ 313.2): (Under ¶ 313.2b, v 2/3)
  - a) This year?
  - b) Previously?

Name	Date Effective
Donna Flenniken	10/1/2009
Sally Jo Foster Gibson	8/8/2005
Avis F. Moore	5/31/1987
Felix Thompson	12/31/2003
Martha Lynn Thompson	6/1/2002

**PART VI APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

- 72. Who are approved for less than full-time service?
  - a) What associate members and elders (full and provisional) are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, what is the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and for what fraction of full-time of service (in one-quarter, one-half, or three-quarter increments) is approval granted (¶¶ 338.2, 342.2, 1506)? (v2/3, after 8 years v 3/4)

Name	Clergy Status	Fraction of Full-Time Service and Years
Heath Bradley	FE	(3/4) 3 years, Living Waters at Centerton
Len Delony	FE	(1/4) 10 years, First UMC, Fort Worth, TX
David Hawkins	FE	(3/4) 2 years, Levy
Richard Gifford	FE	(1/2) 2 years, Wye Mtn./Adona
Tammy Garrison	FE	(1/4) 6 years, Graham Chapel/Oakland
Dorinal Lewert	FE	(1/2) 2 years, Fisher St./Sedgwick
Stephen Waggoner	FE	(1/2) 6 years, Oak Grove, Searcy

b)What deacons in full connection and provisional deacons are approved for appointment to less than full-time service (§ 331.7)?

Name	Clergy Status	Fraction of Full-Time Service and Years
Paul Atkins	FD	(3/4) 5 years, Canvas Community
Isaac Choh	FD	(1/2) 5 years, Hope Korean
Janet Barrow	PD	(1/4) Coles Chapel/Branch
Jenni Duncan	RD	(1/2) 4 years, St. Andrew Little Rock
Donna Hendricks	FD	(1/2) 1 years, FUMC Owassa/The Table Church, Owassa, OK
Scott Moore	FD	(1/2) 1 year, Saint Paul Little Rock
Dawn Spragg	FD	(1/4) 1 year, Central Rogers
Janice Sudbrink	FD	(1/4) 3 years, FUMC Fort Smith

73. Who have been appointed as interim pastors under the provisions of § 338.3 since the last session of the annual conference, and for what period of time?

Name	Appointment	Start Date	End Date
G. Randall Nix	(NW) Central Lincoln/Morrow	3/11/2018	6/30/2018

74. What elders, deacons (full connection and provisional), associate members, local and supply pastors are appointed to ministry to the local church and where are they appointed for the ensuing year? (Attach a list.)

75. What changes have been made in appointments since the last annual conference session? (Attach list. Include and identify Appointments Beyond the Local Church (Deacons) and Appointments to Extension Ministries (Elders). Give effective dates of all changes.)

Name	Status	Appointment/Assigned	Effective Date
Gary Lunsford	RA	(NW) from appointed to Central Lincoln/Morrow to no appointment	8/1/2017
Natasha Murray	FE	(SE) from FUMC Pine Bluff to Wesley Foundation UAPB	8/16/17
Bob Hager	RE	(NE) to Farm Hill UMC	9/3/2017
Max Daugherty	SY	(CE) Lay Supply assigned to Springfield/Mallettown	10/1/2017
James Benfer	FE	(NW) appointed to pastor on record Chickalah	10/1/2017
Bud Choate	SY	(NW) from Chickalah to no assignment	10/1/2017
Hyeong Kwon Jung	SY	(NW) Assigned to Arkansas Korean Mission	10/1/2017
Carl Ownbey	RE	(NW) from leave of absence to retired elder	11/1/2017
Johnnie Kirk	PL	(CE) from Bethlehem to Q20	11/30/2017
Larry LeMasters	PL	(CE) from England UMC to Q20	12/31/2017
David Eaton	FE	(NE) from Indiana Conference to deployed, Chaplain U.S. National Guard	1/1/2018
Michelle Whitfield	FD	(CE) Secondary appointment change from Little Rock First UMC to St. Andrew	1/1/2018
Scott Moore	FD	(CE) From Transitional Leave to Saint Paul UMC, LR	1/1/2018
Adam Kirby	FD	(CE) Secondary appointment change from Trinity, LR to Little Rock First UMC	1/1/2018
Rex Dickey	FE	(NW) Your Business Chaplains LLC, Bentonville, AR/Cobb-Vantress, Inc. Siloam Springs to Cobb-Vantress, Inc. Siloam Springs	1/1/2018
Charles Watt	RE	(CE) from Retirement to appointment at Bethlehem UMC	1/7/2018
Cathy Staton	PL	(CE) from Old Austin to Q20	1/13/2018
David Steele	RE	(CE) from Retirement to appointment at Old Austin UMC	1/14/2018
Robert Hunt	FE	(SE) Retired	2/1/2018

Diane Hughes	SY	(CE) Lay Supply assigned to England UMC	2/18/2018
Amanda Keller	PL	(NE) from Norfolk UMC to Q20	2/25/2018
H. Franklin Cook	RA	(NW) from appointed to Central Lincoln/Morrow to retired	2/25/2018
Ted Edmondson	LP	(SE) From Almyra/Hunter's Chapel to Brinkley/Brasfield	3/1/2018
Philip McLarty	PTOF	(SW) Horatio / Winthrop Charge	3/1/2018
Tommy Rider	PTOF	(SW) Fairview, Texarkana	3/1/2018
G. Randall Nix	RE	(NW) appointed to Central Lincoln/Morrow (interim)	3/11/2018
Tom Gordon Conner	SY	(NW) from assigned to Elkins to no assignment	4/1/2018
Denise "Denni" Palmer	DM	(NW) from appointed to Director of Area Mt. Sequoyah - Diaconal to no appointment	4/11/2018
Yvonne Case	SY	(NW) from assigned to Altus/Grenades Chapel to no assignment	4/15/2018
Julio Ibarra	PL	(NW) from appointed to Journey Hispanic Mission to discontinued	4/15/2018
Sandra Wasanek	RD	(NW) from appointed to Rogers First to retired	4/16/2018
Regena Mason	SY	(NW) assigned to Altus/Grenades Chapel	5/1/2018
Martha Taylor	FD	(CE) Medical Leave to Transitional Leave	5/13/2018
Melissa Thomas	FD	(CE) Secondary appointment change from Conway First to Canvas Community	6/1/2018
Martha Taylor	FD	(CE) from Transitional Leave to appointment EquiDiscovery	6/1/2018
Charles Randall Cooper	RE	(NW) from retired to appointed to Elkins	6/1/2018
Denise "Denni" Palmer	DM	(NW) from no appointment to Director of Christian Ed Harrison FUMC	6/11/2018

76. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year? (Attach a list)

a) Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (§ 344.1a, c)?

Name	Clergy Status	Appointment
J.J. Whitney	FE	(CE) Chaplain, Hendrix College, Conway, AR
J. Wayne Clark	FE	(CE) Associate Vice President for Development and Dean of the Chapel, Hendrix College, Conway, AR
Martha D. CashBurless	FE	(CE) Chaplain, McMurry University, Abilene, TX
Deidre Roberts	FE	(CE) Director, Center for Vitality
Michelle Morris	FE	(CE) Lead Equipper Center for Vitality
Ronnie Miller-Yow	FE	(CE) Philander Smith Campus Chaplain
Blake Bradford	FE	(CE) District Superintendent, Central District
Jana Hogg Green	FE	(CE) Director, Wesley Foundation, UALR, Little Rock, AR
Blake Langston	FE	(CE) Director, Wesley Foundation, UCA, Conway, AR
Jim Polk	FE	(CE) Connectional Ministry/Assistant to the Bishop
Rebekah Miles	FE	(CE) Faculty, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, TX
Steve Copley	FE	(CE) Interfaith Arkansas – GBGM, Atlanta, GA
Rockwell Jones	FE	(CE) President, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH
Jeffrey Jackson	FE	(CE) Director New Faith Communities
Rashim Merriwether	PE	(CE) Developer of Ethnic Faith Communities
J.J. Galloway	FE	(NE) District Superintendent, Northeast District
Stephen Coburn	FE	(NW) District Superintendent, Northwest District
John Palmer	FE	(NW) Director, Wesley Foundation, Russellville, AR
Kavan Dodson	FE	(SE) Director, Wesley Foundation, UAM, Monticello, AR
Natasha Murray	FE	(SE) Director, Wesley Foundation, UAPB, Pine Bluff, AR
Mark Norman	FE	(SE) District Superintendent, Southeast District
Jessica Durand	FE	(SW) Director, Wesley Foundation, HSU-OBU, Arkadelphia, AR
Corey Tyson Read	PE	(SW) Director, Wesley Foundation, SAU, Magnolia, AR
Rodney Steele	FE	(SW) District Superintendent, Southwest District



b) To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (§ 344.1b)?

Name	Clergy Status	Appointment
Catherine Estes	FE	(CE) Chaplain, Department of Corrections, State of Texas
Leonard Higgins	FE	(CE) Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, NLR
David Eaton	FE	(NE) Chaplain, U.S. National Guard
Audie Long	FE	(NW) Chaplain, Circle of Life Hospice, Springdale
Rex Dickey	FE	(NW) Cobb-Vantress, Inc. Siloam Springs
Ron Feesser	FE	(SE) Chaplain, U.S. Air Force
John Fumple	FE	(SW) Chaplain U.S. Army

c) To other valid ministries under the provisions of § 344.1d? (v2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Appointment
J. Chf Christopher	RE	(CB) Horizons Stewardship Co. Cabot, AR
Cleifton S. Vaughan	FE	(SE) International Church of Bangkok
Chris Bounds	FE	(SW) Faculty, Asbury University, Wilmore, KY
Rose A. Poag	FL	(SW) St. Vincent Hospital

77. Who are appointed as deacons (full connection and provisional) for the ensuing year?

a) Through non-United Methodist agencies and settings beyond the local church (§ 331.1a)? (Secondary appt.)

Name	Clergy Status	Appointment
Mary Jane Cole	FD	(CE) Sacred Path, Inc (FUMC Little Rock)
George Hull	PD	(CE) UAMS, (Trinity, Little Rock)
Adam Kirby	FD	(CE) Faculty, Central High School, Little Rock (FUMC, Little Rock)
Martha Taylor	FD	(CE) EquiDiscovery (St. James UMC, Little Rock)
Garry Teeter	FD	(CE) Pastoral Counselor, Daily Bread Counseling (FUMC Benton)
Jessie Teegarden	FD	(CE) Faculty, Forrest Heights STEM, Little Rock (Argenta)
Melissa Thomas	FD	(CE) Baptist Health Schools (Canvas Community)
Michelle Whitfield	FD	(CE) Well Spring (St. Andrew, LR)
Cathy Caudle	FD	(NW) Counselor, Pea Ridge School District (FUMC, Rogers)
Pamela Knapp Cicioni	FD	(NW) Highlands Oncology Group (Central UMC Rogers)
Dawn Spragg	FD	(NW) The Teen Action and Support Center

b) Through United Methodist Church-related agencies or schools within the connectional structures of The United Methodist Church (§ 331.1b)?

Name	Clergy Status	Appointment
Katyee Dunn Chambers	PD	(CE) Garrett Evangelical, Chicago, IL (Urban Village, Chicago, IL)
Samantha Meadors	FD	(NE) Director, Wesley Foundation, ASU, Jonesboro (Cornerstone)

78. Who are appointed to attend school (§ 416.6)? (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.)

79. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§ 310) [1992 Discipline]? (Attach list)

Name	Clergy Status	Appointment
David Clemmons	DM	(CE) Faculty, Keller High School, Keller, TX
David French	DM	(CE) Minister of Music, Oak Forest UMC, Little Rock, AR
James Walsmith	DM	(CE) Church of the Holy Apostles, Cordova TN
Denise "Denn" Palmer	DM	(NW) Harrison FUMC

80. What other personal notations should be made? (Include such matters as changes in pension credit (§ 1506.5), corrections or additions to matters reported in the "Business of the Annual Conference" form in previous years, and legal name changes of clergy members and diaconal ministers.)

Christmas Wilbur, Andrew J. Suite, William M. Skaggs, and Zach Schrick were all incorrectly noted as certified in 2017/certified in 2018.

Name change – Louann Averitt Murpby to Louann Averitt Brace  
Heathar Rose to Heather Sprinkle

Transition Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist		Endorsed
Maxine Allen	RE	2017

81. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§ 603.2, 3)?  
**May 29, 2019 – June 1, 2019 Hot Springs, AR**



**Rev. George Odell of the Conference Commission on Race and Religion and Rev. Sara Bayles of the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women gave several monitoring reports throughout the session.**



# Appointments



## RELATIONSHIP CODE ABBREVIATIONS

AF	Affiliate Member ¶¶344.4, 586.4
AM	Associate Member ¶369.1
OA	Associate Member of other Annual Conference ¶346.1
LM	Certified Lay Minister ¶272
FD	Deacon in Full Connection ¶¶328-331
OD	Deacon Member of other Annual Conference ¶331.8
DM	Diaconal Minister ¶3602.2(consecrated under provisions of 1992 or earlier Discipline)
FE	Elder in Full Connection ¶¶335,369.1,369.2
OE	Elder Member of other Annual Conference or other Methodist denomination ¶346.1
OF	Full Member of other denomination ¶346.2
FL	Full-time Local Pastor ¶318.1
LM	Certified Lay Minister ¶268
LP	Other Local Pastor ¶318.4
PL	Part-time Local Pastor ¶318.2
PD	Provisional Deacon ¶¶324, 325
PE	Provisional Elder ¶¶324, 325
OP	Provisional member of other Annual Conference ¶346.1 RA
RA	Retired Associate Member ¶357
RD	Retired Deacon in Full connection ¶357
DR	Retired Diaconal Minister ¶357 (consecrated under provisions of 1992 or earlier Discipline)
RE	Retired Full Elder ¶357
RL	Retired Local Pastor ¶320.5
SY	Supply Pastor, Other ¶16.2

## DISTRICT ABBREVIATIONS

CE	Central District
NE	Northeast District
NW	Northwest District
SE	Southeast District
SW	Southwest District

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Central District**

<b>District Superintendent</b>	Blake Russell Bradford (1) FE	4 Country Club Cir, Box 3, Suite Maumelle AR 72113	(501) 851-1433
<b>ADONA</b>	Richard Gifford (4) FE	PO Box 10961 Conway AR 72034	(501) 499-6000
<b>ARGENTA</b>	James W. Choate (11) FE	421 Main St North Little Rock AR 72114-5327	(501) 352-5437
<b>Deacon</b>	Jessica Waddell Teegarden (4) FD		
<b>ASBURY - LITTLE ROCK</b>	Mary Hilliard (7) FE	1700 Napa Valley Dr Little Rock AR 72212-3910	(501) 225-9231
<b>Associate</b>	Douglas Ray Walker (2) FL		
<b>BENTON FIRST</b>	Benjamin William Crismon (3) FE	200 N Market St Benton AR 72015-3733	(501) 778-3601
<b>Associate</b>	Taylor Loy (1) PE		
<b>Deacon</b>	Garry Dean Teeter (13) FD		
<b>BETHEL - JACKSONVILLE</b>	Jerry Martin Bowie, Jr. (1) PL	7417 Jacksonville Conway Rd Jacksonville AR 72076-7615	(501) 850-5098
<b>BETHLEHEM - LONOKE</b>	Charles Watt (2) RE	4685 Highway 89 S Cabot AR 72023-8583	(501) 941-3414
<b>BRYANT FIRST</b>	Susan Ledbetter (1) FE	508 N Reynolds Rd Bryant AR 72022-3026	(501) 847-0226
<b>CABOT</b>	Stephen P. Dickinson (4) FE	PO Box 1118 Cabot AR 72023-1118	(501) 843-3541
<b>Associate</b>	Steven Wilson (1) FL		
<b>CANVAS COMMUNITY</b>	Gail Cole Brooks (1) FE	PO Box 1824 Little Rock AR 72203-1824	(501) 492-6815
<b>Deacons</b>	Edward Paul Atkins (6) FD		
	Melissa Thomas (2) FD		
<b>CARLISLE FIRST</b>	Randy H. Rowlan (2) FE	PO Box 417 Carlisle AR 72024-0417	(870) 552-7789
<b>CENTERVILLE</b>	Lana Gartner (11) PL	5975 Tommy Trl Conway AR 72034-7928	(501) 329-6215

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<b>CLEVELAND</b>	Suanne Morgan (2) PL	2830 Kent Lane Conway AR 72034	(501) 428-1306
<b>CONCORD - LONOKE</b>	William Stephenson McMahon (4) OE	6308 Brentwood RD Cammack Village AR 72207-2704	(501) 438-9144
<b>CONGO</b>	Polly Burton (15) SY	898 Joyce Dr Benton AR 72019-1566	(501) 840-2436
<b>CONWAY FIRST</b>	Michael Roberts (7) FE	1610 Prince St Conway AR 72034-3935	(501) 329-3801
<b>Associate</b>	Lauren Kristine DeLano (3) FE		
<b>DES ARC FIRST</b>	Naomi P Rogers (2) FE	2608 Jade Cove Sherwood AR 72120-4064	(501) 541-6065
<b>EBENEZER - CONWAY</b>	TBS ()		
<b>ENGLAND</b>	Diane Hughes (2) SY	915 Toltec Rd Scott AR 72142-9340	(501) 413-9354
<b>FAITH GEYER SPRINGS</b>	David D. Hoffman (3) FE	9820 W Markham St Little Rock AR 72205-2126	(501) 475-6397
<b>GARDNER MEMORIAL AMBOY</b>	Mary Candace Barron (4) FE	1723 Schaer St North Little Rock AR 72114-3365	(501) 251-7492
<b>GRACE - CONWAY</b>	Herschel Lee Richardson, Jr. (1) FE	1075 Hogan Ln Conway AR 72034-8126	(501) 329-6056
<b>GRACE - EAST END</b>	George Thomas Jones (7) FL	24300 Hwy 167 Hensley AR 72065	(501) 804-0371
<b>Associate</b>	Lonzell Kendrick Blackmon (2) PL		
<b>GRAHAM CHAPEL OAKLAND</b>	Tammy Garrison (6) FE	106 Country Club Rd Conway AR 72034-7206	(501) 472-9814
<b>GREENBRIER FIRST</b>	Kevin Lyon (8) FE	2 Tyler St Greenbrier AR 72058-9610	(501) 679-2452
<b>HAMILTON HUMNOKE</b>	Larry Edward LeMasters (1) PL	2516 Fairway Ave North Little Rock AR 72116	(501) 837-5964
<b>HAZEN DEVALLS BLUFF</b>	Deanna L. McCormack (2) FE	PO Box 712 Hazen AR 72064	(870) 833-6121
<b>HEBRON - CARLISLE</b>	Roger Crouch (15) SY	PO Box 1114 Carlisle AR 72024-1114	(870) 255-5015
<b>HENDERSON</b>	Melvin Moss (2) AM	13000 W Baseline Rd Little Rock AR 72210-6107	(501) 374-2141
<b>HICKORY PLAINS</b>	Deborah D. Harrison (24) PL	9952 Highway 13 N Carlisle AR 72024-8661	(870) 854-5572
<b>HIGHLAND VALLEY</b>	Ulysses C Washington (1) FE	15524 Chenal Pkwy Little Rock AR 72211-2018	(479) 719-1588

<b>Associate</b>	Jennifer Dawn Williams (3) FE		
<b>HOPE KOREAN</b>	Sun Ug Choh (6) FD	105 Winnwood Rd Little Rock AR 72207-2525	(501) 308-4127
<b>HUNTER - LITTLE ROCK</b>	Rashim Merriwether (4) PE	3301 Romine Rd Little Rock AR 72204-4259	(479) 221-2018
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<b>Deacon</b>	Cynthia Shaw Henry (11) FD		
<b>LEVY</b>	David Ray Hawkins (2) FE	701 W 47th St North Little Rock AR 72118-4013	(870) 814-4792
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<b>Deacons</b>	Mary Jane Cole (5) FD		
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<b>MARKS CHAPEL</b>	Terry DeWayne Hughes, Sr, (2) OF	4 Brookridge Dr. Little Rock AR 72205	(501) 351-0338
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<b>Associate</b>	Andrew Suite (1) PE		
<b>MAYFLOWER</b>	Richard Wilkins (9) PL	PO Box 638 Mayflower AR 72106-0638	(501) 803-3979
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<b>NAYLOR</b>	William Ferguson (2) RL	104 Carman Ln Haskell AR 72015	(501) 794-6544
<b>NEW HAVEN - LITTLE ROCK</b>	Norma Gillerson (19) RL	PO Box 401 Hensley AR 72065-0401	(501) 413-7636
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	Brent Higdem (8) PL		
<b>NORTH PULASKI</b>	LaNita Anne Daniels (4) PL	9109 Patricia Lynn Ln Sherwood AR 72120-3936	(501) 350-4519
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<b>OLD AUSTIN</b>	David Randle Steele (2) RE	170 Pebble Beach Drive Little Rock AR 72212	
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<b>PLEASANT HILL - ALEXANDER</b>	Alicia I. Finch-McCastlain (4) PL	9 Dee Dee Cir Little Rock AR 72223-9736	(501) 831-7615
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	Andrea' Cummings (1) PE		
	Jeffery Bernard Hampton (20) FE		



	Belinda Price (6) FE		
	Betsy Singleton Snyder (3) FE		
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<b>Deacons</b>	Jenni L. Duncan (6) RD		
	Ann Michelle Whitfield (2) FD		
<b>SAINT JAMES - LITTLE ROCK</b>	Carness Vaughan (2) FE	321 Pleasant Valley Dr Little Rock AR 72212-3157	(501) 217-6700
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	Matthew T. Carter (3) PE		
	Gregory Schick (15) FL		
<b>Deacon</b>	Martha S. Taylor (4) FD		
<b>SAINT JAMES - LONOKE</b>	David Scruggs (25) PL	5917 Timberview Rd Little Rock AR 72204-8559	(501) 568-5981
<b>SAINT PAUL - LITTLE ROCK</b>	Richard S. Mitchell (4) FE	2223 Durwood Rd Little Rock AR 72207-3428	(501) 666-9429
<b>Deacon</b>	James Scott Moore (2) FD		
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<b>SALEM - BENTON</b>	Justin Ledbetter (1) FE	1647 Salem Rd Benton AR 72019-8344	(501) 316-2282
<b>SALEM - CONWAY</b>	William Todd Vick (5) FE	1018 Salem Rd Conway AR 72034-3424	(479) 806-0819
<b>SARDIS</b>	Phillip Troy Conrad (2) FE	10715 W Sardis Rd Bauxite AR 72011-9715	(501) 557-2129
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<b>SPRINGFIELD MALLETTOWN</b>	Max Austin Daughtery (2) PL	215 Haralson Lane Atkins AR 72823	(870) 692-3142

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<b>WESTERN HILLS</b>	Nathaniel Thomas Grady, Sr (1) RO	112 Montpellier Dr Maumelle AR 72113-7223	
<b>WHITE MEMORIAL</b>	Danita Waller-Paige (5) PL	1403 S Jackson St Little Rock AR 72204-2848	
<b>WINFIELD</b>	Vida R. Williams (3) FE	20100 Cantrell Rd Little Rock AR 72223-4423	(501) 868-4225
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<b>HONORABLE LOCATION - CENTRAL</b>	William S Briant, Jr. (16) HL	5908 Cypress Creek Dr North Little Rock AR 72116-6355	(501) 753-1804
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<b>FAMILY LEAVE</b>	Regina Holtman Gideon (2) FE	3 Auriel Ct Maumelle AR 72113-6979	(501) 213-5757
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<b>MEDICAL LEAVE</b>	Lynn Ann Lewis McClure (2) FE	1901 B Tyler Street Conway AR 72032	(870) 584-2487
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<b>BONO</b>	Thomas Dellinger (7) PL	1923 Rosemond Ave Jonesboro AR 72401-4619	(870) 926-2274
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<b>CAMPGROUND WARREN'S CHAPEL</b>	Everett Isom (2) RE	131 Greene 171 Rd Paragould AR 72450	(870) 586-0358
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<b>FISHER STREET SEDGWICK</b>	Donald Lewert (2) FE	301 N Fisher St Jonesboro AR 72401-2114	(479) 857-5142
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<b>HARDY</b>	Kay Brogdon (3) SY	95 Breckinridge Batesville AR 72501	(870) 710-2186
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<b>HOLIDAY HILLS</b>	C. Daniel Brand (14) RL	751 Sandiff Rd Shirley AR 72153-7553	(501) 723-4637
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	Casey Turner (3) FL		
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<b>MAYNARD</b>	Rockey Earl Starnes (1) RE	1805 Barthel Pocahontas AR 72455	(870) 609-1134
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<b>PANGBURN</b>	Fleming O.D. Turner (6) RE	PO Box 617 Pangburn AR 72121-0617	(501) 231-6408
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<b>PIGGOTT WRIGHTS CHAPEL MARS HILL</b>	John Hiegel (2) PL	PO Box 324 Piggott AR 72454-0324	(817) 832-6522
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<b>PLEASANT HILL PINE LOG</b>	James (J.R.) McElhannon (6) OF	5629 Windsong Drive Jonesboro AR 72404	(870) 408-0720
<b>POCAHONTAS</b>	James Wainscott (2) FE	400 N Thomasville Ave Pocahontas AR 72455-2766	(870) 761-4628
<b>POWELL'S CHAPEL</b>	TBS ()		
<b>QUITMAN</b>	Shawn Gustin (2) PL	262 Verkler Ln Searcy AR 72143-9673	(501) 827-3010
<b>RAVENDEN RAVENDEN SPRINGS</b>	Danny Roark (20) SY	121 S Anderson Rd Ravenden AR 72459-9335	(870) 869-2000
<b>RECTOR</b>	Jacob Steven Lynn (1) FE	116 West 3rd Street Rector AR 72461	(870) 595-2552



<b>ROCK SPRINGS - LAFE RAMER'S CHAPEL</b>	Howard Mark Trout (12) PL	1260 W North St Piggott AR 72454-1010	(870) 598-4552
<b>ROSE BUD</b>	David T. Jones (2) SY	375 Rock Products Road Heber Springs AR 72543	(501) 454-3144
<b>RUSSELL</b>	Treva Mills (6) PL	PO Box 152 Russell AR 72139	(501) 230-2817
<b>SAINT PAUL - JONESBORO</b>	Billy Vanderbilt (1) FL	2201 S Culberhouse St Jonesboro AR 72401-5782	(870) 761-0473
<b>SAINT PAUL - SEARCY</b>	Judy Wills Rudd (1) PE	2509 W Beebe Capps Expy Searcy AR 72143-4909	(501) 268-5159
<b>SALEM - SALEM VIOLA</b>	Velda Bell (3) FE	205 Church Street Salem AR 72576	(870) 675-7439
<b>SEARCY FIRST</b>	David Paul Orr (7) FE	909 Kelburn Searcy AR 72143-9577	(501) 268-5896
<b>Associate</b>	William Blake Schrepfer (2) PE		
<b>SHARP OAK RIDGE</b>	TBS ()		
<b>SHILOH - JONESBORO</b>	Mace P. Straubel (1) RA	408 Allyson Dr. Paragould AR 72450	(870) 631-2993
<b>SHILOH - PARAGOULD PRUETT'S CHAPEL</b>	Paul Ed Seay, Jr. (4) FL	5811 W. Kingshighway Paragould AR 72450	(479) 453-6424
<b>SHIRLEY</b>	Jan Vandygriff (3) SY	117 Overlook Dr Fairfield Bay AR 72088-3103	(501) 253-0469
<b>SIDNEY</b>	TBS ()		
<b>SOUTHSIDE</b>	Roger B Hook (5) RE	PO Box 52 Floral AR 72534	(501) 345-0017
<b>STONEY POINT FLOYD</b>	Robert Mark Quick (18) PL	197 E B Quick Rd El Paso AR 72045-9533	(501) 827-0252
<b>TRUMANN LEPANTO</b>	Jeff Weaver (7) FL	220 N Pine Ave Trumann AR 72472-2711	(870) 239-1768
<b>TUCKERMAN SWIFTON</b>	Jerry Pentecost (2) FL	1108 Hwy 67 N Tuckerman AR 72473	(870) 878-1346
<b>UMSTED MEMORIAL EMORY CHAPEL</b>	Tonya Hancock (1) PL	145 Goad Road Bradford AR 72020	(501) 593-2002
<b>WALNUT RIDGE HOXIE</b>	J. Beth Perdue (2) FE	PO Box 66 Walnut Ridge AR 72476-0066	(501) 412-6507
<b>WEINER FISHER</b>	Jesse James (5) PL	PO Box 6 Weiner AR 72479	(501) 265-9092
<b>WESLEY - COTTER</b>	James Jimmie F Snow (4) RL	1257 Shipps Ferry Rd Mountain Home AR 72653-7909	(870) 425-2124

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<b>WILD CHERRY</b>	Marty Sanders (13) SY	3231 Dolph Rd Dolph AR 72528-8807	(870) 297-3997
<b>WILSON KEISER</b>	Gary Yarbrough (11) PL	4809 Bellrive Dr Paragould AR 72450-2468	(870) 815-1515
<b>WISEMAN</b>	TBS ()		

### Deacon Appointments Beyond the Local Church (331.1b)

<b>WESLEY FOUNDATION - ASU</b>	Samantha Meadors (6) FD	3413 Derby Drive Jonesboro AR 72404	(501) 650-0565
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### Extension Ministries (344.1b)

<b>US ARMY</b>	David Carl Eaton (2) FE	1645 Bluebird Ln Munster IN 46321-3322	(574) 281-2417
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### Leave of Absence

<b>LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b>	William Clint Black (5) FE	82 Hillcrest Drive Chatsworth GA 30705	(719) 505-4375
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<b>MEDICAL LEAVE</b>	Larry W. Martineau (3) FE	413 Wayne Walker Road Romance AR 72136	(501) 676-1209
	Gregory A Webb (19) FE	158 Casey Lane Searcy AR 72143	(501) 388-0107

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<b>District Superintendent</b>	Stephen Douglas Coburn (4) FE	4010 Grand Avenue Fort Smith AR 72904	(479) 783-0385
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<b>ALPENA SHILOH-DRY FORK</b>	Jerry Michael Bishop (1) SY	PO Box 958 Harrison AR 72601	(479) 244-7641
<b>ALTUS GRENADES CHAPEL</b>	Regena Marie Mason (2) PL	799 County Road 3537 Clarksville AR 72830-6140	(479) 979-7362
<b>ARKANSAS KOREAN MISSION</b>	Hyeong Kwon Jung (2) SY	1348 E Fairlane St Fayetteville AR 72701	(918) 264-6307
<b>ATKINS BELL'S CHAPEL</b>	Roy Beth Kelley (2) FL	122 Lakeview Circle Russellville AR 72802	(479) 264-2045
<b>BELLA VISTA FIRST</b>	Jeanne Williams (2) FE	20 Boyce Dr Bella Vista AR 72715	(479) 855-1158

<b>Deacon</b>	Brenda Dianne Wideman (3) FD		
<b>BELLEFONTE VALLEY VIEW</b>	Susan Kramer (3) SY	4480 Lone Oak Dairy Rd Harrison AR 72601-8520	(870) 741-0063
<b>BENTONVILLE FIRST</b>	William Kurt Boggan (5) FE	201 NW 2nd St Bentonville AR 72712-5234	(479) 273-2712
<b>Associate</b>	Eric Meyer (4) FE		
<b>Deacon</b>	Rebecca Boggan (4) FD		
<b>BERRYVILLE</b>	Andrew Wayne Hughes (3) PL	PO Box 267 Berryville AR 72616-0267	(870) 818-6343
<b>BLAND CHAPEL</b>	Brian Youngs (1) PL	14476 Point Virgo Rd Rogers AR 72756-8127	(479) 631-6533
<b>BOONEVILLE WASHBURN</b>	Michael Andrew Smith (2) FE	520 W Main St Booneville AR 72927	(479) 675-2811
<b>BRIGGSVILLE</b>	Susan May Fisher (4) SY	9208 Brush Creek Road Parks AR 72950	(479) 577-1115
<b>BULL SHOALS YELLVILLE</b>	Charles B. Beevers (2) RL	PO Box 210 Bull Shoals AR 72619	
<b>CECIL</b>	Dale Richardson (3) PL	P.O. Box 113 Alma AR 72921	(479) 871-4821
<b>CEDAR GROVE - YELLVILLE PLEASANT RIDGE</b>	Kem Reeder (2) OF	1401 East 1st Street Mountain Home AR 72653	(870) 656-9165
<b>CENTRAL - FAYETTEVILLE</b>	Mary Jan Davis (3) FE	PO Box 1106 Fayetteville AR 72702	(214) 335-5391
<b>Associates</b>	Jody Lynn Farrell (6) PE		
	Gregory Gibson (4) FL		
	Steven K. Pulliam (17) FE		
<b>CENTRAL - FAYETTEVILLE - UA WESLEY</b>	Emily L Burch (6) OE		
<b>Associate</b>			
<b>CENTRAL - LINCOLN MORROW</b>	Rachel Krest (1) PL	21500 S Highway 71 Winslow AR 72959-9045	(479) 263-1405
<b>CENTRAL - ROGERS</b>	James H. Lenderman (2) FE	2535 W New Hope Rd Rogers AR 72758-1351	(479) 636-1630
<b>Associate</b>	Matthew H. Johnson (1) FE		
<b>Deacons</b>	Pamela Cicioni (8) FD		

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	Dawn Spragg (10) FD		
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<b>CHERRY HILL</b>	Deborah L Head (3) PL	PO Box 1223 Mena AR 71953-1223	(870) 690-1863
<b>CHICKALAH</b>	James A. Benfer (2) FE	PO Box 188 Dardanelle AR 72834-0188	(479) 229-3720
<b>CITY HEIGHTS</b>	Randy L. Miller (16) PL	1002 Fayetteville Rd Van Buren AR 72956-3427	(479) 461-4563
<b>CLARKSVILLE</b>	Larry Eugene Kelso (3) FE	209 West Sevier Clarksville AR 72930	(479) 754-2642
<b>COLES CHAPEL BRANCH</b>	Janet Barrow (5) PD	2621 W. 2nd Place Russellville AR 72801	(479) 970-1883
<b>DANVILLE TRINITY-DANVILLE HAVANA</b>	Thomas Sullinger (5) FE	PO Box 729 Danville AR 72833-0729	(479) 495-2394
<b>DARDANELLE FIRST LIBERTY HALL</b>	James A. Benfer (10) FE	PO Box 188 Dardanelle AR 72834-0188	(479) 229-3720
<b>Associate</b>	Vitalino Mendez (6) PL		
<b>DIAMOND CITY ST PAUL'S - HARRISON OMAHA</b>	Mark Donald (4) AM	PO Box 1074 Diamond City AR 72630	(870) 741-3898
<b>DOVER</b>	Heather Sprinkle (2) PL	325 Buck Point Trail Dover AR 72837-8939	(479) 280-8206
<b>ELKINS</b>	Charles Randall Cooper (1) RE	PO Box 8806 Fayetteville AR 72703	
<b>ELM SPRINGS</b>	Jonathan Griesse (1) FE	118 North Elm Street Elm Springs AR 72728	(501) 238-0110
<b>EUREKA SPRINGS</b>	Blake A. Lasater (4) FE	195 Huntsville Rd Eureka Springs AR 72632-9730	(479) 253-8987
<b>EVERTON BERGMAN</b>	Debbie Fink (2) SY	1158 MC 7001 Flippin AR 72634	(620) 376-8764
<b>FAITH - FORT SMITH</b>	Charles W. Armour (26) FE	2901 Massard Rd Fort Smith AR 72903-5212	(479) 484-5119
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	Charles Dee Harper (2) FE	PO Box 42 Farmington AR 72730	(479) 267-3180
<b>FORT SMITH FIRST</b>	William O. Reeves (4) FE	200 N 15th St Fort Smith AR 72901-3218	(479) 782-5068
<b>Associate</b>	William Dane Womack (5) FE		

<b>Deacon</b>	Janice Sudbrink (4) FD		
<b>GENTRY</b>	George Adkins (9) OF	101 West 1st Street Gentry AR 72734	(479) 790-7789
<b>GODDARD</b>	Kim Cloninger (3) FE	1922 Dodson Ave Fort Smith AR 72901-4822	(479) 785-1415
<b>GOSHEN</b>	John Humphries (4) PL	2890 N Hughmount Rd Fayetteville AR 72704-5983	
<b>GRACE - ROGERS</b>	Ramiro Lizcano (4) FE	1801 South Dixieland Rogers AR 72758	
<b>GRACE COMMUNITY</b>	John Jeffrey Jones (8) FE	4001 Brooken Hill Dr Fort Smith AR 72908-9288	(479) 646-1177
<b>GRAVELLY BLUFFTON</b>	Joy Carmean (13) SY	PO Box 2323 Waldron AR 72958-2323	(479) 227-0954
<b>GRAVETTE DECATUR</b>	Heath Williams (2) FE	PO Box 37 Gravette AR 72736-0037	(870) 530-3302
<b>GREEN FOREST</b>	Michael Bolin (1) FE	200 S. Springfield Green Forest AR 72638	(501) 288-2169
<b>GREENWOOD</b>	John Embrey (3) FE	10 West Denver Greenwood AR 72936	(479) 996-6397
<b>Associate</b>	Lyn Poplin (1) FL		
<b>HARMON</b>	J. Michael Callahan (11) PL	21 Cambria Dr Bella Vista AR 72715	(479) 855-2277
<b>HARRISON FIRST</b>	Carl D. Palmer (1) FE	1100 W Bower Ave Harrison AR 72601-3271	(479) 790-0741
<b>HARTFORD MIDLAND</b>	Chris Rink (11) PL	4419 South 35th Drive Fort Smith AR 72903	(479) 997-5701
<b>HARTMAN</b>	Gina Hamlin (3) PL	1305 Clear Creek Rd Alma AR 72921	(479) 629-1222
<b>HATFIELD MOUNTAIN VIEW - MENA</b>	Bryan Richardson (5) PL	8053 Highway 71 S Wickes AR 71973-9373	(479) 243-5751
<b>HAYS CHAPEL</b>	Paul Marshall (3) PL	1033 Laurel Way Alma AR 72921	(479) 670-0958
<b>HERITAGE</b>	James Wesley Hilliard (18) FE	1604 Pointer Trl Van Buren AR 72956-2326	(479) 474-6424
<b>Associates</b>	William James (1) PL		
	Brian Seewald (5) PL		
	LaToya Shepherd (2) FL		

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<b>HIGHFILL SULPHUR SPRINGS</b>	Andrew Smith (1) PL	360 Bliss Street Centerton AR 72719	(501) 844-5468
<b>HIGHLANDS</b>	Robert Blackwell Cloninger (1) FE	371 Glasgow Rd Bella Vista AR 72715-3500	(479) 561-5580
<b>HUNTINGTON</b>	Frank L. Grubbs (12) PL	500 E Pasadena St Greenwood AR 72936-3202	(479) 629-2338
<b>HUNTSVILLE PRESLEY CHAPEL</b>	Bradley Keith Moore (3) PE	PO Box 1257 Huntsville AR 72740-1257	(501) 590-5032
<b>JASPER</b>	Byron Wesley Mann (2) PL	Hc 70 Box 618a Jasper AR 71641	(870) 861-5065
<b>JOURNEY HISPANIC MISSION</b>	TBS ()		
<b>LAMAR MOUNT OLIVE - CLARKSVILLE</b>	Beth Latham (3) PL	260 Vanita Loop Pottsville AR 72858	(479) 264-1324
<b>LESLIE MARSHALL</b>	Micheaul L. Proctor (6) FL	PO Box 395 Marshall AR 72650	(870) 315-3931
<b>LIVING WATERS AT CENTERTON</b>	Heath R Bradley (3) FE	6 Mayfair Ln Bella Vista AR 72715	
<b>MANSFIELD HACKETT</b>	Richard P Rogers (3) FL	109 S Division Ave Mansfield AR 72944-0056	(479) 928-4851
<b>MENA FIRST</b>	Pauleen Ann Ferris (4) FE	1409 Eve St South Mena AR 71953	(479) 216-4499
<b>MIDLAND HEIGHTS</b>	Daniel Lane Williams (3) PL	4824 North O Fort Smith AR 72904	(479) 783-0118
<b>MISSION</b>	Dazzle Burns (2) PL	4306 S 88th Street Fort Smith AR 72903	(479) 782-0612
<b>MOUNT OLIVE - VAN BUREN</b>	TBS ()		
<b>MOUNT PLEASANT</b>	TBS ()		
<b>MOUNTAIN VIEW - ALMA NEWBERRY CHAPEL</b>	Robert M. Jeffery (5) RL	PO Box 957 Alma AR 72921	(479) 462-1320
<b>MULBERRY DYER</b>	Philip Costner (2) SY	1230 Charles Dr Van Buren AR 72956-7589	(479) 474-2795
<b>NEW HOPE-VAN BUREN</b>	Lynn David Strang (1) RL	PO Box 603 Lavaca AR 72941-0603	(479) 935-8559
<b>OAKLEY CHAPEL</b>	Shane D Pair (8) FE	203 South Promenade Blvd Rogers AR 72758-1653	(479) 636-4110
<b>OLA PLAINVIEW WAVELAND</b>	Lonnie M. Landers, Sr. (2) RL	678 Bakers Creek Road Russellville AR	
<b>OZARK</b>	Carlton N. Cross (1) FE	503 W Commercial St Ozark AR 72949-3111	

<b>PARIS MAGAZINE</b>	Judy Hall (3) PE	PO Box 439 Magazine AR 72943-0439	(479) 438-1429
<b>PARKS SQUARE ROCK</b>	Roger Rice (3) PL	1378 City Lake Rd Waldron AR 72958-7192	(479) 637-6023
<b>PEA RIDGE BRIGHTWATER</b>	John Scott Stewart (2) FE	626 Asboth Pea Ridge AR 72751	(479) 659-9519
<b>POTTSVILLE</b>	Mildred Faith Bryant (13) RL	202 Country Wood Rd Morrilton AR 72110-4200	(501) 977-0868
<b>PRAIRIE GROVE FIRST</b>	Lee Benjamin Myane (5) FE	1401 E Parks St Prairie Grove AR 72753-2927	
<b>PRAIRIE VIEW PIONEER MEMORIAL</b>	Aaron Madden (3) PL	1501 6th Terrace Barling AR 72923	(479) 208-3357
<b>ROGERS FIRST</b>	Michael Mattox (3) FE	307 W Elm St Rogers AR 72756-4535	(479) 631-7997
<b>Deacon</b>	Helena Cathy Caudle (8) FD		
<b>RUSSELLVILLE FIRST</b>	Ruben Anthony Griffin (1) FE	304 S Commerce Ave Russellville AR 72801-5051	(501) 230-9858
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<b>SAINT JAMES - FAYETTEVILLE</b>	Jeffery L Blassingame (4) PL	PO Box 4352 Fort Smith AR 72914	
<b>SAINT PAUL - FORT SMITH</b>	Steven M. Poarch (11) FE	4100 Grand Ave Fort Smith AR 72904-7024	(479) 783-5908
<b>Deacon</b>	Mark L. Waynick (33) FD		
<b>SAINT PAUL - GRAVEL HILL</b>	Jon Scheible (4) SY	6808 SR 164 E Dover AR 72837	(479) 970-7286
<b>SEQUOYAH</b>	Sara Cole Pair (9) FE	1910 N Old Wire Rd Fayetteville AR 72703-3019	(479) 442-8677
<b>SILOAM SPRINGS FIRST</b>	Gary Clark Atkins, Jr. (2) FE	325 E Twin Springs St Siloam Springs AR 72761-3241	(479) 524-6111
<b>SPRINGDALE FIRST</b>	Andrew C. Thompson (4) FE	6005 Francis Fair Parkway Springdale AR 72762	(479) 751-4610
<b>Associates</b>	Todd Martin Lovell (4) FE		
	Jennifer Ryerson (2) FL		
	Rob Williams (9) FL		
<b>TRINITY - FAYETTEVILLE VINEY GROVE</b>	Terry M. Gosnell (4) FE	1021 W Sycamore St Fayetteville AR 72703-1763	(479) 575-9500

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<b>VALLEY SPRINGS</b>	TBS ()		
<b>VESTA</b>	Geral Lynn Holloway (2) PL	38 Dubs Way Booneville AR 72927-3532	(479) 675-6175
<b>VIETNAMESE - FORT SMITH</b>	TBS ()		
<b>VIETNAMESE - VAN BUREN</b>	Daniel Joseph Nguyen (11) OF	1018 N 40th St Fort Smith AR 72904-6933	
<b>WALDRON BIRDSVIEW</b>	Patricia Diane Miller (8) RL	PO Box 654 Waldron AR 72958-0654	(479) 637-6400
<b>WALTREAK</b>	Larry Pat Millard (11) OF	5411 Millard Ln Danville AR 72833-6215	(479) 637-2849
<b>WEDINGTON</b>	Joseph W. Hall (14) PL	PO Box 104 Prairie Grove AR 72753-0104	(479) 790-2079
<b>WESLEY - FORT SMITH CAVANAUGH</b>	Zeke Allen (1) FE	2200 Phoenix Ave Fort Smith AR 72901-8099	(501) 650-1293
<b>WESLEY - RUSSELLVILLE</b>	Michael Alan Lowenberg (1) OF	300 N Cumberland Ave Russellville AR 72801-2510	(479) 968-1860
<b>WINSLOW</b>	Rick Broadway (3) OR	4024 N. Mountain Grove Road Alma AR 72921	(417) 770-0007
<b>WOODLANDS</b>	Ben Hampton Anderson (6) RE	7804 Rogers Ave Fort Smith AR 72903-5544	(479) 461-4648
<b>Administrative Location (359)</b>			
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE LOCATION</b>	Larry D. Ott (1) AL	1826 South 11th Place Rogers AR 72756	(479) 322-1207
<b>Deacon Appointments Beyond the Local Church (331.1a)</b>			
<b>HIGHLANDSONCOLOGY GROUP</b>	Pamela Cicioni (8) FD	808 S 52nd St Rogers AR 72758-8602	(479) 270-3553
<b>PEA RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT -COUNSELOR</b>	Helena Cathy Caudle (8) FD	649 Founders Park Dr E Springdale AR 72762-5821	(479) 631-7997
<b>THE TEEN ACTION AND SUPPORT CENTER</b>	Dawn Spragg (1) FD	2525 W New Hope Road Rogers AR 72758	(479) 426-6788
<b>Diaconal Ministry (413.3)</b>			
<b>HARRISON FIRST</b>	Denise E. Palmer (2) DM	1100 W Bower Ave Harrison AR 72601-3271	(479) 790-2149
<b>Extension Ministries (344.1a,c)</b>			
<b>WESLEY FOUNDATION - ATU</b>	John David Palmer (4) FE	339 Lake Ridge Drive Russellville AR 72802	(479) 968-4159
<b>Extension Ministries (344.1b)</b>			
<b>CIRCLE OF LIFE HOSPICE, SPRINGDALE AR</b>	Audie D. Long (9) FE	1480 Colonel Bass Ln Prairie Grove AR 72753-8016	(479) 422-5513



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**PERSONAL LEAVE** Randall D. Ludwig (4) FE 71 Trimble Flats (870) 404-0788  
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**ALTHEIMER** TBS ()

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<b>FOUNTAIN HILL ZION</b>	Jim Bailey (1) SY	3616 Hwy 133 North Hamburg AR 71646	(870) 853-5578
<b>GILLETT DELUCE</b>	Janet T. Edwards (6) FE	PO Box 88 Gillett AR 72055-0088	(870) 509-1133
<b>GOOD FAITH CARR REDFIELD</b>	TBS ()		
<b>GOOD HOPE TRINITY- WARREN</b>	Timothy V. McClellan (2) SP	PO Box 212 Kingsland AR 71652-0212	(870) 543-9040
<b>GRADY TRINITY - STAR CITY</b>	TBS ()		
<b>GRAND AVENUE - STUTTGART</b>	Luke Parker (2) OF	802 S. Grand Avenue Stuttgart AR 72160	(870) 673-6317
<b>GREENHILL LACEY</b>	J. Donald Johnson (11) RL	2000 Center St Rison AR 71665-8347	(870) 325-6750
<b>HAMBURG FIRST</b>	Cletus Gregory Comer (7) FE	202 S Main St Hamburg AR 71646-3228	(870) 853-5417
<b>HAWLEY MEMORIAL WESLEY - PINE BLUFF</b>	Edna Mae Morgan (3) RE	8309 Old Warren Rd Pine Bluff AR 71603-8937	(870) 692-2400
<b>HEBRON - NEW EDINBURG</b>	TBS ()		
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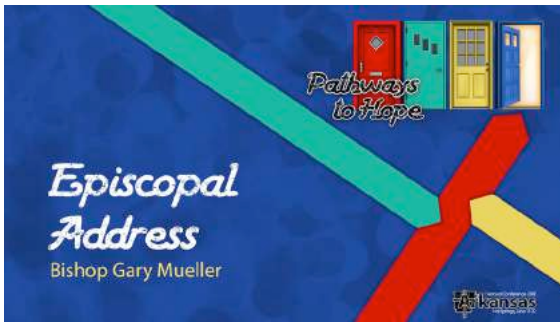
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# Annual Reports





**EPISCOPAL ADDRESS  
"PATHWAYS TO HOPE"  
Monday, June 18, 2018  
Bishop Gary E. Mueller**

Our theme for this conference is "Pathways to Hope." When I was thinking of what to say, it became obvious that I had to talk about hope. And when you are going to talk about hope, the most natural thing in the world is to go find some. And I did. And it didn't take long to find it. Because, Arkansas Annual Conference, you are amazing. Look at these signs of hope: Our annual conference ministry with youth; the Ozark Mission Project; local pastors who talk powerfully about their call to ministry; the incredible growth at Philander Smith College and the amazing quality of education at Hendrix; the many local churches that take mission trips, locally and globally; our Disaster Response and Volunteers in Mission network; the 200,000 Reasons Childhood Hunger initiative involving more and more congregations and making a bigger and bigger difference in the lives of children in Arkansas; more women clergy in larger churches; innovative ministry like that occurring at Canvas Community Church; babies being baptized, youth coming to faith, adults making professions of faith in Christ; the work of the United Methodist Foundation and on and on and on.

But you know it doesn't matter how long a list of hopeful things I come up with, the fact of the matter is the world is struggling, the Church is struggling, and many of you are struggling. We live in this time where we are a people of hope and yet we see the pain of the reality around us. We live in tension with each other, and we have to address that before we can find our true hope. I will share with you what I wish I could say to you. And then I will tell you the reality of what I feel I must say to you.

I wish I could tell you that we have settled issues around human sexuality and everybody is happy. But the reality of what I must say to you is that the Way Forward is still going to be a confusing journey, with an uncertain ending.

I wish I could tell you we are turning the corner in becoming a more vital annual conference – but the reality of what I must say to you is that we continue to experience decline in spite of all your hard work: the Bishop's mission plan; our emphasis on every congregation "Growing-by-One" in worship attendance, professions of faith, small groups and outreach into the mission field; the cabinet's commitment to making mission field appointments; the work of our Center for Vitality on our "vital" emphasis this past year; all the money the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas has invested; the Arkansas Tithing Initiative; and the Bishop's Ordinands' Retreats.

I wish I could tell you that spiritual revival has taken hold and has truly made a difference. But the reality of what I must say to you is we are far more focused on survival than revival, being comfortable than being ready to sacrifice for Jesus and having things the way we think they should be rather than getting serious about doing God's Will.

I wish I could tell you that we have absolute clarity and commitment about who we are and what we are doing. But the reality of what I must say to you is that we are struggling to embrace our trajectory of creating vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.

I wish I could tell you that it doesn't matter whether we are right-leaning, left-leaning or somewhere in the middle, and that we all are joined by Jesus Christ as the heart of faith. But the reality of what I must say to you is that I think we have turned Jesus into an assumption, a social media hashtag or some sort of mascot attached to what we would be doing anyway.

I wish I could tell you that we are experiencing ‘holy unsettledness’ about all of this because that would be a sign we are ready to do something. But the reality of what I must say to you is that I think we have become complacent, accepting of the status quo and being comfortable with low expectations about the future.

I wish, I pray, oh how I pray, that I could tell you that hope abounds in Arkansas. But the reality of what I must say to you is there is a great deal of hopelessness, perhaps even despair, and some of it is in this room right now. Many of you are struggling to understand why so many congregations think that God-called and gifted females cannot lead churches as pastors. Our nation, indeed the entire world, is so polarized that we seem incapable of solving the problems we face. Towns are depopulating throughout much of our state, and that means many of you are watching your towns slowly die, young people moving away, and once-strong vital congregations dwindle. Almost all United Methodist congregations in Arkansas are growing smaller and smaller, with no indication that things are going to turn around. Did you know more American students have been killed in schools this year than American soldiers have died in battle? Laity don’t trust clergy, clergy don’t trust laity and let me tell you, no one trusts the Council of Bishops. Sports, dance and other activities take priority far too often over kids being in church. Religious leader after religious leader has been caught in an act of sexual misconduct.

## God’s Still God, and God’s Not Finished



is as real, alive and shining as brightly as the August Arkansas sun in the delta.

So let me be clear about what I’m doing here right now. I am not about cheerleading, imploring you to work harder or selling you on the latest greatest conference program. I am not going to do that. I’m going to simply lay out where we can get the hope we long for, the hope we pray for, and the hope we need. I’m going to be honest. It’s not flashy or trendy. In fact, it’s really very basic. But I tell you; it gives us that hope we need. And here’s why: It’s God’s hope. It’s God’s gift to us. And we can find it. We can experience it. We can live it on four of God’s pathways to hope.

Here’s God’s First pathway to hope: *God’s still God and God’s not finished yet.* This pathway is beautifully expressed in the Book of Revelation:

<sup>1</sup> *I saw Heaven and earth new-created. Gone the first Heaven, gone the first earth, gone the sea.*

<sup>2</sup> *I saw Holy Jerusalem, new-created, descending resplendent out of Heaven, as ready for God as a bride for her husband.*

<sup>3-5</sup> *I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: “Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They’re his people, he’s their God. He’ll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone.” The Enthroned continued, “Look! I’m making everything new.*

Revelation 21:1-5 The Message (MSG)

That’s scripture. That’s God’s Word. We walk on God’s pathway to hope when we believe and live as if God is at work making God’s will just as real on earth as it already is in heaven. Now, look, this doesn’t mean we’re naïve or in denial about the way things are – including all the sin, suffering, pain, and injustice. It simply means we trust God’s promise a whole lot more than what we see or how we feel or what other people are saying. When God goes to work, and that may be in the church or outside the church, it is absolutely as real as that person sitting next to you. It’s certainly far more real than all the bad news with which you are confronted every single day. Here’s the

My sisters and brothers, I stand here before you saying I wish I could tell you I have hope. But wait... I do. It doesn’t matter, the struggles, the pain, the uncertainty, the hopelessness. I have hope. And it’s real hope. Great hope. Incredible hope. Eternal hope. And here is why: God created us to do more. Christ died for us to do more. The Holy Spirit is empowering us to do more. And that means God’s hope

difference you will experience when you walk the first of God's pathways to hope: You'll have a new spirit in your life. You'll have a new way of seeing things, a new way of living. You'll experience joy the Holy Spirit gives you because you know God's will is becoming real right now. You experience hope because you feel closer to God. You discover meaning at the deepest level because you are a more faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. And here's what it looks like. We no longer are "Chicken Littles," which Christians are really very good at imitating. We are no longer "Chicken Littles," who go around saying, "the sky is falling, the sky is falling!" Instead we are witnesses to the ultimate reality of what God is doing in our lives, in our church, in our conference. It has already happened in the person and work of Christ. We live knowing it's true.

Here's God's second pathway to hope: *We've still Got Jesus and that's all we need.* This is powerfully expressed in one of the best-known passages of Scripture.

*This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it.*

John 3:16-18 The Message (MSG)

## We've Got Jesus, and That's All We Need



Let me say as clearly as I can. We Christians, we Arkansas United Methodists, cannot count on the prestige of our church, any endowments we have squirreled away, winning battles at General Conference, powerful preaching, the latest and greatest program or superstar laity. We can't count on those, although it's really nice to have all of those in your back pocket. When all is said and done, all we Christians really have is Jesus. The Jesus who voluntarily came into the muck of human life. The Jesus who shared the fullness of God's love. The Jesus who was rejected by almost everyone. The Jesus who died on the cross as a common criminal. The Jesus who was raised from the dead. The Jesus who promised to be with us always. And the Jesus who calls each one of us to live as his disciples.

This is not a conservative thing or a liberal thing. It's a Christian thing. Jesus gave us what we absolutely need, but can never get on our own: salvation, forgiveness, healing, hope, new life, second, third and fourth chances, and the opportunity to become part of something bigger than ourselves. It's a challenge for me and I know it's a challenge for you.

It seems like the smarter we are, the more affluent we become, the more technologically savvy we become, the more we live into the culture in which we find ourselves, the less convinced we are that we need Jesus as the cornerstone of our lives. Those of us in this room are smart and affluent and blessed and successful. The greatest threat we experience as disciples of Jesus Christ is relying on this instead of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. There is no more important work we have as United Methodist Christians than going back to Jesus, letting him embrace us, letting him hold us tight, letting him transform us from the inside out. And I want to tell you that's not simplistic; it's simple. It's not fundamentalist; it's basic. It's not outdated; it's eternal.

**It's Simple  
It's Basic  
It's Eternal**



## We Need the Fullness of God's Love in Jesus Christ because It Changes Everything



This is what will happen when you rely more and more on Jesus: The clearer you are about who Jesus is, the clearer you will be about who you are. The clearer you are about who Jesus is, the clearer you will be about how he calls you to live. The clearer you are about who Jesus is, the clearer you will be about the power he gives you to be that disciple who makes disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.

The clearer you are about who Jesus is, the freer you will be – we will be – to be the Church Jesus is calling us to be.

Through God's third pathway to hope, we can *experience the fullness of God's unconditional, invitational and transformational love in Jesus Christ that changes everything.* It's proclaimed in such an amazing way in Paul's letter to the church in Corinth:

<sup>1</sup> *If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.*

<sup>2</sup> *If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.*

<sup>3-7</sup> *If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.*



*Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others than for self.  
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.*



*Love doesn't strut,  
Doesn't have a swelled head,  
Doesn't force itself on others,  
Isn't always "Me first,"*



*Doesn't fly off the handle,  
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,  
Doesn't revel when others grovel,*



*Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,  
Puts up with anything,  
Trusts God always,*



*Always looks for the best,  
Never looks back,  
But keeps going to the end.*

I Corinthians 13:1-7 The Message (MSG)

Jesus loves you just the way you are right this moment. Nothing ever can change that. I have come to believe that one of the biggest sins of the church is that we have too often been more interested in judging people than celebrating the fact that God's love is so great that God loves people we have a hard time loving. Sometimes it seems we are overcompensating for our past sins and we seem to be stuck in God's unconditional love – as if it is the sum total of all of God's love.

Jesus loves you unconditionally and nothing you do can ever make Jesus love you more or less. But Jesus loves you so much; Jesus is not going to leave you the way you are. Jesus is going to invite you into a personal relationship with him that changes you and everything about you – now and forever. It literally makes you more loving, compassionate, joyful, committed to justice and ready to share with others the privilege of experiencing Jesus' love.

Now, listen carefully to what I'm going to say. It's going to change you if you are a liberal. It's going to change you if you are a conservative. It's going to change you if you are in-between. It's going to change you if you're lay. It's going to change you if you're clergy. It's going to change me if I'm a bishop. It's going to change those of you with great passion and fervor and it's going to change those who are lukewarm. It's going to change those of you who have been Jesus' followers for a long time and those of you who are brand new Christians. Jesus' love is a total love, a complete love that embraces us as we are and loves us into the person God has created us to be.

Walking this pathway of God gives you hope. It's going to root you more deeply in Jesus, regardless of who you are, and regardless of what your life is like. It's going to make you so passionately in love with him that you will never want to drop his hand because you know he is going to guide you where you need to go. It's going to take you deeper into the world – especially outside the door of your church to get involved with real people who have real problems. It literally will de-po-



larize your desire to be polarized, open eyes to see the power of God's love will make you more comfortable reaching outside your comfort zones. That may sound a little scary because we all want that Jesus we can shrink down and put in our pocket, but Jesus loves us into something bigger than we already are.

God's fourth pathway to hope: *It's not how "successful" we are; it's what Jesus' power can do.* John's Gospel describes what we will be able to do when we acknowledge this very basic reality.

*Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can't believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing. You can count on it.*

John 14:11-14 The Message (MSG)

We will walk God's pathway to hope when we get over the fact that the church is declining and dying, and discover that being a struggling church frees us up to do things for Jesus we've not yet begun to imagine. There are a lot of people, starting with bishops, who bemoan the current state of the church. I'm beginning to be convinced that it's maybe the greatest gift that God could possibly ever give to us. I would much rather be in a struggling church filled with people who want to be there than a church that seems to be thriving with people who think they are expected to be there. I want to be in a church where people are really, truly, passionately seeking God and not just going through the motions day after day, week after week, month after month. I want to be part of a church ready to claim Jesus' power and not simply rely on their own abilities.

Quite frankly, we are at our best when we're underdogs and when we don't have anything to lose and can focus on what Jesus wants us to do and not on what other people think. You know, sometimes it's only when we've tried and failed, and tried and failed, and done everything we can that we realize that we can look beyond ourselves and trust Jesus' promise.

Here is how walking this pathway of God gives us hope: It enables us to discover the true hope that comes when we embrace Jesus' promise to let him help us do what we long to do. In families that are broken by addiction or abuse, in congregations where racism overshadows the liberating love of Jesus, in lives where people are more intent on making sense of Jesus than following Jesus, in a world where people think the more stuff you got, the happier you are.

## Getting Real About God's Pathways To Hope

every time I preached, there would be agents of the government present. You travel around just outside the city and there are cars, mostly of which are from the 40s and 50s, and the means of farming was by animal. It literally was like going back in time 90 years. People make very little money. You walked around the city and, the buildings, every single one of them could have used a paint job and a repair job. And there was just a sense in which it was depressing and dying and struggling. I heard a story about Bishop Pereira about 19 years ago. When he was ready to be elected bishop and everyone knew it would happen, the first thing the government did was to arrest him and throw him in jail to keep him from becoming a bishop. That failed. The next thing that happened is that they tried to murder him. They ran him off the road on his motorcycle and he was left for dead. It was a miracle he survived. This is Cuba. And yet, that first Sunday morning

This past week, I was in Cuba. I was invited to preach at the Cuban Annual Conference. I'd heard a lot about Cuba and talked to people like Dede Roberts who had been there before. But when I arrived, my first impressions as I toured Havana and as I got to see what life was like in Cuba, just dismayed me; they depressed me.

The poverty is real. It is still a communist state where the state holds a very heavy thumb on people. I was told that

## It's Great To Be A Struggling Church



when I preached at the Bishop's church, the church was filled. There were around 900 people in the sanctuary that probably only seated 650. They showed a picture of 200 people downstairs in the basement and they were live streaming. Worship began and people were praising God as they sang. They were dancing in the aisles and were hungry to hear the Good News of the Gospel. When the Bishop gave a call at the end, people came forward, longing to be touched by the power of God. But the thing that struck me most every time I was with the people of the church of Cuba was the joy, the love, the passion for the people to know Jesus and the passion to live as a new people. I experienced greater hope in that setting than any time ever in my ministry. We, who have so much, struggle. They, who have so little, live the hope. And Lord knows, that's God's pathway of hope.

We're in a very difficult time in the life of the United Methodist Church. This room is divided. The tension is beginning to become palpable. Friends are struggling with each other. People are saying harsh things. And in this kind of setting, it's sometimes hard to find hope. You see, the deal is, we don't have to find hope. We don't have to manufacture hope. We don't have to create hope. We simply need to receive God's hope, the hope that's real because God is still God and God is working to make God's will just as real on earth as it is in heaven, the pathway of hope that comes from the fact that Jesus Christ is the son of God and gives us everything we need. The hope that comes from the totality of God's love, that embraces everyone of us as we are and makes us into God's children who are filled with love and joy and passion and the hope that comes from walking with God and trusting Jesus' words that we can do far more than we ever thought possible.

In the coming days and then next February in St. Louis at General Conference, and then when we return in a year, and certainly when you go back to your church or your new church, you have a choice. You can be cynical and angry and self-righteous and judgmental, or you can say liberal, conservative or in-between, I know where hope is found and I am going to walk the pathways that God has given me.

Imagine what would happen if those of us in this room, returned to our places of service, to our churches, to our communities, filled with that kind of hope. Imagine it. Imagine the difference we could make in the lives of individuals. Imagine how our churches would change. Imagine how our communities would change. Imagine how the world would change. It does not take everyone else figuring out how to do it. It takes you, starting to do it. And it is my prayer, and it is my hope, and it is my deepest desire that together we will join hands and we will walk God's pathways of hope. Come Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

### **LAITY ADDRESS: PATHWAYS TO HOPE**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

**Karon Mann, Conference Lay Leader  
& Kathy Conley, Associate Lay Leader**



### **INTRODUCTION**

*Karon Mann:* I'm going to lay some truth on you right off the bat: 2018 has been a pretty hard year for me. In February my mother passed away, and regardless of age or circumstance, losing your mother is difficult.

Then in April, my close friend, Jim Argue, got sick, and on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, he died. Jim and Elise were my and my husband's closest friends for almost 40 years. We raised children together, vacationed together, had dinner together on Friday nights for years. But in addition to this, Jim was my friend I could talk to about the goings on in the United Methodist Church, be they local, conference, or general church. I miss him.

Also gearing up in 2018 are the discussions about the future of our denomination. It's an understatement to say that there is anxiety, and a lot of talk about the possibilities of what our church will look like going forward.

So I have a confession to make to you. For the first time in about 20 years, I didn't want to do Annual Conference. Frankly, I felt saturated with grief, for the loss of family, for the loss of a friend, and for the possible loss of the United Methodist Church, as I knew it.

At the 2016 General Conference, our church advertised the work of our connection in Portland, Oregon. United we do so much good for the kingdom of God, helping and serving millions.

But while preparing this spring for the special called session of General Conference in 2019, the thought of our connection being lessened was overwhelming to me. I was at a point personally where all I could do was turn to the Lord in prayer. And while praying, I heard two small whispers telling me what I needed to hear.

The first whisper sounded a lot like my grandmother, saying the line she was known for, "Little lady, you need to get your want-to-er fixed." She was right. I did need to get my want-to-er fixed.

But the second still, small whisper, the voice of the Holy Spirit simply said, "Focus on me."

When my attention is drawn away by life's events, I need to focus on Jesus Christ. When laity in the United Methodist Church have attention drawn away by anxious talk about our denomination's future, we need to focus on Jesus Christ. First and foremost we need to remember that we are disciples of Jesus Christ, and we are called to be the love of Christ to each other and to the world.

## LOVE

My Sunday School class has recently started a book study called, "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love" by Bishop Will Willimon. The "others" in this book are either immigrants, persons from different faiths, or different races or ethnicities, and the book invites us to consider the Gospel command to love, and not merely tolerate, those considered to be "the other." As I read the book, I couldn't help but think about our denomination, and pray that within our differing opinions about our future, we do not make other members feel like "the other."

In the words of St. Thomas Aquinas: "We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject."

If we remember our focus, that we are first and foremost disciples of Jesus Christ, then honestly, we as United Methodist Christians will be more concerned with bringing people into the church, than in talking among ourselves about graceful exits from our church.

Some good words to remember come from one of Bishop Mueller's previous daily devotionals titled, "Life is All About the Main Thing." The Bishop says, "The key to being successful is making sure that the main thing always remains the main thing. For you, this means loving God with everything you've got and your neighbor like yourself." Loving God with everything we've got, and our neighbors like ourselves starts right here in this room.

There are more components to our discipleship than love, though. Discipleship is a lifelong journey and Kathy Conley is going to share her thoughts about a disciple's need to *learn*.

## LEARN

*Kathy Conley:* Good Morning, I am Kathy Conley, your associate Lay Leader. My kids and I love to play a game where we don't necessarily try to one up each other, or to show who's the smartest, but to give each other new information we might enjoy knowing but don't already know. We will say: "tell me something I don't know." We enjoy conversations between each other with new thoughts, new ideas, new information, new things that we might not already know. We do this in fun but also to expand our level of newknowledge.

So ...tell me ... when was the last time you learned something new? Something you didn't know? Or, how about something that helped you adjust your mind to a new way of doing things? When was the last time you thought about something in a different way? Or, do I dare ask, when was the last time you changed how you did something, or thought about something? Oh, that C-word! Can't stand it, can we? Change, please don't say it! Definitely, don't do it!

Well, hopefully, you are not locked into doing something the same old way and not even knowing

why - just doing it - because it is comfortable - or what you're used to.

As United Methodists we are encouraged to grow in our discipleship. To learn new things. To be open to adjusting to a better way to accomplish a task. We worship a God who is a God of new things. "Our" ideas, "our" thoughts sometimes blind us to seeing and experiencing the wonderful, new things God is showing us.

God has a dream for us, a plan for us and we would be wise to pray that we will always be open to God's plan and not ours . . . To God's will and not ours. We get in trouble when it is not so much about what God wants to do but what we want to do and then we will turn around and ask God to bless our plans.

Let us be intentional in devoting ourselves to the things that help us know God and to living in God's will. We can do that in a number of different ways, but I'd like to remind you of just a few.

### **We can Learn to: BE OPEN**

Be open to the whispers of God's spirit. Recognize that God's whisper reaches us in study, in prayer, in worship, and in service. Pursue God's guidance in all things. Be open.

### **We can Learn to: BE WILLING**

Be willing to go on an adventure. When you read and study the Bible, you are on an adventure - exploring, looking, digging, learning and growing. Enter into the adventure with the desire to walk further into the mystery and goodness of God and to really understand the context, the culture, the lesson the Spirit is wanting us to hear and then to live out in our lives. Let the scripture permeate your being. When it is deep inside your heart and soul you can get truly centered on God and then be open to the guidance of God. Be willing.

### **We can Learn to: BE COMFORTABLE**

Be comfortable in your witness so you can engage in conversations with other people in an open minded way. Dialogue is not about getting your ideas and opinions across. It is about listening and talking in a caring, Christ-like way. Be comfortable.

### **We can Learn to: BE FREE**

Be free to join United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, the choir, handbells, a Sunday School class and other small groups in order to expand your realm of companionship through making friends who seek to accomplish good in the world with music, mission outreach, and relationship building. Prioritize your time to include a small group. Be free.

### **We can Learn to: BE MINDFUL**

Be mindful in looking for people who you can connect to God and to one another. Learn to invite and become an encourager that seeks to knock down the walls that keep other people from God. Many times our narrow focus can get in the way of sharing Christ and it blinds us to the way God loves. Remember, God is not limited to our understanding. Our horizon is the limit of our vision. And, there's always more beyond the horizon - more beyond what we can see right now. Keep your heart open to God's continued working of grace in your life and be ready to be filled and shaped in order to follow Jesus better. Be ready to share it with those around you. Be mindful.

### **We can Learn to: BE THE PRESENCE**

Be the presence of Jesus in the world and follow the way of peace which is always the way of Christ. Pray that our church and our homes will be an oasis of love and hope always seeing through the lens of God's grace. Be the presence.

### **We can Learn to: BE THE DREAM**

Be the dream fulfilled. I talked earlier about the dream God has for us. As we work together with God, hear these words: Dream boldly, my dear church! Dream big, my loving church family! A future generation of believers will be sitting right here someday, when we have stepped into eternity. Let us unselfishly plan for those new believers, those new members of the Arkansas Annual Conference and step aside to allow the Holy Spirit to rest among us right here, right now. Let us envision the dreams of all the members of this church through the years coming to fruition

through all of us. Let us step aside so as to not stand in the way of the plans God has prepared for our church. Be the dream.

#### **LEAD**

*Karon Mann:* As Lay Members of the Arkansas Annual Conference, you have been elected to a position of leadership in your local congregation.

As a leader, back in your home church, there are practical things you can do to help guide your congregation through these next months. First and foremost, model the behavior you seek. If you sense anxiety or tension, be the calm voice of reason, reminding your fellow laity to focus on our calling to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Be encouraging. Be fair and open. Treat everyone with respect.

As Bishop Mueller said in his letter to the Arkansas Conference last Friday, "Attitude and tone matter. Love matters. And, as your bishop, I expect all of us to model the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, especially in difficult and challenging moments. It's not always easy. But it's always the way Jesus calls us to live."

He's right. It's the way Jesus calls us to live. One of the most helpful things we can do is establish an attitude of prayer.

#### **PRAY**

The Holy Ground we stand on as the church, the beloved Body of Christ, intentionally proceeds from our being in the presence of God. Let us not lose the constant attention of being in God's presence - that place where the God of all creation invites us to enter in and be our authentic selves. The place where we are accepted and loved for just being who we are. The place where the Holy Spirit comes to rest upon us as we seek to follow our Lord and our Savior.

The place where the fire of the Spirit falls down on us as we welcome it to enter our lives and allow it to lift us up when we falter. That place of Holy Ground, brings our Savior into our midst and helps us to know, to feel and to experience the great mercy, grace and love that is given freely to all of us. As our lives tell the story of God's faithfulness, may we reflect the miracle of being able to share every moment of our lives with God. As natural as breathing . . . . a whole life response to God's grace . . . . prayer is a privilege that will never be denied us.

#### **CLOSING**

I follow author and Bible teacher Beth Moore on Twitter. Last January she did a series of tweets on prayer, and one said, "I wonder if God hears our tepid prayers, looks around & goes, 'Oh, were you talking to Me? It sounds like you're talking to somebody else. I'm the One who created out of nothing, who parts seas or walks on them...wanna try again?'"

She goes on to say, "Tepid is apathetic, half-hearted. To come to God with a whole heart even when it has nothing but its own emptiness to offer is an act of worship."

She challenged readers to pray boldly, as an act of worship. I was reminded of one of my favorite scriptures, Hebrews 4:16. I have this taped to my office wall so I can see it every day:

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

I know that I, personally, have been in a time of need this year. Some of you are in a time of need. The United Methodist Church is in a time of need right now. Let's remember to pray boldly, to ask for God's mercy and grace on us as disciples, and on our United Methodist Church.

Laity in the United Methodist Church are called to love, to learn, to lead and to pray. Those are our pathways to hope. Discipleship is our path to hope. Let us close with this unison prayer:

#### **UNISON PRAYER**

*Most Gracious God,  
Just as it was when Jesus made his home on earth,  
The world can be a hateful and cruel place.  
We ask that you would guide our actions as believers.  
Give us an eagerness to be humble and gentle.*

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*Help us to have hearts of patience and forbearance.*

*Thank You for the hope we have in You;*

*May your hope unify our thoughts and decisions*

*And invoke peace through the spirit.*

*Amen<sup>1</sup>*

**Youth Address: Pathways to Hope**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

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**& John Mark Mathis,**

**Incoming ACCYM President**



In 2014, over 300 young people just like us gathered in Manila, in the Philippines for worship, fellowship, and dialogue about the life of the church. There they crafted a statement of unity that was shared at General Conference 2016. We would like to share that statement with you today.

“There has been increasing talk of schism of the United Methodist Church in recent months. Many say that the issue of homosexuality is so contentious that it will inevitably split our Church. We, as the young people of The United Methodist Church, would like to say that we do not desire a divided Church. The Church that we have taken our places in is called to a ministry that includes so much more than this one issue. There are genuine, passionate perspectives on all sides of the issue and though we disagree, we have committed ourselves to loving, faithful discussion on this subject. Part of the beauty of our Church is that there has always been room at the table for a wide range of theological diversity within our connectional church family. As Wesley said, ‘May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?’ We urge everyone to seek solutions that promote our global unity as the United Methodist Church of Jesus Christ, rather than focus only on the issues that divide us, so that we may faithfully live out our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

**My name is Bekah Dodson from First United Methodist Church El Dorado. And I’m John Mark Mathis from Greenbrier First United Methodist Church. I am the current president of the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries, and I will be the president for ACCYM for the upcoming 2018-2019 year.**

*Just like the young people of the 2014 convocation had the opportunity to form their statement of unity, we have crafted our statement of hope. We have the great privilege to represent the young people of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. As part of this privilege, we are representing their voice to you. We asked youth around Arkansas what they wished the older generations knew about the youth in their church and these are some of their responses:*

**We are dedicated & are trying to find new ways to include more people in our church. Everyone worships differently, while some of us may choose less conventional ways when compared to established habits, we still cherish and respect traditional worship. We are changing our understanding of faith by gaining experience through actively doing ministry instead of just attending church.**

*We rely on and look up to older generations with great appreciation and admiration.*

**School, family and extracurricular activities keep us pretty scheduled. We are trying to find a balance of service, study, growth, and opportunities for fun.**

<sup>1</sup> Rachel Wojnarowski, A Prayer for Unity, [www.dayspring.com/articles/a-prayer-for-unity](http://www.dayspring.com/articles/a-prayer-for-unity); November 14, 2017.

*We also heard from a youth worker who was adamant that, though all youth are not able to give financially to the church, ministering to the youth is vital. Many decisions to follow Christ happen before the age of 18 so outreach to young people must be a priority.*

**Another youth pastor believes that youth and young adult leadership needs to be transformative, not informative. All churches may not have youth ministries, but all churches are called to minister to the needs of youth, young adults, and their families. One main point we want to express is that we don't see ourselves as a different part of the church but one in the same. Though we are young, we have the power to make a difference in this world, just like every other person in this room. Together, we are one church. And as one church, like John Wesley said, "we may not think alike, but may we not love alike?"**

**2 Corinthians 4:18 says "So we don't look at the troubles we can see now rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."**

In the church today, there are a lot of issues that we see that can distract us.

We can become distracted by decisions that need to be made, and when issues become big enough to need a special session from the General Conference, it can be easy for us to grow overwhelmed and absorbed completely.

But in these moments, I'm encouraged by stories of people like that of Bishop Sally Dyck who, when addressing the Northern Illinois Annual Conference, asked: "what will [you] be doing on February 27, 2019?" She went on to say, "The proper response? Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

We would like to share with you a few of the highlights of the events we use as a way to "keep the main thing, the main thing," as Bishop Mueller has challenged us all to do.

This past year, over 1400 youth and young adults gathered, or as Bishop Saenz said huddled together in worship at Veritas 2018.

Two years ago, we took a chance on a pathway to hope and we expanded our Junior High Youth event, known as Refuge, to 2 weekends. This past November we had just shy of 600 6th-9th graders and their adults attend.

*Also, at our upcoming summer event Assembly, which takes place at the end of July, we are expecting to have in excess of 300 youth at Hendrix College for a week of small groups, bonding, and moving worship.*

*This resolve of making disciples above all else the main thing gives me such hope for the future, BUT we've also been receiving stories from the youth of Arkansas of the hope they're seeing here and now.*

**Youth have expressed an increased sense of both belonging and responsibility within the church.**

*Kyle Bounds, a Greenbrier student, shared the following thought, "Our youth group has grown rapidly. Since I first joined I have seen many people come and actively seek a way to help the ministry of the church. It has been so exciting to me because it shows how our generation is becoming the leaders of tomorrow."*

**Youth are also encouraged by increased intergenerational interaction. More than youth attending adult services, youth are enjoying adult volunteers in youth programs.**

*A young adult, Jessica Emerson a student at Hendrix has noticed "There is a push to love others as Jesus loved us, above all things."*

**Josh Holt, youth pastor at FUMC El Dorado has been encouraged seeing youth no longer satisfied with complacency, but yearning for genuine faith.**

*Each of these stories come from people who are filled with hope for what is happening in our church. I too am filled with hope with what is happening right here and now and what will continue to happen. We will remain a church that, like 2nd Corinthians 4:18 says, will not focus on our troubles but will look forward to the unseen. We will continue to make disciples by continuing to love others.*

Hebrews 6:11-12 says:

**“Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God’s promises because of their faith and endurance.”**

*We won’t ignore issues that present themselves, but these verses remind us that we need to keep our eyes focused on our mission as a whole. We need to say “yes!” to God’s yes.*

Philippians 3: 13 & 14 says:

*“No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.”*

*As we as one church body, both youth, and adults, look forward to what lies ahead, we know that our focus needs to be on the end of the race. **Not focusing on the bumps in the road or on the disagreements we may encounter, but staying true to the mission we and the Bishop hold dear, “to keep making the main thing, the main thing, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”***

**We have hope for the present.**

*We have hope for the future.*

**We have hope for the United Methodist Church!!!**

## Reports & Budgets

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## 2018 Council on Finance and Administration Report

### Creating Budget Alignment and Focus in the Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church

The trajectory of the Arkansas Annual Conference is to create vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ – who then make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world. The Extended Cabinet and Council on Finance and Administration are committed to making strategic financial decisions that create budget alignment to support the Bishop’s Mission Plan.

The following four priorities have guided the Extended Cabinet and Council on Finance and Administration in making these strategic stewardship decisions in order to shape the 2019 Arkansas Conference Budget:

1. Develop local church vitality that leads to more fruitful disciple-making.
2. Resource local congregations and extension ministries that disciple children, youth and young adults (especially the “Nones”) in the mission field.
3. Strengthen support for the Center for Technology and the Center for Vitality as they carry out their work of revitalizing and reconnecting the Conference.
4. Refocus and reform budget allocations so they clearly support the Conference’s mission, vision and core values, and the Bishop’s Mission Plan.



**Revenue-Based Budgeting**

In preparation for the Arkansas Conference Tithe Initiative CFA and the Extended Cabinet have recommended a conference budget based on the projected revenues of a tithe - 10% - of the aggregate income of our local congregations as reported on lines 62 and 64 of Table III. Churches will no longer receive an apportionment based on prior year statistics but rather will calculate their ministry share based on the plan adopted by Conference.

62. Total Income for annual budget (as of 1/31/2018)	\$101,441,400.00
64. Total Income from connectional/institutional sources outside the local church	\$461,097.00
Total Revenue	\$101,902,497.00
10% Budget Maximum	\$10,190,250.00
Six-Month Budget	\$5,083,656.00

You will see that our budget cap for 2019 was **\$10,190,250** based on a tithe of 2017 revenue figures. We have accomplished this with our 2019 budget recommendation of **\$10,167,312.00**. Furthermore, to ensure expenses do not exceed actual revenues, CFA has established two stabilization funds. These amounts are based primarily on historical payout calculations.

**The following budget shows annual figures and a six-month spending plan. CFA recommends the Conference move the start of the fiscal year to July 1 annually. In order to accomplish this, we are recommending a six-month budget beginning January 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2019. The 2019 Arkansas Annual Conference will then approve a budget to begin July 1, 2019. This change in the Conference’s fiscal year will shorten the time between when budgets are approved and when they go into effect. There should be no effect on local church budgeting since the Conference Tithe is on a monthly basis. This change will also allow us to extend the deadline for filing from the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to the end of the month.**

**I. Budget**

**II. \*\*\*See following pages for 2019 Budget\*\*\***

**A. In Accordance with ¶1615.4 of the 2016 Book of Discipline**

General Apportionment Fund	Apportioned Amount	Percentage of Total
World Service	\$ 1,389,382.00	51.45%
Ministerial Education	\$ 469,269.00	17.37%
Black College	\$ 187,187.00	6.93%
Africa University Fund	\$ 41,892.00	1.55%
Episcopal Fund	\$ 411,453.00	15.23%
General Administration	\$ 164,978.00	6.11%
Interdenominational Cooperation	\$ 36,700.00	1.36%
Total General Apportionments	\$ 2,700,861.00	100.00%

**B. Approved Solicitations –**

1. Board of Trustees of Mount Eagle Christian Center
2. Board of Trustees of Camp Tanako, Inc.
3. Camp Aldersgate, Inc.
4. United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas
5. The Wesley Foundations to raise additional funds through the “Friends of Wesley” program (under the guidelines already approved by the Conference Board of Higher Education)
6. Methodist Family Health – Additionally, the second and third Sundays in December be designated for the receiving the Methodist Family Health Annual Christmas Offering
7. Catch the Vision
8. Hendrix College
9. Philander Smith College
10. U.M. Historical Society

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11. Mount Sequoyah
  12. Volunteers in Mission
  13. That Shoal Creek and Bear Creek camps be allowed to raise funds in any district in which the district has given its permission
  14. Methodist Village Nursing Home of Arkansas
  15. Imagine No Malaria
  16. Lydia Patterson Institute
- C. Advance Specials - We recommend General and Conference Advance Specials to local churches for firsthand relationships with mission projects and involvement in mission.
- D. Special Days (with offerings)
1. Peace with Justice – Second Sunday after Pentecost
  2. Native American Ministries Sunday – Second Sunday after Easter
  3. Human Relations Day – During Epiphany on the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King's birthday
  4. UMCOR Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Lent
  5. World Communion Sunday – First Sunday in October
  6. United Methodist Student Day – Sunday after Thanksgiving
  7. Hunger Awareness Sunday - Last Sunday in June

### III. Conference Tithe

All churches shall report the following information to the Center for Administrative Services by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the prior month either online or by mail.

- A. Total Gross Income for previous month including designated giving \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Less Income for capital campaigns
- C. Less income for memorials and endowments
- D. Less income from sale of church-owned real estate
- E. Less income from tuition-based services
- F. Less direct costs of fund-raising
- G. Less income designated for pass-through/outreach ministries
- H. Adjusted Gross Income = Line A minus B,C,D,E,F,G
- I. Monthly Ministry Tithe = Line H X 10% = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Tithe Instructions

**Line A**—Total Gross Income for previous month (including designated giving and all other funds)

Enter the total amount of ALL revenue for the previous month. Total income includes ALL income received by the church (offerings, pledged giving, unpledged giving, donations, building use fees, income from fundraisers, designated giving, interest from investments, capital campaign income, preschool income, bequests, memorials, etc.)

**Line B**—Exclude income for Capital Campaigns (this does not include income for lines of credit (LOC) or mortgage payments)

Capital Campaign Income is money received from campaigns that are defined as significant, short-term fundraising efforts for a stated project, such as a building, debt retirement, or special project. The campaign usually lasts for a short time, generally less than a year; however, the donations to the campaign may span several years. Stated Capital Campaigns should not be confused with trustee account donations, building maintenance donations or other donations or capital needs. Income for regular monthly LOC or mortgage payment is not Capital Campaign Income.

**Line C**—Exclude income for Memorials and Endowments

Gifts received to fund memorials and endowments should be excluded here. Income from endowment earnings should not be excluded.

**Line D**—Exclude income from sale of church-owned real estate (not used for operating expenses)

Income from the sale of church owned property (such as a parsonage) to be used for future capital expenses should be excluded here.

**Line E**—Exclude income from Tuition-Based Services (preschool, daycare, etc.)

Tuition-Based Services income is any payment made to the church for services provided at the church such as preschool, childcare, elder care, or other similar services. Normally such services are budgeted separately, often by a non-profit organization affiliated with the church.

**Line F**—Exclude Direct Costs of Fund-Raising

Direct Costs of Fund-Raising are those costs paid to raise funds for the church, but not the income raised. Typical examples include: 1) the discounted purchase price of gift cards for future resale, 2) the cost of food and supplies for a fund-raising dinner and 3) a consulting fee to direct a fund-raising activity.

**Line G**—Exclude income for Pass-Through/Outreach Ministries

Pass-Through Funds are monies received for projects or events outside the local church. From time to time churches will act as a collection agent for special events, such as disaster relief, community homeless shelters, food pantries, soup kitchens or mission trips. Monies are sometimes given for field missionary support or mission focused activities including materials and supplies for mission trips and mission outposts. Any donations given for outreach ministries or causes should be excluded.

**V. District Superintendents**

- A. Salary will be no more than \$124,340 (annually).
- B. This figure shall include salary, utilities and appurtenances, and other professional reimbursable expenses.
  - 1. We recommend that business travel by the District Superintendents shall be reimbursed at the maximum IRS allowable rate. This will be funded by the District Superintendents vouchered travel expense fund of \$90,000 for room, board and travel expense.

**VI. Pastor's Moving Expense** - Pastor's Moving Expense (intended to pay for housing relocation) - conditions of eligibility are as follows:

- A. The following persons shall be eligible
  - 1. Full Time Pastors
  - 2. Student local pastors after first appointment
  - 3. District Superintendents
  - 4. Persons in conference connectional positions
  - 5. Retiring pastors
  - 6. Persons on disability leave
  - 7. Seminarian from place of residence to parsonage at first appointment
  - 8. Any other person recommended by the Board of Ordained ministry
  - 9. Only one moving expense paid per pastor per year
- B. The following amounts shall be paid:
  - 1. \$1,000 per pastor
  - 2. \$1.00 per mile, measured from parsonage to parsonage
  - 3. Persons moving into or out of the Conference shall measure the mileage from the Conference boundary to the parsonage, except any seminarian returning for first appointment.
  - 4. Monies shall be paid by the Conference Treasurer upon presentation of a voucher of mileage signed by the sending District Superintendent
  - 5. The sending District Superintendent shall not submit a voucher for moving expenses unless the parsonage is left clean and meets the approval of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson. Should the District Superintendent and the chairperson of the S/PRC determine that the parsonage will require cleaning and/or repair due to abuse and/or negligence on the part of the departing pastoral family the DS may direct that the pastor's moving reimbursement be reduced by the amount required for such cleaning/repair and that this amount be paid to the church. In no case shall the amount paid to the church be greater than the total to which the pastor would otherwise be entitled for moving expense reimbursement.

6. \$1,000 additional moving expenses for Seminarians receiving their first appointment in the annual conference.
7. On recommendation from the Cabinet, the Council on Finance and Administration may disburse funds for pastors transitioning out of the ministry.

### VII. Other Recommendations

- A. No honorariums will be paid to persons living within the bounds of the Arkansas Annual Conference.
- B. Travel expenses will be reimbursed based on the Arkansas Annual Conference reimbursement policy.
- C. When any Conference staff personnel travels at the request of a Conference agency for other than normal representative or liaisoning purposes, the expenses of such travel shall be borne by the requesting agency.
- D. Reimbursement for Conference Travel shall be:
  1. 100% of the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for all volunteers
  2. 100% of the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for all conference employees
- E. Retired and disabled ministers may be paid \$80 per diem for days they attend Annual Conference with a maximum of \$320.00 per household.
- F. The Conference may direct the Conference Treasurer to withhold dispersal of funds to any agency, institution, or organization until the Council on Finance and Administration has received the most recent audit of a Public Accountant or Certified Public Accountant from the agency or institution or organization and that audit has been found satisfactory by the Audit Committee of the Council on Finance and Administration.
- G. ¶815.4 of the *2016 Book of Discipline* states that an annual conference may only make direct gifts to historically black colleges after the Black College Fund apportionment is paid in full. Therefore the conference shall pay the Black College Fund at 100%. Any shortfall in the black college fund will be funded from the Philander Smith apportionment line.
- H. The Stabilization Fund is used by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration to cover annual funding shortfalls in receipts to pay compensation for District Superintendents, employees of the Office of Finance and Management, and employees of the Conference Director of Ministries office. Any balances in the Stabilization Fund shall be transferred to the Conference Reserve Fund at year-end.
- I. The Conference Reserve Fund is not a budgeted item. This is used to maintain operating cash flow for the conference.
- J. If the Conference Reserve Fund exceeds 10% of the Annual Conference Budget excluding Pension & Benefits, then The Council on Finance and Administration's Executive Committee shall have the authority to disburse those funds with first priority given to paying the Conference's General and Jurisdictional Apportionments.
- K. All interest earnings on Conference monies shall be credited to the Conference Reserve Fund.
- L. The Conference acknowledges the need for maintaining monies to be used as needed for the stabilization of the accounts of New Church Development Fund, General & Jurisdictional Conference Delegate Expense Fund, District Superintendents Funds, and the Equitable Compensation Support Fund.
- M. Balances remaining in the Conference Benevolence Fund and the Conference Administration Fund at year-end shall be transferred to the conference reserve fund.
- N. The Conference provides fidelity bonding insurance in compliance with ¶ 618 of the *2016 Book of Discipline*.
- O. The following is to be adopted as the guide for the care and investment of all Conference Funds: (¶613.5 the *2016 Book of Discipline*).
  1. The Conference Treasurer is charged with the responsibility for managing all Conference Funds. It is the purpose of this investment policy to establish parameters within which the monies of the Conference will be managed.
  2. The objective of the investment of Conference monies is to provide:
    - a) Preservation of capital.
    - b) Liquidity – to meet anticipated and unanticipated future needs.
    - c) Maximization of income – while simultaneously insuring preservation of capital and liquidity.
    - d) Compliance with the Social Principles and the Discipline of the UMC.
  3. To accomplish this objective:

- a) Funds should be deposited in AR institutions in good standing.
- b) Securities:
  - (1) Direct obligation of United States Government Treasury Bills and Notes
  - (2) FDIC insured Certificate of Deposits, Time Deposits, interest-bearing accounts
- 4. Funds should be deposited on a short-term basis, up to one-year when all objectives can be satisfied.
- 5. This policy is intended to be flexible in its application in order to meet changing economic conditions. Investments made for longer than 90 days may be made after the approval of the Executive Committee of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. While income desirable, the primary emphasis is to be on the maintenance of adequate funds and the avoidance of speculative investments.
- 6. This policy may be amended to meet changing conditions and to fulfill the needs of the Annual Conference.
- P. The Conference gives the Conference Council on Finance and Administration the authority to fund extraordinary needs relating to the life and ministry of the Arkansas Conference. These needs shall be funded from available unrestricted funds. This authority shall not be used to replace or circumvent normal funding procedures of the Arkansas Conference.
- Q. When the Annual Conference adopts a program or ministry that is not within the existing Conference structure, the Conference shall specify lines of amenability and accountability so as to provide for budgeting, evaluation and audit.

**VII. Administrative Concerns:**

- A. All funding requests shall be presented to the appropriate board or agency of the Conference for recommendation before presentation to the Council on Finance and Administration. All persons authorized to vouch for funds shall be identified by agencies and approved by the Extended Cabinet prior to the dispensing of funds.
- B. The final time for receiving conference tithes shall be close of business on June 28th 2019.
- C. Each charge shall declare all ministerial support. The report shall include remuneration for compensation travel, utility expense, insurance, Social Security, and all additional compensation paid to the pastor or on behalf of the pastor.
- D. When any agency's total budgeted funds have been expended; no further expenditures will be authorized without C.F. & A. approval.
- E. All benevolent, connectional, and pension funds shall be sent to the Center for Administrative Services, P.O. Box 55588, Little Rock, AR 72215, except for the following, which shall be sent as designated:
  - 1. UM Children's Home Christmas offering and special gifts to the UM Children's Home, P.O. Box 56050, Little Rock, AR 72215.

**Mr. Bill Wisener – President**  
**Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson– Vice-President**  
**Rev. Ann Ferris– Secretary**

**Supplemental Budget Reports**

The following budget items are intended to provide a more detailed picture of the overall conference budget found in section I. of this report. Any of the following items not specifically acted on by the Arkansas Annual Conference may be changed according to rules found in section V.

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2019 ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BUDGET		2017 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2019 Annualized Budget	Pass Thru	Six-Month Budget
<b>Fund #1 Clergy and Retiree Benefits (Pension and Health Benefits Committee)</b>							
1	Pension & Benefits						
2	Conference Staff Pension (clergy only)	\$ 176,964.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	Y	\$ 75,000.00
3	Retiree Health Care	\$ 666,095.85	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	Y	\$ 400,000.00
4	Disability Health Care	\$ 11,148.51	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	Y	\$ 12,500.00
5	Methodist Health EAP	\$ 18,090.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	Y	\$ 7,500.00
6	Administration	\$ 27,442.78	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	Y	\$ 87,500.00
7	<b>Subtotal Clergy and Retiree Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 899,741.14</b>	<b>\$ 1,255,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,165,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,165,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 582,500.00</b>
8							
9							
<b>Fund #2 General Apportionments (Determined by General Conference)</b>							
10	World Service	\$ 1,206,005.69	\$ 1,356,262.00	\$ 1,389,382.00	\$ 1,371,964.00	Y	\$ 685,982.00
11	Ministerial Education	\$ 429,343.26	\$ 458,079.00	\$ 469,269.00	\$ 463,386.00	Y	\$ 231,693.00
12	Black College	\$ 182,723.00	\$ 182,723.00	\$ 187,187.00	\$ 184,840.00	Y	\$ 92,420.00
13	Africa University Fund	\$ 36,339.60	\$ 40,893.00	\$ 41,892.00	\$ 41,367.00	Y	\$ 20,683.50
14	Episcopal Fund	\$ 357,300.29	\$ 401,641.00	\$ 411,453.00	\$ 406,294.00	Y	\$ 203,147.00
15	General Administration	\$ 143,248.34	\$ 161,044.00	\$ 164,978.00	\$ 162,909.00	Y	\$ 81,454.50
16	Interdenominational Cooperation	\$ 31,885.06	\$ 35,825.00	\$ 36,700.00	\$ 36,240.00	Y	\$ 18,120.00
17	<b>Subtotal General Apportionments</b>	<b>\$ 2,386,845.24</b>	<b>\$ 2,636,467.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,700,861.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,667,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,333,500.00</b>
18							
19							
<b>Fund #3 Jurisdictional Apportionments (Determined by Jurisdictional Conference)</b>							
20	Jurisdictional Administration	\$ 22,863.15	\$ 28,157.00	\$ 28,157.00	\$ 28,157.00	Y	\$ 14,078.50
21	Reserves		\$ 4,902.00	\$ 4,902.00	\$ 4,902.00	Y	\$ 2,451.00
22	Lydia Patterson Institute	\$ 47,707.64	\$ 53,650.00	\$ 53,650.00	\$ 53,650.00	Y	\$ 26,825.00
23	Mount Sequoyah	\$ -	\$ 9,417.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
24	<b>Subtotal Jurisdictional Apportionments</b>	<b>\$ 70,570.79</b>	<b>\$ 96,126.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,709.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,709.00</b>		<b>\$ 43,354.50</b>
25							
26							
<b>Fund #4 Conference Administration (CFA)</b>							
27	District Superintendents	\$ 641,252.58	\$ 621,700.00	\$ 621,700.00	\$ 621,700.00	N	\$ 310,850.00
28	DS Travel	\$ 72,328.51	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	N	\$ 45,000.00
29	Center for Administrative Services	\$ 583,492.51	\$ 673,903.00	\$ 641,147.00	\$ 641,147.00	N	\$ 320,573.50
30	Episcopal Housing	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	N	\$ 10,500.00
31	Episcopal Office	\$ 7,038.53	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	N	\$ 12,500.00
32	Episcopal Discretionary	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	N	\$ 6,500.00
33	Board of Ordained Ministry Administration	\$ 139,787.92	\$ 134,980.00	\$ 134,980.00	\$ 134,980.00	N	\$ 67,490.00
34	Pastors Moving Expense	\$ 65,687.30	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	N	\$ 39,000.00
35	Administrative Boards	\$ 228,554.63	\$ 220,550.00	\$ 209,050.00	\$ 234,050.00	N	\$ 117,025.00
36	Stabilization	\$ 110,884.00	\$ 257,411.00	\$ 275,082.00	\$ 278,832.00		\$ 139,416.00
37	<b>Subtotal Conference Administration</b>	<b>\$ 1,885,025.98</b>	<b>\$ 2,144,544.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,108,959.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,137,709.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,068,854.50</b>
38							
39							
<b>Fund #5 Resourcing Local Congregations (Extended Cabinet)</b>							
40	Conference Ministries Office	\$ 521,975.09	\$ 478,724.00	\$ 550,043.00	\$ 444,256.00	N	\$ 222,128.00
41	Equitable Compensation	\$ 59,415.79	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	N	\$ 42,500.00
42	New and Refocusing Ministries				\$ 414,421.00	N	\$ 207,210.50
43	Conference Center for Vitality	\$ 410,529.85	\$ 445,542.00	\$ 440,998.00	\$ 439,130.00	N	\$ 219,565.00
44	Conference Center for Communications	\$ 407,909.74	\$ 437,449.00	\$ 408,906.00	\$ 412,873.00	N	\$ 206,436.50
45	General & Jurisdictional Conference Delegate Exp	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	N	\$ 5,000.00
46	Connectional Ministries	\$ 1,473,242.72	\$ 1,727,307.00	\$ 1,727,307.00	\$ 1,452,807.00	N	\$ 726,403.50
47	Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 490,066.00	\$ 483,338.00	\$ 488,773.00		\$ 244,386.50
48	<b>Subtotal Resourcing Local Congregations</b>	<b>\$ 2,873,073.19</b>	<b>\$ 3,671,588.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,705,592.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,747,260.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,873,630.00</b>
49							
50							
<b>Fund #6 Institutional Ministries (Extended Cabinet)</b>							
51	Camp Aldersgate	\$ 77,389.77	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	Y	\$ 37,500.00
52	Hendrix College Student Scholarships (note 1)	\$ 200,065.45	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 139,317.00	\$ 139,317.00	Y	\$ 69,658.50
53	Philander Smith College (note 1)	\$ 190,150.19	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 149,317.00	\$ 149,317.00	Y	\$ 74,658.50
54	<b>Subtotal Institutional Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 467,605.41</b>	<b>\$ 547,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 363,634.00</b>	<b>\$ 363,634.00</b>		<b>\$ 181,817.00</b>
55							
56							
57	<b>Total Conference Budget</b>	<b>\$ 8,582,861.75</b>	<b>\$ 10,350,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,130,755.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,167,312.00</b>		<b>\$ 5,083,656.00</b>

Center for Administrative Services		2017	2017	2018	2019
		Actual	Budget	Budget	Recommended
1	<b>INCOME:</b>				
2	<b>Arkansas Conference Apportionment</b>	<b>583,492.51</b>	<b>673,903.00</b>	<b>641,147.00</b>	<b>641,147.00</b>
3	Conference Benefits	230,000.00	230,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
4	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>813,492.51</b>	<b>903,903.00</b>	<b>841,147.00</b>	<b>841,147.00</b>
5					
6	<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
7	Travel	17,666.20	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
8	Rent	76,500.00	76,500.00	76,500.00	76,500.00
9	Supplies	3,442.66	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
10	Printing	788.83	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
11	Benevolence Interpretation Printing	466.84	500.00	500.00	500.00
12	Postage	296.92	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
13	Document Management System	-	-	-	-
14	Telephone	5,732.61	5,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
15	Software & Maintenance	17,385.77	12,500.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
16	Mission Connect Support Salary	2,700.00	-	2,700.00	2,700.00
17	MissionConnect	16,860.00	20,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
18	Phone\Communications\Internet	6,364.43	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
19	Hardware\Computer Related Supplies	13,489.48	20,000.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
20	Software Licensing\Maintenance	31,893.01	16,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
21	Contracting/Programming Services	0.00	0.00	-	-
22	Conference Website	14,741.88	5,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
23	Health insurance	-	-	-	-
24	Lay pension program (9% of salaries)	43,371.98	45,014.00	46,938.00	46,938.00
25	Payroll charges	4,013.53	5,250.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
26	Miscellaneous	8,582.79	2,000.00	1,813.00	1,813.00
27	Continuing Education	2,275.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
28	<b>Subtotal disbursements</b>	<b>266,571.93</b>	<b>238,764.00</b>	<b>268,951.00</b>	<b>268,951.00</b>
29					
30	<b>SALARIES: (includes insurance)</b>				
31	Student Worker	20,820.48	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
32	Administrative Assistant	-	54,404.00	-	-
33	IT Manager	73,653.12	73,654.00	73,500.00	73,500.00
34	IT Assistant	57,462.72	53,296.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
35	Assistant Director	15,968.32	68,054.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
36	Benefits Officer	85,380.08	85,380.00	85,380.00	85,380.00
37	Benefits Assistant	60,979.92	60,980.00	60,980.00	60,980.00
38	Financial Controller	83,214.54	95,810.00	85,380.00	85,380.00
39	Director of Administrative Services	116,293.92	116,294.00	116,294.00	116,294.00
40					
41	<b>Subtotal salaries &amp; extra help</b>	<b>513,773.10</b>	<b>617,872.00</b>	<b>531,534.00</b>	<b>531,534.00</b>
42					
43	FICA (7.65% of salary)	33,147.48	47,267.00	40,662.00	40,662.00
44					
45	<b>Total Finance &amp; Management</b>	<b>813,492.51</b>	<b>903,903.00</b>	<b>841,147.00</b>	<b>841,147.00</b>

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES AND BOARDS		2017	2017	2018	2019
		Actual	Budget	Budget	Recommendation
1	Archives and History	29,287.89	31,000.00	31,100.00	31,100.00
2	Planning Meeting Travel	330.00	600.00	1,550.00	1,550.00
3	Historical Society	1,010.00	4,650.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
4	United Methodist Museum	10,228.83	10,300.00	16,600.00	16,600.00
5	Conference Trustees	2,305.75	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
6	Council Finance & Administration	5,012.32	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
7	Property and Liability Insurance	38,497.00	35,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00
8	Unfunded Boards, Agencies, Commissions	3,279.33	5,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
9	Financial Audit	20,854.16	17,000.00	19,500.00	19,500.00
10	Conference Secretary	0.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
11	Conference Journal	4,202.32	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
12	Pre-Conference Report	1,847.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Annual Conference	109,883.47	75,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
14	AC Voting Equipment	-	-	0.00	25,000.00
15	Conference Legal Resource Fund	1,816.00	10,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
16	<b>Total Administrative Committees and Boards</b>	<b>228,554.63</b>	<b>220,550.00</b>	<b>209,050.00</b>	<b>234,050.00</b>

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CONFERENCE MINISTRIES	2017	2017	2018	2019
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Recommend
<b>1 Income</b>				
2 Conference Ministries Apportionment	521,961.15	533,128.00	550,043.00	409,708.00
3 UMFA Grant				34,548.00
4 Miscellaneous Receipts	1,515.75			
<b>5 Total Income</b>	<b>523,476.90</b>	<b>533,128.00</b>	<b>550,043.00</b>	<b>444,256.00</b>
<b>7 EXPENSES</b>				
<b>8 SALARIES</b>				
9 Director Salary	124,340.08	124,340.00	124,340.00	124,340.00
10 Housing	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
11 Assistant Director Salary	97,999.92	91,926.00	91,926.00	
12 Housing	19,926.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
13 Administrative Assistant	57,514.06	53,998.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
14 Receptionist	24,791.78	54,404.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
15 Youth\Young Adult\Camping Coord.	69,134.56	69,095.00	69,095.00	
16 Youth & Young Adult Coordinator				34,548.00
17 Developer of Clergy Recruitment				34,548.00
18 Children's Ministries Coordinator	19,373.15	16,076.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
19 VIM Coordinator	30,483.45	16,315.00	34,212.00	34,212.00
20 Travel	12,148.43	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
<b>22 OFFICE EXPENSE</b>				
23 Continuing Education	2,613.18	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
24 Telephone	3,015.41	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
25 Staff Pensions	15,426.18	11,079.00	14,769.00	8,550.00
26 Payroll Taxes	15,379.86	11,895.00	16,701.00	14,058.00
27 Health Insurance				
28 Postage	64.65	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
29 Supplies	3,002.56	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
30 Equipment & Furnishings	608.84	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
31 Miscellaneous	1,505.74	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
32 Conflict Resolution Team Training	4,647.24	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>33 Total</b>	<b>521,975.09</b>	<b>533,128.00</b>	<b>550,043.00</b>	<b>444,256.00</b>

CENTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS	2017	2017	2018	2019
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Recommend
1 Apportionment Income	407,909.74	437,449.00	408,906.00	412,873.00
2 Newspaper Paid Subscriptions	2,749.22	7,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
3 Newspaper Paid Advertising	17,104.19	25,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
4 Miscellaneous Receipts	761.17			
<b>5 Total Income</b>	<b>428,524.32</b>	<b>469,949.00</b>	<b>433,906.00</b>	<b>437,873.00</b>
<b>7 Department Expenses</b>				
8 Director of Communications	106,001.24	106,754.00	106,574.00	110,000.00
9 App Dev/Tier II Specialist	73,312.08	73,312.00	73,312.00	73,312.00
10 Training and Marketing Storyteller	59,165.13	73,252.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
11 Newspaper Editor	27,874.96	60,411.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
12 Local Church Resources	12,380.25	19,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
13 Travel Expense/Meals/Mileage	19,468.67	25,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
14 Professional Fees / Dues	9,848.52	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
15 Office Expense	3,093.16	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
16 Other Fees and Services	5,368.22	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
17 Pension	28,529.77	28,220.00	27,440.00	27,749.00
18 FICA	30,399.60	28,000.00	20,580.00	20,812.00
<b>19 Newspaper Expenses</b>				
20 Printing & Distribution	21,265.67	20,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
21 Postage	27,807.45	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
22 Supplies	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23 Miscellaneous	3,864.60	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>25 Total Expense</b>	<b>428,524.32</b>	<b>469,949.00</b>	<b>433,906.00</b>	<b>437,873.00</b>



<b>CENTER FOR VITALITY</b>		<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Recommend</b>
1	Apportionment Revenue	368,710.77	445,542.00	440,998.00	439,130.00
2	CIC Endowment Interest	46,819.08	40,000.00	47,000.00	47,000.00
3	Miscellaneous Receipts	1,448.51			
4	<b>Total</b>	<b>415,529.85</b>	<b>485,542.00</b>	<b>487,998.00</b>	<b>486,130.00</b>
5					
6	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
7	Center Director Salary	128,839.97	124,340.00	124,340.00	124,340.00
8	Housing	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
9	Asst Center Director Clergy Salary	93,879.92	93,380.00	93,380.00	93,380.00
10	Housing	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
11	Asst Center Director Laity Salary	67,999.92	68,000.00	69,360.00	69,360.00
12	FICA	5,222.95	5,202.00	5,307.00	5,307.00
13	Pension	5,610.00	6,120.00	6,243.00	6,243.00
14	Office Expenses	6,972.67	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
15	Travel for Center	23,664.37	25,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
16	<b>Resourcing Vital Congregations</b>				
17	Congregational Guides Training and Tra	4,342.04	20,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
18	Circuit Elders Travel & Training	9,929.49	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
19	Ministry Tool Box	3,661.62	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
20	Vital Congregations Initiative	8,969.92	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
21	Mission Insite Software	9,439.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
22	<b>Leadership Formation</b>				
23	Academy for Spiritual Formation	341.70	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
24	Pastors in Transition Workshops	1,114.09	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
25	Clergy Recruitment and Formation	3,859.30	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
26	Coach Approach Skill Training	4,132.83	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
27	Unleashing Lay Leadership	5,864.06	10,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
28	Equipping Clergy	1,490.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
29	Crisis Response Team	-	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
30	Interim Pastor Training	196.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
31	<b>Total</b>	<b>415,529.85</b>	<b>485,542.00</b>	<b>487,998.00</b>	<b>486,130.00</b>

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<b>CONNCTIONAL MINISTRIES</b>		<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Recommend</b>	<b>Change</b>	
1	<b>Connctional Ministries</b>					
2	Travel Pool (for unbudgeted connctional committees)	10,295.82	11,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
3	Congregational Development and Expansion	197,000.00	197,000.00	225,000.00		
4	Missional Local Church Compensation Support	42,416.00	55,000.00	49,500.00		
5	Disaster Preparedness & Response	-	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00%
6	Volunteers In Mission	1,511.91	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
7	Leadership Development	3,808.95	15,000.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00%
8	Hunger Initiative - 200,000 Reasons	27,303.77	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	0.00%
9	Conference Ministry Focus (Vital)			7,500.00	7,500.00	
10	<b>Total Connctional Ministries</b>	<b>282,336.45</b>	<b>311,600.00</b>	<b>333,100.00</b>	<b>58,600.00</b>	<b>-82.41%</b>
11						
12	<b>Age Level Ministries</b>					
13	Conference Age Level Ministries					
14	Council on Children Ministries	10,099.10	7,350.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	0.00%
15	A Day with the Bishop	550.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
16	Council on Youth Ministries	44,500.00	44,500.00	44,500.00	44,500.00	0.00%
17	Council on Young Adult Ministries	3,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00%
18	Youth Coordinator	17,200.00	17,200.00	17,200.00	17,200.00	0.00%
19	<b>Total Age Level Ministries</b>	<b>75,349.10</b>	<b>75,050.00</b>	<b>85,200.00</b>	<b>85,200.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
20						
21	<b>Board of Church &amp; Society</b>	<b>181.94</b>	<b>500.00</b>			
22						
23	<b>Discipleship</b>					
24	Committee on Evangelism	160.31				
25	Spiritual Formation	1,143.15				
26	<b>Total Discipleship</b>	<b>1,303.46</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	-	-	
27						
28	<b>Ethnic Ministries</b>					
29	Committee on Hispanic Ministries	3,051.22				
30	Comm on Native American Ministries	1,000.00	2,500.00			
31	Comm on Ethnic Local Church Concerns	45,200.52	44,100.00			
32	Committee on Religion & Race	679.07	3,400.00	-	-	
33	<b>Total Ethnic Ministries</b>	<b>49,930.81</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>37,500.00</b>	<b>37,500.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
34						
35	<b>Global Ministries</b>					
36	BOGM Operating Expense	146.30	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
37	Advocate for Poor	500.00	500.00	-	-	
38	<b>Ark School Christian Mission -Mission U</b>	<b>14,200.00</b>	<b>14,200.00</b>	<b>14,200.00</b>	<b>14,200.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
39	a. Scholarships	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00%
40	Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns					
41	a. Interfaith Conference	8,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
42	<b>Church &amp; Community Workers</b>					
43	Church and Community Worker Southeast Dist	51,430.00	20,157.00	-	-	
44	Church and Community Worker Central Dist	20,500.00	20,157.00	20,359.00	20,359.00	0.00%
45	<b>Committee on Volunteers in Mission</b>		800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00%
46	a. Project Money		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
47	b. Mission Hosting		800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00%
48	Committee on Missionary Personnel		100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00%
49	Conf Sec Global Ministrie	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00%
50	Missionary Itineration	679.65	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
51	District Seed Money for Mission *					
52	Justice for our Neigbor Program	500.00	500.00	-	-	
53	<b>Total Global Ministries</b>	<b>97,355.95</b>	<b>70,814.00</b>	<b>53,111.00</b>	<b>53,111.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
54						

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES		2017	2017	2018	2019	%
		Actual	Budget	Budget	Recommend	Change
55	<b>Higher Education &amp; Campus Ministries</b>					
56	Training and Resourcing Current Campus Ministers	7,659.51				
57	Other Campus Ministries	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
58	Board Training and Development	8,920.07	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00%
59	Campus Ministry - Philander Smith College			76,673.00	76,673.00	
60	Campus Ministry - Hendrix College			76,673.00	76,673.00	
61	Wesley Foundation - ASU	76,672.92	76,673.00	76,673.00	76,673.00	0.00%
62	Wesley Foundation - ATU	76,672.92	76,673.00	76,673.00	76,673.00	0.00%
63	Wesley Foundation - HSU	76,672.92	76,673.00	76,673.00	76,673.00	0.00%
64	Wesley Foundation - SAU	76,672.92	76,673.00	76,673.00	76,673.00	0.00%
65	Wesley Foundation - U of A	76,672.92	76,673.00	76,673.00	76,673.00	0.00%
66	Wesley Foundation - UALR	76,672.92	76,673.00	76,673.00	76,673.00	0.00%
67	Wesley Foundation - UAM	76,672.92	76,673.00	76,673.00	76,673.00	0.00%
68	Wesley Foundation - UAPB	76,672.92	76,673.00	76,673.00	76,673.00	0.00%
69	Wesley Foundation - UCA	76,672.92	76,673.00	76,673.00	76,673.00	0.00%
70	Wesley Foundation Directors Pension			60,000.00	60,000.00	
71	Board of Higher Ed Operations	2,803.59	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
72	Maintenance Grant Wesley Foundations (matching)	46,061.37	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00%
73	Campus Ministry Grant Funding	62,840.50	52,943.00	52,943.00	52,943.00	0.00%
74	<b>Total Higher Education &amp; Campus</b>	<b>830,681.81</b>	<b>825,000.00</b>	<b>1,038,346.00</b>	<b>1,038,346.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
75						
76	<b>Board of Laity</b>					
77	Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders					
78	Dues and Annual Meeting Fee	495.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00%
79	Annual Meeting Travel/Lodging/Meals	724.57	1,400.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00%
80	Annual Meeting Travel/Lodging/Meals (Assoc)	1,752.69	1,400.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	
81	Annual Conference					
82	Laity Event Speaker or Other Costs					
83	Lay Leader Annual Conference Expense	1,033.23	800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00%
84	Lay Leader Annual Conference Expense (Assoc)		800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00%
85	Board of Laity					
86	Board of Laity Member Travel	256.08	300.00	200.00	200.00	0.00%
87	Training and Equipping Classes to ARUMC Laity		200.00	100.00	100.00	0.00%
88	<b>Subtotal Lay Leader</b>	<b>4,261.57</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
89						
90	<b>Director of Lay Servant Ministries</b>					
91	Annual Dues	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00%
92	ACDLSM Convocation Expenses - Director & Asst	1,266.89	2,200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
93	Mileage and Meals/LSM travel and Meetings	839.90	900.00	900.00	900.00	0.00%
94	ACDLSM Annual Conference Expense		900.00	900.00	900.00	0.00%
95	<b>Subtotal Lay Servant Ministries</b>	<b>2,306.79</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
96	<b>Total Board of Laity</b>	<b>6,568.36</b>	<b>9,200.00</b>	<b>8,400.00</b>	<b>8,400.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
97						
98	<b>Outdoor Ministries</b>					
99	<b>Institutional Support</b>					
100	Mount Eagle	57,000.00	57,000.00	57,000.00	57,000.00	0.00%
101	Camp Tanako	61,500.00	61,500.00	61,500.00	61,500.00	0.00%
102	Shoal Creek	-	3,450.00	-	-	
103	Wayland Springs	-	3,450.00	-	-	
104	Bear Creek	-	3,450.00	-	-	
105	<b>Programming</b>					
106	Outdoor Ministries Programming Grants	12,288.58	37,650.00	34,500.00	34,500.00	0.00%
107	Programming and Marketing for Camping and Retreat	21,086.75	15,000.00	18,150.00	18,150.00	0.00%
108	<b>Total Outdoor Ministries</b>	<b>151,875.33</b>	<b>181,500.00</b>	<b>171,150.00</b>	<b>171,150.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
109						
110	<b>Committee on Status &amp; Role of Women</b>			500.00	500.00	
111						
112	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,495,583.21</b>	<b>1,525,164.00</b>	<b>1,727,307.00</b>	<b>1,452,807.00</b>	<b>-15.89%</b>



**Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.  
Little Rock, Arkansas**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2017 and 2016**

**(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)**

**Thomas &  
Thomas LLP**  
Certified Public Accountants

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Arkansas Conference Council on Finance and Administration  
Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the **Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.** (the Conference), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities and net assets – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets – modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1(b) to the financial statements; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Arkansas Conference Council on Finance and Administration  
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**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to on the preceding page present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and net assets of the Conference as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and its revenue, expenses and changes in net assets for the years then ended, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1(b) to the financial statements.

**Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1(b) to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

*Thomas & Thomas LLP*  
 Certified Public Accountants

May 24, 2018  
 Little Rock, Arkansas

**Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.**

**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS –  
 MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
 December 31, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,467,339	\$ 4,837,587
Investments	5,321,581	951,368
Local church apportionments in-transit	<u>2,065,415</u>	<u>1,219,507</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 11,854,335</u>	<u>\$ 7,008,462</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Apportioned and other funds payable	\$ 20,740	\$ 813,256
Prepaid apportionments	<u>13,346</u>	<u>11,285</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	34,086	824,541
<b>Net Assets - Unrestricted</b>	<u>11,820,249</u>	<u>6,183,921</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 11,854,335</u>	<u>\$ 7,008,462</u>

## Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS –  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS (Continued)

For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017		2016	
	Receipts and Transfers	Disbursements and Transfers	Receipts and Transfers	Disbursements and Transfers
<b>APPORTIONED FUNDS (Continued)</b>				
<b>Resourcing Local Congregations</b>				
Conference ministries office	\$ 517,905	\$ 515,229	\$ 464,046	\$ 464,036
Equitable compensation	73,950	59,416	75,297	66,533
Conference Center for Clergy and Lay Excellence	415,100	409,490	416,459	411,311
Conference Center for Technology	645,774	645,775	673,684	673,684
General and jurisdiction conference delegates	-	-	29,609	29,609
Connectional ministries	1,699,337	1,478,856	1,430,834	1,435,986
<b>Total Resourcing Local Congregations</b>	<b>3,352,066</b>	<b>3,108,766</b>	<b>3,089,929</b>	<b>3,081,159</b>
<b>Institutional Ministries</b>				
Camp Aldersgate	77,390	77,390	103,644	103,644
Hendrix College	200,065	175,776	261,833	261,833
Philander Smith College	190,150	163,347	274,480	274,480
<b>Total Institutional Ministries</b>	<b>467,605</b>	<b>416,513</b>	<b>639,957</b>	<b>639,957</b>
<b>Total Apportioned Funds</b>	<b>13,009,586</b>	<b>11,799,167</b>	<b>13,565,550</b>	<b>12,181,113</b>
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
Episcopal reimbursement	13,358	18,940	18,893	21,543
National missions	4,270	4,270	8,500	8,500
World missions	11,747	11,747	8,185	8,185
UMCOR	360,085	356,000	107,142	107,142
Conference advance specials	134,958	127,524	75,187	75,187
Miscellaneous remittances	1,143,528	1,088,578	1,093,720	1,087,286
Self-funded projects	688,282	703,465	627,425	588,598
Youth items	323,580	316,464	335,282	320,780
Transfer of investments from the health insurance trust	4,395,518	-	-	-
Investment earnings from terminated programs	24,390	-	19,836	-
Transfer of earnings from investments	-	46,819	-	47,423
<b>Total Other Funds</b>	<b>7,099,716</b>	<b>2,673,807</b>	<b>2,294,170</b>	<b>2,264,644</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 20,109,302</b>	<b>\$ 14,472,974</b>	<b>\$ 15,859,720</b>	<b>\$ 14,445,757</b>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>5,636,328</b>		<b>1,413,963</b>	
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>6,183,921</b>		<b>4,769,958</b>	
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 11,820,249</b>		<b>\$ 6,183,921</b>	

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## Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.

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MODIFIED CASH BASIS (Continued)

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## Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

#### **NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **(a) Organization**

The Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (the Conference) is a service organization for the United Methodist Church throughout the state of Arkansas. The mission of the Conference is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by equipping local churches for missions and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the congregation, all to the glory of God. The Conference receives apportionments from churches located in the state of Arkansas and distributes the apportionments in accordance with the approved budget set by the Arkansas Annual Conference.

##### **(b) Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under that basis, the only assets recognized are cash and cash equivalents, investments and local church apportionments in-transit, and the only liabilities that are recognized are apportioned and other funds payable and prepaid apportionments. The modified cash basis of accounting differs from generally accepted accounting principles primarily because purchases of property and equipment are expensed as paid rather than recorded as assets and depreciated over the estimated useful lives. Non-cash transactions are not recorded in the financial statements.

Local church apportionments in-transit represent amounts that churches have budgeted to pay but have not yet been received by the Conference. Apportioned and other funds payable include amounts the Conference is budgeted to pay according to the budget approved by the churches at the Arkansas Annual Conference but are not yet disbursed by the Conference.

##### **(c) Basis of Presentation**

The Conference is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets – unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted, as applicable. The Conference only has unrestricted net assets at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

##### **(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Conference considers all deposits with financial institutions, as well as highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, to be cash equivalents.

At times during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, cash and cash equivalents balances exceeded the amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and were not collateralized. In the event of an institutional failure, the excess over FDIC insurance may not be recoverable. The Conference's total bank balance maintained at multiple financial institutions at December 31, 2017 and 2016, was \$5,567,817 and \$4,954,222, of which \$10,315 and \$71,724 was not insured or collateralized at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

#### **NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **(e) Investments**

The Conference's investments are carried at cost and consist of ownership interests in an investment pool managed by the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas, a private non-profit organization associated with the United Methodist Church (the Foundation). At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the fair value of these investments were \$6,495,079 and \$1,167,033, respectively. The Foundation invests in equity and fixed-income securities, mutual funds, investment pools, partnership interests and notes receivable. While the Conference owns a participating interest in the pool, it does not own the underlying securities.

##### **(f) Cash Receipts**

The Conference's cash receipts are restricted to fulfilling the purpose for which the donor remitted the funds. The Conference's goal is to distribute the funds received for the ultimate benefit of the third party donee in a timely and efficient manner.

The Conference classifies funds based on their funding source. The financial statements contain two types of funds: apportioned and other. Apportioned funds are budgeted by and allocated to the individual churches by the Arkansas Annual Conference. Other funds are obtained through the collection efforts of the committees established to oversee the individual funds. The Conference maintains and disburses these funds as requested by these committees.

##### **(g) Income Taxes**

The Conference is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and is not a private foundation. Accounting standards require the Conference to evaluate tax positions and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Conference has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Conference has analyzed the tax positions taken and has concluded that as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require the recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements.

##### **(h) Functional Expenses**

The Conference considers all disbursements to be related to its programs and therefore does not allocate disbursements between program, general and administrative and fundraising for financial statement presentation.

##### **(i) Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities. The purpose of ASU 2016-14 is to amend existing financial reporting standards applicable to not-for-profit entities to improve the usefulness, relevance and clarity of information presented in financial statements and to enhance the information presented in the notes thereto.

## Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

#### **NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **(i) Recently Issued Accounting Standards (Continued)**

This new standard, which becomes effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, will require presentation of two classes of net assets (net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions). ASU 2016-14 will also require enhanced disclosures including, but not limited to, disclosures about governing board designations and other self-imposed limits on the use of resources as well as the composition of net assets with donor restrictions at the end of the period and how those restrictions affect the use of resources; qualitative information communicating how liquid resources are managed to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year of the financial reporting date; and quantitative information communicating the availability of resources to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year of the financial reporting date.

While this new standard will significantly impact the presentation of the financial statements and the content of disclosures in the notes to the financial statements, it is not expected to have a material impact on the recording or measurement of amounts presented therein.

#### **NOTE 2: HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST**

During 2016, the Conference was the Plan Administrator of the Arkansas United Methodist Conferences Employee Benefit Plan (the Plan), which covered eligible employees of the Conference and churches located within the state of Arkansas. The funds included in the Plan were restricted for the payment of health insurance claims for participants. During the year ended December 31, 2016, activity in the Plan included approximately \$3,110,000 in receipts and approximately \$4,450,000 in disbursements, respectively, which are not included in the 2016 financial statements. The Council on Finance and Administration voted to terminate the Plan effective December 31, 2016, based on changes brought forth by the *Affordable Care Act*. The investments in the Plan totaled \$4,395,518 and were transferred to the Conference on January 1, 2017, and are included in the 2017 financial statements. The assets are board designated for other retiree benefits.

#### **NOTE 3: DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLANS**

Eligible Conference and participating church employees are covered under one of two defined contribution pension plans as follows:

- a. **Ministerial employees** – Eligible ministerial employees are covered under a defined contribution pension whereby the participant contributes 3% of compensation and the church or Conference contributes 10% to 12% of the participant's annual contribution base (compensation) based on the Conference average compensation as calculated by the General Board of Pensions.
- b. **Lay personnel** – Eligible lay employees are covered under a defined contribution pension plan whereby the participant contributes at least 3% and the Conference contributes 12% of the participant's annual contribution base (compensation) during the year ended December 31, 2016. Effective January 1, 2017, the Conference began contributing 9% of the participant's annual contribution rate (compensation).

**Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016**

**NOTE 3: DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

Both plans are multi-employer plans by which all contributed assets of participating employers and employees are commingled and are not segregated by employer.

Total contributions to both plans for Conference staff were approximately \$103,000 and \$145,000 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

**NOTE 4: OPERATING LEASE**

The Conference leases office space from a related party under a noncancelable operating lease agreement that expires in 2018. Approximate required minimum lease payments in 2018 is \$67,000.

Total rent expense was approximately \$77,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

**NOTE 5: TERMINATED PROGRAM**

Under the terms of the *Book of Discipline*, net residual assets are returned to the Conference upon termination of programs and activities or when no longer required to support the activities of a specific program. The Council on Finance and Administration recommended, and the Annual Conference approved, designating the earnings on these types of proceeds for programming funds for the Center for Clergy and Lay Excellence. No amounts were returned to the Conference for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Investment earnings during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, were \$24,390 and \$19,836, respectively.

**NOTE 6: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 24, 2018, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.



**Board of Ordained Ministry**  
**2018 ARKANSAS CONFERENCE POLICY STATEMENT**  
**3/15/18**

**SECTION I: BOARD OPERATION**

- A. The Arkansas Conference Board of Ordained Ministry hereafter referred to as the Board or the BOM, is governed by the current Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church ¶635.
- B. All communication to the BOM should be sent to BOM Office, 800 Daisy Bates Drive, Little Rock, AR 72202 or bom@arumc.org
- C. Board officers are Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Registrar, and Assistant Executive Registrar. The Executive Committee consists of the Board Officers and Chair of the Order of Elders, Chair of the Order of Deacons, Chair of the Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors, Chair of the Conference Relations Committee, Chair of Ministerial Assessment, Chair of Vocation and Discernment, and a Cabinet representative. The Chairperson shall appoint other officers and sub-committees as needed.
- D. The Board shall meet at least once in the fall and twice in the spring, and as convened by the Chairperson.
- E. The district committees on ordained ministry (dCOM) are amenable to the annual conference through the BOM and follow ¶666. District administrative staff may serve as administrators of the dCOM and may attend meetings of the dCOM in an administrative capacity. The files of the dCOM shall be stored in the district office, separate from the supervisory files. District administrative staff, as custodians of records, shall not serve as members of dCOM or BOM.
- F. The Board shall review its policy statement annually, revising it as needed and presenting it to the Annual Conference for approval. ¶ 303--Purpose of ordination and ¶304--Qualifications for ordination

**SECTION II: CANDIDACY, ¶ 310**

- A. The Inquiring Candidate first contacts the pastor of the local church or other authorized ministry setting, to share the ministry call.
- B. Candidates shall utilize the Arkansas Conference Checklist which outlines the complete candidacy process found at <http://arumc.org/forms/>
- C. Candidates must attend Orientation to Ministry ¶ 312
- D. Candidates are encouraged to pursue undergraduate education and to pursue seminary education in one of the United Methodist seminaries.

**SECTION III. THE DECLARED CANDIDATE, ¶ 310.2**

- A. When approved by the Charge conference, the candidate shall send \$50 for the Ministerial assessment packet to District Superintendent's Office.
- B. If the dCOM approves by three-fourths majority written ballot, the dCOM registrar sends Form AR020 to the Office of Ordained Ministry and a copy to the candidate. The certified candidate shall complete the District Committee on Ordained Ministry Approval Report on UMCARES.
- C. Persons appointed as local pastors are clergy members of the Annual Conference (¶ 315). They are no longer listed as certified candidates (¶ 602.1), except the first year they are certified. See further the Local Pastor ¶ 315-320 and below.

**SECTION IV: THE LOCAL PASTOR ¶ 315-320**

- A. Upon completion of the candidacy process, and receiving dCOM approval as a certified candidate, the District Superintendent shall recommend the candidate for Local Pastor License School. Candidate shall register, attend, and successfully complete Local Pastor Licensing School in order to be eligible for an appointment. Once appointed, the Bishop shall issue a license. The candidate shall register the license at the county courthouse where appointed
- B. Local Pastors shall enroll in the Basic Five-Year Course of Study (COS) and successfully complete per ¶ 318.
- C. Appointed Retired Local Pastors shall follow all the guidelines of a non-retired appointed Local Pastor, such as continue COS, meet annually with the dCOM, complete UM History, Polity and Doctrine, and be assigned a mentor as per ¶ 348.
- D. Course of Study registrations shall be approved and signed by the Conference Local Pastor Registrar and must be postmarked no less than 14 days prior to the registration deadline printed on the registration form.
- E. The local pastor may enroll as a student in a seminary program to meet educational requirements. Local Pastors who wish to attend and graduate from seminary in lieu of the Course of Study must have the approval of the BOM prior to enrolling in seminary. When enrolled in seminary, the local pastor is eligible to apply for financial aid from MEF funds. See Financial Aid Section.
- F. Local pastors shall be assigned a clergy mentor by the district superintendent until all educational requirements have been completed. ¶ 348 - it is the responsibility of the pastor to contact the assigned mentor. The mentor shall submit annually a Mentor's Discernment Report (AR080), filed with the dCOM Registrar prior to the local pastor's annual dCOM interview.
- G. Local pastors shall meet annually with the dCOM to evaluate educational progress and ministerial performance, and action is taken on renewal of the License for Pastoral Ministry. The local pastor shall submit annually a school transcript (from college, seminary, or COS), filed with the dCOM Registrar prior to the local pastor's annual dCOM interview.
- H. Upon completing the Five-Year Basic Course of Study, and beginning in 2011, completing courses in UM History, Polity and Doctrine, the local pastor may be eligible to apply for Associate Membership. See ¶ 322.
- I. The local pastor who chooses to continue in the local pastor relationship following completion of COS, and beginning in 2011, shall complete courses in UM History, Polity and Doctrine within two years. Local pastors not continuing to Advanced COS or seminary shall submit a plan for continuing education to the District Superintendent and dCOM annually.
- J. Local Pastor Transfers from Another Conferences to Arkansas Conference: Local Pastors in good standing do not transfer from Conference to Conference but surrender their license in one Conference and reapply to the Arkansas Conference. Prior to interview with the dCOM for license, the minister shall complete the Arkansas Cabinet Vetting Process and requirements for dCOM interview. The minister shall continue Course of Study per ¶318 and complete UM History, Polity and Doctrine within two years of COS completion.

**SECTION V: ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP, ¶ 321-322**

- A. Applicants shall meet the requirements outlined in ¶ 322.
- B. The applicant for associate membership shall consult the District Superintendent, complete Form 105, Application for Clergy Relationship to the Annual Conference, and submit the completed form to the District Superintendent and the BOM Office by October 1.
- C. The dCOM shall interview the applicant as a candidate for associate membership, considering educational and documentary requirements, pastoral experience and effectiveness, and form a recommendation to the Conference Board. The dCOM shall send to the BOM

Office by November 1, the applicant's Form 105, the District Superintendent's letter of recommendation, and the Action Report. These documents are also filed with the District Registrar.

- D. The Conference Registrar shall inform the applicant by December 1 about the written assignments to be prepared in advance of the BOM interview, the deadline for those assignments, and the date and time for appearing before the BOM (normally a BOM Meeting in late February or early March).
- E. The BOM shall interview the applicant. If favorably approved, the recommendation is presented to the Clergy Session of the annual conference.
- F. Associate members desiring to change relationship to an ordination track as a provisional elder or deacon must first obtain approval from the BOM before taking other steps in the application process.

**SECTION VI: PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP ¶ 324**

- A. Applicants must complete all educational requirements prior to election to provisional membership. In addition the following 4 courses must be completed.
  - 1. a course in basic pastoral care
  - 2. a course in Wesleyan theology beyond UM, History, Polity and Doctrine
  - 3. a course in preaching for those anticipating ordination as an elder or a course in worship beyond the required course for those anticipating ordination as a deacon
  - 4. a course in church administration/leadership
- B. Seminarians seeking ordination who have matriculated after the fall of 2010 must complete these four courses. All seminary courses required by the Discipline and conference rules require a "C" or better grade.
- C. Beginning January 2011, no one entering a seminary degree program seeking ordination shall enroll in Distance Learning courses except for those offered by the 13 United Methodist seminaries and Asbury Theological Seminary. Beginning in January 2011, no more than 2/3 of the degree requirements may be completed through distance learning for all UM seminaries and Asbury. Persons enrolled in other seminaries prior to January 2011 may complete no more than 1/3 of the degree through Distance Learning courses.
- D. Associate members and local pastors may apply for provisional membership outlined in ¶ 324.6. They must complete the additional four courses.
- E. Applications for provisional membership require the completion of Form 105, Application for Clergy Relationship, and the preliminary answers to Questions ¶ 324.9.a-p by the candidate sent to both the District Superintendent and BOM Office by July 15.
- F. Following a meeting with the dCOM, their recommendation, reported on Form AR020, District Committee Action Report Form, is sent to the BOM Office. The original Action Report and the District Superintendent's letter of recommendation are placed in the candidate's file. The completed dCOM file is delivered by the District office to the BOM Office by November 1.
- G. The Conference Registrar corresponds with the candidate by December 1, regarding required written work and assignments to be prepared and submitted by January 31 to the BOM Office.
- H. The BOM interviews the candidate. Out-of-state seminary students may receive up to 50% of actual cost of transportation when attending Board interviews. If approved, the recommendation for provisional membership is presented to the Clergy Session of the Annual Conference.
- I. Provisional members shall demonstrate effective ministry for a minimum of two consecutive conference years in the same appointment. All provisional residents shall participate in the conference Residency in Ministry (RIM) program. Their service will be evaluated by the BOM and the DS. Arrangements for supervision and residency will be made for

provisional members serving outside the Arkansas conference. During the second year of the RIM program, the provisional member may apply for ordination and membership in full connection.

- J. To make application for Full Connection, the Provisional member shall complete Form 105, Application for Clergy Relationship, and send the form to the BOM Office by October 1. The Cabinet shall provide a recommendation letter concerning a provisional member's application for Full Connection to the BOM Office by November 1.

**SECTION VII: TRANSFERS ¶ 346-347**

- A. All ministers requesting Conference to Conference transfer (¶ 347.1) shall complete the Arkansas Conference Cabinet Vetting Process.
- B. All ministers requesting to serve while retaining other faith credentials (¶ 346.2 and 347.3) or requesting to serve a UM church and start the process of transferring as a UM pastor (¶ 347.3.b and ¶ 347.2) shall complete the Arkansas Conference Cabinet Vetting Process and the dCOM interview requirements.
- C. All ministers approved with other faith credentials shall complete the Arkansas License School before being appointed. Exceptions may be granted for other Methodist denominations with a written request to the Executive BOM from the DS.
- D. Those appointed while retaining other faith credentials are required to complete/continue Course of Study unless they have completed a MDiv from an Accredited Theological Seminary with coursework equivalent to COS.
- E. Those appointed while retaining other faith credentials are required to take UM History, Polity and Doctrine *within 2 years of the conference year of appointment* unless those classes were completed through their MDiv from an Accredited Theological Seminary.
- F. Those appointed while retaining other faith credentials are required to meet annually with the dCOM to evaluate educational progress and ministerial performance.
- G. Ministers seeking transfer into United Methodist ministry from another denomination shall not join a local United Methodist church.
- H. Ministers whose credentials have been approved shall serve under appointment for a minimum of two years before applying for transfer into provisional membership if eligible
- I. Ministers seeking transfer into provisional memberships shall apply to the dCOM using SECTION VI: PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP ¶ 324 and shall participate in the Residency in Ministry program before becoming eligible to apply for full connection.

**SECTION VIII: FINANCIAL AID**

- A. Local Pastor Licensing School: The cost to Arkansas students attending the Arkansas Local Pastor License School (LPLS) is currently \$350. Some funds may be available for students attending other schools outside of our conference boundaries. Approval for these funds must come from the Dean of the Arkansas Conference Local Pastor License School prior to class participation.
- B. Course of Study: Financial Assistance, based on need and the availability of funds, will be 50% of tuition, normal fees, room and board for full- or part-time students in the basic Course of Study; 100% reimbursement of tuition for courses taken in the Arkansas Extension Course of Study School available for part-time local pastors and 50% reimbursement of tuition for those who successfully complete correspondence courses (not to exceed 4 courses). The Board does not pay for repeated courses.
- C. Seminary Financial Aid: Through the Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) apportionment, the BOM may provide loans to certified candidates who are attending University senate approved seminaries. The Arkansas Annual Conference retains one fourth of the monies paid for the MEF apportionment for this fund. This is the only source of funds for service loans, and disbursements cannot exceed income in any fiscal year. Funds will be budgeted equally for the fall and spring semesters. The loan amount is determined after the application deadline. Loans will not exceed 40% of tuition per semester unless there is a



surplus in the fall semester. The seminarian registrar shall have the discretion to disburse any surplus funds at an equal percentage for all semester applicants. Students attending United Methodist seminaries can receive a maximum of \$10,000 per year in loans. Students at other University Senate approved seminaries can receive a maximum of \$7,000 per year in loans.

- D. Students will not receive funds to repeat a failed, dropped, or incomplete course.
- E. Applicants will sign a promissory note. Loans will be forgiven for service at the rate of one year of full time service for two semesters of aid. In other words, a student who borrows from the fund for six semesters would complete the service obligation by three years of full time service under Episcopal appointment.
- F. For the 2018-2019 academic year, the following policy will be followed for disbursing funds.
- G. Eligibility:
  - Certified Candidate for ordination
  - Approved by the BOM
  - Attending a University Senate approved seminary
  - Is not a recipient of a full scholarship grant from the United Methodist Foundation.
- H. Applications can be downloaded from [www.arumc.org](http://www.arumc.org) or obtained from a District Superintendent. Applications and all supporting documentation must be received by September 15 for the fall semester, January 15 for the spring/winter (including January term) semester and July 15 for the summer semester. Applications are not complete without an official transcript from the student's seminary. Incomplete applications will not be processed. The Secretary of the BOM will process all applications.
- I. Reimbursement for UM History, Polity, and Doctrine courses will be paid at 40% of the tuition cost in the year the course was taken.
- J. Persons who have completed the basic course of study may wish to become provisional members by the alternate route (see ¶ 324.6). They must complete the 32 hours of graduate theological studies. Up to 40% of tuition will be provided per seminary financial aid.
- K. Deacon candidates on the professional certification route toward ordination (see ¶ 324.5) will also receive up to 40% of tuition per seminary financial aid.
- L. Arkansas United Methodist Foundation Seminary Scholarship – Certified candidates for Elders orders are eligible to apply online for this scholarship provided through The Arkansas United Methodist Foundation. Scholarship applicants must have been accepted by a United Methodist Seminary as a full-time student. Applications are due March 1. An interview-selection team of the BOM shall make the determination of the awarding of this scholarship. Two years of service in the conference per year of scholarship received is expected.

**SECTION IX: CONTINUING EDUCATION ¶ 350**

- A. All clergy under full-time appointment must complete at least one (1) continuing education unit (ten hours of instruction) per year. These CEU's may be fulfilled by CEUs, CMEs, CCEs, or other approved programs. Persons in resident provisional status or those enrolled in Course of Study are exempt from this requirement.
- B. Clergy shall report CEUs to their District Superintendent at charge conference and to the BOM through the BOM Office.
- C. All clergy under full-time appointment with charge conference compensation, as reported in Box 13 of the Compensation form, of less than \$58,920 may receive reimbursement from the BOM of up to \$200 annually as funds are available. This amount shall include only projected expenses for tuition, books, fees, room, and board. Travel cannot be included as a projected expense.
- D. Financial aid is not available for Minister's Week at any seminary.

- E. The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Guidelines for granting Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from The Society for the Advancement of Continuing Education for Ministry (SACEM) shall be used by groups seeking to have events certified by the Conference Continuing Education Chairperson. (See GBHEM's website, <http://www.gbhem.org/continued.html>.)
- F. Professional Certification Studies: Applications may be made for up to \$200/year as funds are available to help pay for specialized certification courses. This amount shall include only projected expenses for tuition, books, fees, room, and board. Travel cannot be included as a projected expense.
- G. Applications for granting continuing education credit for an event or reimbursement for continuing education shall be sent to the Chair of Continuing Education, BOM Office.
- H. Sabbatical Leave: All Issues concerning Sabbatical leave will follow the guidelines of ¶ 351, with the addition of those requesting Sabbatical will include their plan with start and end dates.

**SECTION X: CHANGES OF CONFERENCE RELATIONSHIP ¶ 353-362**

- A. The Conference Relations Committee (CRC) shall consist of at least 3 persons to hear requests as listed in 635.1 (d)
- B. All requests for a change in Conference relationship shall be made in writing to the BOM and will be reviewed by the CRC which shall report its recommendations to the BOM.
- C. Request for change of relationship to Voluntary Leave of Absence – Personal/Family (¶ 353) must be made at least ninety (90) days prior to Annual Conference and document specific reasons for the request. The BOM Secretary shall record in the BOM minutes the specific reasons for the request. A copy of the written request shall be placed in the person's file.
- D. All clergy on Leave of Absence for a total of five or more years are required to meet with the CRC annually to review the circumstances that require remaining on Leave of Absence.
- E. While on Voluntary Leave of Absence - Personal/Family, the person shall report annually her/his progress toward resolution/alleviation of the stated reasons for requesting Leave of Absence-Personal/Family. When an end to Leave of Absence- Personal/Family is requested, it shall be by written request at least six (6) months prior to Annual Conference. The CRC shall review the circumstances surrounding the granting of Leave of Absence – Personal/Family for the purpose of determining whether those circumstances have been alleviated or resolved.
- F. Deacons may be granted Voluntary Leave of Absence – Transitional Leave for up to 12 months with the approval of the Bishop and the Board's Executive Committee. The deacon shall provide, in writing, quarterly substantiation of the effort to obtain such an appointable position to the Bishop and the Board's Executive Committee. (¶ 353)
- G. Request for change of relationship to Honorable Location (¶ 353 and ¶ 358) shall be made at least ninety (90) days prior to Annual Conference stating that the person intends to discontinue service in the itinerant ministry. The CRC shall meet with the person requesting Honorable Location to offer guidance and counsel as appropriate during this transition. The BOM Secretary shall record in the BOM minutes the specific reasons for the request. A copy of the written request shall be placed in the person's file. While on Honorable Location, the person shall report annually to the CRC including a report of any ministerial functions performed.
- H. Request for change of relationship to Medical Leave (¶ 356)
  - a. The Conference Benefits Officer will provide the person requesting a change in Conference relationship to Medical Leave with the appropriate application packet.
  - b. The Conference Benefits Officer will notify the Joint Committee on Clergy Med-

ical Leave for a reasonable and appropriate investigation and recommendation to the Cabinet, the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits and the BOM.

- I. Withdrawal (§ 360.2)
  - 1) All ordained persons withdrawing from annual conference relationship shall meet with the CRC. The CRC shall report to the BOM for a recommendation to the Clergy Executive Session at its next meeting.
  - 2) The BOM Secretary shall record in the BOM minutes the report of the CRC and the recommendation of the BOM. A copy of the written report, recommendation and documentation of the person's reasons for withdrawal shall be placed in the person's file. Additional statements shall be recorded from the Cabinet and the person who has withdrawn/exited.
- J. Readmission to Conference Relationship (§ 364, 365, 366, 367 and 368)
  - 1) All requests for readmission to Conference Membership with the Arkansas Annual Conference shall be made in writing and presented to the BOM at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the beginning of the session of the Annual Conference unless stated otherwise by the Book of Discipline.
  - 2) The BOM shall review all files and statements kept by the BOM Office and Registrars.
  - 3) All persons requesting readmission to Conference Membership are required to complete the "Assessment Packet" in Section III A. The cost of the evaluation shall be borne by the person seeking readmission.
  - 4) All persons requesting readmission to Conference Membership are required to meet the requirements as outlined in the Book of Discipline appropriate to the reason for the person's original withdrawal, location, leaving or discontinuance.
  - 5) Associate Members or clergy members in full connection requesting readmission to Conference Membership (§ 366-368) shall serve under appointment as a Local Pastor – demonstrating effective ministry for a minimum of two consecutive Conference years in the same appointment.
  - 6) Former Deacons requesting readmission to Conference Membership shall serve under appointment in an appropriate ministry setting - demonstrating effective ministry for a minimum of two consecutive Conference years in the same appointment.
  - 7) During the second year of demonstrating effective ministry in the same appointment, if the applicant has met all Disciplinary and Conference requirements, the former Conference member may apply for Conference Membership and/or credentials previously held.

**SECTION XI: CLERGY COVENANT FUND**

- A. The Clergy Covenant Fund provides financial assistance to clergy persons and their families. A gift of \$1,500 will be given to the surviving spouse of a clergy person who dies while serving under appointment. Financial assistance of up to \$750 is available to clergy and/or their family for financial needs which arise from personal or family crisis. The District Superintendent shall make a request for these funds to the Chair of the BOM; the BOM Executive Committee shall consider all requests for approval.
- B. Funds will be provided by means of an offering received during the Clergy Session of the Annual Conference. Clergy will also be given an opportunity each November to make a special Thanksgiving contribution to the Fund. Memorials and special gifts may be made to the Fund at any time. Gifts may be sent any time to: United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas, Clergy Covenant Fund, 5300 Evergreen, and Little Rock, AR 72205.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Pamela Jean Estes, Chair



### Committee on Episcopacy

The Arkansas Conference Committee on Episcopacy is thrilled that Bishop Mueller is serving his second quadrennium in the Arkansas Conference. His passion for spiritual revival and emphasis on vital congregations, equipping disciples and partnering with laity is leading our conference trajectory in “keeping the main thing the main thing” (quoting Bishop Mueller).

Our role as the Committee on Episcopacy includes:

- supporting Bishop Mueller in his work,
- being available to him for counsel,
- assisting in determining the episcopal needs of the area, and keeping the bishop advised of conditions within the area as they affect relationships, and
- engaging in annual consultation with the bishop.

We are honored to work with him, and express our deep appreciation for his work. Bishop Mueller maintains constant connection with the Arkansas Conference through his daily devotionals that reach so many, and his constant efforts to communicate with the conference through town hall meetings, laity coffees and other special events designed to connect the Arkansas Conference.

We are grateful that he is serving the Arkansas Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karon Mann, Chair



### Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits

#### The Board:

¶ 639.1-7 The board is charged with the interest and work of providing for and contributing to the support, relief, assistance, and pensioning of clergy, and their families, other church workers, and lay employees of the Conference Center, institutions, organizations, and agencies within the Annual Conference except otherwise provided by the general board now known as Wespath. The conference board also provides financial assistance to retired clergy, their spouses and surviving spouses who are now responsible for their own healthcare. The board works closely with Wespath Benefits and Investments administrator of the largest denominational pension fund in the world. Wespath reflects the Wesleyan heritage, and the notion of being on the right path in all three areas of operation for participants, institutional investors and for the UMC. The board is made up of no less than 12 members and in accordance with ¶605.3 elected to a term of 8 years. The board elects its chairperson.

#### Conference Sponsored Well Care Benefits:

The board approved using **\$50,000** in healthcare reserves to fund the Virgin Pulse Fitness Program in **2019**. Participation will be reviewed annually. Conference staff, active FT clergy and their spouses are eligible to participate. You can still join the Virgin Pulse program where getting active & fit means getting great stuff! And ours isn't your typical stuff, you know. Ours is motivation, feedback, gadgets, tracking, challenges, prizes, more energy, feeling better, looking great... and rewards.

## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The first pedometer is free to newly enrolled participants. If a participant already has a preferred fitness tracking device, the program will sync with many available brands and models, including Fitbit and Apple Watch.

In addition to the benefits of healthier living, participants can earn up to \$275 per calendar quarter, with increasing dollar amounts given as each of four levels of point accrual is completed.

Points toward reward levels can be earned through activity, and also by reporting healthy habits on the mobile app or website. We'll keep you motivated all year long with challenges, contests, team competitions with your fellow conference members & more! So what do you say, ready to join?

Please use this URL - [join.virginpulse.com/wespath](http://join.virginpulse.com/wespath)

Participants will have to select a plan sponsor. In this case, select Arkansas. Questions should be directed to the Conference Center Benefits Office.

\*You must be 18 years of age.

**Employee Assistance Program:**

The Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits partnered with The Board of Ordained Ministry to bring clergy families the Methodist Healthcare Employee Assistance Program. Since January 1, 2012, this program has provided free, confidential short-term counseling to all active, retired clergy and clergy households. The Board of Pension and Health Benefits recommends continuing the program **for 2019**. The cost is minimal and the benefits are great. Beginning January 1, 2017 the program will be funded through apportionments. The benefit is not guaranteed and will be reviewed annually. We are pleased to offer this service to our clergy and their households. EAP can help with many of life's challenges such as family issues, marital concerns, alcohol and drug abuse, anxiety, depression, major life events, grief, work concerns and managing the stress of everyday life. The program offers 6 counseling sessions to you and members of your household, free of charge. In most cases, short-term counseling is all the help you'll need. However, if a referral outside the EAP is necessary, the EAP counselor will seek the best resources for your situation. Counseling outside the EAP will require use of insurance or self-pay. Use of the EAP and issues discussed in all sessions are held in strict confidence. Rest assured that your private health information remains confidential and can only be released outside the EAP with your written consent or when required by law such as in life threatening situations or child/elder abuse. All Arkansas Conference staff members and clergy families; whether full time, part time, retired or disabled as well as members of your household are eligible to participate. Surviving spouses are also eligible for this benefit. People who live within 50 miles of the two EAP offices in Memphis will use that resource. For more information about the Methodist Healthcare EAP, please visit their website at [www.methodistepcanhelp.org](http://www.methodistepcanhelp.org) and review the brochure enclosed in this announcement. To access the program, simply call their toll free number 1-800-880-5658 to schedule an appointment.

**Clergy Retirement Plans:**

The Pre-1982 Pension Plan was replaced by the Ministerial Pension Plan effective January 1, 1982. Vested participants and their spouses receive lifetime benefits from the pre-82 plan. **The 2019 monthly Past Service Rate (pre-1982) known as the PSR is \$577.00.**

The 2004 General Conference voted to end the MPP as of December 31, 2006. The replacement pension plan was the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) which began January 1, 2007. Less than full-time are ineligible effective 1/1/2013. The plan is made up of 2 components;

1. A Defined Benefit which provides monthly income at retirement based upon years of credited service to the Church and a surviving spouse benefit payment of **75%** for her/his lifetime. Clergy may also designate a disabled child as a contingent annuitant.
2. Secondary contingent annuitant. After the death of you and your spouse, your disabled child will receive a reduced benefit. As with spousal coverage, your initial benefits will be reduced to pay for this extra benefit.
3. And a Defined Contribution that provides a retirement account balance which was established and funded by the annual conference.

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All eligible full-time clergy who are under Episcopal appointment in the conference shall enroll in the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP). Full-time clergy may make written request to waive out of the pension program CRSP. Effective January 1, 2014 clergy serving less than full-time are not eligible to participate in CRSP. We encourage the churches they serve to provide a retirement benefit by making contributions to the United Methodist Personal Pension Plan (UMPIP) on their behalf. Pension Plan enrollment is the responsibility of the participant and must be done no later than 30 days from the eligibility date. Information for enrollment must be provided to Conference Benefits Officer, Mona Williams, at the Conference Office of Finance and Administration.

Clergy pension is calculated on "Plan" compensation. Plan compensation as defined by Wespath includes a parsonage equivalent (25% of compensation) or housing allowance. **The benefit multiplier for 2019 is 14%** and is broken down in the following manner:

- The monthly CRSP- DB benefit is 8% of eligible Plan compensation. The CRSP-DC benefit is 2% non-matching contribution and 1% matching of eligible Plan compensation.
- The premium for the Comprehensive Protection Death and Disability Plan is 3% of eligible Plan compensation up to 200% of the DAC for clergy appointed full-time.

Participants must contribute a minimum of 1% of eligible Plan compensation to their Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) in order to receive the full employer CRSP-DC contribution.

### **Retired Clergy:**

Retired Clergy, their spouses and surviving spouses were removed from the Conference Healthcare Plan on Dec. 31st, 2014. The Plan was replaced with a Healthcare Reimbursement Arrangement. The Retiree & Medicare eligible disabled clergy HRA is owned and funded by the Arkansas Conference and is managed by the Board of Pension and Health Benefits. Any un-used funds remain with the Conference. Surviving spouses who are not yet eligible for Medicare may be eligible for a taxable Healthcare premium stipend. See guidelines below.

### **2019 Retiree Healthcare Premium Stipend Allocation:**

**The Arkansas Conference provides a monthly healthcare premium benefit to retired clergy and disabled clergy who are Medicare eligible. The benefit is not guaranteed and is reviewed annually.**

In order to be eligible for a conference healthcare premium stipend Provisional Elders, Associate Members, Elders in Full Connection and Full-time Local Pastors retiring from the Arkansas Conference must have served full-time in the denomination for a minimum of 10 years. Only conference responsible\* full-time appointment years are eligible and must have been served in the former North Arkansas Conference, former Little Rock Conference or the Arkansas Conference. If you are retired and not currently receiving a conference healthcare premium stipend you are not eligible to receive the stipend. If the Plan is terminated, all of the following is null & void.

The stipend will be a fixed dollar amount based on eligible active years of service and the maximum healthcare premium stipend. Additional years of service above 40 have no effect on the healthcare premium stipend. The maximum healthcare stipend for **2019** is \$204 for clergy and \$153 for a spouse. Clergy who work or serve an appointment after retirement will not receive additional years of service or an additional benefit of any kind. Here is the base HRA benefit calculation guide -

- The first ten years of service will accrue at 2% of the maximum premium gift:  
Clergy: 2% of \$200 = \$4.00  
Spouse: 2% of \$150 = \$3.00
- The next 20 years of service will accrue at:  
Clergy: 3.5% of = \$7.00  
Spouse: 3.5% of = \$5.25
- The remaining ten years of service will accrue at:  
Clergy: 1% of = \$2.00  
Spouse: 1% of = \$1.50

\*Conference responsible appointment years are defined as service in which the Arkansas conference

or local church is responsible for contributions to clergy pension plans; Pre-1982, MPP or CRSP.

Effective January 1, 2016 the minimum healthcare stipend benefit is \$50 per month. Clergy who are married at the time of retirement will receive a supplemental spousal gift. **The spouse at retirement who outlives the clergy person will receive a stipend as a surviving spouse. If a retired clergy couple divorces, the clergy will receive the clergy benefit and that spouse will receive the spouse portion. Should the clergy remarry, the new spouse is not eligible for a stipend. As of July 1, 2016 a surviving spouse who remarries will continue to receive a healthcare stipend benefit.**

Effective January 1, 2016 when a clergy dies while under an Active conference responsible appointment leaving behind a spouse (who is not eligible for Medicare) the conference will provide a healthcare premium stipend equal to \$1000 per month for the first 5 years. This benefit is considered taxable income. After the earlier of year 5, or Medicare eligibility, the healthcare premium stipend will be based on clergy years of eligible service.

Pension earned during active service is vested for clergy members of the AC who surrender credentials after retirement. The HRA benefit is based on years of active conference responsible service and is vested.

**Clergy on Medical Leave receiving CPP Disability Benefits:**

Approved Medical Leave is an active Conference responsible appointment. Clergy appointed to Medical Leave who are not yet eligible for Medicare will receive a taxable Healthcare Premium Stipend in the amount of \$1000 per month. Those who are eligible for Medicare must enroll in Medicare B, purchase a Medicare Supplement and a Drug Plan. Having met these guidelines you would be eligible to receive a Healthcare Premium Stipend using the years of service guidelines above through the non-taxable HRA.

**Other Important Information:**

1. Surviving spouses eligible for spousal pension benefits will receive benefits at 75% of the formula benefit rate for pre-1982 service.
2. Allowance grants and local expenses of the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits are paid by Wespath or the Conference Treasurer must meet 2016 Book of Discipline guidelines and are subject to the approval by the Arkansas Conference. The board has approved a living grant for Rev. Lloyd Smith effective 7/1/2009 in the amount of \$359.00 per month.
3. The institution, board or organization paying the salary of a minister on special appointment without annuity claim on the conference shall make provision for the pension of such person.
4. Attention is called to ¶1506.5 in the 2016 Book of Discipline, regarding eligibility to participate in CRSP and Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP). In order to provide adequately for the active pension program (current and past funding), death & disability benefits, retiree healthcare support and well care in **2019** the conference has budgeted **\$1,165,000**. That Total is broken down as:
  - Healthcare premium stipends for disabled clergy on approved medical leave shall be **\$25,000**.
  - Healthcare premium stipends for retirees & spouses shall be **\$800,000**.
  - Methodist Healthcare Employee Assistance Program apportionment shall be **\$15,000**.
  - To provide for clergy under special conference responsible appointments shall be **\$150,000**.
  - Administration **\$175,000**.
5. We remind all pastors and local churches of ¶ 639.4 in the 2016 Book of Discipline, which sets forth the requirement that payments on the pension and benefit program of the conference be in exact proportion to payments made on the salary or salaries, including housing of the ordained minister or clergy serving it. ¶ 638.4d requires the local church treasurer and/or pastor to adjust the cash salary and payment to be in the same proportion as the amount paid to the pension and benefit program of the conference. ¶ 639.4d adds that it shall not be permissible for a pastor to receive a bonus or other supplementary compensation tending to defeat proportional payment.
6. ¶ 639.4 of the 2016 Book of Discipline requires the Conference Board to keep a permanent record of defaults by churches of the conference in paying clergy pension and benefits. The board is further required to render annually to each church that is in default a statement of the amounts in default for that and preceding years. **The 2016 default total was \$114,255.01**. According to our Conference Treasurer, for **2017** the following churches were in default for the direct billed Clergy Retirement Security Program & the CPP premiums by the following amounts:

**Name of Church/Charge Debt on 12/31/17**

**Central District**

Canvas-Community	\$ 25,408.20
Carlisle First	9,104.67
Grace-Conway	37,549.95
Grace- East End	4,243.74
Hunter-LR	6,600.50
Sardis	1,129.23

**Northeast District**

Batesville 1 <sup>st</sup>	7,743.96
Brookland	4,888.23
Manila	5,836.32
Trumann	5,052.48

**Northwest District**

Pea Ridge	765.17
Woodlands	4,386.40

**Southeast District**

Ellis Chapel-Wynne	6,021.00
Good Faith Carr	4,410.00
Lakeside-Lake Village	1,050.00
Redfield	6,122.62
St. James-PB	15,715.80
Warren 1 <sup>st</sup>	6,000.00
Wesley-PB	2,272.08

**Southwest District-**

Pleasant Hill-Texarkana	890.12
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**Total** **\$129,782.27**

7. Notice of claims request for pension credit shall be made in writing to the Conference Benefits Officer, POB 3611 Little Rock, AR 72203-3611.
8. In determining years of service, the Board of Pension and Health Benefits shall carefully examine and consider those years listed in the conference Journal prior to accepting them as valid years; and any years in question shall be subject to validation by the applicant and by approval of the Board of Pensions. We recommend that approval of pension credit outlined in ¶1506.2-5 of the **2016** Book of Discipline, be enforced.
9. Copies of individual service records are held at Wespath, 1901 Chestnut Ave, Glenview, IL 60025-1604. Requests for service record copies may be obtained from the Conference Benefits Office.
10. A Retired Minister's Day is recommended to be the Third Sunday of May each year. The purpose of this day is to recognize the service of the retired servants and their families, and to involve the local churches in the recognition of the needs, both present and future.  
If a retired minister does not reside within the bounds of a charge, but a member of a retired minister's family does, they shall be invited to participate in the service (or observance); otherwise, recognition of these servants, and their service, should be observed appropriately. "Appropriately" should be determined by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee of each local church. This committee shall have the responsibility of locating these people and relate the service of these persons to the local church and our Annual Conference. The Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits will be responsible for providing promotional ideas and some materials (i.e., total years of service, percentage of retired ministers serving churches while in their retired status, etc.) when requested.
11. Please notify the Conference Center Benefits Office when:
  - a. You are eligible to enroll in pensions programs;
  - b. Information relative to pension matters is needed;



- c. You have questions about participating in Social Security;
- d. You have questions about healthcare;
- e. A change in marital status, mailing address or income occurs;
- f. You have a question about past service or annuity credit or to request a change in service records;
- g. There are health issues that may lead to disability;
- h. Death in the immediate family occurs;
- i. A change of beneficiary is desired;
- j. Request for retirement is made to the bishop, cabinet, and board of ordained ministry;

### 2017-2018 Housing Allowances for the Arkansas Conference

The Arkansas Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following resolutions relating to rental/housing allowances for active, retired, terminated, or disabled clergypersons of the Conference: WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church (the "Church"), of which this Conference is a part, has in the past functioned and continues to function through ministers of the gospel (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 107) who were or are duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of the Church ("Clergypersons"); WHEREAS, the practice of the Church and of this Conference was and is to provide active Clergypersons with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation; WHEREAS, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons are considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons in consideration of previous active service; and WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Conference (or its predecessors) as an appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for Clergypersons who are or were members of this Conference and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT an amount equal to 100% of the pension, severance, or disability payments received from plans authorized under *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (the "*Discipline*"), which includes all such payments from Wespath during the period 1/1/2017-12/31/2017 and 1/1/2018-12/31/2018, by each active, retired, terminated, or clergyperson receiving disability benefits who is or was a member of the Conference, or its predecessors, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such Clergyperson; and

THAT the pension, severance, or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance designation applies will be any pension, severance, or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the *Discipline*, including such payments from Wespath and from a commercial annuity company that provides an annuity arising from benefits accrued under a Wespath plan, annuity, or fund authorized under the *Discipline*, that result from any service a Clergyperson rendered to this Conference or that an active, a retired, a terminated, or a disabled Clergyperson of this Conference rendered to any local church, annual conference of the Church, general agency of the Church, other institution of the Church, former denomination that is now a part of the Church, or any other employer that employed the Clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the Church, or its predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan, annuity, or fund for such an active, a retired, a terminated, or a disabled Clergyperson's pension, severance, or disability plan benefit as part of his or her gross compensation.

NOTE: The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergyperson's gross income in any year for federal (and, in most cases, state) income tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107(2), and regulations thereunder, to the least of: (a) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the Clergyperson's employer or other appropriate body of the Church (such as this Conference in the foregoing resolutions) for such year; (b) the amount actually expended by the Clergyperson to rent or provide a home in such year; or (c) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in

such year. Each clergyperson or former clergyperson is urged to consult with his or her tax advisor to determine what deferred compensation is eligible to be claimed as housing allowance exclusion. **A housing exclusion calculation worksheet may be requested from the Conference Benefits Office.**

*The 2019 Funding Plan is in process. When approved by Wespeth, it will be available on the ARUMC website.*

**Submitted by: Mona Williams, Conference Benefits Officer  
Stark Ligon, Board of Pension & Health Benefits Chairperson  
Todd Burris, Treasure & Director of Administrative Services**

## **Equitable Compensation Commission**

For 71 years, the Conference has provided financial support to churches allowing them to provide pastoral salaries suitable for their mission fields.

The Commission on Equitable Compensation (CEC) of the Arkansas Annual Conference does this in four areas: recommending Minimum Compensation for all clergy under full-time appointment and providing Key Charge, Minimum Base Compensation, and emergency Salary Arrearage funding to churches identified by the Cabinet.

In the spring of 2018, the Conference supported seven charges through the Key Charge program and another two charges through Minimum Base Compensation Support.

The mission of the CEC is to enable charges/churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ by providing appropriate compensation for effective pastoral leadership.

### **I. Minimum Full-Time Compensation**

The CEC recommends that the 2018 Minimum Compensation Payment Schedule for full-time pastors under appointment remain as printed below. The payment schedule and guidelines remain the same as they were for 2016.

Full Connection	Provisional/Associate Member	Local Pastor
\$46,920	\$45,900	\$44,880

Appointed pastors serving a charge that provides a group health insurance plan shall be subject to the following minimum compensation support:

Full Connection	Provisional/Associate Member	Local Pastor
\$34,920	\$33,900	\$32,880

A parsonage or housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage shall be provided in addition to the figures listed above.

### **II. Key Charge/Church Program for Base Compensation Support**

The Key Charge/Church program provides Base Compensation Support to pastors who are appointed to charges/churches targeted for significant growth by the Conference or are in transition and require short-term support for effective pastoral leadership for various other reasons. Key Charges/Churches are related to the CEC by a covenant agreement. The covenant is negotiated by the chair of the Commission, the district superintendent, and representatives of the charge/church. The persons or their successors, shall be the trustees of the covenant, having verified it with their signatures.

The covenant shall include:

1. The initial amount of the Base Compensation Support needed,
2. The duration of the covenant (normally five (5) years or less),  
and
3. The signatures of the persons negotiating the covenant.

The nature of the covenant is such that the amount of compensation support given shall decrease proportionately each year, while the compensation paid by the charge/church increases by at least the same amount, thus keeping the compensation at least stable over the covenant period. After the covenant has expired, no further compensation support will be granted to the charge/church.

Under the Key Charge/Church arrangement, there shall be no required minimum or maximum levels of support by the charge/church. The only limitation will be the amount of funding budgeted for this program.

Each church receiving compensation shall report to the Commission each year at the consultation date with their district superintendent. The report form is available from the district superintendent and the Arkansas Annual Conference website at [arumc.org](http://arumc.org).

### III. Minimum Base Compensation Support

The Minimum Base Compensation program is intended to assist in providing compensation for capable, effective pastoral leadership to charges/churches which function in areas of extreme economic limitation and which are unable to provide a viable level of pastoral support. Where charges/churches are in need of additional compensation in order to meet the Minimum Compensation Base Support, this support is available to Elders in Full Connection, Provisional/Associate Members (not to be confused with associate pastors), and Full-Time Local Pastors who are not retired. The Minimum Base Compensation is set annually by the Bishop Cabinet, and Annual Conference for Elders, Provisional/Associate Members, and Full-Time Local Pastors. (Minimum Full-Time Compensation has appeared previously in this report.)

Charges/churches receiving Minimum Compensation Support are related to the CEC by a covenant agreement negotiated by the chair of the Commission, the district superintendent, and representatives of the charge/church. The signors or their successors shall be the trustees of the covenant, having verified it with their signatures.

It is understood that:

1. A parsonage or housing allowance in lieu of the parsonage shall be provided in addition to the set compensation.
2. Associate pastors (not to be confused with Associate Members of the Annual Conference) are not eligible for Minimum Compensation aid.
3. Retired pastors are not eligible for Minimum Compensation aid. See Paragraph 357.6 of the *2016 Book of Discipline*.
4. Each charge/church receiving Minimum Compensation Support shall provide to the Commission the amount(s) received from the Arkansas Conference for the past five (5) years. We further require that each local church describe how they will reduce this support through the local church's ministry plan. Each church receiving compensation shall report to the Commission each year at the consultation date with their district superintendent. The report form is available from the district superintendent and the Arkansas Annual Conference website at [arumc.org](http://arumc.org).

### IV. Emergency Salary Arrearage Support

Every clergy under appointment shall receive the full compensation set at Charge Conference. (See Paragraph 624 of the *2016 Discipline*.) If a church is financially unable to provide the full compensation in a timely manner, the Annual Conference through the CEC may provide emergency funding to ensure the clergy is provided the compensation the church promised at the Charge Conference. The Arkansas Annual Conference Salary Arrearage Policy is found in Paragraph 103 of the Policy & Guidelines section of this Journal.

### V. Equitable Compensation Covenant

When Equitable Compensation support has been granted to a charge/church, an acknowledgement of the conditions and amount of that funding shall be executed by the district superintendent, pastor, and leaders of the charge/church before any payment of funds shall be made. This acknowledgement shall be made on a form provided by the commission. No funds shall be disbursed until the agreement is signed and returned to the district superintendent. These forms are available from the district superintendent and the conference website at [arumc.org](http://arumc.org).

The charge/church receiving financial support shall submit an annual report. The report form is available from the district superintendent and the conference website at [arumc.org](http://arumc.org). Included in this report is the explanation of how these funds have aided the local charge/church. This report shall be

returned at the scheduled annual assessment interview with the district superintendent.

### VI. Additional Priorities

1. The Commission on Equitable Compensation shall maintain adequate reserves to fund needs which may emerge.
2. Each charge/church receiving equitable compensation in any of the above categories is expected to pay its conference tithe in full. If the charge/church is unable to accomplish this, they shall submit a written plan of action approved by their district superintendent, detailing the steps to be taken in order to achieve this goal. Notification of the plan will then be forwarded to the CEC.
3. All CEC funding is for pastoral support only. Using funds for any other purpose, such as program costs or other compensation violates the agreement.
4. Equitable Compensation funds are paid directly to the church/charge by the fifteenth (15th) of each month. The compensation shall be paid to the pastor as a supplement to funds budgeted by the charge/church. The calendar year of support is from July 1 through June 30.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Rev. Paul L. Strang, Chair**

### Board of Trustees

As of March 15, 2018, the Conference Board of Trustees has met once at the Conference offices on Tuesday, August 10, 2017 and via WebEx/conference call Wednesday, February 28, 2018, and transacted business via e-mail on several other occasions. Officers were elected at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting: Janet Marshall, Vice President, Karen Moore, Secretary, and Todd Burris, Treasurer. The committee also voted to approve the sale of the former Galloway Chapel UMC property located at 7 Griffin Road, Little Rock, AR. Additional business included approval to transfer the former Forest Chapel property to the Forest Chapel Cemetery Association; selection of the Rev. Tony Griffin and the Rev. Todd Vick to serve on behalf of the Conference Trustees on the Conference Facilities Task Force; a policy was adopted requiring churches who have received approval to sell a parsonage to retain 20% of the sales proceeds for future parsonage needs; and Conference insurance with Church Mutual was approved.

At the Wednesday, February 28, 2018 meeting it was noted that the sale of the former Galloway Chapel UMC property was unable to close due to clouds on title. The board approved a quiet title law suit with the Friday Firm to clear title and proceed with the sale. Additional business included continued negotiations for the sale of the former Carthage UMC property; an offer was accepted for the sale of the former Spadra UMC property; and the board approved working with the A Anthony Corporation to assist with the management and disposal of closed/abandoned properties.

The following churches and church properties have been closed and/or abandoned as United Methodist congregations and are on the Conference Board of Trustees' list for disposal or repurposing:

#### Central District

- Vacant Lot, parcel 001-10639-000, Saline County.
- Providence, 10273 Hwy 31 N, Austin, AR 72007, parcel 001-06984-000, Lonoke County.
- Galloway, 7 Griffin Road, Little Rock, AR, Pulaski County. Sale pending.
- Overcupp, 2727 Hwy 9, Morrilton, AR, Conway County.
- Aaron Cemetery, Pulaski County.

#### Northeast District

- Vacant Lot, parcel 030-00093-000, Randolph County.
- Beech Grove, 9201 Hwy 141 N, Beech Grove, AR 72412, Greene County.
- Fairview, 86 Fairview Lane, Mountain Home, AR 72653, Baxter County.
- Tupelo, 415 Pine St., Tupelo, AR 72161, Jackson County.

#### Northwest District

- Barling, 308 Church St., Barling, AR 72923, Sebastian County.
- Tuck's Chapel, 12445 W. Tucks Chapel Road, Rogers, AR 72756, parcel 18-04693-000, Benton County.
- Milltown, 6621 Arkansas Hwy 252, Greenwood, AR 72936, Sebastian County.
- Moore's Chapel, 12554 Hwy 309 South, Havana, AR 72842, Yell County.
- Springtown, 11980 Readings Road, Springtown, AR 72734, parcel 17-00006-000, Benton County. Sale pending.

**Southeast District**

- Widener, 102 Madison, Widener, AR 72394, St. Francis County.

**Southwest District**

- Wakefield, 489 Wakefield Road, Nashville, AR 71852, parcel 001-03444-001E, Howard County.
- Carthage, 714 W. Pine Bluff St., Carthage, AR 71725, parcel 741-00247-000, Dallas County.
- Gum Springs, 208 Gum Springs Rd., Mountain Pine, AR 71956, Garland County.
- Lydesdale, 2820 Columbia 61, Magnolia, AR 71753, Columbia County.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Tony Griffin, President**

**Camp and Retreat Ministries Task Force Report  
From the Arkansas Conference Extended Cabinet  
To the 2018 Arkansas Annual Conference  
April 10, 2018**

At the February 14, 2017 meeting of the Extended Cabinet a task group was established to a) review and make recommendations concerning the three regional camps (Wayland Spring, Shoal Creek, Bear Creek); b) develop a process for addressing any problems related to the camps; c) implement a process for a long-term solution. The task force was initially composed of Michelle Moore, Jim Polk, Todd Burris, Nathan Kilbourne, Tony Griffin, Stephen Coburn, JJ Galloway and Mark Norman.

At the April 5, 2017 meeting of the Extended Cabinet, the mandate of the task group was expanded to include the evaluation and possible restructuring of conference camp and retreat ministries as a whole.

The task group reviewed the relationship statement the Arkansas Conference has with each of the five camps in our system to determine whether or not they should be renewed for the three regional camps, noting that each provides that "...this relationship statement shall be reviewed jointly at least every four years, (or more often if requested by any of the agreeing parties), and shall be revised or renewed at the beginning of each quadrennium." During the review and following discussion, a number of concerns were raised:

1. After four years working with the Run River report, the camps have mixed results in meeting compliance.
  - a. Tanako is already \*ACA accredited.
  - b. Mt. Eagle is not ACA accredited but is close
  - c. Shoal Creek completed all items to meet mandatory minimal standards
  - d. Bear Creek completed all items to meet mandatory minimal standards
  - e. Wayland Springs made some progress but did not meet mandatory standards. At the time of review it had financial and administrative troubles and has subsequently closed.
2. Liability is still an issue for the conference. While the two remaining regional camps have met the mandatory standards listed in the relationship statements, little or no work has been done to move beyond those standards toward ACA accreditation. In addition, Mt. Eagle has not yet become ACA accredited.
3. According to the 2014 Annual Conference minutes, a new Camp and Retreat Ministries Committee was formed but the Run River Report was never officially adopted. However,

little clarity about the role of the committee or its relationship with the five camps was given and little has been done during the past four years to rectify this.

4. There is no comprehensive plan for Camp and Retreat Ministries in the Arkansas Conference that will allow us to determine the effectiveness of the regional camps. Hence, while good local programs and camps are taking place at Bear Creek and Shoal Creek Camps, after four years there is currently no clear vision at the conference level of how these camps fit in to our Conference Camp and retreat Ministries.
5. A strong and compelling mission/vision statement and theological rationale for camping and retreat ministries within the Arkansas Conference must be developed.
6. Both the role and makeup of the Camp and Retreat Ministries Committee needs to be reviewed and if deemed necessary, revised.
7. The position and role of the Director of Program and Marketing for Camp and Retreat Ministries needs to be reviewed.

After meeting with the current Camp and Retreat Ministries Committee and various camp officials, the task group presented the following recommendations to the Extended Cabinet. These recommendations were approved by the Extended Cabinet on April 10, 2018 and passed on for adoption of the 2018 Arkansas Annual Conference.

1. **Arkansas Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry Purpose Statement** - The purpose statement of Camp and Retreat Ministries in the Arkansas Conference shall be: *The mission of the ARUMC Camp and Retreat Ministry is to enhance the trajectory of the Arkansas Conference through resourcing local churches in their disciple-making ministry by providing unique opportunities for the children, youth, and adults of local churches to seek God in places set apart from normal routines and the demands of the world. By bringing people together in new communities with opportunities for mission, service, intentional ethnic diversity, the practice of genuine discipleship through experiential faith formation, prayer, worship and spiritual renewal, Camp and Retreat Ministries help participants return to their congregations and communities with a renewed commitment to be a part of Jesus' inclusive work in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ.*
2. **Camp and Retreat Center Governance**
  - a. All camps or retreat centers will be governed strictly by their individual boards. Each camp board will be responsible for its own operation and programming.
  - b. Relationship Statements between the Arkansas Conference and partner camps and retreat centers will be created to guide the relationship and will be reviewed every quadrennium or when either party desires to review the agreement.
  - c. As extension ministries of the Arkansas Conference, Camps and Retreat Centers with relationship statements will be given representation with voice on the Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry Committee and other conference structures as may be determined.
3. **Camp Relationships**
  - a. To minimize liability issues, the Arkansas Conference will only form relationship statements with camps and retreat centers that are \*ACA accredited.
  - b. Camp Tanako is currently accredited and the Mt. Eagle will soon be accredited. The Arkansas Conference will renew relationship statements with each board of directors.
  - c. Bear Creek and Shoal Creek camps are not currently seeking accreditation. If the camps are not accredited by December 31, 2018 the Arkansas Conference will not renew relationship statements and will end support and funding of these camps effective January 1, 2019.
  - d. The Arkansas Conference is willing to explore renewing relationship statements with Bear Creek and Shoal Creek if they become accredited by

ACA, with the understanding that the process of accomplishing accreditation and maintaining the standards of the ACA is the sole responsibility of the boards of each camp or their designee.

#### 4. Conference Structure

- a. The Conference Director of Program and Marketing for Camp and Retreat Ministries staff position will be eliminated effective July 1, 2018. Programming and marketing will become the responsibility of individual camps or the entities that use the camps.
- b. The Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry Committee will be restructured effective July 1, 2018 to provide proper communication and alignment between Arkansas Conference entities and camps/retreat centers with relationship statements with the conference. It will initially consist of the following positions, with authority to add persons if required.
  - i. Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries Coordinator
  - ii. Director of Connectional Ministries
  - iii. Conference Director of Children's Ministries or representative
  - iv. Conference Director of Youth Ministries or representative
  - v. Conference Council on Youth Ministries President or designee
  - vi. Conference Young Adult Ministries Chair
  - vii. Conference Coordinator of Adult, Singles, Family and Older Adult Ministries
  - viii. Center for Vitality Representative
  - ix. Board of Higher Education Representative
  - x. Camp Tanako Director
  - xi. Mount Eagle Retreat Center Director
  - xii. \*\*Bear Creek Camp Representative
  - xiii. \*\*Shoal Creek Camp Representative
- c. The Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry Committee will be responsible for budget requests and funding allocations.
- d. Partner camps and retreats will be encouraged to create ex-officio (voice w/o vote) positions on their boards for representatives of conference children, youth and young adult ministries.

*\*ACA (American Camp Association) accreditation focuses primarily on the health, safety, and risk management aspects of a camp's operation. ACA collaborates with experts of national organizations serving children and youth to assure that current practices of the camp reflect the most up to date research and litigation-based standards in camp operation.*

*\*\* Unless accredited, positions will end December 31, 2018.*

*A motion was made and passed to extend the deadline to December 31, 2019. See Minutes section of this Journal.*

## Arkansas Annual Conference Future Facility Task Force Report

During the 2017 Arkansas Annual Conference the following motion was approved as presented by Mr. Bill Wisener, President of the Conference Finance and Administration Committee, and Rev. Tony Griffin, Chair of the Conference Board of Trustees:

*"I move that a task force be established for the express purpose of assessing the current and future facility needs of the Arkansas Conference Office. This task force shall be comprised of two members of CFA, two members of the Board of Trustees, and two members at large selected by Bishop Mueller. Rev. Jim Polk and Mr. Todd Burris will provide staff*

*support to the task force as needed. The task force will report its findings to the 2018 Arkansas Annual Conference.”*

The task force was established with the following members:

Todd Vick, Co-Facilitator and Trustees rep  
Mary Lewis Dassinger, Co-Facilitator and CFA rep  
Tony Griffin, Conference Trustees Chair  
Bill Wisener, CFA President  
Jan Davis, member at large  
Charles Donaldson, member at large  
Todd Burris, Director of Administrative Services  
Jim Polk, Assistant to the Bishop

#### **Scope of Work**

At the first meeting on September 20, 2017 the scope of the task force’s work was defined through the following statements:

Gather information and analyze the strengths, benefits, weaknesses and liabilities of the current facilities of the Arkansas Annual Conference in light of the conference trajectory to “create vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.”

Gather information from other annual conferences relative to the adequacy of their current facilities, with special attention to those located in the South Central Jurisdiction.

Glean best practices from other annual conferences that could enhance the Arkansas Annual Conference facilities in the future.

Project future needs for the Arkansas Annual Conference relative to space for hospitality, meeting, training, video production, cabinet meetings, technology, disaster response, mission, offices, storage, and emerging needs.

Compare projected future needs with the current Arkansas Annual Conference facilities and, if appropriate, make recommendations about possible next steps.

#### **Phase One: Data Collection**

Our initial task was simply to gather data. To this, a SWOT analysis was conducted to assess the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats both of the current facility and any potential new facility. Using this tool, we then asked conference staff along with key lay and clergy leaders throughout the conference to provide feedback. Additionally a similar SWOT survey was sent to eight other conferences identified as having built new facilities within the last ten years.

Once initial data was collected and compiled, members of the task force conducted several one-on-one interviews to delve deeper into specific findings. Others on the taskforce conducted site visits to the Central Texas and North Texas Conference facilities.

#### **Phase Two: Initial Data Analysis**

The collected data resulted in the expressed needs of the Arkansas Annual Conference staff and lay leadership. Current facilities were found lacking to address the following:

- An obvious and hospitable point of entry and welcome center for visitors.
- Adequate space for the work of the extended cabinet
- Work space that encourages creativity and collaboration.
- Conference, learning, and training spaces for different size groups (from 4-200) that is adaptable, is user-friendly technologically and is not subject to priorities of Philander Smith College.
- A more central location from which Disaster Response Teams can launch.

From this analysis and detailed data, a vision of a ministry center began to take shape for the task force.

#### **Our Emerging Vision:**

#### **The Arkansas Annual Conference Ministry Center**

A Ministry Center for the Arkansas Annual Conference will provide a central place to bring Arkansas United Methodists together to make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world. A ministry center will unify our efforts and take our



ministry to the next level of vitality.

In that spirit we envision a conference ministry center that will:

- **Establish a unified place for Arkansas Methodists** – A ministry center will provide the Arkansas Annual Conference with a central location to come together and collaborate under our shared vision. This ministry hub will be a destination place of momentum to share ideas and build energy. A ministry center will become a recognized place of hospitality warmly welcoming Methodists from across Arkansas as well as people from other places and denominations.
- **Provide space to equip ministry leaders** – A ministry center will provide a dedicated location to train, equip and deploy lay and clergy for ministry. It will serve as a central location for education, workshops, course of study, board of ordained ministry credentialing, local pastors licensing courses, lay servant training, and ongoing administrative services. In addition, it will provide a space for emerging ministry opportunities that will take us to a new level of vital discipleship. A ministry center could provide several large classroom style meeting spaces for 50-200 people, flexible space for training events and a kitchen to serve meals. Arkansas United Methodists will build community over meals and quality time together.
- **Enhance our communication across the Annual Conference** – A ministry center will provide space to enhance our capability to communicate across the Arkansas annual conference. The vision is a communication hub that will include a media production center, improved print, video and social media capability. Meeting spaces will include state of the art technology for video conferencing bringing the state together.
- **Centralize our Mission Focus** – A ministry center will be a place to focus our Volunteer in Mission efforts and Disaster Relief coordination. We will have a central location with ample storage for disaster relief collection items and a place to deploy response teams during disasters. The ministry center will be equipped to host additional conference wide mission opportunities; thus it will be a place where Arkansans will gather to learn, raise awareness, and provide support for local, regional and international missions.
- **Encourage corporate worship in Sacred Spaces** – A ministry center will provide shared sacred spaces for Arkansas Methodists to worship God. A chapel will be available for small worship services, music offerings, prayer, commissioning events and services of Holy Communion. Outdoor spaces will be used for prayer, meditation and reflection, and could include a prayer labyrinth.
- **Connect us with our Arkansas Methodist heritage** - A ministry center will be a place to house and display our archives and history. As it develops into a destination place for Arkansas Methodists to celebrate our common theology, Wesleyan roots and shared identity, we will discover and embrace our heritage and find unity in our common purpose as Arkansas Methodists.
- **Offer a positive and hopeful statement to the wider community** - Paradoxically, the period of uncertainty and the possibility of deep change in which we currently find ourselves nonetheless brings with it the opportunity to make a strong statement to those watching and listening that the United Methodist Church in Arkansas is here to stay, continuing to do ministry, and trusting God to guide us well into our future. Our vision of a forward-leaning conference center would do all that and more.

#### Task Force Recommendation

*This task force believes that more time is needed before moving forward with a resolution for next steps. First, we recognize that the decision of 2019 General Conference around “A Way Forward” may create uncertainty as well as changes to emerging needs in conference facilities. Though*

*in some sense we are waiting, we do not want to sit still. We hope and have faith in a unified Arkansas Conference beyond 2019. Therefore, more time is needed to complete our scope of work—in particular, to make recommendations on the scope of facilities that can meet the vision set forth here. We are certain that a Ministry Center can meet the needs of the conference, both in the immediate and distant future so that we may live into our trajectory. To that end, the task force will continue to develop this vision and make assessments of emerging needs in relation to facilities prior to offering a recommendation at the 2019 meeting of the Annual Conference. Lastly, the committee with the approval of the bishop and committee chairs will use its authority to appoint additional members as needed to the task force to aid in completing this task.*

### Conclusion

We strongly affirm the primary mission of The Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church to create vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world. While the primary work to that end happens in the local church, it is at the conference level that we truly begin to see the scope and nature of our connnectional ministries.

Much discernment will be needed as we move forward and we humbly call on all Arkansas United Methodists to join us in prayer as together we seek the guidance of our Almighty God for the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Todd Vick, Co-Chair**      **Future Facility Task Force**  
**Mary Lewis Dassinger, Co-Chair.** **Future Facility Task Force**

**Endorsed by:**

**Mr. Bill Wisener, CFA President** **On behalf of full committee**  
**Rev. Tony Griffin, Chair of Trustees** **On behalf of full committee**

## Consent Calendar Reports



### 200,000 Reasons - Childhood Hunger Initiative

Mission: 100% of Arkansas United Methodist churches will participate in an initiative to significantly reduce childhood hunger through feeding ministries, public witness.

#### 2017

- 410 or 62% of UMC churches in Arkansas provide or support other local ministries to hungry children, up from 45% in 2016.
- An additional \$32,300 in grants was awarded to churches throughout the state, making a total of \$113,000 awarded throughout the initiative plus \$25,000 for Cooking Matters.
- Latest reported number of children who face food insecurity is reduced further to 176,000.
- Many churches installed Blessing Boxes and supported local school backpack ministries where food is sent home for the weekend.
- 14,000 pounds of beans and 30,000 pounds of sweet potatoes were packed and sorted at the 40th Annual Ingathering along with a truckload of disasters relief supplies by almost 300 Arkansas Methodists.

#### 2018

- Continue emphasis on ministries that build relationships with those in need for long-term stability for families, such as programs that teach nutritional education and financial skills, offer snacks and meals out of school, and provide fresh produce and groceries directly to families.
- Continue to tell stories in how feeding ministries have provided a path for being vital in the local community.
- Revised resources for United Methodists to learn how to be a local champion for hunger programs where kids live, learn and play.
- New resource that helps churches build partnerships with area and regional food banks for maximum use of budget.
- Continue to ask on charge conference forms how churches are participating in 200,000 Reasons for the most accurate progress toward 100% of participation.

Additional resources can be found at [200kreasons.arumc.org](http://200kreasons.arumc.org)

Rev. J. J. Whitney  
Mary Lewis Dassinger

### Council on Adult, Singles, Family and Older Adult Ministries

The Adult Ministries Council believes most adult ministries happen on the local level. As a result, the ARUMC.org website contains a page of links to non-profit organizations that provide services for adults and their families. The link is <http://arumc.org/adult-and-older-adult-ministry-council/>.



### ARCHIVES & HISTORY

General Commission on Archives and History

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Commission on Archives and History

The purpose of the Arkansas Conference Commission on Archives and History is to promote and care for the historical interests of History states: “Our understanding of our past helps us envision the future.” For, since the time of cavemen around a campfire, stories have brought us together and have helped us discover who and whose we are. Sharing stories has inspired mankind to see things in different ways and to try doing things in new ways. Stories have encouraged us to persevere through hardships and disappointments, and they have revitalized us when we were burned out. Stories in the Old Testament sustained the Israelites in exile, and vivid parables by the greatest of teachers, Jesus, help us remember what is important in our lives. Today, more than ever, we need stories of faith and of God-moments to “help bring people to some kind of ‘felt’ experience which plummets them into the love of God” (Rev. Fred Day, General Secretary, General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church).

Listed below are ways the Conference can measure the progress of its Commission on Archives and History, supported by apportioned funds:

**Provide quality facilities with trained and enthusiastic personnel**

Open to the public every Thursday and by appointment, the UM Archives of the Arkansas Conference, located in the library at Hendrix College, are available without charge to anyone wishing to do research on topics related to the United Methodist Church and its predecessor organizations. Two archivists, Marcia Crossman and Carole Teague, work independently and together to assist researchers, and both archivists are available by phone, e-mail, or appointment to help persons unable to come into the archives during regular hours. Both archivists have prior experience as employees within the Arkansas Conference and are well-versed in the terminology and organizational connections of the United Methodist Church. The UM Museum of Arkansas, located in First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, is open for walk-in visits each Wednesday and at other times by appointment. The Arkansas Conference is one of the few conferences that maintains a museum to preserve and display objects relating to our Methodist history. In early 2017 Shakeelah Rahman was appointed curator of the

museum. With a master's degree in public history from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, she brings a very professional and creative perspective to conservation and exhibition activities for the collection. Using the contemporary museum software PastPerfect, she has cataloged over 250 church plates. Additionally, the 1935-1937 Pearle McCain Diary has been transcribed by an intern from the Master's Degree Program in Public History at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's History Department. (Dr. McCain, an Arkansas native, was a missionary to China and later to Japan.) Notably, in 2017 Martha Sowell of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, created the Historic Arkansas Methodist Museum Endowment Fund to help support the work of the museum. The initial gift will be invested, and annual distributions will be used for essential operations of the museum. Such caring and generosity help this important ministry of memory to continue its work. The museum board will continue to seek contributions to build the endowment.

### **Serve the research needs of churches and individuals**

In 2017 the archives assisted 78 individuals or churches with their requests for information to plan programs; to prepare church anniversary celebrations; to provide photographs of pastors and churches; to write obituaries and family histories; to assist church personnel in district and conference offices; and to answer personal questions about churches, parsonages, pastors, and people of faith. The archivists respond to e-mails, phone calls, and personal visits to the archives, often working with a single researcher for several weeks. In addition, the archivists maintain a website, [www.arkansasumcarchives.com](http://www.arkansasumcarchives.com), which makes available numerous resources to anyone with internet access, and it includes links with instructions for a historian developing a local church archives. From September 2016 through December 2017 there were 172 visitors to the UM Museum. These guests included individuals, Sunday school classes, confirmation classes, A Day with the Bishop class, Mohammed School classes, and various other visitors who enjoyed the permanent collection and special exhibits. During the first two months of 2018, over 130 people came through the museum. In the future the museum board members plan more tours incorporating volunteer docents and outreach to churches, schools, and civic groups with volunteers presenting programs about the museum and exhibits. They also hope to develop lesson plans and activities around exhibits for different age groups. Certainly, they plan to continue to create exhibitions relevant to Methodist history.

### **Provide access 24/7 through a user-friendly website and Facebook page**

An attractive and easy-to-use resource, the website, [www.arkansasumcarchives.com](http://www.arkansasumcarchives.com), reaches out 24/7 to all readers with internet access. It helps us share the good news of our people and our churches, past and present, anytime and anywhere. Maintained by the archivists, it contains information pertinent to the Conference Commission on Archives and History, the UM Archives, the UM Museum, and the UM Historical Society. To date, our archivists have scanned and posted to this website issues of the Arkansas Methodist newspaper from 1884-1936. This year five more books on the history of the Methodist church in Arkansas and on the Evangelical United Brethren Church were added, bringing the total of nine books accessible, full-text, through the website. Also, the number of journals related to the Arkansas Conference and its predecessor conferences has increased. These include journals from six conferences related to the Arkansas Conference and date back as far as the mid-1850's. In addition, the site offers links to print and video resources on the Wesley family, the United Methodist Church and its antecedents, the archives of other United Methodist Annual Conferences, the General Commission on Archives and History, and the award-winning video entitled "Francis Asbury: The Flame Spirit," released in 2017. An online presence maintained by the museum personnel is a Facebook page. It announces special exhibits and other information pertaining to the museum. The curator sometimes posts photos of items in the museum and writes a short article on each posting. Furthermore, this Facebook page allows patrons to interact and leave their own comments about topics related to the museum. The museum board is working to make the museum more user-friendly in every way possible, and it is looking at ways to reach out from the museum to take our story into the community.

### **Utilize modern technology to facilitate delivery of information in a timely and professional manner**

In addition to a website and a Facebook page, this ministry utilizes computer and scanner

equipment, CDs, and other modern methods to efficiently deliver professional-looking documents and displays. For example, steps have been taken to enhance exhibition space in the museum. With funding from a successful grant proposal to the United Methodist Foundation, a project, spearheaded by Bill Burgin, purchased and installed professional-quality tract lighting in two of the galleries. These high-efficiency lights are adjustable and provide perfect white light to illuminate various displays. Phase II of the project will include the purchase and installation of computer projection and display panels to provide multi-media exhibitions. Also using modern technology, the archivists photograph text and pictures with their iPhone or iPad, e-mail the requested information quickly and free to patrons, and incur no “shipping” costs to the archives. In 2016 the archivists compiled several CDs that patrons may purchase through the website at a nominal cost. They prepared a CD containing five out-of-print books on Arkansas Methodist history. They also collected and compiled histories and photographs of clergywomen in Arkansas United Methodism to celebrate 60 years of ordaining women as elders. These CDs may be useful resources for those who cannot visit the archives.

#### **Engage in a major digitalization project**

A significant measure of progress is the digitalization of the Arkansas Methodist newspapers from 1884 to the present, an ongoing project which must be accomplished before the crumbling paper issues completely disintegrate. Using the state-of-the-art BookEye scanner, which was generously purchased through the Wilfred D. Polk Charitable Trust several years ago, the Arkansas Methodist newspaper is now available from 1884 through 1936, as well as current issues, to anyone anywhere with internet access. This year alone Ms. Teague scanned every page between 1920 and 1936, or 14,784 pages of newsprint. Additionally, she took time to date each picture in the newspapers and photograph it with her iPhone. Then using the Minolta color copier, she made a superior copy of each photograph on acid-free paper and placed it in the vertical files. Now our archival files contain many more photographs of pastors who have served Arkansas through the years.

#### **Educate and inform the public**

All three entities under the Commission work together to bring educational events and publications to the public. For example, since the year 2017 marked the bicentennial of Methodism in Arkansas, representatives from each entity worked for more than a year to plan a special celebration for fall, 2017. Rev. Keenan Williams, chairman of the UM Historical Society for 2017/2018, led the effort. At the annual spring luncheon and program for the historical society on April 8, 2017, the speaker, Josh Williams, Curator of Historic Washington State Park, previewed and promoted the celebration. The archivists worked with event planners and designed advertising, including flyers for delegate bags and a large banner for display at Annual Conference in June. On October 14, a beautiful fall day, 140 faithful United Methodists gathered at the site of the first Methodist building—Henry’s Chapel on Mound Prairie near present-day Hope, AR—to recognize the 200th anniversary of Methodism in Arkansas. In an old-fashioned camp meeting, with lots of singing and powerful preaching, Bishop Gary Mueller preached and led a meaningful worship service which included a celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Bishop Mueller challenged the congregation to be the Methodist movement that grows vital disciples for Jesus Christ rather than simply make members of a particular church. After the service the attendees bussed back to Historic Washington State Park to view historical displays prepared by the archivists; to eat a delicious, free hamburger lunch; and to take guided tours of the historic Washington United Methodist Church. The event was graciously hosted and financed by the Washington UMC, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Keenan Williams. Another outreach of the UM Historical Society is its newsletter, Occasional Papers, published once or twice a year on some aspect of Arkansas Methodist history and distributed to 200 members across the state. In November we were saddened by the death of its capable editor, Virginia White of Benton. A kind and generous spirit, she made a great contribution to the preservation of the history of Methodism in Arkansas, and she will be greatly missed. After the appointment of a new editor by the historical society, Occasional Papers will continue to be published to educate the public. Museum personnel and volunteers give guided tours and, from time to time, offer special tours and receptions, centered on a particular topic or targeted to a particular group of people in the community. For example, in 2016

the museum sponsored a photographic contest featuring historic Methodist churches in Arkansas. Bill Burgin and members of the Women's Photography Club of Arkansas invested countless hours on this project. About 42 visitors celebrated the winning photo at a reception. Now photographs of many churches, along with short church histories, are available in the museum collection. In January 2018 the First United Methodist Church in Little Rock hosted the "Sandwiching in History" tour, organized by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. In conjunction with this event, the museum held a special tour of its collection for about 80 people. Also, in January, two United Methodist pastors from Bulgaria toured the museum. To raise awareness of the museum, the organization maintains institutional membership in the American Association for State and Local History as well as a student affiliation agreement with UALR's Department of History/Public History. It also collaborates with the Butler Center which has assisted the museum with technical support. Each June at the Arkansas UM Annual Conference, the archives and the museum have displays and handouts as well as volunteers to answer questions about these ministries. Additionally, the archivists offer a CD which contains the texts of five out-of-print books on Arkansas Methodism and a CD celebrating the 60th anniversary of full-clergy rights for women in the United Methodist Church. On this latest CD, "Called to Be Bold, Stepping Out in Faith," eighty-one women across Arkansas shared stories and photographs about their Calls to Ministry and the unique challenges they faced. These CDs may be especially helpful resources for historians, seminary students, and clergy. Each CD is available for purchase at \$15 each on site or through the website, with proceeds from the sales going to help finance the work of the archives.

### **Create an experience, not merely provide information**

A visit to the museum is an ideal way to experience the past...see the hard, wooden pews (no cushions); see the vestments the pastors wore; touch the communion chalice used by faithful brothers and sisters of another era; and see photographs of faithful souls your pastor or your parents talked about when you were a child. Also, to help people experience their history, the museum board plans more temporary exhibits. For an exhibit in April 2018, the museum board plans to expand the current Pearle McCain exhibit and later in the year design an exhibit around a completely different topic. In a similar way, we hope pages posted on the web from old Arkansas Methodist newspapers will help readers live a little in the lives of Arkansans of a hundred years ago and generate feelings that "plummet them into the love of God." These newspapers were the CNN and the internet of another era, as they gave people information on local, state, and national news, especially for rural Arkansans. These papers were also the Facebook and Twitter of that time, revealing the lifestyle of pastors and their congregations and showing how our Methodist brethren grappled with the issues of their day--temperance, prohibition, politics, etc. Even ads for products such as miracle medicinal cures give us a glimpse into the lives of our brothers and sisters in an era before antibiotics and modern medicine. But there are also stories in these pages about the ministry of women who saved nickels and dimes from their egg and garden produce sales to send missionaries to rural areas of our state and around the world. There are stories for children about "Father Wesley," articles for young people who dreamed of attending Galloway or Hendrix College, and lengthy obituaries, often printed weeks after a death, with inspiring language we could only hope someone might say about us when our time comes.

### **Generate goodwill and spread the joy that comes from sharing the Story**

Progress may also be measured in the mutual goodwill and the joy of sharing that collaboration on creative projects fosters among all participants. This year several pastors and laity have given the archives old Conference Journals, historical books, photographs, and other materials related to the Methodist church in Arkansas. This year one meaningful gift presented to the archives was a beautiful, leather-covered, 189-page book which recognized \$100 gifts for the Esther Case Scholarship Fund for Scarritt College. This book contained biographies and photographs of the donors who raised \$10,000 to help educate missionaries. It was artistically handwritten by one person who intentionally left the end unfinished, as she wrote the following instructions: "The training of missionaries at this time in this volume is left open with room to grow." (Note: Sarah Esther Case was the first woman from Arkansas called a foreign missionary by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and she was the first woman to hold a full-time connectional appointment in the church hierarchy, serving for

fourteen years as secretary of the General Board of Missions. From Nancy Britton, Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture). Another interesting gift to the archives came from a member of the Scotland UMC which has closed. It included a membership book, photographs, and other items. The donor's mission was to see that these important records were cared for after she is gone. Indeed, these precious records will be protected in our fire/water/crushproof file safes and available to share with interested researchers for years to come. One memorable request this year came from a patron seeking information on a cemetery adjoining one of our closed churches and containing unmarked graves. During a discussion with the archivists, the requester shared a technique for finding bodies in an unmarked cemetery, but so far, the archivists have not had a chance to try it out. Similarly, laity and pastors have enjoyed sharing treasured memorabilia with museum visitors. For example, in 2017 the "Quilts and Needlepoint Kneelers" exhibition and reception drew 53 visitors to the museum. Working under the direction of Ms. Rahmaan, with inspirational leadership by Martha Sowell, the museum displayed five quilts from the museum collection, a quilt from Lakewood United Methodist Church, and one from Gardner UMC, as well as exquisitely-crafted needlework kneeling pads collected by Ms. Sowell and the women of various congregations. These pads were lovingly hand-stitched and used on communion rails in churches in the area.

Reaching beyond the state and the conference, the Arkansas Commission on Archives and History has worked with Commission personnel in other conferences and in the General Commission as we mutually seek ways to continue the unique ministry of memory and to help bring about a spiritual revival in the United Methodist Church. Our extensive online resources have drawn the attention of several other UM Archives, including the Missouri UM Conference Archives. We continue to take advantage the resources and training opportunities offered by the staff of the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church, located at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

In all their work, our archivists, curator, and volunteers take seriously their responsibility to decide what materials are history-making and worthy to belong in the collections to tell the Story. They continue to collect documents, memorabilia, and photographs for long-term storage and quality preservation, especially materials about present-day clergy and ministries, local churches, and closed churches within our conference. Recent purchases, such as professional quality lighting in museum galleries, the PastPerfect software, a Minolta color copier, and the BookEye book scanner, help us meet our goals and those of the Conference. They help extend our glimpse into the lives of the people of faith of our day and of those who came before us. In all we do, we seek to be good stewards of apportioned funds and other gifts and to maximize their usefulness. As we move into the future the ministry of memory helps us learn from our past as we anticipate our priorities for the future. Like our very own souls, the work of Archives and History will always be a work in progress.

Therefore, with hearts open to the Holy Spirit, we move ahead with our Mission: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ equipped to transform the world with excellence and passion." "Come, Holy Spirit, come."

- Information on UM Museum of the Arkansas Conference (ummac.LR@gmail.com) from Rev. Dr. Candace Barron, Museum Board Chairman, 2016-2017
- Norman DePaul (Paul) Brown, Museum Board Chairman, 2018
- Information on the UM Historical Society of Arkansas from Joe M. Guenter, Historical Society Chairman, 2016/2017
- Rev. Keenan Williams, Historical Society Chairman, 2017/2018

**Report prepared by  
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Arkansas Conference Commission on Archives and History**



## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

General Board of Discipleship

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Board of Discipleship

The Board of Discipleship continues to build communication and working relationships within the Board and around the Conference. We are examining ways in which we can come alongside the Center for Vitality in the upcoming discipleship event featuring the Rev. Vance Ross as keynote speaker. We are dreaming of the ways in which we can provide relevant and desired resources to the congregations of the Conference. We want to find ways to provide regional points of contact throughout Arkansas in order to hear from and relate to the broadest possible number of churches.

The Board of Discipleship includes the ministry areas of Education, Stewardship, Spiritual Direction, Evangelism, Small Membership Churches and Worship. As we faithfully and effectively grow in each of these ministry areas, the Kingdom thrives.

**Grace to you,  
David Orr, Chair**



Camp Tanako is a camping and retreat ministry that has been a part of the United Methodist tradition in Arkansas since 1948. Camp Tanako serves persons of all ages from across Arkansas in traditional, programmed summer camps for children and youth, hosts retreat guest groups for all ages, such as Walk to Emmaus, ARUMC central district's annual Bible Boot camp. Our mission is to welcome children, youth, and adults to a place set apart 1097 campers from 110 congregations. Guest groups from across the state were hosted for weekend and summer retreats that included 729 participants in 2017.

Apportioned funds received in 2016 were used to make disciples of Jesus Christ in several ways. The support of the ARUMC's apportioned funds allow Camp Tanako campers to experience God through nature and community and respond to the call of the Holy Spirit. Camp Tanako offers unique opportunities for individuals to experience the means of grace in ways that are rarely available in our culture.

In 2017, Camp Tanako offered ten weeks of overnight summer programmed camps with 465 campers. Overnight campers came from all areas of the state of Arkansas as well as Texas and Louisiana. Tanako Day Camp, which began in 2013, served 632 campers in the first through sixth grades this past summer. Camp Tanako's summer programmed camps served to provide various experiences that are unique to outdoor ministry settings. ARUMC Camp and Retreat Ministry at Camp Tanako serves as a resource to local churches throughout the conference in creating vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ. Camp Tanako provides unique opportunities for the children, youth, and adults from local churches to seek God in a place set apart from normal routines and the demands of the world. Camp and retreat ministries bring people together in new communities with opportunities for practicing genuine, accountable discipleship through experiential faith formation, prayer, worship and spiritual renewal. Participants return to their congregations and communities with a renewed commitment to being a part of Jesus work in the world and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Whether participants are here for a week during the summer or for weekend programming throughout the year, they come together as a diverse group from various ethnic, socio-economic,



and at different points in their journey to become more like Christ. A portion of those who come to Camp Tanako may be new to a faith journey with no experiences. Camp Tanako utilizes all of our resources, including the apportioned funds from the ARUMC to make disciples for the transformation of the world with excellence and passion.

**Kim Carter**  
Camp Director

### Conference Council on Camp and Retreat Ministries

Many of our camps are in the full swing of preparing for the summer camping season. Be sure to see each camp's individual report to find out what they're doing and how your church can get involved!

Confirmation Camps are perfect for churches of any size. If your church has a long-term confirmation program, Confirmation Camp can serve as your confirmation retreat. If your church has a smaller confirmation class, Confirmation Camp can serve as the bulk of the confirmation experience, with follow-up lessons designed to be done at the local church after the retreat. The curriculum includes 10 lessons, 6 of which will take place at camp and 4 of which will be provided for those churches who wish to use them to complete the confirmation experience after returning to their local churches. Watch the ARUMC website for more information about upcoming camps.

Great things are happening and great things are yet to come in the world of Camp and Retreat Ministries!

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Michelle Moore**  
Director of Program and Marketing

### Conference Council on Children's Ministries

The Conference Council on Children's Ministries (CCCM) continues to maintain its focus to connect/network people involved with children's ministry throughout the state of Arkansas and to equip those people for ministry in their local congregations.

We exist to provide quality training, nurture, support and resources for children's ministers, both paid and unpaid. We continue to sponsor social media pages and see broad geographical access to our sites, as leaders have learned to count on us for valuable and accurate information regarding their ministry needs.

The following statistics are from February 14, 2018.

- **Pinterest:** <http://www.pinterest.com/kidzarumc/>, Average daily viewers 1,621, up from 334 last year, and average monthly viewers 38,240, up from 19,836 last year.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/kidzarumc>, Total number of people reached this week - 671. Total people engaged this week - 145 , Total page likes 479
- **Webpage:** <https://www.kidz.arumc.org>, Here Children's Ministry leaders will find current trends, training opportunities, program ideas, UMC policies and guidelines for Safe Sanctuaries, Wonderfully Made (Created by God) instructors, hot topics, VBS information, seasonal Family Faith Formation, classifieds, missions, curriculum and general assistance. If we do not know the answers, we find the answers.

Our annual Beyond Leadership Conference for children's pastors, directors and laity was held in January of 2018 at Philander Smith College. Melanie Gordon, Discipleship Ministries, was our Keynote and teacher. Beyond has been offered across the state since 2014 and has trained an average 48 leaders per year. In order to increase this reach, Beyond will expand in 2019 to 6 annual events, one for CCCM leaders, and one located in each district for local leaders.

This year, your district coordinators are as follows:

- Central District: Tammy Felder, Little Rock; Sean Dunbar, Little Rock
- Southeast District: Open (for interested persons, contact [childrens.ministries@arumc.org](mailto:childrens.ministries@arumc.org))
- Southwest District: Michelle Wilkins, Hot Springs; Peaches Smith, Hot Springs
- Northwest District: Katie McLean, Batesville; Tiffany Jones, Beebe

- Northwest District: Sally Ware, Fort Smith; Sadie Stratton, Bentonville.

Also serving on your CCM team as representatives of specialty ministry areas: Wonderfully Made (Created by God): Karen Anderson, Rogers; Liz Wright, Little Rock; Sports Ministries: Sean Dunbar, Little Rock; Special Needs Ministries: Sadie Stratton, Bentonville; Safe Sanctuaries: Karen Swales, Springdale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Conference Council on Children's Ministry



## CHURCH & SOCIETY

General Board of Church and Society

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Board of Church and Society

Your Board of Church & Society continues to assess who we are and if there are areas of Church & Society on which we can narrow our focus and concentrate. We have been in communication with other boards across the connection and with the General Board of Church & Society in Washington D.C. to look at possibilities of sharing petitions and resolutions of a national and worldwide nature across annual conferences.

Many faithful Arkansas United Methodists work tirelessly across the state in areas of justice and mercy. Thank you to those of you who hear the call to feed the sick, clothe the naked, visit those in prison, and build relationships with those considered to be “the least of these” in our society. Thank you for your work on abolishing the death penalty in Arkansas, on removing the ability to sentence juveniles to life in prison without parole, and on issues related to drug and alcohol abuse, civil and human rights, suicide prevention, systemic racism, immigration, making sure our children have food, interfaith dialogue - and perhaps most important, for having open and honest conversations with persons with whom you disagree, building relationships and tearing down walls. We also appreciate our conference leadership for moderating the town hall meetings around “A Way Forward.” We continue to pray for the United Methodist Church and for civil dialogue between our brothers and sisters in Christ around the topic of human sexuality.

We are grateful that our conference sends clergy to the Young Clergy Forum sponsored by the General Board of Church & Society each year.

This year, we sent Rev. James Kjorlaug and Rev. Todd Lovell. Thank you to Rev. Steve Copley for continuing to serve as our Peace with Justice Coordinator. The Peace with Justice Covenant Congregation Program aims to make shalom — a word of greeting or farewell meaning peace — visible and active in people's lives and communities. The General Conference assigned The General Board of Church & Society to put this program into action and called on the denomination to “strengthen its capacity to act as a “public advocate” in communities and nations throughout the world.

Please join us for the Church and Society lunch. The hunger lunch will be on Tuesday, June 19, during the lunch break from conference business at Grand Avenue UMC (841 Quapaw Ave.). The cost is \$10 and a reservation can be made through your registration for Annual Conference. This year, we will hear from our two clergy who attended the Young Clergy Forum and have discussion around the proposed Social Principles.

Peace be with you,  
Rev. Jay Clark, chair

### Ethnic and Language Concerns Committee

The Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns works in partnership with the existing structures of the Arkansas Annual Conference in order to implement, evaluate, and update the Annual Conference of its comprehensive plan as it relates to ethnic issues. The Committee consults with and assists other conference entities in training and implementation of matters related to ethnic local churches. The committee maintains the connectional relations mandated by

¶ 632 and ¶ 654.

Additionally, this committee is charged with implementing all General Conference emphasis related to:

- National Hispanic Plan
- Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century
- National Korean Ministry Plan
- Native American Ministries (¶654)
- Other ethnic programs emanating from the General Conference.

The Ethnic and Language Concerns Committee works in three (3) areas to support local congregations in their efforts to make disciples by providing funding in the following areas:

1. Leadership Development (both lay and clergy)
2. Mission Field Outreach
3. Scholarships (need-based undergraduate students)

We are fully aware that the majority of the ethnic churches in Arkansas are small and have fewer resources outside of the annual conference; therefore, our goal is to assist these congregations by providing unique grant opportunities. The majority of these congregations function with part-time clergy with several laity serving pulpits. The budgets are often supplemented by equitable compensation and mission salary support. There are no additional funds for continuing education or travel to participate in discipleship-making trainings. These are factors we consider when we partner with congregations as they seek to fulfill the kingdom-building mission. The goal of this committee, however, is always to empower these congregations to be self-sufficient when possible.

While the programmatic thrust of our committee is to revitalize ethnic congregations, this committee is also designed to support innovative cutting-edge methods of ministry in its initial stages of implementation as we realize that sometimes it is not popular to try new things. We encourage local congregations not to be afraid of failures (if these new things do not produce the expected outcome), but to view these new attempts as learning experiences in attempting to attract new people in different/unexpected ways.

We believe the work of the Ethnic and Language Concerns Committee is in direct alignment with the Bishop's Mission Initiatives #5, #6, #7, #8; with a great percentage of what we do supporting #9.

Recent demographic studies by the US Census Bureau indicate that:

*"Arkansas ranks 12th among all states in terms of the size of its African American population. According to the 2010 US Census, the total population identifying as Black or Native American was rising close to half a million residents. This portion of the population primarily resides in the southern and eastern regions of the state, while European Americans comprise the majority of the central region, as well as the northwestern Ozarks.*

*Arkansas has seen steady population growth among other races through the years, recording a 114% increase in the Hispanic and Latino population and a 251% increase in the population of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander residents between the census held in 2000 and one held in 2010. According to data from 2011, 39% of children under the age of 1 were classified as minorities." (Source: <http://worldpopulationreview.com/states/arkansas-population/>)*

As we view these demographics of the Arkansas Conference we must become more intentional in developing Hispanic/Latino, Asian, and Native populations. The Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns will continue to be reflective, committed and passionate in its effort to address/meet the concerns of the Ethnic Local Church, the strategic initiatives of The United Methodist Church in Arkansas and responsive to the Bishop Mission's initiative in fulfilling the greater mission of spreading the good news of the gospel, making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

**Grace and peace,  
Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow, Chair**



## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

General Board of Global Ministries

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Conference Board of Global Ministries

The Arkansas Conference Board of Global Ministries is responsible for maintaining the connective relationship of the General Board of Global Ministries to the conference and provides for global ministry responsibilities (as stated in Book of Discipline) and is mandated to relate that work to the objectives and scope to the Conference.

The Committee believes our work best fits under priority 3 in the Bishop's Mission Plan. We engage with local churches to reach out in new ways to new people in new mission fields. And we will intentionally vision, plan and implement our work guided by these imperatives.

The Committee is charged to interpret, communicate, inform and connect local churches through the following ministry areas and partnerships:

- Volunteers in Mission
- Social Justice
- Advocacy for the Poor
- Disaster Response and United Methodist Committee on Relief
- Mission Personnel
- Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
- Parish and Community Development
- United Methodist Women

One of the resources utilized to accomplish our tasks is to partner with Global Ministries through Missionary Personnel. Currently, the Arkansas Conference is assigned two (2) Church and Community Workers (CCW).

Church and Community Workers are a part of a "Four Way Partnership": The General Board of Global Ministries, the Project, the Church & Community Worker and the Annual Conference.

Under this umbrella, each partner engages in cooperative planning, assessment, financial support, supervision, evaluation and implementation aligned with the goal(s) of ministry with the poor, improving health, engaging with local churches in creating Vital Congregations, justice advocacy, providing volunteer opportunities and equipping and developing leaders. **Success** of the Four Way Partnership is achievable only when each partner adheres to and follows established guidelines and procedures.

***It needs to be noted that Church and Community Workers is a "kaleidoscope" ministry. Assignments are not necessarily the same, but are designed to fit project needs.***

In response to our "Partnership Obligations" the Conference Committee has spent the greater part of 2017 engaged in assessing current placements through dialogue with local partners, a Task Force established by the Extended Cabinet and in conversations and a meeting with representatives of the General Board to review existing mission work and visioning for the future. The following recommendations were approved by the Extended Cabinet at their regular meeting on February 14, 2017:

1. The Church and Community Worker program still offers great potential to enhance and sometimes even make possible new ministries that uplift the poor and disenfranchised in rural and urban areas in Arkansas or that deal with changing the social inequities of poverty, racial injustice, and domestic violence in the Arkansas Conference. Therefore it is our recommendation that the Arkansas Conference recognize the Church and Community Worker program as a valuable and valid ministry option, especially in impoverished areas of Arkansas.

2. We recommend that the Arkansas Conference renew its relationship with Church and Community Worker position for Interfaith Arkansas, and that we tie our future funding to the six-year timeline established by the General Board of Global Ministries.
3. We recommend that the Arkansas Conference end its current support of the Church and Community Worker position for the Marianna Larger Parish by July 1, 2018. All responsibility for the ongoing ministry of the Depot will pass to the current board.
4. We recommend further that the Board of Global Ministries, 200,000 Reasons, and the Southeast District of the Arkansas Conference create a study team to explore the need for and potential of a new Church and Community Worker project designed to meet the current and emerging social needs in the Southeast District, and report back by September 1, 2018.

The Board of Global Ministries is committed to increasing our effectiveness in the Arkansas Conference through collaboration and seeking ways to carry out our missional mandates.

**Brenda Norwood Henson, Chairperson**

### **Conference Secretary of Global Ministries**

The Conference Secretary of Global Ministries (CSGM) shall work with and through the Conference Board of Global Ministries to relate the work of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church to local congregations within the Conference. One aspect of being a vital congregation is to be engaged in support of mission personnel. We are called to be inspired, informed, and educated about the essential work of missionaries, therefore the global mission and ministry of the Arkansas Conference. The Conference Secretary Global Ministries also relates to the district secretaries of Global Ministries.

Missionary itineration is essential to connecting the local church with the face, name and work of the missionary. As missionaries itinerate, they tell their story by talking about the places where they live, the people with whom they live and serve, and what they are called to do. They share the work that God has called them to do.

The Arkansas Conference welcomed Rev. Richard B. Navarro, Rev. Alma Jumaud-Navarro and their children, Charis Dorothy and Chadash Matthew Navarro. They are serving as ministers for congregational development and pastoral care for the Overseas Filipino Workers ministry in Taiwan, based in Taipei. Both were commissioned in October 2014.

They were welcomed at Wesley UMC in Conway along with other community United Methodist churches. They shared their story verbally and with a power point presentation. As a family, they also blessed the congregation with a musical selection as their daughter played the guitar. They also visited the capitol, Heifer International with a tour of the community garden and Museum of Discovery to amuse the children. The Navarro's continue to remain in contact with our conference

The Secretary of Global Ministries South Central Jurisdiction meeting was held in Dallas, Texas, October 24-25, 2017. The meeting began at the conference office in Plano, TX. There the Rev. Judy Chung, Executive Director of Missionary Services spoke. Rev. Umba Llunga Kalangwa, Missionary for Tanzania, Audrey J. Phelps, SCJ Director of VIM & Disaster Response, and Russell Pierce, Executive Director Mission Engagement made presentations. Sacrament of Holy Communion was after lunch. On Wednesday we gathered at Union Coffee, a new church start. Rev. Mike Baughman, the Community Curator, gave us the mission and purpose of this new church start. The afternoon concluded with a presentation of CSGM Best Practices, Global Ministries Itineration by Eric Angel and Erica Oliveria on Global Ministries Fellow Mission Advocate.

I am excited about missionaries that will be itinerating to our conference in the future and getting our district secretaries more involved in the process.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Marleene Calvin  
Secretary Global Ministries**



## **Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry**

It is always a challenge to present a concise report of the activities of the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. There are active United Methodists campus ministries at 9 four year state universities in Arkansas (ASU, ATU, HSU-OBU, SAU, UA, UALR, UAM, UAPB and UCA). The Chaplain's offices and religious life programs at our two United Methodist colleges, Hendrix College and Philander Smith College, are alive and vital. One of the exciting developments is how these two ministries are working together in common ministry. Such vital ministries are not easy to describe in a brief report. For more information, check out the campus ministry section at [www.arumc.org](http://www.arumc.org). Perhaps an even better way to learn more is to visit a campus or get in touch with our campus ministers.

Every day of the week exciting and vital ministries are happening on these campuses. Lives are being transformed and students are becoming disciples and growing as disciples. There is great leadership provided by our directors and chaplains. This leadership is expanded by the great work being done by interns, staff persons and student leaders in these ministries.

We are deeply grateful for the support of the Arkansas Conference. Many Conferences have stepped back from campus ministry and even reduced funding. The Arkansas Conference has remained strong in its financial support and emphasis on campus ministry. This is a gift we do not take for granted. Also the kind of support local churches and members of local churches provide is a gift we cherish. This helps enable students in United Methodist campus ministries to be involved each week in ministries of worship, learning, fellowship and service. These are the ways students are able to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Campus ministry happens in the midst of the unique mission field that is a college campus. Students on the campus are at a wide variety of places in their faith journey or lack of one. It is a time when students are seeking to establish who they are as adults. This is a rich time to engage with students. We are blessed to have campus ministry leaders and a Board of Higher Education, who are called and deeply committed to this ministry.

One of the transformative ways of support the Conference has given is the \$45,000 annual budget amount for matching grants for maintenance to our Wesley Foundation. Thanks to these resources and the matching donation we have received, we have completed \$270,000 of work in the past three years. This has enabled us to be good stewards of the facilities that have been entrusted as ministry resources.

In a similar manner the matching grants for interns are making a big difference. In 2017 we were able to support three "gap year" interns, who were recent college graduates, who had been part of the ministry. They have been able to return to continue offering leadership to the ministries. The funding you shared allowed us to fund three fulltime interns as well as summer interns and some part time interns. In the spring semester of 2018 we are funding three interns. In the fall semester we will be funding five interns.

Thank you for all you do to help this ministry. I encourage you to learn more and find ways to support the campus ministries in your area. Please let us know the names of students who are coming to our various universities. We want to be in ministry with them. There is a referral form on the campus ministry section of the Conference website, [www.arumc.org](http://www.arumc.org), on which you can share information about students who are coming to our colleges and universities. We want to be in ministry with them on the campus as you have been in your local churches.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Roy P. Smith, Chairperson**

## Arkansas Conference Board of Laity

The Arkansas Conference Board of Laity is made up of the Conference Lay Leader, the district Lay Leaders and the Conference Director of Lay Speaking Ministries. The board's most important work includes fostering an awareness of the role of the laity within the local congregations, promoting and developing programs to cultivate an adequate understanding of the theological and biblical basis for lay life and work, and providing support and direction for the ministry of the laity on the local, district and annual conference level.

The Board of Laity's primary role continues to focus on how the conference and districts can best resource local congregations as they work to fulfill the Bishop's Mission Plan and the mission and vision of the Arkansas Conference. We believe a key factor in this resourcing is in equipping and strengthening lay leadership in the Arkansas Conference. This past year the Center for Vitality introduced Leadership Unleashed, and provided an arena for laity to share in meaningful discussion around congregations growing by one in worship, small groups, missional outreach, and professions of faith. The Board of Laity works with the Center as they have designed strategic leader development to increase the capacity pool of laity, and utilize these leaders to impact the greater community and the world. Please participate in Leadership Unleashed when it's in your area.

A fabulous, yet under-utilized, discipleship tool for laity in our conference is the Lay Servant Ministry program. These classes equip laity to live out their call and become deeper disciples of Jesus Christ. I believe that some stay away from Lay Servant Ministry classes because they are concerned they might be asked to fill a pulpit, when that is not their calling. A Certified Lay Servant is never obligated to preach, but is a person committed to using their spiritual gifts in their local church, their district, or the conference.

Consider signing up for the next class that Lay Servant Ministries offers in your district! I promise it will strengthen your witness and better enable you to tell your faith story.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Arkansas Conference Lay Leader!

**Karon Mann**  
Arkansas Conference Lay Leader



## Lay Servant Ministries

Lay Speaking Ministries' theme is "Leading, Caring, Communicating" to reflect the wider scope of LSM since 2016. While the term "Lay Speaker" has been used widely in the past, it usually was thought of as pulpit supply. Many laity have avoided the program because they do not feel called to preach. Changing the title to "Lay Servant" has allowed many other lay folks to be trained in the many important functions of the church that do not involve preaching. Currently, there are two tracks of training:

- Certified Lay Servants will be able to serve both in the local church and wider Conference in many capacities, including filling in for a pastor, usually in a short-term manner. To become a Certified Lay Servant, one must complete at least 10 hours of classroom time every three years or specific approved alternate courses of equivalent service/training that can be used to stay in the program.
- Certified Lay Speakers will be able to serve the local and extended church in whatever capacity needed, including filling in for pastors in the connection, including extended assignments by the District Superintendent. The requirements for being a Certified Lay Speaker include the Basic and five specific advanced courses:

- o Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry: Basic Course
- o Worship
- o Prayer
- o Spiritual Gifts
- o Preaching
- o UM Heritage and Polity

Becoming a Certified Lay Speaker requires at least 10 hours in each of these classes. To remain certified, the Lay Speaker is required to take at least one other advanced class every three years, submit to a review of your service with the District Director of LSM, and be approved by the District and Conference Lay Servant Committees.

Each year a Certified Lay Servant or Lay Speaker must file the Annual Report of the Lay Servant/Speaker to the charge conference of your local church. If you have any questions on these requirements, please contact your District LSM Director.

### 2018 Approved Service /Training for Certified Lay Servants

- All LSM Classes (including online classes) must be conducted and/or approved through the District Director.
- Be-A-Disciple and other online courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis for 2018. Please contact your District or Conference Director for approval before taking these courses. All courses taken must conform to general LSM Program requirements, which follow the LSM mission statement of “Leading, Caring, and Communicating.” Additionally, one live in-person class must be taken every three years in addition to any alternate classes.
- Notes:
  - o Credit is no longer given for attending Annual and Jurisdictional Conferences, Mission U, Stephen Ministry, Disciple Bible Study, or other events that are not listed in our Discipleship Ministries LSM Catalog.
  - o Certified Lay Minister is not a part of our program at this time and has to be initiated by the Cabinet and Board of Ministry.
  - o The Annual Conference Directors of Lay Servant Ministries (ACDLSM) is in the discovery stage of adopting prison ministry as part of LSM.

Anyone may come to our classes without committing to be a part of Lay Servant Ministries without becoming a Lay Servant/Speaker. We hope you will want to be a part of our program once you come to a class!

Under the current *Book of Discipline*, the Lay Servant Ministries Program is a laity-driven, laity-led program. We continue to look for competent laity to become instructors/facilitators for our classes, as well as directors of the LSM Program, as well as continuing to partner with clergy to strengthen the program. The buy-in of our Bishop, DSs, and clergy is necessary for the program to succeed.

2017 saw the Lay Servant Ministry Program continue to grow all across the Conference. All districts participated and all are dedicated to make our church stronger by the service of LSM. There were even more classes across the Connection than in 2016, and this trend will continue in 2018. Classes are scheduled in each District and at Mt. Sequoyah for 2018. We hope to also schedule them at Mt. Eagle in the near future. Check your District Offices and the [arumc.org/Calendar](http://arumc.org/Calendar) for class information.

2018 is the fifth year of recognizing the position of Lay Speaker. We have eight Certified Lay Servants who have applied and completed the process for the Lay Speaker status. The eight are:

- Northeast District - Susan Jett - N.E. District Director /Assistant Conference LSM Director
- Southwest District - John Harding, Nancy Scott, Robert Nipper, and Barbara Nipper
- Southeast District - Permelia Huffman
- Northwest District-Regena Mason and Ken Beard

The Annual Conference Directors of Lay Servant Ministries (ACDLSM) met in February 2018, and reviewed new class materials. I attended new releases of LSM curriculum from Discipleship Ministries, and updates on pending General Conference Legislation. I currently serve on the National ACDLSM Education Committee, where we review and recommend new materials for Discipleship Ministries.



Discipleship Ministries has a number of new courses in the pipeline for 2018 release and continue to publish more each year.

The South Central Jurisdictional program for Lay Servant Ministries (SCJLSM) was reorganized in 2016 and will meet in Oklahoma City this summer for continuing educational and organizational meetings.

We in the Lay Servant Ministry Program across Arkansas are committed to being the Servants that God calls us to be. Not just in our local churches, but wherever God calls us. We are positioned to fulfill Bishop Mueller's and the Arkansas Conference Mission of "making Disciples, who make disciples for the transformation of the world."

Results of our 2017 ongoing efforts to hold classes and enlist laity into Lay Servant Ministry:

- Southeast District - 9 classes with 27 laity attending
- Northeast District - 7 classes held with 41 laity attending
- Central District - 12 classes held with 81 laity attending
- Southwest District - 6 classes with 29 laity attending
- Northwest District - 9 classes, with 24 Laity attended classes

We welcome all churches to hold LSM classes. Contact your District Director for details. Come join us wherever you are in your walk in life.

District Directors:

Karen Anderson – Northwest District

Carole Blanks - Central District

Karla Hefty – Southwest District

Susan Jett – Northeast District/Assistant Conference Director

Nan Nelson – Southeast District, Interim

Please support each of our Directors in their endeavor to provide leadership in the Arkansas Conference. Come join us in service to our Lord and Savior.

The first LSM Fellowship Meal will be at Grand Avenue UMC in Hot Springs. (Please check the list of Special Meals and Events for details).

And finally, please go to our [arumc.org](http://arumc.org) website, and select Resources/Lay Servant Ministries to access all Arkansas Conference Lay Servant Ministries information and downloadable forms. District Director information is listed there as well.

Peace,

Jimmie Boyd

Director Arkansas Conference Lay Servant Ministries

## Arkansas Conference Committee on Mission Personnel

The Arkansas Conference reports a total of four missionary personnel from the Arkansas Conference, two missionaries from other annual conferences but connected to Arkansas, and 28 retired missionaries, one of whom retired in 2017 and one completing their service in 2017.

**Banks-Shackleford, Evelyn:** Evelyn has been a commissioned Church & Community Worker (GBGM) since 1987. She serves five churches in the Arkansas Delta communities around Marianna. Evelyn's responsibilities include overseeing a ministry feeding the hungry by operating an area food bank, supplying food to local pantries and churches, backpacks to children and coordinating a community garden. Her missionary support code is 982939.

**Copley, Rev. Stephen:** An ordained Elder and a GBGM commissioned Church and Community Worker. Rev. Copley is the Executive Director of Arkansas Interfaith and the Interfaith Alliance. His ministries include advocacy for the poor, justice ministries and cooperative interfaith ministry. His missionary support code is 982019.

**Mount, Deaconess Kandi:** Kandi is appointed to Mercy Health Systems in Rogers. In the capacity of Chaplain. Kandi works to meet the needs of her patients, build relationships, and embed spiritual care in all she does.

**Soard, Elizabeth:** A commissioned GBGM Missionary, Elizabeth is assigned to the Mara Region of Tanzania as a church planter and discipleship trainer along with her husband, Eric. Living in Tarime, she feels especially called to help develop programs for women and children to demonstrate strength and that women can be respected as equals to men. Elizabeth is a member of Salem UMC in Conway. Her father is Rev. William Buchanan, Jr. You can follow Elizabeth and Eric's blog: [ingodslife.blogspot.com](http://ingodslife.blogspot.com). Her missionary support code is 3021467.

Active missionaries with connections to and/or supported by the Arkansas Conference:

**Soard, Eric:** A commissioned GBGM missionary since 2010 and a commissioned Deacon since 2016, Eric is currently assigned to the Mara region of Tanzania as a church planter and discipleship trainer, along with his wife Elizabeth. Eric was born in Arkansas, but is now a member of the Memphis Conference with membership at Medina First UMC. His missionary support number is 3021468.

**Morgan, Dwaine:** Dwaine is a GBGM Church and Community Worker assigned to the Mission Response Center (MRC) in the Western North Carolina Conference. A former chaplain's assistant in the US Army, Dwaine has served on staff at Stuttgart First UMC. His missionary support code is 982923.

Churches and individuals are encouraged to become a "co-missionary" by supporting a commissioned missionary through the Advance. Please identify your support using their name and supportCode. Your support is more than a "financial commitment;" it becomes a partnership in mission.

**Prepared by Deaconess Colleen Caldwell  
Submitted by Brenda Norwood Henson, Chair**



### Mount Eagle Christian Retreat Center, Inc.

Greetings from Mount Eagle, a retreat center of the Arkansas Annual Conference located near Shirley, Arkansas. Our mission is to provide Christian hospitality and opportunities for holy listening for all. The year round programs here are focused on adults, youth, and families.

It is here that in 2017, approximately 1,828 people came to relax, renew and were refreshed for ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Mount Eagle hosted 1,036 United Methodist users, 92 United Methodist groups, 31 other faith groups, 404 users, and 20 other non-profit groups, and 355 other users.

In 2017 we provided sacred space and time for reflection, quiet time with God, study, contemplation, fellowship, planning, hikes along the trails in the gorgeous Ozark Mountains, exploration of the beauty of the forest as it blooms in Spring, and fun activities as a group or family.

Mount Eagle provided for a variety of groups, local church leadership retreats, Sunday school classes, youth groups, men's and women's groups, confirmation classes, Local Pastor Licensing School, Residence in Ministry, Conference Staff Retreats, conference events, quilting groups, scrapbooking, Emmaus Leadership Retreat, family reunions, personnel retreats, pastoral retreat, women's retreats, and a nature group studying the great Ozark outdoors that God has created here on the mountain and along the river.

People worshipped, walked the meditation trail, labyrinth, hiked to Bear Cave, Turkey Cave, visited the Boat Chapel, and walked to the Little Red River, shared meals and fellowshiped together. Some just took that time to be alone with God and allow God's voice to resonate in their whole being.

Mission teams from Arkansas, Missouri, and Mississippi volunteered their time and talents to provide service to Mount Eagle in 2016, Arkansas and Mississippi in 2017. We are looking forward to mission teams that from Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas that have already booked for 2018. The Boy Scouts have provided two Eagle Scout projects and are in the planning process of a third project for 2018.

Thanks go out to all those that have provided service, whether financial or missional to Mount Eagle

in 2017. You have been a vital part of the ministry of Mount Eagle. If you are looking for projects for you, your church, or youth group, check out our website or call us and we would love to talk with you about the possibilities of partnering for 2018. Everyone that contributes is providing invaluable service and skills we might not ever have if not for your generosity of time and talents.

We received grants in 2017 from the Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry and the Northeast District of the United Methodist Church. Those were used for programming funds for Celebrate Recovery Men’s Retreat and our retreat for “The Call” for foster parents of Cleburne, Stone, and Van Buren Counties of Arkansas.

Forty men participated in the recovery weekend and were blessed by the speakers, overwhelming support of businesses that assisted in making this happen, volunteers, and the extravagant hospitality they received while here. Men were here from Clinton, Hot Springs, Donaldson, and Sheridan, Arkansas as a part of this retreat. We also could not have done it without the help and loving support of Clinton First UMC and Holiday Hills UMC. Plans are already being made for the same retreat for 2018 with an expected attendance of 60 men this year.

The Call, a Christian foster parent organization that works with the Arkansas DCFs office to provide care for children whom are placed in foster care in the state of Arkansas. The Call uses this time away to refresh and renew. This is a time away for them for fellowship, receive support from others, attend required classes, spend time in individual prayer and corporate prayer, and spend time outside in God’s amazing creation.

Thanks go out to all those that have provided mission and service to Mount Eagle in 2017. If you have been here on a retreat, came to help with a project, provided financial support or prayer, you have been a vital part of the mission and ministry of Mount Eagle.

We have completed our new Hermitage Cabin. This is a small secluded cabin that sits in a very serene location overlooking a small pond where deer, turkey, wood ducks, and other animals come to the water. The view of the valley is amazing. It is designed for 1-2 people to disconnect from the stresses of life and reconnect with God. It has a kitchen, small dining table, recliner chairs, full bathroom, bedroom with queen bed, and a 160 square foot screened deck with rocking chairs. Take advantage of this and get your time away scheduled for the new cabin.

We are thankful for the blessing of 2017 and look with anticipation for new opportunities in 2018. Check out our website for all events and dates.

We look forward to partnering in 2018 with our greatest partner, the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. See you on the Mountain!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mike “Sarge” Leonard, Director**



### Conference Commission on Religion and Race

The Conference Commission on Religion and Race will continue to support the mission model that has been and will be the accepted model for our General Commission. GCORR’s mission is building the capacity of The United Methodist Church to be contextually relevant and to reach more people, younger people, and more diverse people as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our conference committee upholds the mission and will be a resource to help our conference

committees, organizations and churches become places where all will be welcomed as they seek their place in the kingdom of God. We monitor how diverse our committees at the district and conference levels reflect the culture around them and we will challenge those groups to become as culturally diverse as they can be.

Our mission is now more well defined at the conference level and we are compliant with what the *2016 Book of Discipline* now requires us to do. Currently, we are monitoring the Annual Conference and the standing committees of the conference and making sure that there is equal representation of all ethnic groups that make up the diversity of the Arkansas Annual Conference. We are sending two of our ethnic pastors serving in a Cross Cultural/Cross Racial appointments to the "Facing the Future" training event sponsored by the General Commission on Religion and Race in May 2018. At the time of this report being written we have six ethnic pastors serving in a cross cultural/cross racial appointment. Our committee is grateful for this conference in helping us face the future of being what God has called

**Rev. George Odell**  
Chair, Arkansas CORR



## Commission on the Status and Role of Women

It is a joy to share an update on the vital and vibrant work that the Arkansas Conference Committee on the Status and Role of Women has continued to do in the past year. The Arkansas Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women continues to support and further the mission of the General Commission, which "advocates for full participation of women in the total life of the United Methodist Church through training, education, research and monitoring." We have continued to advocate for and encourage all women in the life of the church, both clergy and laity, to be faithful and passionate leaders in their congregations and ministry contexts.

COSROW continues to offer support for women in all aspects of the life of the church. We support and encourage participation of all clergywomen in the Clergywomen's luncheon and quarterly professional development gatherings through the Arkansas United Methodist Clergywomen connection. During Annual Conference, COSROW monitors for fairness in participation and diversity and is glad to provide this important work as a part of our ministry.

In this past year, we have all witnessed, and some have even proclaimed, the #metoo and #churchtoo movements. Recently, we have begun a new endeavor focused around issues of violence against women and sexual misconduct in all arenas of life. We are working toward equipping all congregations and pastors with resources to support our local agencies that are already providing services in communities in regards to domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual harassment. Additionally, we will offer educational training and advocacy components for pastors and congregational leaders in the coming year. We hope to encourage spirit-led partnerships and missional outreach opportunities throughout Arkansas between churches and women's centers/shelters. In late 2018, we plan to have members of the Arkansas Annual Conference attend the General COSROW's "Do No Harm" training and to bring these resources and training opportunities back to the Arkansas Annual Conference.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Rev. Sara Bayles**



## United Methodist Women

The Arkansas Conference United Methodist Women continue to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders and advocate for justice on behalf of women, children and youth. They strive to demonstrate their faith, hope and love in action.

- The Arkansas Conference United Methodist Women support programs and activities that promote our purpose: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.
- The Arkansas Conference Mission u will be July 25-28 at University of the Ozarks in Clarksville. The studies this year will be Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living, What About Our Money? A Faith Response, and Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church.
- United Methodist Women continue the five-year celebration of the legacy of women organizing themselves for mission with women, children and youth. This legacy was passed on to us from the organizers and every generation that followed them. As our 150th anniversary approaches on March 23, 2019, we ponder the legacy we will leave. The Legacy Fund is an opportunity to put faith, hope and love into action. The Legacy Fund is an endowment to ensure the work of United Methodist Women for the next 150 years.
- Over 50 women from the Arkansas Conference will attend The Power of Bold-Assembly 2018 in Columbus, Ohio May 18-20.
- The United Methodist Women Annual Meeting will be Saturday, November 3 at Russellville First United Methodist Church. The Arkansas Conference United Methodist Women have pledged \$215,000 to United Methodist Women for national and international mission work in 2018.
- Seven United Methodist Women from Arkansas attended Leadership Development Days sponsored by the National Organization in Tempe, Arizona in November. This event was excellent training in developing leadership skills.
- Local United Methodist Women units continue to be involved in numerous local community mission projects as well as supporting national and international mission needs.
- The five districts are involved in establishing communication with each local unit. The United Methodist Women want to have a unit in every church in the conference.

Submitted by Martha Altom, President



## Center for Vitality

The purpose of the Center for Vitality is to **“provide resources for pastors, laity and congregations to experience spiritual revival and be increasingly vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.”** Our focus is on

developing spiritual leaders, both lay and clergy, equipping them to lead in disciple-making ministries and delivering tools to congregations so that they can engage their mission fields.

Since the last gathering of Annual Conference the Center for Vitality (CFV) has offered resources through a variety of equipping, consulting, and training initiatives. Some of these have been offered in local churches, district gatherings, and in one-on-one and team coaching conversations. In addition the CFV created and continues to update the website, [vitaldisciples.org](http://vitaldisciples.org), where local churches can access curriculum, worship resources, and how-to ideas for making VITAL! disciples through accountable discipleship small groups, faith sharing, generous stewardship and hands-on ministry through 200,000 Reasons. The website has allowed the CFV staff to extend our reach and impact to equip local churches with free-of-charge resources for all congregations in the annual conference.

As we begin a new conference year, we do so with fresh commitment and enthusiasm for the work entrusted to us. We will miss our colleague, Rev. Dr. Blake Bradford as he moves to the Central District as District Superintendent and Chief Mission Strategist. However, we are excited that Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris will be joining the Center for Vitality team to work as Lead Equipper. She will focus her ministry on developing resources and leading trainings that equip congregations to develop intentional discipleship systems that make vital disciples who are inspired and ready to make disciples to transform lives, communities and the world.

Cathy Hall will be continuing her work to Unleash Lay Leadership. Since last annual conference Cathy has led 27 **Leadership Unleashed** conversations with laity around the conference that encouraged and equipped over 300 dedicated laity, mostly from congregations whose average worship attendance is under 125. Through these conversations, we are learning that the laity of the Arkansas Conference are passionate about reaching their mission fields and making disciples. Here are some highlights from those conversations:

- Laity are hungry for meaningful, honest conversation with other laity about the opportunities and challenges of reaching people for Jesus Christ.
- Laity are aware that cultural change is needed and want to be a part of the church of tomorrow, not just the church of yesterday.
- Laity desire to be resourced, equipped and encouraged to try new ways of being in relationship with those who don't know Jesus and to hear of ways they might grow in their walk with Him.
- Laity - particularly from smaller congregations - appreciate the conference taking an interest in listening to them, providing them with resources and reminding them that they are not alone. Almost every gathering closes with attendees expressing thanks and wishing we had even more time for conversation.

These insights are helping to shape the next phase of Leadership Unleashed which will be launched in the fall of 2018. Learning groups are being formed now that will continue the conversation, equip laity to create the church of tomorrow, and address the challenges smaller congregations face in reaching the unchurched in their mission fields, so that they can **Grow by One** in worship attendance, professions of faith, new outreach ministries, and new small groups. We are convinced that passionate, connected, courageous knowledgeable laity working together with pastors have the potential to revitalize a congregation and be an unbeatable combination!

In addition to introducing **Intentional Discipleship Systems** for making disciples and **Leadership Unleashed Learning Groups** to equip laity for ministry, the CFV will be focused on creating a conference-wide coaching network for clergy and congregations, developing opportunities for spiritual leaders to deepen their walk with Christ and learn new skills, and continuing to respond to requests from local churches seeking guidance for assessing their potential to reach the mission field, introducing a simplified structure for governance in order to unleash more laity for ministry, experimenting with fresh expressions of worship, and updating resources on [vitaldisciples.org](http://vitaldisciples.org).

Rev. Dede Roberts will be continuing to develop partnerships with the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas which provides scholarships to congregations to attend the Church of the Resurrection Leadership Institute and the Upper Room which seeks to strengthen spiritual leadership for laity and clergy. In addition she will be partnering with the Cabinet in the equipping, and development of the

new District Strategy Teams being created in every district.

Plan to bring a congregational leadership team to attend the **Growing Disciples Summit** on Saturday, August 25, 2018, at St. James UMC in Little Rock, AR! The Summit will build on the teaching of Rev. Junius Dotson, the General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries and our 2018 conference teacher, in resourcing congregations in our disciple-making mission. The Growing Disciples Summit will feature inspiration and practical how-to's from congregations from Arkansas and around the country who have already experienced fruitfulness and growth because of their **Intentional Discipleship Systems**.

- Be inspired by Keynote Speaker Rev. Vance Ross of Discipleship Ministries
- Equip your leaders, staff and pastor with Workshops
- Network with others in similar ministries and mission fields

The Growing Disciples Summit on August 25 is designed for both clergy and laity from the entire state. Greater results will be realized by congregations that send an entire team and plan intentional follow-up soon after the event. The Center for Vitality is creating tools to assist you in recruiting and working with your team:

- You can register your team for a discount rate (\$20 per person or \$100 for a team of six)
- The registration fee includes lunch and a book about Intentional Discipleship Systems
- A local church promotional packet is available for you to invite members to join the team to attend the Summit
- We know that encouraging the next generation of leaders is important, so nursery and childcare will be available

Your Center for Vitality has resources that can make your congregation more vital. We are building relationships and equipping leaders, both lay and clergy, to reach the mission field and make disciples. And we are preparing to equip your congregation in how to make disciples who want to be more than members—disciples who want to be in ministry and transform the world! Together we can take the next step into our trajectory to *create vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.*

**Rev. Dede Roberts, Director**  
**Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris, Assistant Director and Lead Equipper**  
**Cathy Hall, Lay Program Coordinator**



### **Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministry**

This year has been an influential and impactful time for youth and our Conference Council on Youth Ministries. The events planned in the past year have helped to inspire youth, youth workers and chaperones to strengthen their faith in Christ, build meaningful relationships and, as our values state, live for Jesus, love like Jesus, and lead others to Jesus.

This year our media taskforce has grown in numbers and has found many ways to reach out to youth through means of social media, livestreams, interviews with speakers and talent, documentation, and so much more. This taskforce has aided in increasing numbers at events, provided ways for people to view the events if they could not attend, and has helped keep everyone informed on not just what, but who we are. Media taskforce members showed enormous amounts of dedication and wonderful collaboration skills as they work with other event task forces and work alongside them during events.

Youth Service Fund, which is also known as YSF, has continued raising money for local and global levels to several churches and organizations. The innovative thinking of this taskforce helped to provide new merchandise that was a great success with large numbers of youth.

Refuge, an event for grades sixth through ninth, successfully filled Shepherd of the Ozarks for

two weekends and gave youth a chance to escape from all the stresses of the world and spend time in God's creation. Even with the two separate weekends, Refuge overflows with eager students wanting to learn more. If that isn't an exciting preview to a future full of young leaders enthusiastically seeking Christ then I don't know what is!

After the second weekend of Refuge, CCYM's mission focused event, Mitto, took place. This year it was hosted at FUMC Little Rock and helped smaller youth groups brainstorm ways to bring mission back to their own churches. As always, pancakes for breakfast were popular and the worship service on Sunday at Walnut Grove UMC was serene and gave students a moment to be still with God.

At the end of February, CCYM's biggest event, Veritas, was hosted once again in Rogers. This event had around 1,400 attendees this year, more than 2017, and was an invigorating and reviving weekend for all who participated. This year's theme, "Moments" focused on giving participants their own moments of escape, rest and a moment where they felt moved to go out into the world and be a disciple for Christ. The taskforce believed that even if only one person came away with a moment of pure joy, love, or peace, then God's work through them was successful. This year's speaker was Jeniffer Dake, a returning speaker from Veritas 2013, who recaptured audiences with her witty stories and thoughtful sermons. On Sunday, three taskforce members shared their own moments that helped lead them to Christ and helped close out the event with a powerful message of hope.

CCYM is not close to done with their plans to impact youth and still has two summer events left in its 2017-18 year. Choir Tour will perform and lead many through worship sessions across the state as well as have members form meaningful relationships with one another. Junior High and Senior High Assembly are planned for July 23-27 at Hendrix College. Assembly is a week long event for grades seventh through twelfth that focuses on small groups, passionate worship, faith development, and of course every youth's favorite: games and activities.

This CCYM year has overflowed with love, hope, and a burning passion to serve for Christ. God is making God's presence known loudly and excitedly through the youth of the Arkansas United Methodist Conference and I am beyond ready to see where God leads us in the future. The past year as President has not only been a rewarding experience, but a promising one as I have had the opportunity to watch youth grow in their faith. Thank you to everyone who has supported CCYM, worked with CCYM, been a youth or adult on CCYM, and thank you most importantly to God because without Him, none of this would be possible.

**Submitted by:**  
**Bekah Dodson, President**

## **Council on Youth & Young Adult Ministries**

### **Youth Ministries**

The goal of the ARUMC Youth Ministry area is to provide a network of resources, support, and education in order to create stronger youth ministries within the local church. Currently, the ARUMC Youth Ministry Resource Team is working on a few programs and events to help further this goal.

First, we are working on EQUIP 2018 which will be held on September 14-15. This year EQUIP will concentrate on giving youth workers the opportunity for Sabbath time and practices.

Second, our team launched The Mentor Network this year. This system pairs youth workers with one another to provide short term mentorships for youth workers who are new to youth ministry, looking to work through a particular issue, or just needs a sounding board for new ideas. Since the Mentor Network launched in August of 2017 we have connected 9 youth workers with mentors.

Third, our team will be hosting another marriage retreat for those with a spouse in local church ministry at Mount Eagle October 19-21.

Finally, the ARUMC Youth Ministries area works to continually provide support for local churches whether they are looking for a youth worker, need to train volunteers, need resources, etc.

### **Young Adult Ministries**

The Young Adult Ministries area is in the process of beginning a new season of ministry. The Young Adult Council has begun meeting again and will be working to define the best way for the Young Adult



Ministries to move forward within the conference.

The Young Adult Ministries area is working to plan the next young adult trip that will occur in 2019. We hope this trip will continue to provide leadership and discernment training for young adults in the ARUMC.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Moore  
Youth and Young Adult Coordinator



Newly commissioned provisional members of the Arkansas Conference



Bishop Mueller presents newly ordained elders and deacon to the conference.



Brenda Wideman was ordained deacon.



Mary Jane Cole congratulates Taylor Loy



Lots of joy!



Seven new ordained elders in the Arkansas Conference: (clockwise from upper left) Michael Bolin, Patti Butler, Jeremy Pressgrove, Jennie Williams, Jay Stephen Simpson, and Lauren DeLano. Congratulations to all!





# Connectional Reports





## Africa University

Africa University is deeply thankful to the members of the Arkansas Conference for their strong support and investment of 88.87 percent of the asking to the Africa University Fund (AUF) apportionment in 2017. Thank you for being generous and faithful to this ministry.

### **Institutional Update:**

- Currently, Africa University hosts a stable, focused and vibrant campus community of 1,400 students and faculty and staff from 31 African nations.
- Amidst a transition in the governance of Zimbabwe, lectures, research, and outreach activities at Africa University have continued uninterrupted.
- A new academic structure and the realignment of programs is encouraging innovation and enhancing Africa University's relevance to The United Methodist Church and to sub-Saharan Africa. This includes the launch of the Institute of Theology and Religious Studies which brings together multidisciplinary training and leadership formation opportunities for both clergy and laity.
- Africa University-based researchers are providing critical data on mosquitos and regional malaria control programs to aid Africa's efforts to eradicate malaria and other insect-borne diseases.
- The university is also making trailblazing, regional contributions in migrant and refugee protection, child rights, and harnessing intellectual property for development.
- The first 25 years of AU's ministry have produced more than 8,000 graduates who lead in efforts to make disciples, minister to the poor, improve global health, and better the quality of life in communities.

These ministry accomplishments are made possible by the steadfast support of United Methodist congregations. Beyond dollars and cents, the Arkansas Conference's engagement with Africa University represents hope and transformation for young women and men who are seeking to live lives of meaningful discipleship.

The four-year, \$50 million Campaign for Africa University is ongoing, with 77.4 percent of the goal or \$38.7 million in cash and pledges already committed. The campaign prioritizes scholarships, expert faculty, research, infrastructure, and technology. Africa University humbly invites churches and individual members of the conference to consider making a second-mile gift in support of the campaign.

It is the university's prayer that the members of the Arkansas Conference will continue to work diligently to grow their annual support and achieve a 100 percent investment to the Africa University Fund apportionment.

Thank you, Arkansas Conference, for your foundational role in the Africa University story. Please remember the students, faculty, administrators, trustees, and alumni of Africa University in your prayers. Thank you for being a part of an incredible year of blessings. Thank you for affirming the power of faithfully sowing and working together in ministry with Africa University. May God bless and keep you always in an abundance of grace and mercy.

**Submitted**

**James H. Salley**

**Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancemen**



## Boston University School of Theology

Greetings from Boston University School of Theology (BUSTH) as we travel together in this journey of discipleship!

### BREAKING NEWS:

- Students: Our entering students were the most diverse in our history, creating remarkable opportunities for in-depth exchange and fruitful collaboration.
- Faculty: We welcomed three amazing faculty this year: Rebecca Copeland in Theology (focus on environmental theology); Theodore Hickman-Maynard in Black Church Studies; and Cornell William Brooks as Visiting Professor of Social Ethics, Law, and Justice Movements. Thanks to loyal alums, we also endowed the Harrell Beck Professorship in Hebrew Scripture and installed Kathe Darr as the first Beck Professor.
- Congregations: The Lilly Endowment awarded the Center for Practical Theology \$1.5 million to create an innovation hub, which will foster creative vocational reflection in congregations, and a sharing of the congregations' wisdom.
- Doctor of Ministry: The DMin in Transformational Leadership is soaring with lively student cohorts that are broadly ecumenical, culturally diverse, and global. The model includes intensives, online courses, and faculty mentoring.
- Scholarships: We continue our offer of free tuition to UMC registered candidates for ordained ministry, and we continue to build student scholarships and housing as a central campaign priority. New scholarships include the Dale Andrews Scholarship in Practical Theology and Race, Korean Student scholarship, and the Bishop John H. Adams and Dr. Dolly D. Adams Scholarship for candidates for ordained ministry in the AME, AMEZ, and CME churches.
- Arts Initiatives: Recent exhibits and events include "Symbols and Art of China, Korea, and Japan" and "Bridging Divided Communities through the Arts"

**PARTNERING FOR MINISTRY AND TRANSFORMATION:** Preparing students for ministry means meaningful partnerships with the local spiritual community.

- Congregational courses: Courses in congregations with church leaders and students learning together.
- Religion and Conflict Transformation Clinic: Internships and workshops that foster justice and reconciliation.
- Travel seminars: Courses engaging local communities on Arizona-Mexican border, Israel and Palestine, India, spiritual life centers, and Serbia and Croatia (with focus on interreligious dialogue).
- Ecumenical partnerships: Continuing close work with UMC, AME and other Wesleyan denominations, while launching robust Communities of Learning with the Episcopal Church and United Church of Christ.
- Partnership with Hebrew College: Joint courses and public events, plus co-sponsoring The Journal of Interreligious Studies. The focus is on enriching theological education with interreligious learning and leadership opportunities.

### TAKING ACTION GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY:

- Campus action: Work to improve accessibility and sustainability. BUSTH is the first certified Green School in BU, and is active in the Green Seminary Initiative. It has also been named as one of the "Seminaries that Change the World."
- Internships in global service and peacemaking: Student-initiated internships for service

with communities across the world, and for just peacemaking projects with international organizations.

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE: Celebrating differences while joining in action.

- Faculty and students have led and participated in service for victims of hurricanes and fires, protests on behalf of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, protests of white supremacist movements, protests and services on behalf of immigrants and DACA young people, and ecumenical and interreligious witnesses for justice in the city of Boston.
- The community (often student-led) has had deep conversations on issues that divide (including theological issues). We seek to foster respectful listening that builds community life and communal action.

OTHER NOTABLE NEWS:

- Celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Anna Howard Shaw Center

As BUSTH looks back on 2017, it celebrates transformational leaders who keep the word of Jesus Christ alive. Their living legacy and perceptive witness gives us hope and courage for the future.

**Blessings and gratitude,  
Mary Elizabeth Moore, Dean**



## Candler School of Theology

For more than 100 years, Candler School of Theology at Emory University has prepared real people to make a real difference in the real world. Since our founding in 1914, more than 10,000 students have graduated from Candler, where they have been shaped as thoughtful, principled, and courageous Christian leaders dedicated to transforming the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

One of 13 official seminaries of The United Methodist Church, Candler has been included on a list of “Seminaries that Change the World” for five years running, and was recently named a “Bright Spot in Theological Education” by Auburn Seminary.

Candler is also one of seven graduate professional schools of Emory University, a top-tier research institution offering extensive resources and a demonstrated commitment to service. Our location in Atlanta provides a hands-on learning environment rich with opportunity: The General Board of Global Ministries is headquartered here, as are numerous public health, international development, and social service organizations. Simply put, there is no better place to prepare for ministry that engages our major denominational priorities: developing leaders, starting and growing churches, ministry with the poor, and improving global health.

In order to keep pace with the needs of the church and the world, Candler offers 16 degrees: six single degrees and ten dual degrees pairing theology with bioethics, business, international development, law, public health, or social work. One of our newest degrees is a Doctor of Ministry that is 90 percent online, so students can remain in their places of ministry as they study and immediately apply to their context what they learn in class. Our Teaching Parish program allows eligible United Methodist students to serve as pastors in local churches while they’re enrolled—they earn a salary as they earn course credit and pastoral experience, plus they are mentored by an experienced United Methodist elder.

Candler’s student body continues to reflect the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful, with an enrollment of 455, reflecting 49 percent women, 35 percent people of color (U.S.), and a median age of 30. Students represent 39 denominations, with half coming from the Methodist family. 82 percent of students are seeking a degree to prepare them as ministry professionals.

Candler has a deep commitment to alleviating student debt and employs a multi-pronged approach

to tackle this issue. In 2017-2018, we awarded \$5.3 million in Candler scholarships, with 97 percent of MDiv students receiving aid and the average scholarship covering 75 percent of tuition. Plus, our comprehensive “Faith & Finance” program teaches money management skills that serve our students now and will continue to serve them—and the churches they lead—well into the future.

Half of Candler’s faculty are United Methodist and 58% come from traditions within the larger Methodist family. This year, we welcomed fellow United Methodist Helen Jin Kim to the faculty as Assistant Professor of American Religious History, and we sent best wishes along with our colleague Mary Lou Greenwood Boice as she retired after 25 years of remarkable service to Candler.

Candler draws considerable strength and inspiration from its relationship with The United Methodist Church. Our ability to fulfill our mission of educating faithful and creative leaders for the church’s ministries throughout the world depends upon your support, gifts, and prayers. Thank you for the countless ways you advance this vital ministry in the life of our denomination. Visit us in person in Atlanta or online at [candler.emory.edu](http://candler.emory.edu) to see firsthand how Candler prepares real people to make a real difference in the real world.

Jan Love

Dean and Professor of Christianity and World Politics



## Gammon Theological Seminary

Gammon Theological Seminary, located in Atlanta, GA, is the United Methodist constituent member of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), a consortium of historically African-American theological schools. Gammon/ITC is a co-educational, professional graduate school of theology. Its faculty personifies vigorous scholarship, rigorous academic discipline, and significant research in the service of the church and other communities in the world. Gammon/ITC is the world’s premier resource for black church scholarship and faith-based solutions to the spiritual and socio-economic challenges confronting the African American community and beyond.

Founded in 1883 by the Methodist Episcopal Church and with assistance from the Freedman’s Aid Society, today Gammon Theological Seminary is one of the 13 theological schools of the United Methodist Church. The faculty and administration of Gammon/ITC create an environment in which critical thinking, investigative reflection, decision making, and responsible action are fostered. Gammon/ITC is a member of the Atlanta University Center Complex, the world’s largest enterprise of African American higher education. It is also a member of The University Center of Georgia and the Atlanta Theological Association. The school is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Gammon/ITC offers the following degree programs: the Master of Divinity, the Master of Arts in Christian Education, and the Doctor of Ministry. Admission is open to qualified men and women of the United Methodist Church.

The support of this Annual Conference helps Gammon/ITC students carry on a proud tradition. They are taught to think independently and communicate effectively. They are also challenged to become involved in finding solutions to problems that affect the human condition, and to become active in the community beyond this campus. Additionally, graduates of this institution are encouraged to maintain a lifelong desire for intellectual growth, spiritual development, and the acquisition of skills for the practice of ministry.

Gammon/ITC has had a very exciting and busy year living out its mission, which is to recruit, support and educate pastors and leaders for the United Methodist Church. Gammon Theological Seminary is extremely grateful to this Annual Conference for your support of theological education, and for your commitment to ensuring that God's church will be served by persons who are called and trained to lead us forward.

Grace and Peace,

Ken J. Walden, Ph.D., President-Dean



**HENDRIX**  
COLLEGE

### Hendrix College

*"In religious and vocation programs combined with service learning, Hendrix continues to develop clergy and lay leaders for faithful service inside the church and beyond...by helping students find meaningful vocations connected to who they are and how they want to serve in the world."*

**Hendrix College Statement on Church Relatedness,  
adopted by the faculty and board of trustees in spring of 2017**

Vocational discernment, engaged learning, and academic excellence are some of the hallmarks of Hendrix College that have their roots in the Methodist value of uniting faith and knowledge. The College is proud that it continues the vision set out by its founders over 140 years ago. Recognized widely as one of the best small colleges in the country, Hendrix expresses its appreciation to the Arkansas Conference for the support it gives to the programs and mission of this institution. As a United Methodist church-related college, the College embraces the freedom of the academy where students and faculty explore the boundaries of knowledge while setting a context for that exploration in an ethos that values growth of both the mind and the spirit. In this way we fulfill our mission to cultivate whole persons and to prepare our graduates for lives of service, fulfillment, and joy in their communities and in the world. We are pleased to share some of the highlights and ways Hendrix College changes lives.

#### **Ministry / Seminary Exploration**

- Since 2004, 50 Hendrix graduates have enrolled in seminary with 70% of these students attending UM seminaries.
- Eleven recent alumni are currently in seminary.
- In the next two years, we anticipate an additional 10 Hendrix graduates will enroll in seminary.
- Seventeen students who are discerning ministry meet each week in Exploring Ministry Together (EMT), a program through the Miller Center for Vocation, Ethics and Calling.
- The United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas generously funds visits to UM seminaries. Approximately twelve students take advantage of this program each year.
- With support from the UMFA, five Hendrix students attended the national UM Explorations event in Portland, Oregon during the fall 2017.

Through generous grants from the Eli Lilly Foundation and because of the College's commitment to young adults discerning vocation, Hendrix has been awarded two grants to foster young people in ministry. The "Hendrix Youth Institute" will have its third year this summer with 20 youth from the South Central Jurisdiction attending a week of religious study, shadowing local clergy, engaging in worship, small group Bible study, service work, and ending with a mission trip to Guatemala. The "Institute for Clergy and Civic Engagement" hosts 8 Arkansas clergy, 5 -10 years out of seminary, to engage with church leaders across the United States who are meeting the needs of the mission field and are public theologians in their communities. We are excited that Hendrix can be a part of a minister's journey, from the formation of that call until its completion in a local church.

#### **Religious Life**

- The UMYF Leadership Scholarship Program is completing its 23rd year. Currently 33 students



- participate who will eventually join over 160 alumni from the program.
- More than 425 UM churches in all five districts have had Hendrix students assist with worship services in the past 23 years.
- More than 150 students participate in weekly programming enhanced by funding from the Miller Center including weekly worship and communion, small groups for discipleship, Monday & Thursday fellowship dinners, and Bonhoeffer House, an intentional Christian community that lives in one of the residence halls on campus.
- This year, 60 Students applied for three planned Miller Center Service Trips to Ferguson, Missouri; Taize, France; and Belize City, Belize.

#### **Use of Hendrix Space/Church Relations**

This year on campus, the College hosted Dr. Teresa Fry Brown, professor of Homiletics at Candler School of Theology for the John and Marjem Gill Preaching Workshop. We will welcome Dr. Alyce McKenzie from Perkins School of Theology to lead the workshop during April 1-2, 2019.

#### **Funding Received from outside sources for religious life and ministry support**

- An endowed gift from the John Workman family for a summer internship in churches, non-profits, or journalism.
- An endowed gift from the Wilder family to establish an internship in churches and non-profit agencies.
- Grants from the Lilly Foundation (listed above) for United Methodist youth who are discerning a call to ministry and clergy who are 5-10 years out of seminary
- A gift from the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas to support students in discerning a call into ordained ministry. UMFA's gift is used to reimburse students for travel costs to visit a United Methodist seminary, have a retreat for ministry discernment, and a service trip.

#### **Financial Aid/Enrollment**

- For the 2017 calendar year, the College received \$209,434.22 from the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, with 100% of the church apportionment going toward student scholarships.
- Annually, the College provides more than \$4.6 million in financial assistance to United Methodist students.
- Of the \$4.6 million dollars, the College annually provides more than \$250,000 directly to the three specific groups of Methodist students: 1) UMYF Leadership Scholars, 2) UM clergy dependents at a one-half tuition discount, 3) UM students who are candidates for ordained ministry.
- Annually, the College provides financially for the Office of the Chaplain for religious life programming.
- The College sponsored a UMYF Prospective Student Day for the eighth consecutive year.
- For the past few years, Hendrix has enrolled an average of 670 Arkansas students each year. The number of students from Arkansas has increased over the past few years.
- In the fall of 2014, the College launched the Arkansas Advantage Scholarship, which guarantees to meet all of the demonstrated financial need of qualified Arkansas Students.

Hendrix College remains committed to ensuring that all qualified students have access to a Hendrix education, regardless of their family's financial circumstances. The amount of money needed to fund scholarships and financial aid for our students continues to increase each year. This year, Hendrix is providing more than \$37.2 million in student scholarships and financial aid. Our budget for student financial assistance has doubled in the past four years in response to the growing need of students and their families for assistance with financing a college education.

As our Church and our Conference have explored ways to serve that are more efficient and effective for its ministry, the College has also sought to adapt in ways to better serve our students. For the last few years we have considered reducing the size of our Board of Trustees, which, compared to our peers, is large with 42 members. In consultation with Bishop Mueller, we have voted to reduce the size of our Board to 34 members. This amendment to our Charter was approved by our Board of Trustees

in February and will be on your agenda for confirmation. A Board with fewer members will allow us to deliberate and discuss matters of importance more deeply as we seek to fulfill our mission. We are grateful for the many ways in which the United Methodist Churches of Arkansas support Hendrix and we are honored to continue to provide future lay and clergy leadership for our Church.

Hendrix College cherishes its relationship with the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church and the opportunity to fulfill John Wesley's vision to bring together intellectual curiosity, spiritual formation, knowledge, and vital piety. We are grateful for the many ways in which the United Methodist Churches of Arkansas support Hendrix, including your apportionment gifts that go directly to providing financial resources to our students. Your gifts also ensure access to our strong academic program, the Miller Center for Vocation, Ethics, & Calling, a wide range of religious life and spiritual formation opportunities, and the UMYF Leadership Scholars Program. Thank you for your continued support of Hendrix.

**William Tsutsui**  
**President and Professor of History**



### **Lydia Patterson Institute**

Greetings from your ministry on the US-Mexico border! Lydia Patterson Institute (LPI), is the only ministry of the United Methodist Church that sits between two countries and three states: Mexico and the United States and the states of Texas, New Mexico and the Mexican state of Chihuahua. It is the only ministry that can claim to have trained over 160 Pastors, 12 District Superintendents, four Chaplains, one Seminary President, and one Bishop. In the secular world, Lydia Patterson has trained doctors, lawyers, educators, engineers, artists, comedians, actors, ambassadors, governors, and many other state officials.

For more than 100 years, Lydia Patterson Institute has been committed to serving the church and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Every day, lives are being changed for the better and the world becomes a better place because of LPI.

During the 2017-18 school year, LPI served 400 students that commute daily from Cd. Juarez and the El Paso area; many making a 2-3 hour trip to and from school. We owe the churches and friends of the Arkansas Conference and all of the South Central Jurisdiction conferences for their apportionments and gifts for scholarships that give these students an opportunity to change their lives. A young boy or girl may be living in a "colonia" with no hope for the future, and through the generous support and the work of LPI, he or she may join the list of professionals previously mentioned.

Looking to the future, LPI is preparing to change lives for another 100 years. Through the efforts of a capital campaign, LPI has been converted into one of the best equipped schools in the area with the latest state-of-the-art technology in the classroom. Here, students are being provided with the best tools to meet the needs of a changing world.

Academics is the road to success, but spiritual guidance and strong ethical preparation is the answer to life in a complex world. Lay Ministry students at LPI are trained to bring the love of Christ to others through their service and commitment to the church. Students serve in internships and many choose to go to seminary as a result. In the summer of 2017, more than 40 students were placed in internships throughout the South Central Jurisdiction and beyond. Eighty-seven students graduated and 87 students are currently enrolled in college. Your investment in our future leaders could not yield

a higher rate of return. For this, and for all your resources and prayers that you send our way, we wish to thank you.

In the midst of a very controversial issue of immigration in the country, Lydia Patterson Institute is here to build bridges in place of walls. The United Methodist Church and Lydia Patterson Institute are the link that provides potential human resources to both sides of the border. Please come for a visit and experience firsthand the presence of God in the faces of our students, faculty and staff as well as all those who have dedicated their lives to the welfare of these young boys and girls. “La Lydia” is a beacon of light in the midst of challenges on both sides of the border. Thank you for joining us in this venture to fight crime, drugs and violence through education and spiritual leadership.

Thank you for contributing to changing the lives of our students and creating a better world in the name of Jesus.

Respectfully,  
Socorro de Anda, President



## Memphis Theological Seminary

Memphis Theological Seminary is pleased to report that theological education for United Methodist students continues to remain vibrant and forward-looking.

The Seminary continues to offer a robust selection of classes in Wesleyan Studies. Dr. Michael Turner (Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and Wesleyan Studies) continues to teach all the required UMC courses for ordination in Methodist History, Doctrine, and Polity each academic year. Dr. Turner, along with his colleagues Dr. Lee Ramsey (Marlon and Sheila Foster Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics), Dr. Carmichael Crutchfield (Associate Professor of Christian Education, Spiritual Formation, and Youth Ministry / General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education for the CME Church), and Rev. Billy Vaughan (Director for the Formation for Ministry Program) also offer a number of electives each year in the field of Wesleyan Studies. Recent offerings include “Pastoral Care in the Wesleyan Tradition,” “John Wesley’s Practical Theology,” “The Prophetic Rhetoric of Henry McNeal Turner,” and “Covenant Discipleship Groups.” Students that take a minimum of five courses in Wesleyan studies electives have the opportunity to earn the Certificate in Wesleyan Studies.

The Methodist House of Studies at MTS continues to provide opportunities for Wesleyan formation for both students at the Seminary and pastors within the surrounding Annual Conferences that we serve. Dr. Turner (Western North Carolina Annual Conference), Dr. Ramsey (Memphis Annual Conference), and Dr. Crutchfield (CME Church) serve as the Directors and Associate Directors of the Methodist House of Studies. The Methodist House provides support for all of our UMC students at MTS by regular gatherings for fellowship and mutual learning. Recent gatherings have focused on topics that include hospital chaplaincy, clergy taxes, and the ordination process in the UMC. The faculty members associated with the MHOS also provide academic and vocational advising to all UMC, CME, and AME students at the Seminary.

Additionally, the MHOS has sponsored training for clergy covenant group leaders in the Tennessee and Memphis Annual Conferences during the past year, co-sponsored “Molding Christian Conversation in a Polarized Society: Beginning the Conversation about Same Sex Marriage and the UMC” with the Turner Center for Church Leadership, and co-sponsored retreats on “At Table: United Methodists Seeking a Way Forward” with the Turner Center for Church Leadership and the Tennessee and Memphis Annual

Conferences. Dr. Turner has also led various workshops on Methodist heritage at congregations in the greater Memphis area.

Currently, faculty members at the MHOS are developing a Continuing Education Certificate in Wesleyan Studies in partnership with the Mississippi Annual Conference, a council designed to facilitate dialogue between the various Pan-Methodist traditions, and we are assisting planning a Methodist-focused day at the Civil Rights Museum. In May of 2019, Dr. Turner will be leading a Wesleyan Pilgrimage to England. The trip will be open to students, alumni, and interested Methodists from the annual conferences we serve.

In addition to the work of the MHOS, Memphis Theological Seminary also has received a \$1,000,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to establish a Center for Pastoral Formation, Imagination and Leadership. This Center will better equip pastoral leaders in the field as well as students preparing for ministry to lead the church in the twenty first century. By way of this center we are determined to offer both students at the seminary and pastoral leaders in the field the resources they need to thrive in ministry. As with our Formation for Ministry program at the seminary we are committed to fostering an imagination and accountability for the challenges pastoral leaders are facing.

Also, in September the Seminary broke ground on the freestanding Hamilton Chapel. The 300-seat facility will likely be complete by Easter of 2019. The chapel was made possible in part by a \$3 million gift from Barbara Hamilton and her husband, the late Dr. Ralph Hamilton. Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton were prominent members of Germantown United Methodist Church. This year, Jeanne Varnell completed the \$500K pledge to support the Methodist House of Study that she and her late husband Henry pledged to the Ministry for the Real World Campaign.

We are grateful for the support of the Arkansas Annual Conference and for the many fine students who have attended MTS from Memphis over the years. We appreciate the confidence that the Conference places in MTS for preparation of United Methodist women and men for Christian ministry, and we welcome your ongoing involvement and prayers for Wesleyan studies at Memphis Theological Seminary. For ongoing information about the Methodist House of Studies, we invite you to visit us at [www.MethodistHouse.org](http://www.MethodistHouse.org).

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Dr. G. Lee Ramsey, Jr.**

**Methodist House of Studies, Director**

**Foster Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics**



### **Methodist Family Health**

Since 1899, Methodist Family Health has helped rebuild the lives of Arkansas children who are abandoned, abused, neglected and dealing with psychiatric, behavioral, emotional and spiritual issues. Our mission is to give the best possible care to those who may need our help and to treat the whole person: behaviorally, emotionally and spiritually. What started as the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage in Little Rock in the 19th century is today a comprehensive continuum of care offering services for children and their families in Arkansas.

Methodist Family Health serves thousands of children and families in 19 Arkansas cities. With more than 700 professionals on staff, Methodist Family Health can assess, admit, treat, teach and follow up with those in our care, providing stability, structure and hope where they may not have otherwise had any. We work as a team with the patient, her or his family and our professionals to bring about the best possible outcome after treatment.

These services include:

- Methodist Behavioral Hospital - a 60-bed hospital in Maumelle, which offers inpatient acute (short-term) care to children ages 3 to 17 and sub-acute (longer-term) care for children ages 6 to 11. If a child is a danger to himself, someone else or both, admission to the behavioral hospital can stabilize behavior so he can return home or to a less-restrictive environment.
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Centers - for children ages 6-17, residential treatment centers offer 24-hour therapeutic, planned, group living in a learning environment. Treatment plans include individualized psychotherapeutic intervention for each child in a less restrictive environment allowing for normalization of a child's surroundings.
- Therapeutic Group Homes – provide a family-like setting in the child's community by teaching-parents who are both foster parents and trained treatment professionals. Children ages 12 to 18 in our group homes receive necessary emotional and behavioral treatment so they can develop trusting relationships
- Emergency Shelter – the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) can utilize the emergency shelter at Methodist Family Health in Little Rock for temporary placement of children ages 6 to 12. Staffed 24-hours a day by trained behavioral instructors, the emergency shelter is a safe and structured home for children in danger of abuse, neglect, abandonment and exploitation. Children in the emergency shelter attend public school and participate in group home activities such as creating menus for the week, grocery shopping, preparing meals, tidying their rooms, etc.
- Day Treatment Programs - according to the Arkansas Department of Education, school-based day treatment is the most intensive, nonresidential program that can be provided over an extended period. It permits students and families access to community-based mental health services in conjunction with and integrated into a student's educational program. Methodist Family Health's Day Treatment Programs bring together at one site, and in a coordinated manner, a broad range of services designed to strengthen individual and family functioning, and prevent students from requiring more restrictive services.
- Outpatient and School-Based Counseling Clinics – provides convenient, comprehensive assessment and treatment services for behavioral, emotional, learning and adjustment issues. Includes holistic, trauma-informed, team approach to treatment, incorporates client and family participation, which is vital to the best outcome of treatment process, and resources include individual, family and group counseling; registered play therapists; grief and trauma specialists; psychologic testing including Autism Spectrum Disorders; medication consultation and management, board-certified psychiatrists and child psychiatrists; case management; behavior management planning and techniques; parent support and education; school-based counseling; and access to other outpatient, inpatient and residential treatment programs within Methodist Family Health.
- Arkansas Centers for Addictions Research, Education and Services (Arkansas CARES) – the only program Methodist Family Health offers to adults, Arkansas CARES is available to mothers of children up to 12 years old. Arkansas CARES is a prevention and treatment program for pregnant women and mothers who have a dual diagnosis of substance abuse and a mental health issue, and it provides an intensive, inpatient, three-month program to help mothers overcome addictions, become better parents and learn life skills. Those enrolled in the program can keep their children with them while they go through treatment.
- Kaleidoscope Grief Center - losing a loved one has a profound and lasting impact. The Kaleidoscope Grief Center serves grieving children, teens and their families and promotes healing through education, therapeutic and recreational services, support programs and counseling.

Methodist Family Health offers 24-hour, confidential, no-charge assessments for children and

adolescents in crisis, and we accept Medicaid and most private insurance.

Methodist Family Health also is the only behavioral health care system in Arkansas to utilize the Teaching-Family Model, a highly-structured treatment approach proven to be effective with troubled children. The model uses positive, non-punitive interactions to encourage behavior change and achieve positive outcomes.

In addition to the Teaching-Family Model, Methodist Family Health has on staff a new director of pastoral care, Amy Shores, who joined us in 2017. Amy offers a variety of ways for the children and their families in our care to know about God and Christianity, including Bible studies, spirituality services, devotionals and special events. We also have the Rev. Robert Regnier Memorial Camp and Bible Fund, which provides a summer camp experience to every youth in our residential treatment centers and group homes as well as a Bible to every client we serve who would like one.

None of the services, resources and care we provide would be possible without the support of the United Methodists in Arkansas. Your prayers, service and financial contributions make it possible for Methodist Family Health to help children and families know peace and stability. Understanding there are people they have never met who care about their well-being makes a positive difference in the outlook of the children we serve.

Methodist Family Health receives no apportioned funds from the Arkansas Conference, but the support of United Methodist congregations and individuals within our state is crucial to our mission. The Arkansas Conference has designated Methodist Family Health as a “supported organization” of the conference and allows us to tell the story of Methodist Family Health and collect a special offering in churches each December, which helps us continue our mission throughout the year.

Here are some ways churches, small groups and individuals can make a positive difference in the lives of children and families in our communities:

- Pray for the children, families, staff, volunteers and leaders of Methodist Family Health.
- Give funds via text at 501-254-6048, online at [MethodistFamily.org](http://MethodistFamily.org), over the phone at 501-906-4209 or through the mail at P.O. Box 56050, Little Rock, Arkansas 72215
- Contribute to Methodist Family Health through the annual Christmas Appeal and special offering in December or by making an annual contribution.
- Become an ambassador for Methodist Family Health in your church and community to educate church members and the community about our mission, programs, services and special events. For more information about the Ambassador program, contact Maggie Beeler at [mbeeler@methodistfamily.org](mailto:mbeeler@methodistfamily.org) or 501-906-4220.
- Invite Methodist Family Health to speak to your congregation, small group, Sunday School or church gathering. To arrange for a guest to visit your church, contact Maggie Beeler at [mbeeler@methodistfamily.org](mailto:mbeeler@methodistfamily.org) or 501-906-4220.
- Join the Get Up & Give Lenten Collection as a way to honor your neighbor. For a complete list of necessities, contact Kelli Reep at [kreep@methodistfamily.org](mailto:kreep@methodistfamily.org), call her at 501-906-4210 or visit the Get Up & Give page at [MethodistFamily.org](http://MethodistFamily.org).
- Participate in our fundraising events, such as Southern Silks in May and Bright Night in August. Cathey Henry at [chenry@methodistfamily.org](mailto:chenry@methodistfamily.org) or 501-906-4201 has details on both.
- Volunteer to help Methodist Family Health meet the needs of our clients throughout the state. For specific ways to help, contact Jamie Griffith at [jgriffith@methodistfamily.org](mailto:jgriffith@methodistfamily.org) or call 501-906-4209.

Methodist Family Health is proud of our heritage of caring for Arkansas’ children and families and carrying on the tradition the United Methodists of Arkansas began in 1899. Our hope is that United Methodists across the state consider Methodist Family Health a valuable resource, partner in our ministry and consider us an extension of your church’s outreach to children and families right here in Arkansas.

**Andy Altom, President & CEO  
Methodist Family Health**



## Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare

At Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, our mission is to collaborate with patients and their families to be the leader in providing high quality, cost-effective patient-and-family-centered care. Services will be provided in a manner which supports the health ministries and Social Principles of the United Methodist Church to benefit the communities we serve.

With 66,000 inpatient discharges and 390,000 emergency department visits in 2017, MLH continues to make a substantial impact on the health of the Mid-South. MLH is the second largest private employer in our community, employing nearly 14,000 associates, including 3,500 nurses. Our clinical areas of focus include cardiology, oncology, neurosciences, women's services, pediatrics, and transplant services. Our work is grounded in our mission. As a faith-based institution, the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church challenge us to provide potential for nurturing human beings into the fullness of their humanity and faith.

Leading MLH in this mission is our President and Chief Executive Officer, Michael Ugwueke, who assumed his current role in January 2017. Michael is leading the organization into new standards of excellence, clinically, financially, and faithfully. MLH now works with the DNV accrediting body to annually review our hospitals for the highest standards of quality, safety, and service. Michael also has led the team to select a new Senior Vice President of the Faith and Health Division after Rev. Dr. Harry Durbin's retirement in late 2017. We are very excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Albert Mosley as the new leader of the Division. Dr. Mosley has over 20 years of experience in faith-based leadership roles, many of them at leading United Methodist academic institutions like Bethune-Cookman University. Dr. Mosley brings considerable expertise to his new role, which oversees all of our Chaplaincy work, Volunteer Services, the Employee Assistance Program and Dennis H. Jones Living Well Network, the Clergy Coaching Network, Clinical Pastoral Education, the Center of Excellence in Faith and Health, United Methodist Annual Conference connections, and many other initiatives and projects.

MLH celebrates many recent accomplishments, including recognition for the second year in a row by Fortune magazine as one of the 100 best companies to work for in the nation. Also, in 2018 MLH celebrates its Centennial year! MLH first opened its doors to patients in 1918. The idea began in 1899 when John Sherard, a successful Mississippi farmer, came to Memphis and found his pastor in the charity ward of another institution and decided that Memphis should have a Methodist hospital. In 1909, the Board of Missions in the Memphis Conference recommended pursuit of a hospital, thus beginning the healing ministry of The United Methodist Church through a Memphis-based healthcare organization. MLH plans many remembrances, celebrations, and projects throughout 2018 in honor of this great history and looks forward to many future successes.

Our Faith & Health Division continues to provide significant and innovative service and programming. Our Chaplains and CPE students provide around the clock spiritual care services to all patients, families, and associates. We provide counseling and care through our Employee Assistance Program, and the Dennis H. Jones Living Well Network carries on the vital work of addressing mental health needs throughout our communities. The Center of Excellence in Faith and Health represents an innovative and impactful approach to healthcare and community connection not only in its physical location at Methodist University Hospital but in many ways throughout our system. We connect with students and professionals at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center through the work of the Faith Health Collaborative student group and the certificate course "Serving The Underserved" in partnership with Church Health. The Centennial year and a new Senior Vice President bring with them

the promise of new and exciting initiatives and ideas.

We are deeply appreciative of the support of the three annual conferences who birthed us and continue to be vital partners. The healing ministry of Christ continues to be at our center.

**Michael Ugwueke, President & CEO**



### **Ozark Mission Project**

Ozark Mission Project (OMP) is committed to a student leadership model, where young adults in college and graduate school lead our summer programs. We believe in this leadership model because it is powerful for campers to see and interact with Christian role models who are close to their own age. Over our 32 years of ministry, we have had many of our college leaders receive a calling to go in to full-time ministry because of the experience they had at Ozark Mission Project. Our past and present college leaders have helped transform lives through sharing the love of Jesus with our campers and neighbors.

At OMP, campers have the opportunity to do construction, painting, minor repair, yard work or partner with a local nonprofit in their community. We try to help our students understand that camp isn't about the project or for our own glory, but about building relationships with our neighbors through service, while spreading God's love. This past summer, we hosted 47 mission teams, which represented groups from Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

This January, we had 85 college students travel to Memphis to complete roofing, construction and painting projects for underserved neighborhoods. These students from Wesley Foundations across our state experienced ministry with Service Over Self.

Because of the impact missions has made on our middle school, high school and college age volunteers, we launched OMP 101. Through our partnership with St. Paul UMC, this day camp will be 3 days for students that have completed the 4th and 5th grade. At our children's camp, we use hands-on mission education to show them that no matter their age, they too can be a part of God's amazing work. Each year's mission theme educates children about new places and groups, with a focus on how to be a good neighbor. We still have spots available for our OMP 101 camps, which will take place in Little Rock July 23-25 and July 30-August 1.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus calls us to serve the least of these. Many times the families our campers serve don't have the physical or financial resources to do the projects themselves. Thankfully, because of our volunteer camp directors, college staff and volunteer staff, we are able to visit each neighbor and offer assistance.

If your church partners with us, THANK YOU. We hope to add more partners every year and expand our volunteer teams. We have a place for you at Ozark Mission Project. Some of our volunteer opportunities include cooking, construction, music, worship, design, programing and serving on our prayer teams.

For more information about becoming a host church, volunteering or sending a group to OMP, visit our website at [ozarkmissionproject.org](http://ozarkmissionproject.org) or call 501-664-3232.

**Bailey Faulkner**  
**Ozark Mission Project, Executive Director**





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## SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

### Perkins School of Theology

Perkins celebrates our vital connections with the Arkansas Annual Conference:

- Three (3) students affiliated with the Arkansas Annual Conference are enrolled at Perkins, all of whom are pursuing a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree.

Enrollment at Perkins for the 2017-18 academic year totals 312 students, including 31 enrolled in the Ph.D. program. Fall 2017 statistics reflect the following: 59% of our entire student population are United Methodist and more than 45 percent are ethnic minority students. Master's degree programs comprise approximately 43 percent male and 57 percent female students. The D.Min. program includes students from southern Asia taking classes in Dallas.

In 2017, Dr. Craig C. Hill completed his first year as Dean and Professor of New Testament at Perkins School of Theology. Under his leadership, a number of new initiatives have been launched, including new forms of outreach to churches and church leaders, deeper and more fruitful relationships with feeder colleges, new curricular and co-curricular initiatives, a staff council, the revamping of the D.Min. and Houston-Galveston Programs, additional staffing in critical areas, increased giving, additional financial aid, new uses of technology, and a program for United Methodists seeking ordination.

From the outset, Dean Hill has traveled throughout the South Central Jurisdiction to meet with clergy, laity, bishops, cabinets, and other leaders to strengthen partnerships and to share his vision for Perkins as “an academy for the whole church in the whole world.” During 2017, several bishops—with their cabinets—held meetings and retreats on the Perkins campus.

#### 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Fall 2017 admissions increased by a record 42.8 percent over the previous year with an incoming class of 80 students (excluding new D.Min. and Ph.D. students).
- Two new degree concentrations— “Church Management” and “Social Innovation and Nonprofit Engagement” —were launched in fall 2017 in partnership with SMU's Cox School of Business and Meadows School of the Arts. Available to students pursuing the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.M.) degrees, these unique concentrations are designed to strengthen future clergy in the area of church management and to equip those pursuing nontraditional forms of ministry that encourage social innovation.
- Current-use giving to Perkins increased 14% over 2016, making funds available to Dean Hill for immediate needs.
- Dr. Isabel Docampo, associate director of the Perkins Intern Program and professor of Supervised Ministry since 1997, was named director of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions, effective June 1. In Fall 2017, Dr. Docampo ushered in the first cohort of eight students (from Brazil, Venezuela, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Peru, Chile, Cuba and Mexico, serving in the U.S. or in their home countries) in Perkins' new Spanish-language Master of Theology degree program—the only one of its kind offered by a United Methodist School of Theology. Funding for the students is part of a three-year, \$500,000 grant made to the Center by The Henry Luce Foundation's Theology program.
- Tracy Anne Allred was named to the new position of Assistant Dean of Student Life and Director of Community Engagement effective June 1. Key areas of responsibility include implementing plans for the nurturing of community life at Perkins for students, faculty, and staff, serving as liaison to the newly formed Perkins Staff Council, and developing connections with a wide range of creative ministries in the North Texas and Houston-Galveston areas.

- Rev. Dr. Margot Perez-Greene, a higher-education professional with more than 20 years of administrative experience, was appointed Associate Dean for Enrollment Management effective July 1. A 2011 M.Div. graduate of Perkins School of Theology, she is an ordained Elder in the Rio Texas Annual Conference. Dr. Perez-Greene earned a B.A. degree from St. Edwards University, an M.A. degree from Arizona State University, and the Ph.D. degree in Educational Administration from The University of Texas at Austin. In this new role, she is responsible for crafting a vision for Perkins' recruitment and admissions strategies, identifying and reaching out to prospective students for the school's masters' and doctoral degrees. Additionally, she leads a staff responsible for all phases of recruitment, retention and financial aid as well as cultivating relationships with key ordained and lay church leaders to assist those called to ministry through the admissions process.
- A new scholarship program geared toward attracting outstanding Master of Divinity students was launched in 2017. The first 10 Perkins Scholars, each of whom received a three-year scholarship commitment, were named for the 2017-18 academic year. A total goal of \$630,000 in funding will provide for an anticipated 10 additional scholarships for fall 2018 and another 10 for the fall 2019. When the program is fully operational there will be 30 Perkins Scholars in the student body. Combined with additional financial aid, this program provides nearly full scholarships for these highly skilled servant leaders.
- The Fall 2017 Convocation, which drew record crowds of clergy, laity and prospective students to the SMU campus Nov. 13-14, featured bestselling author Anne Lamott, Rev. Dr. Amos Yong, professor of theology and mission and the director of the Center for Missiological Research at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and noted biblical scholar Rev. Dr. N.T. Wright, a professor of New Testament and early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland.
- A new curriculum was adopted for fall 2018 by the SMU Board of Trustees in December for the Perkins Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree program. The new curriculum, under the direction of program director Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, includes a 30-hour graduation requirement; degree completion in three years; intensive peer group interaction and learning; and concentrations in Vocational Director, Organizational Leadership, and Community Building.
- In an effort to deepen relationships between Perkins and undergraduate college and universities, new partnerships in the form of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) have been launched in 2017-18. Formal agreements have been signed with historically United Methodist institutions including Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana; Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas; McMurry University in Abilene, Texas; Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas; and Presbyterian-related Austin College in Sherman, Texas (with more pending at the time of this writing). These MOUs establish a preferred pathway for graduates of the institutions interested in pursuing ministerial vocations at the graduate level, granting preferred consideration and early acceptance to Perkins School of Theology for students pursuing ministerial vocations. The agreement also states that the undergraduate institutions and Perkins will encourage new opportunities for future cooperation.
- Two Perkins alumni are enrolled in the DTM (Diploma in Theology for Ministry) at Wesley House, Cambridge—a member institution of the Cambridge (UK) University Theological Federation—as part of a new partnership between Perkins and Wesley House. The students participating in the nine-month program, which integrates academic study with a focus on pastoral ministry, are part of an international cohort.
- Dr. C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and director of the Sacred Music and Doctor of Pastoral Music (D.P.M.) programs at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, retired from full-time teaching in 2017 after 25 years on the SMU faculty. Dr. Hawn continues to administer and teach in the (D.P.M.) program.
- In 2017, SMU launched a three-year current-use giving campaign called Pony Power, with a goal of raising \$150 million over three years for the University in current-use giving. The University's goal

for 2017-18 is \$45 million. Perkins' goal for this fiscal year, which ends May 31, 2018, is \$2.8 million. Perkins donors are asked to consider making a three-year pledge to a current-use project at Perkins. The areas of greatest need are 1.) the SMU Fund for Perkins, which is used by Dean Hill at his discretion, and 2.) Perkins student financial aid.

Perkins School of Theology is committed to those called to serve so that they might be empowered to lead. We thank our many colleagues, friends and alumni/ae across the connection for their generous support, including referrals of prospective students, as we continue our vital mission of preparing women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry.

Grace and Peace,  
Craig C. Hill

Dean and Professor of New Testament



## Philander Smith College

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students of Philander Smith College (PSC), I greet each of you as you gather for the Arkansas Annual Conference. Furthermore, we thank you for all you've done to aid us in our quest "to graduate academically accomplished students grounded as advocates for social justice determined to change the world for the better."

### Introduction

I am pleased to submit this report to the Arkansas United Methodist Annual Conference as an accounting of my stewardship as President and Chief Executive Officer of Philander Smith College. In 2017, Philander Smith College celebrated 140 years of providing access to quality educational opportunities. Since 1877, Philander has served as a beacon of hope and faith for many generations of students. We commemorated this milestone with a year-long celebration of our commitment to faith, learning and community. With an overarching theme of Moving the Legacy Forward, the College Community enjoyed myriad opportunities to reflect upon and recommit to Philander Smith's historic and unique mission. In the midst of celebration, the College also recorded several major achievements, including a 60% increase in students enrolled in the S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program from summer 2016 to summer 2017; hosted the inaugural Summer Youth Theological Institute, which is supported by a grant funded through the Lilly Foundation; launched the College's first ever fully-online degree program in Criminal Justice; realized an enrollment of 891 students in the 2017 Fall Semester; and launched ten initiatives to improve the PSC Student Experience. Each of these measures provided great returns on investment which continue to yield dividends. Additionally, we look forward to the continued implementation of the College's 10-Year Long-Range Strategic Plan which is set to guide Philander Smith's return to national prominence and international acclaim.

### Priorities for United Methodist Conference Funding

The funds received by Philander Smith College were used to support the activities and programs offered through the Office of Religious Life and Campus Culture. Through the Office of Religious Life

and Campus Culture, the College offered a wide variety of engagement opportunities for students, faculty and staff. In its second year, the Campus Culture Transformation Initiative continued to be the vehicle for advancing a deep cleansing to rid the Campus Community of toxic cultural elements. The Campus Culture Transformation Initiative also supports scholarships, programs and other professional development seminars focused on faith and justice. In 2017, the Office of Religious Life and Campus Culture also maintained its tradition of implementing the annual Religious Emphasis Week, community health fairs, and domestic violence seminars within the Philander Smith College Community.

### 1. **Philander Smith College Campus Culture Transformative Initiative (CCTI)**

The Philander Smith College Campus Culture Initiative creates a culture of high performance and high expectations with a campus-wide persistence of spiritual values, mutual respect, and appreciation of differences. The Campus Culture Transformation Initiative facilitates a campus-wide assessment of perceptions, morals, values and willingness to change. The CCTI focuses on the following:

- Modeling Christ-Like Values and Principles
- The Evolution of the Philander Man and the Philander Woman
- Creating a Servant Leadership and Discipleship Model
- The Urbanization of Spirituality in a 21st Century Liberal Arts Environment
- Developing a PSC Ambassadors Program

In 2017, the College continued its commitment to advancing the CCTI through several professional development workshops in collaboration with the Auburn Theological Seminary. Through a lens of faith and justice, Auburn has committed to leading intentional dialogue and reflective activities to improve the CCTI outcomes. Additionally, along with its Seven Timeless Human Values, Philander Smith College continues to uphold the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church which serve as primary guides through which the CCTI is implemented.

### 2. **Scholarships for Students**

Through this funding, PSC strives to create a diverse pool of scholarship funding that will not only be awarded to students based on academic merit and need, but also on “potential” for civic and community leadership and engagement, as well as the potential of one’s interest in entering the Christian Ministry.

### 3. **Ongoing Support of Religious Life Activities**

- The Office of Religious Life
  - Salaries & Benefits
  - Weekly Chapel Services
  - Student Participation in United Methodist Church Conferences
  - Religious Emphasis Week Activities
  - Health Services / Community Outreach
  - Community Health Fairs
  - Domestic Violence Seminars
  - Other
  - Dollars-for-Scholars Program
  - In-Kind Facility Usage
  - Bless the Mic Lecture Series
  - Baccalaureate Service

Philander Smith College, through the Office of Religious Life and Campus Culture, exposes students, faculty, staff and the community to the teachings and unconditional love of Jesus Christ and the United Methodist Church. Weekly Chapel Services, community outreach (Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week), and sending students on Seminary visits are just a few experiences our students are provided which strengthen spiritual awareness and growth. In 2017, reports indicate that there were twelve (12) Philander Smith College graduates who served as African American Clergy within the United Methodist Church. Clergy appointments included state-wide appointments through the Arkansas Conference, as well as appointments in other jurisdictions.

Historically, a large majority of PSC's students qualify for the Federal Pell Grant Program. With an average gross family income of less than \$25,000, Philander Smith College gives students an opportunity for a college education that many of them would not have otherwise. The strong religious emphasis and the nurturing care the students receive from the College build relationships that help the students to grow spiritually. In recent years, the College has seen an increase in the number of enrolled students who come with limited religious and spiritual experiences or who have never attended church. Remaining steadfast to our roots, PSC continues to provide an opportunity for young adults to experience Jesus Christ – be it for the first time or in the maturation of one's faith experience. Philander Smith welcomes its students into a family which is designed to help them build the solid foundations necessary to achieve their life-long personal, professional and spiritual goals. Through our S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program Christian Scholars Track – which is our most active and successful Scholar Track, students engage in a year-long immersive curricular and co-curricular experience. Our student ministers also have a new-found identity in the "Preachers of Philander," a registered student organization focused on cultivating and nurturing students who desire to pursue work in the ministry. These experiences, which are deeply rooted in the United Methodist faith tradition, have yielded much success for the College as we continue our commitment to building spiritual awareness, expanding knowledge, and developing disciples for Jesus Christ.

In addition to our internal work with students, Philander Smith College remains committed to community-wide outreach. In 2017, we were pleased to revive a long-standing community outreach program through our Clergy Empowerment Luncheon. The Luncheon, which had not been hosted in several years, aims to bring together local clergy from various Christian denominations to promote connection and engagement while exploring the community's spiritual needs. With a wide-range of denominations in attendance, the Luncheon was well-attended and well-received. Philander Smith College was also pleased to serve as the host site for the South Central Jurisdiction of Black Methodists for Church Renewal's 2017 Annual Meeting. Through these partnerships and collaborations, the College continues its work in promoting and maintaining spirituality as one of its core principles.

#### **Philander Institutional Successes**

2017 marked the third year of my tenure as President of Philander Smith College. In years one and two of this administration, we dedicated intentional time and effort to thoroughly review and assess each functional area and the College's operational capacity. In year two, the Board of Trustees approved the College's Ten-Year Long-Range Strategic Plan (2016-2026). This milestone created a pathway to fully execute the Philander Forward Movement in very tangible and actionable ways in year three. While we continue to face financial and other challenges along the way, I remain confident that God's Grace remains steadfast in our work and in our Ministry. I am pleased to share the following "Points of Pride" related to our Forward Movement beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017:

- Philander Smith College had two students named Lina H. McCord Summer Interns for 2017. PSC Sophomore Russell Williams, III and PSC Senior Tiaara Anderson were among the eight-student cohort for the 2017 Summer Intern Program.
- The 3rd Annual President's Scholarship was a tremendous success. Through these efforts, we raised \$430,000 that will be dedicated to student scholarships.
- In November 2017, the College successfully hosted the 3rd Annual Legislative Reception with more than 30 Arkansas Legislators in attendance, as well as Governor Asa Hutchinson who delivered special remarks.
- Chartering into new territories, PSC launched the Online Criminal Justice Degree Program and implemented a fully-online session of course offerings during the summer of 2017.
- In 2017, PSC completed its re-imagining of the Social Justice Institute, which resulted in the creation of the Social Justice Initiative Blueprint which will guide the efforts of the Institute as the College seeks to establish a footprint in the social justice space locally, regionally and nationally.
- Three PSC Scholars received scholarships from the Rotary Club of Little Rock at its April 2017 Meeting. Seniors Lauriel Colebrooke, Felix Kyere and Tiara Harris received scholarships of

\$1,500.00.

- The Philander Smith College Campus Community welcomed over 480 prospective students and an additional 200 guests in April 2017 for Preview Day. Prospective students traveled from Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin to attend this event designed to introduce them to the College.
- In April 2017, more than 70 companies and universities participated in the Annual College and Career Fair at Philander Smith College. This was the largest fair in recent history. Notable vendors included Teach for America, Southern University Law Center, City of Jacksonville, and First Orion/Privacy Star.
- The College secured a grant in the amount of \$26,400 from Entergy Arkansas to develop PSC's Minority Engineering Program, as well as \$250,000 in seed money to establish the Oscar Washington Endowed Professorship in Engineering.
- The College's Workforce Innovation and Strategic Economic Public Private Partnerships (WISE-P3) Program successfully hosted and completed its first cohort of students in the Arkansas Coding Academy in March of 2017. A total of 14 students participated and completed the program (which was above our original projections of 12 students in Cohort 1).
- In partnership with Academic Affairs, the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management secured a \$25,000 grant from the United Negro College Fund's Institute for Capacity Building Discrete Technical Assistance Program to support student retention initiatives.
- The Division of Academic Affairs began implementation of courses for the new curricular concentrations, including Healthcare Administration, Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Management, Health Information Systems, and Cybersecurity.
- Through a unique opportunity with the Kresge Foundation, the College successfully secured a little over \$200,000 in funds for a \$200,000 matching opportunity with the Kresge Foundation to establish an endowment for the Social Justice Institute.
- In 2017, Philander Smith College served as host institution to thirteen (13) scholars receiving scholarships through the United Methodist Church's Dollars for Scholars Program.
- The College's Enrollment Management efforts yielded a total headcount of 891 students for the 2017 Fall Academic Term, which represents an increase of 16.6% from the 2016 Fall Academic Term. These figures place Philander Smith College as the second fastest growing institution in the State of Arkansas, and the fastest growing four-year institution (public or private) in the State of Arkansas.
- As we work to expand our footprint in the justice space, the Social Justice Institute, Auburn Theological Seminary and Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation collaborated to host a live combined face-to-face panel and webinar on Race and Disaster Relief. This event focused on the recovery efforts resulting from Hurricanes Harvey, Jose and Maria, and the impact on marginalized populations.
- In the fall of 2017, the College's Athletic Department introduced and hosted the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet. Four former student-athletes were honored and inducted: Ret. Major Julia Lewis, Missouri Arledge-Morris, Elijah Pitts, and Hubert "Geese" Ausbie.
- The Office of Religious Life and Campus Culture, in partnership with Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, successfully hosted the 2017 Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which brought forth record participation amongst students and philanthropic efforts. Over 6,000 meals were packed through the Pack Shack Program, which exceeded last year's mark by 1,000 meals. In addition, over 160 baskets were distributed to families to diminish their food insecurity during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### Conclusion

By intentionally reflecting on our progress and our future, I am reminded of the goodness of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As I ended the third year of my presidency with the conclusion of 2017, I reflected on how I would continue to engage in this great work. God has been good to Philander Smith College!

His grace has been a continuous presence in all of our endeavors. God has blessed me with this special ministry; with the opportunity to impact a generation of scholars; and with a mandate to reclaim Philander Smith College's place as a leading institution of higher education. I sincerely believe that our 10-Year Long-Range Strategic Plan will guide us; that our unique mission will sustain us; and that God will always provide for us. The work ahead remains challenging, but not impossible. As we affirm our deeply-rooted faith traditions and connection to the United Methodist Church, we will continue to build with intention and believe without condition. Our faith in God has called us to greater heights of excellence as a beacon of hope, advocacy and opportunity. I have declared 2018 as our Year of Action. Our time is now; it is Philander Smith College's time to act boldly and strategically. Our future is clearly articulated in our vision. We must, and we will, continue to Move Philander Forward!

**Roderick Smothers, Sr., Ph.D.**  
President



### Saint Paul School of Theology

Saint Paul School of Theology is a seminary of the United Methodist Church committed to the formation of people for innovative, creative ministry. We are one institution with two campuses, in Kansas and Oklahoma.

This past 2017-2018 academic year, Saint Paul enrolled 117 students in the master and doctoral degree programs. The Saint Paul Course of Study School educated 261 students in Kansas City, KS; Hays, KS; Oklahoma City, OK; and Springfield, MO.

Saint Paul School of Theology announced a new FLEX schedule for theological education starting Fall 2018. Seminarians will receive a more Flexible Learning Experience that combines convenience and community opportunities with intentional academic scheduling. Students can take a mixture of online, on-campus, and hybrid (blended online and on-campus) courses to complete the required curriculum. One FOCUS week will be scheduled each semester for hybrid and on-campus students. They will come together with faculty and skilled practitioners to participate in spiritual formation retreats, practicums that teach ministry skills (i.e. funeral planning, technology in worship, financial reporting), and community activities.

The Board of Trustees and president set into motion a new scholarship initiative. Every entering, full-time, master's degree student at Saint Paul will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for the 2018 seminary year. This broad opportunity is the most recent effort to reduce student indebtedness.

Seminary partner, United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, will offer a three-year, full-ride scholarship beginning 2018-2019 academic year. The Resurrection Fellow will have a hands-on, paid internship with a ministry mentor to learn ministry skills in evangelism, worship, pastoral care, and discipleship.

Dr. Amy Oden, Professor of Early Church History and Spirituality, at Saint Paul at Oklahoma City University received the 2017 GBHEM Exemplary Teacher Award. Her book entitled, *Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness* examines how Christian mindfulness practices begin with the teachings of Jesus and continue throughout Christian history. Oden includes step-by-step instructions for practicing Christian mindfulness today.

Dr. Mike Graves, William K. McElvany Professor of Preaching and Worship, published a book in October entitled *Table Talk: Rethinking Communion and Community*. *Table Talk* explores communion practices and a new way of doing church that is catching on around the world. Dr. Graves writes about the dinner church movement and ways that it is carried out.

Seminary partner, Oklahoma City University, dedicated a classroom in the W. Angie Smith Chapel building to honor retired Oklahoma UM Bishop Robert Hayes, Jr. A plaque on the classroom door recognizes Hayes for his many years of service to both the seminary and university. He returned to Saint Paul at Oklahoma City University this year to teach, preach, and serve as Bishop-in-Residence.

The Saint Paul trustees, faculty, staff, and students thank you for your interest, prayers and support.

**Heather Snodgrass**  
**Director of Communications**



### **Southern Methodist University**

More than 100 years ago the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had the foresight to understand what a great institution of higher education could mean for the ambitious young city of Dallas. Southern Methodist University continues to mark exciting developments as students and faculty pursue opportunities that provide a platform for making global impact. Recent highlights include:

In fall 2017 SMU's total enrollment of 11,789 included 6,452 undergraduates and 5,337 graduate students. Ethnic minority students made up 26 percent of total enrollment. An international enrollment of 1,785 (more than 15 percent of total enrollment) represented 88 foreign countries.

SMU ranks among the nation's best universities. In the 2017 U.S. News & World Report listings, SMU ranks among the top 20 percent of the "best national universities." Several individual schools and academic programs also earned national rankings.

SMU received \$22 million in external funding during 2016-17 for research in the U.S. and worldwide. Current research subjects include the search for dark matter, natural hazards, water quality, cyber security, data analytics, learning disabilities, human performance, immigration, treatments for cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, diabetes, anxiety and depression.

In December, SMU received a \$1 million gift from the Moody Foundation, which will support renovation of Meadows School of the Arts facilities and key education research by Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development. Also, a \$15 million gift received from the Nancy Ann Hunt Foundation (a supporting organization of the Communities Foundation of Texas) will ensure the long-term support of SMU's Hunt Leadership Scholars Program, one of the University's signature scholarship programs attracting academically talented student leaders from throughout the United States to SMU.

Last February, Elena D. Hicks began her post as SMU's new dean of undergraduate admission. Hicks came to SMU from Loyola University Maryland where she was dean of admission. In July, Kenechukwu (K.C.) Mmeje began his post as SMU's vice president for student affairs. He had been assistant vice president and dean of students at Loyola University Chicago. In August, Matthew B. Myers became dean of SMU's Cox School of Business. Myers had been dean at the Farmer School of Business at Miami University of Ohio. SMU Cox's previous dean, Albert W. Niemi Jr., has transitioned to full-time teaching. Also in August, Stephanie L. Knight, a nationally recognized education leader, researcher and professor, began as dean of SMU's Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development. She came to SMU from the College of Education at Pennsylvania State University where she had been associate dean and professor of education.

SMU faculty honored in 2017 include Mark Chancey, professor of religious studies at SMU's



Dedman College, and Adam Herring, professor of art history at Meadows School of the Arts, who each received prestigious Guggenheim Fellowships in recognition of their achievement and exceptional promise. Also, noted SMU anthropologist Caroline Brettell was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Brettell's research focuses on ethnicity, migration and the immigrant experience. Much of Brettell's work has focused on the Dallas-Fort Worth region as a new immigration gateway city, especially on how immigrants practice citizenship and civic engagement as they meld into existing economic, social and political structures.

Biochemistry professors Pia Vogel and John Wise in the SMU Department of Biological Sciences, and Corey Clark, deputy director of research at SMU Guildhall, are leading the SMU assault on cancer in partnership with fans of the popular best-selling video game "Minecraft." The professors expect to make progress in their quest to narrow the search for chemical compounds that improve the effectiveness of chemotherapy drugs. Wise and Vogel have tapped the high performance computing power of SMU's ManeFrame, one of the top 20 most powerful academic supercomputers in the nation. With ManeFrame, Wise and Vogel have sorted through millions of compounds that have the potential to work. Now the biochemists are taking that research to the next level — crowdsourced computing. A network of gamers can crunch massive amounts of data during routine gameplay by pairing two powerful weapons: the best of human intuition combined with the massive computing power of networked gaming machine processors.

In May, Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., the director of the National Institutes of Health who may be best known for leading the Human Genome Project (HGP), addressed SMU students during the 103rd all-University Commencement ceremony. Dr. Collins' personal research efforts led to the isolation of the genes responsible for cystic fibrosis, neurofibromatosis, Huntington's disease and Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome. As NIH director, he oversees the work of the largest institutional supporter of biomedical research in the world. As an innovative evolutionary geneticist and a devout Christian, Collins has written about the integration of logic and belief including the books *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief* (2006) and *The Language of Life: DNA and the Revolution in Personalized Medicine* (2011).

SMU treasures its Methodist heritage, and we ask for your continued prayers and support

**R. Gerald Turner**  
President



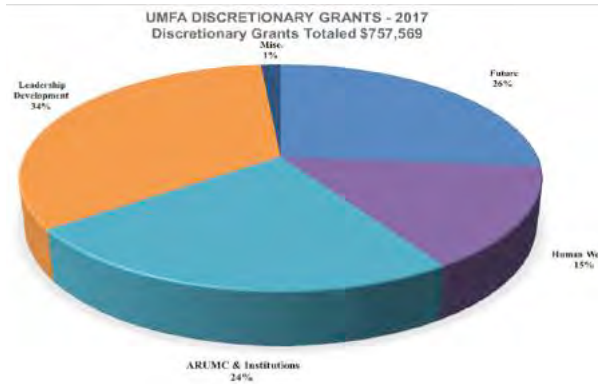
**The United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas**

### **United Methodist Foundation**

The United Methodist Foundation made significant grants to improve ministries of the Conference, experienced two-pronged financial growth, began construction of a new headquarters building, and welcomed Rev. Adam Hamilton to Arkansas in 2017.

#### **GRANTS**

Grants from the United Methodist Foundation continued to make a dramatic impact on the United Methodist Church in Arkansas. Of the \$5.5 million in grants made to support ministry, more than \$757,000 were made at the discretion of the Foundation's board to high priority areas such as leadership development, education, Conference institutions, and human welfare.



UMFA made a \$250,000 challenge grant to match gifts from the Conference to support renovation of facilities at Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas, a United Methodist high school for Hispanic students. The third installment of the \$200,000 grant in support of the new student center at Philander Smith was made, as was the second installment of the \$150,000 grant to Hendrix College to underwrite their new Welcome Center.

An \$80,000 UMFA grant enabled 100 clergy and lay leaders to attend the Leadership Institute at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The Foundation has now provided a total of 34 full scholarships to Arkansas students who attend a United Methodist seminary and return to serve local churches in our Conference. In addition, 49 \$1,000 scholarships were awarded through the Dollars for Scholars Program that supports students who attend United Methodist colleges and universities.

**ASSETS**

Two primary factors drove dynamic asset growth in UMFA assets in 2017. The appreciation of market value of assets under management at the Foundation along with new charitable gifts received from Arkansas United Methodists resulted in a 17 percent increase in assets to \$165 million. The Foundation remains the sixth largest United Methodist Foundation in the country.



UMFA completed its sixth year of partnership with Wespeth Investment Management, a United

Methodist agency that is also responsible for managing \$22 billion in UMC pension assets. Wespath's performance and service have been excellent, and their efforts in socially-responsible investments are unmatched. A February 2018 Investment Forum hosted by the Foundation featured speakers from Wespath.

#### **NEW HEADQUARTERS**

Ground recently was broken for a new UMFA office building in west Little Rock that is expected to be completed in late 2018. The facility will provide space for office and storage expansion, resolve parking issues, and include a center for lay and clergy training activities. The Lusk Training Center at the new building is being funded by a \$1 million gift from John and Becki Lusk of El Dorado.



#### **VENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Called the most influential teacher in the United Methodist church today, Rev. Adam Hamilton taught a workshop for young pastors and was the keynote speaker at the 2017 UMFA Bishops' Club Luncheon. Rev. Hamilton, founding pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, spoke to Bishops' Club members on gratitude and its connection to generosity.

In February of both 2017 and 2018, UMFA hosted visits to Lydia Patterson Institute to explore ways our Conference can support the capital campaign for this educational institution of the South Central Jurisdiction.

A record number of attorneys attended the annual Lawyers Conference in September of 2017. In addition to earning free Continuing Legal Education credits, participants gained confidence in their ability to help their local churches and develop legal resources to call upon when needed.

The Foundation continues to conduct Provide and Protect seminars on estate planning, provide training on developing local church endowment funds, and visit local churches regarding investment management services. More than 15,000 United Methodists throughout the state receive the News You Can Use or GiftLaw e-newsletter and more than 16,000 receive the Legacies newsletter.

This past year was a fruitful one for the Foundation. The faith and generosity of UMFA donors and supporters made our efforts successful.

**James B. Argue, Jr.**  
President and CEO



### United Theological Seminary

*“Now to Him who by the power of God at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...” — Ephesians 3:20*

United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, celebrated a 77% increase in new students for the fall of 2017. While 71 new students enrolled in September 2016, 126 new students enrolled in September 2017. This was made possible by increasing student aid opportunities and empowering faculty members, trustees and administrators to personally recommend candidates for a \$5,000 grant toward tuition. United experienced God’s provision, trusting what God said through St. Paul: “[God] is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20).

Many of the seminary’s new students are current pastors who want to become more effective leaders for the Church through a Doctor of Ministry degree. United’s Doctor of Ministry program has 170 students enrolled this year from 29 states, 2 non-US countries and 27 Christian denominations. The average number of doctoral students in all Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is 60 students, making United one of the largest Doctor of Ministry programs among ATS member schools.

The Doctor of Ministry program provides academic rigor, peer group support, spiritual growth and practical application. Pastors identify a need within their community and, with the support of a peer group, mentor and United faculty, they develop a model of ministry that will resolve the challenge in their congregations or communities.

Rev. Rudy Rasmus, pastor of the 9,000-member St. John’s United Methodist Church in downtown Houston is a current doctoral student, who says he has been both challenged and supported in the DMin program. “The program is rigorous,” Rev. Rasmus says. “It is contextual, it is intentional and the professors and staff are at the top of the form.”

United also has 212 students enrolled in the Master of Divinity degree program who usually seek to serve as pastors in local congregations. 88% of entering students are ordained or seeking ordination to serve a local congregation compared to 56% in other ATS member schools.

United also provides a two-year Master of Arts in Christian Ministries degree, which many persons serving as Directors of Christian Education or other local church positions pursue.

United provides flexible course options: 90% of students take at least one course online, and courses are also available as traditional on-campus courses, week-long on-campus intensive classes and virtual courses that meet simultaneously on campus and in the cloud via webcast.

If you are interested in pursuing further seminary education, contact United’s Office of Admissions at [admissions@united.edu](mailto:admissions@united.edu) or call 800-322-5817.

**Grace and Peace,  
Dr. Kent Millard  
President, United Theological Seminary**



## Wesley Theological Seminary

Wesley Theological Seminary, located in Washington, D.C., continues to equip the next generation of Christian leadership for the church and the world. As a United Methodist seminary, we form students to lead innovative ministries while remaining grounded in our biblical and theological traditions.

Whether you are clergy or laity, an alumnus or a prospective student, looking for master's or doctoral work or continuing education or simply deeper biblical knowledge, Wesley wants to support you in your current and future call to ministry. Here are a few ways Wesley can help you grow in faith, wisdom, and ability.

### Expand your leadership skills

Wesley's internationally respected Lewis Center for Church Leadership is a key resource for cutting-edge church research and disciple-growing strategies for the local church. Under the directorship of the Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr., the Lewis Center's Leading Ideas e-newsletter, reaching almost 20,000 people in ministry each week, has launched its new podcast – Leading Ideas Talk. Sign up or listen at [www.churchleadership.com/](http://www.churchleadership.com/)

The Institute for Community Engagement at Wesley continues its innovative online Health Minister Certificate Program from Heal the Sick to prepare congregations for public health work in their parishes. Some scholarships are available for this program. Contact Tom Pruski at [tpruski@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:tpruski@wesleyseminary.edu) for more information or to register for future certificate classes.

Wesley also offers opportunities for individual study without pursuing a degree. The Certificate in Faith and Public Life explores the foundations of public theology, religious freedom, and civil discourse through graduate courses. For more information, visit [www.wesleyseminary.edu/fpli](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/fpli).

A Certificate in Wesleyan Studies is available online via the Wesley Theological Seminary Lay Academy. Topics include United Methodist identity, early church history, Christian ethics, interfaith relations, and the intersection of faith and science. The courses can also be taken for personal education and enrichment. More information can be found at [www.beadisciple.com/wesley/](http://www.beadisciple.com/wesley/).

### Take your ministry to the next level

Wesley continues to be a leader in Doctor of Ministry programs, offering practical and spiritually renewing tracks in theological education. Wesley announces an exciting new 2019 Doctor of Ministry track, in partnership with Wesley House in Cambridge, UK: "Winds of the Spirit and Ministries for a Changing World." Other 2019 tracks will include Church Excellence, Spirituality and Story, a 13th Global Asian Church track and Public Engagement: Healing Communal Brokenness and Despair. Find out more or apply at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctorofministry/](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctorofministry/).

### Discover exciting pathways to seminary studies

Wesley understands the struggle of responsibly accepting your call while being concerned about balancing life, family, ministry and student debt. We are here to help make responding to that call possible. Through our partnership with Shenandoah University and our new 3+3 Fast Track B.A./M.Div. program, students enter ministry with less debt after earning their degree in 6 years. Learn more at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/3+3degrees](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/3+3degrees).

Wesley's Master of Divinity degree can now be completed via online, weekend, short-term intensive, and weeknight courses in 5 years. This format is designed to be more accessible to those with busy ministry, work, and/or family commitments throughout the region. Check out upcoming flexible course offerings for summer and fall 2018 at <http://w.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-3/>

The new African American Church Studies Master of Divinity specialization gives contextual preparation for the unique opportunities and challenges our future leaders may encounter in African American churches, while the Public Theology specialization allows master's degree students to gain skills for community leadership and advocacy. Wesley continues to offer our 36-hour Master of Arts and a 60-hour Master of Theological Studies to equip those called to ordained deacon ministries or to other ministries beyond the pulpit.

Contact us at (202) 885-8659 or [admissions@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:admissions@wesleyseminary.edu) about how Wesley's degree programs can equip you for your next step in ministry.

**Enrich your congregational outreach and explore new dimensions of ministry**

Through the Wesley Innovation Hub, Wesley is working with 20 local congregations to design innovative ministries to enrich the religious lives of young adults. Follow the work and connect with resources at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/wesley-innovation-hub/](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/wesley-innovation-hub/). The Wesley Innovation Hub is made possible by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment.

In a time of polarization, the Center for Public Theology, under the leadership of Distinguished Professor of Public Theology Mike McCurry, continues to equip pastors, seminarians, people of faith, and the media to create spaces for civil dialogue at the intersection of religion and politics. The Center also provides events, such as the Wesleyan Political Theology Project, to help faith leaders lead prophetic, open dialogue in their communities. For more information, visit <http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/public-theology/>.

The Luce Center for Arts and Religion remains the only seminary-based program uniting arts and theology. The Luce Center offers regular classes and workshops with visiting artists. For information on past and upcoming opportunities visit [www.luceartsandreligion.org](http://www.luceartsandreligion.org).

**Stay connected**

Ready to join in our mission? Wesley provides more than \$2 million dollars annually in scholarships to our students thanks to the consistent support of graduates, congregations and friends of the seminary. Find out more about how you can be part of the future of Wesley at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/support/](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/support/).

We invite you to stay in touch through the year and learn more of the latest developments at Wesley by signing up for our monthly electronic newsletter, eCalling, at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/ecalling](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ecalling).

We look forward to continuing to serve you and your community as we seek to live into God's dream together. Blessings to you for a fruitful and faithful Annual Conference.

**The Rev. Dr. David McAllister-Wilson**  
President



**New local pastor Andrew Smith with his parents, Rev. Roy and Sandy Smith**



# Memorials





### **Thomas Alonzo Abney, 1929-2018**

Thomas Alonzo Abney, age 88, retired elder, passed away April 22, 2018, at the Gardner Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Star City, Arkansas. He was born to the late Thomas Mark and Willa Lone Abney in Houston, Texas. He served United Methodist congregations in Texas and Arkansas. He was a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University and also held degrees from the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University. He began his ministry as a student local pastor in 1957. His appointments in the former Little Rock Conference included Malvern, Ashdown, Camden-Fairview, University of Arkansas at Monticello Wesley Foundation, Monticello First and Wilmar. He retired in 1994. He served as conference secretary of the Little Rock Conference for a number of years. He was a recipient of the 1984-85 Hendrix College Ethel K. Millar Award for Religion and Social Awareness.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Joyce, his parents, a son, Alford Thomas Abney, and a granddaughter, Anna Elizabeth Abney. Survivors include two sons, Mark C. Abney and wife Teresa of Wilmar, and Timothy E. Abney and wife Diana of Sherwood; two daughters, Linda G. Pierce of Sapulpa, OK, and Rebecca L. Davison and husband Ross of Springdale; a daughter-in-law, Peggy Abney of Star City; a brother, Brian M. Abney of Star City; a sister, Jean Ludwig of Henderson, Texas; and two stepsisters, Gloria Levingston of Houston, Texas, and Twila Thurman of La Grange, Texas; as well 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held April 28 at Rock Springs United Methodist Church.

### **Lois Ann Stone Anderson, 1934-2017**

Lois Ann Stone Anderson, 83, died July 16, 2017. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 9, 1934 to Merle Clinton and Clara Mary Stone. Her father died when she was just weeks old; the family lived with her paternal grandparents until tragically, her grandfather's life was cut short in a train accident. Her mother moved her and her sister, Irene, back to the Philadelphia area to live with family members.

She met Thomas E. Anderson, a member of the Naval Aviation Supply Depot, on a blind date and they were married in 1953. They became parents of daughter, Lois Ann, and son, Thomas, Jr. During her husband's military career, they traveled to Newfoundland, Maryland, Virginia, Luzon, Philippines, and Washington, D.C. Following retirement from military service, the family settled in Arkansas where her husband attended college to become an educator and where he responded to his call to ministry. They served in the former Morrilton Parish, and later at Central United Methodist Church in Richwood, Ohio. Later the family returned to Arkansas where they served the Marshall-Leslie charge, Hoxie-Clover Bend charge, Manila UMC, Fisher Street UMC, and Clarendon-Holly Grove charge. Following Rev. Anderson's retirement from ministry, they enjoyed living as full-time recreational vehicle enthusiasts and were active in Good Samaritan activities throughout the mid-South. She was an avid needlework artist, enjoying crochet, knitting and cross stitch. She is survived by her best friend and soulmate, the Rev. Thomas E. Anderson of Jacksonville; daughter Lois Ann Glass (Gary) and children Christopher and Leigh Ann of Richwood, Ohio; son Thomas E. Anderson, Jr. (Nancy) of Albuquerque, New Mexico and children Renee Lewis-Andersen of Oppegard, Norway; Aaron Lewis of Renton, Washington; and Victoria Anderson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; sister, Irene, and niece, Stacy Degreffenreid of Chula Vista, California. In her last two decades of life she counted the many blessings her life journey had delivered to her. In recognition of her bounty, she endeavored





to share her talents, gifts and service through active support of Fishnet Missions of Jacksonville and Trinity United Methodist Church in the Rose City neighborhood of North Little Rock. Funeral services were held, July 21, 2017 at the Smith-North Little Rock Funeral Home. Interment followed at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery.

### Gertrude Regina Bitter, 1924-2018

Gertrude Regina Bitter, having had a "life well lived" for 94 years, died May 4, 2018, with grace, gratitude and faith in the Christian hope of a heavenly home. She was the surviving spouse of Rev. Melvin Bitter, whose last appointment in Arkansas was Good Faith Carr UMC, Pine Bluff. The daughter of Gertrude Regina Jungen and John Jacob Jungen, Gertrude was born in Manhattan, NY, on January 26, 1924. While growing up in the Bronx with her younger brother, John J. Jungen, Gertrude enjoyed equestrian activities and becoming an exceptional classical pianist. At age 15, she was the organist at her local church. At 16, she auditioned on the piano in Carnegie Hall before the longtime conductor/director of the New York Philharmonic Symphony, Walter Damrosch. Although she did not continue on the path to be a classical pianist, it was while Gertrude was playing the piano at the USO during World War II that she met and fell in love with a young sailor who for 71 years would be the love of her life. Together, she and Melvin were blessed with six children, including two sets of twins. After Melvin became an ordained minister, Gertrude blessed others with her gift of music, playing pianos and organs in Lutheran, Congregational and Methodist churches throughout the United States. Although she was a city girl, she joined Melvin in his love for adventure and the outdoors. They sailed their boat "Windborne" in the waters off Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. They motorcycled through the countryside of New England, Arkansas and Florida. She accompanied Melvin when he felt the call to missionary service in the Truk Islands. Their love of camping brought them to the mountains of North Carolina and to their home of the last 25 years in Hayesville. Along with her parents and brother, Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband Melvin and daughters Regina and Christine. She is survived by her sons, Paul (Martha McAfee), John (Mary Johnson), and Mark, and daughter Pam (Cliff Obertuck), along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A celebration of life was held May 7 at the Townson-Rose Funeral Home Chapel of Hayesville, followed by graveside services at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Murphy.



### Venita Bruner, 1931-2018

Venita Fern Bruner, 87, died Thursday, May 3, 2018. She was born in Bay on February 24, 1931 to Jack and Ola Isbell. Venita was a 1949 graduate of Bay High School and attended Arkansas State University. She was a homemaker, but also worked outside the home a number of years, including working for Bay Schools for two years as secretary and teacher. She assisted her husband, Rev. Jesse Bruner, in the work of the United Methodist Church for thirty-five and one-half years, serving as organist, pianist, secretary, and church custodian, whatever she could do. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Jesse; two sisters, Dorothy Bruner, and Jean Scott; a son, Allan; a granddaughter, Audrey Faye Bruner; and great grandson, Bryson Colby Corter. Survivors include a son, Greg; a daughter, Jan Corter; a sister, Jackie Hancock; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation was Saturday morning,



May 5 at Gregg-Langford Bookout Funeral Home in Jonesboro followed by a service. Interment was at Oaklawn Cemetery.



### **Henry Franklin Cook, 1941-2018**

Henry Franklin Cook, 77, retired associate member, died April 13, 2018. A Celebration of Life was held April 21 at Decatur UMC. He was born January 19, 1941, on a houseboat on the Black River in Pocahontas, AR, to Jim and Minnie Stokes Cook. He was a minister for 52 years, most recently pastoring Lincoln and Morrow United Methodist churches. He was a man who loved unconditionally. He always carried a stone in his pocket as a reminder not to cast the first stone. His favorite saying was "Never judge anyone. We are all sinners saved by grace. Except for God's grace, that could be me." His entire life was dedicated to the service of others. He helped build homes in Mexico. He would give his last penny to anyone in need. He was a Master Mason of Masonic Lodge #364 in Huntsville, a member of Christian Motorcyclist ASC and a member of Kiwanis. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, J.T. Cook. Survivors include wife Theresa of the home; son Terry Cook of Mountain

Home, daughter Jerrie Duncan and husband Shorty of Decatur, son Daniel Cook and wife Rie-C of Marshall; son Matthew Cook and wife Sarah of Aurora, CO; son Hank Cook and wife Amanda of Osage; 19 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a host of friends.

### **Dewey Dark, Jr., 1930-2017**

Dewey Dark, Jr., age 87, died on Thursday, August 17, 2017. He was born April 30, 1930 in Possum Grape, Arkansas, and was raised in Hardy, AR. He was one of four sons and four daughters born to Dewey Dark and Ona Dell Groom Dark. In 1951 he met Bonnie Lee, Youth Director at Clarksville First Methodist Church, at a youth sub-district meeting in Ozark. They married at McCrory Methodist Church in 1952, and moved to their first appointment together in Lavaca. Through the years they joyfully worked together in ministry. Among his many talents he used in ministry were counseling, building, renovating parsonages, and building churches. He built an A-frame cabin on Spring River in Hardy, which became home and roots for the family of four children. He retired to Cherokee Village after serving 40 years as a United Methodist minister in the North Arkansas Conference, where he served as Conference Secretary for 8 years. His ministry included Superintendent of the Paragould District, pastor at Wynne, Mountain Home, Marianna, Beebe, Trinity



at Fayetteville, Midland Heights at Fort Smith, Central Avenue at Batesville, Prairie Grove, Bald Knob, Lavaca, Alix Circuit, and Bard/Morning Star. He was a graduate of Hardy High School, College of the Ozarks, and Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA. While a student he started Glencoe United Methodist Church there. Following retirement, he served on the Cherokee Village City Council, oversaw the zoning of the newly classified city, and led in the redesign of a spacious house into apartments for Fountain Place, an independent living facility sponsored by churches in Cherokee Village. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers and sisters, and son Paul Douglas Dark. He is survived by his wife Bonnie, daughter Lee Ann Kendrick of Fayetteville, sons Stan Dark of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Barry (Susi) Dark of Nashville, TN; grandchildren Heather Holaway, Chelsea Kendrick, and Alexa Dark; great-grandchildren, Marti Pearl and Penelope; and many nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held Monday, August 21 at Cherokee Village United Methodist Church, with interment at Bronaugh Cemetery, in Hardy, Arkansas.

**Leon T. Dixon, Jr., 1968-2017**

The Rev. Leon T. Dixon, Jr., 49, of Smackover died Friday, September 29, 2017 at his residence. Born March 9, 1968 in Little Rock, he was the son of Leon Thomas, Sr. and Loretta Yarberry Dixon. Leon was a graduate of Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, OK where he received both his B.A. and Master's degrees. From 1988–2006, Rev. Dixon served at Barnett Memorial, Perryville, Cornerstone, Benton, New Hope and Grace Churches of the Nazarene. In 2006 he transitioned to the United Methodist Church and served in Junction City and Glenwood before becoming the pastor of Smackover and Silver Hill United Methodist Churches. Leon was preceded in death by his mother. Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Rebekah Dixon of Smackover along with his son, Robert Thomas Dixon and daughter, Anna Marie Dixon. Also surviving are his father, Leon Thomas Dixon, Sr. (Shelby), one brother, James Thomas Dixon (Tammy), a sister, Teresa Renee' Fowler (Roger), his mother-in-law, Angela Brackman and brother-in-law, Adrian Brackman. Leon is also survived by nieces and nephews, Dalton (Morgan), Baylee, Ashleigh Ann, and Gentry and a special god-daughter, Sadie along with a host of family and friends. Visitation was held on Sunday, October 1 at First United Methodist Church in Smackover. Funeral services took place on Monday, October 2 in First United Methodist Church of Smackover. Interment followed the service at Olive Hill Cemetery.

**Edwin B. Dodson, 1922-2018**

Dr. Edwin B. Dodson, a retired clergy member, of Texarkana, AR, died May 18, 2018. He was born Dec. 22, 1922, in Cotton Plant. He graduated from Marianna High School, Hendrix College and Perkins School of Theology. He was awarded a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Hendrix College. Dodson served as a minister in the United Methodist Church from 1946 until his retirement in 1984. He served churches in Becker, TX, Widener, Round Pond, Madison, Tuni, Berryville, Pocahontas, Siloam Springs, Batesville, Benton, Camden and Texarkana. During his final appointment at Texarkana, he served as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Arkansas Mental Health Center, the Texarkana Religious Emphasis Committee and the Volunteer Services Bureau. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Tri-State Chapter of the American Red Cross, Senior Citizens Services of Texarkana, the Temple Memorial Treatment Center, Hospice of Texarkana and Awareness of Crime in Texarkana. He was also a member of the Executive Committee of United Way,



where he was a recipient of the United Way Cline Cup Award, and the Institutional Review Committees of St. Michael Hospital and Wadley Hospital. He was the founder and first president of the board of One Point of Light, which became Harvest Texarkana, which channels surplus food to feed hungry children and adults. He was a former member of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College. Dodson was predeceased by his parents, Francis and Mary (Molly) Dodson and his brothers and sister, Hendrix Dodson, Morris Dodson, Delle Paulk, Frank Dodson and Eugene Dodson; his wife, Ellen Becker Dodson; his son, Don Dodson; and daughter-in-law, Kathy Dodson. He is survived by his children, Bob Dodson and Dick and Cheryl Dodson; five grandchildren, Mark Dodson, Robert and Katie Dodson, David Dodson, John and Christen Dodson, and Mason Dodson; and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held May 23 at Texarkana First UMC, with interment at the Becker Family Cemetery in Becker, Texas.

### **Gleda Marie Griggy Edwards, 1925-2017**

Gleda Marie Griggy Edwards, 92, surviving spouse of Rev. Ray Edwards, died on July 27, 2017. She was born in Beech Grove, AR, on September 28, 1925, the daughter of John and Elsie Griggy. She attended school in Beech Grove from first through twelfth grades. She married Ray Hamilton Edwards on November 19, 1942. Initially, Gleda became a farm wife while Ray began his passion for farming. She was the mother to 5 children. When her husband became a Christian and later received the call to become a Methodist pastor, Gleda became a "weekend widow" when Ray left the farm on Friday afternoons to preach in small communities in the area and return home Sunday evenings. During his early pastorates, Ray gained more education than his eighth grade education from Beech Grove; he began taking theology courses at Hendrix College and graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, with the help of Gleda tutoring him, usually the night before each exam.



When her husband was offered full-time charges under the North Arkansas Methodist Conference, Gleda became a full-time pastor's wife as well as mother. From 1948 until their retirement in 1986, she followed her husband to churches in North Arkansas communities, such as: Clover Bend, Pleasant Ridge, Lorado, Manila, Griffithville, Moorefield, Mountain View, Gentry, Yellville, Searcy, Monette, Wheatley, Cotter/Bull Shoals, Tyronza, Prairie Grove, Paragould/Shiloh, Dardenelle, Cherry Valley, and finally Bald Knob. The pastorate was particularly difficult on Gleda as both pastor's wife and mother when the tradition at that time was to move every one to three years. Gleda retired along with her husband to Mountain Home in 1986, where both became active in the First United Methodist Church there. Gleda is survived by two sons, Don (Susie) Edwards of Bartlesville, OK and Gary Edwards of Gassville, AR; two sons-in-law, Charles Burroughs of Winfield, KS and Dave Taylor of Clarksville, AR; six grandchildren, Nick (Mitzi) Burroughs of Wichita, KS, Sherri (Perry) Cleaveland of McKinney, TX, Holly (Bobby) Edwards of Tulsa, OK, Sarah Kate (Josiah) Fehlauer of Tulsa, OK, Erik Edwards of Jonesboro, AR, and Eden Edwards of Mountain Home, AR; eleven great-grandchildren, Tyler Burroughs, Courtney Paige (Matt) Jordon, Cale Burroughs, and Trey (Kelsey) Cleaveland, all of Wichita, KS, Corey Cleaveland of McKinney, TX, Olivia, Peoria, & Minnesota Fehlauer of Tulsa, OK, and Celia, Ayanna, and Jasmine Conway of Tulsa, OK; and five great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sisters and brothers, and her three daughters: Kathy Edwards, Martha Angela "Angie" Taylor, and Carol Jeannette Burroughs. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 pm, August 5, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Paragould, Arkansas, with burial at Beech Grove Cemetery beside her baby, Kathy, her husband, Ray, and mother, Elsie. Visita-



### **William D. "Bill" Elliott, 1932-2018**

William D. "Bill" Elliott, 85, of Maumelle died May 6, 2018, surrounded by his family. He was born October 19, 1932, in Texarkana, AR, to Ruth and James Ira Dean Elliott. He graduated from Texarkana High School. Hearing the call to preach at age 12, he later graduated from Hendrix College and seminary at Southern Methodist University. He met Ethel Lu Teague at Camp Tanako. After becoming engaged on their second date, they were married November 27, 1964. During their 54 years of marriage, they traveled to 47 states, Europe and Asia. With more than 40 years of pastoral service, his first appointment was associate at Magnolia First, followed by the Chidester Circuit, Conference Youth Director, Winfield (associate), DeQueen, Pine Bluff Wesley, Monticello, Little Rock Trinity, Searcy First, Stuttgart First and Little Rock Winfield. He retired in 1998. He is survived by his wife Lu; sons Dean (Jacquelyn), Lee (Astrid) and John Paul (Rhonda); sisters Emma Owenby and Ann Honeycutt; and five grand-

children whom he adored and who brought him great joy. He was predeceased by his parents and one brother, James. Services were held May 11 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Little Rock.



### **Kaye Hammett Evans, 1948-2018**

The Rev. Kaye Hammett Evans, 70, retired elder, died at her home in Rogers on March 19, 2018. She was born March 2, 1948, in Beebe, to Norma Jean (West) and Rev. Gerald Hammett. She was a graduate of Beebe High School, Hendrix College and Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Her ministry included pastoral service at Tillar Charge, Jonesboro First, Dardanelle First, Rogers Central, Alma, North Little Rock Trinity, Newark Hazel Edwards Memorial and Batesville Asbury. She retired in 2013 after serving 27 years as a United Methodist pastor in Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her father, and the father of her children, Rev. T. Nichols (Nick) Evans. She is survived by her mother and her children, Rev. Hammett N.

Evans (Michelle Pounds) of Bryant, Brice Evans of Little Rock, and

Eleanor Evans of Rogers. A memorial service was held March 26 at First United Methodist Church, Bryant, followed by burial at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, Beebe.

### **Marion Eugene Fleming, 1944-2018**

Marion Eugene Fleming, 73, of Cherokee Village, a retired elder, died April 25, 2018, at the White River Medical Center in Batesville. He was born Sept. 10, 1944, in Malvern, to Leo Joseph Schweitzer and Ruby Jean (Dickey) Schweitzer. He attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello and Memphis Theological Seminary. He was an active duty member of the Air National Guard, a past lieutenant governor and president of Kiwanis, and a dedicated member of the Jonesboro Emmaus community. Beginning in 1975, he served local churches including Tillar Circuit, Horatio, Dierks Circuit, Dierks, Foreman, Norphlet, Hawley Memorial, Corning, Marked Tree, Jonesboro First, Leachville, Weiner, Pottsville and Salem. He retired in 2013. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Judy Lynch Fleming. Survivors are his wife Vicki Richardson Fleming; son Greg (Jennifer) Fleming of Clinton; brothers Gary (Maryland) Fleming of Little Rock and Jerry David Fleming of Morrilton; and granddaughter Katie Fleming. A celebration of life was held May 19 at First United Methodist Church, Cherokee Village.



### **Peggy Joy Miles Lann, 1942-2018**

Peggy Joy Miles Lann died on January 1, 2018. Peggy was born to Ina Pearl Miles and J.B. Miles on March 14, 1942, in Leesville, LA. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Rev. John Miles and Warren Miles. Peggy is survived by her husband, retired local pastor Rev. James Lann, and their children, Cindy and John Reister, Andy Lann, Debbie and Andy McDade, Audrea and Greg Duckworth; grandchildren, Amber and Billy Quick, Nikki and Tommy Taylor, Taylor and Ana Byrd, Karyn and Eric Sanders, Jimmy and Erin Lann, Katie and Lucas Hancock, Jessica and Sergeant David Lambert, Emily McDade and Theodore Goodwin, Jessie Green and Shelly Green; great grandchildren, Harley Kozak, Caleb Kozak, Lucas Quick, Gage Quick, Brice

Quick, Hayden Quick, Mason Quick, Cade Quick, Ashlyn Taylor, Madilyn Taylor, Kinley Brooke Sanders, Eli Lann, Nathaniel Lambert and Mason Porter; and sister-in-laws, Sarah Jo Murphy and Joy Miles; her nieces and nephews, Deborah Miles, John Miles, Rebekah Miles, Heather, Martin, and Michael Miles, Shannon Vickers, Kayla Hatcher, and extended family and friends. She was loved by all. A memorial service was held January 20 at Marshall United Methodist Church, with internment at Leslie Cemetery.



### **Jerry L. Lumpkin, 1941-2017**

Rev. Jerry Lester Lumpkin, Sr., 76, died Friday, August 4, 2017. He was born January 24, 1941 in Harrisburg, AR. He served as a Methodist minister for Sharp United Methodist Church and Oakridge United Methodist Church. He enjoyed gardening and fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Lester and Bertha Lumpkin; his first wife, Betty Marie Lumpkin; one daughter, Lisa Angela Davidson; and three brothers, Troy, Alton, and Lloyd Lumpkin. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Cecilia Lumpkin; one daughter, Becky Coburn; one son, Jerry Lumpkin, Jr.; three step-children, Yvette Venters, Richard Davis, and Melissa Minton; sixteen grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives, nieces, nephews, church family, and friends. Visitation was Tuesday, August 8 at the Willis Funeral Service Chapel with the funeral service immediately afterwards

at the Sharp United Methodist Church of Batesville. Burial followed the church service at Egner Cemetery of Salado.

### **Gerald Bruce “Gary” Lunsford, 1942-2018**

Gerald Bruce “Gary” Lunsford, of Lincoln, a retired associate clergy member, died January 24, 2018, at the Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville. He was born August 3, 1942, in Westville, OK. The son of Bruce and Rosa Lee Lunsford, Gary began his life in Arkansas when the family moved to Bentonville and then settled in Fayetteville. Gary attended Washington Elementary and was a 1960 Fayetteville High School graduate. He played for the 1957 undefeated football team and embraced Fayetteville’s public schools’ integration. He began his mastery of carpentry and woodworking by working with and learning from his dad. He was part of the construction crew that built the Mountain Inn across from the Washington County courthouse. Gary joined the Marine Corps in 1960 but in less than six months received an honorable discharge after an accident from faulty explosives caused deafness in his left ear. He returned to Fayetteville where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Arkansas. Gary’s incredible life experiences continued when he moved to Washington, D.C., in the 1960s and joined the Capitol Hill police force. During his time away from Fayetteville, he learned how to skydive, snow ski, and race stock cars. When Gary returned to Fayetteville he worked various jobs including: being a bouncer, teaching art at Woodland, operating the horse-riding concession at Devil’s Den, and opening a woodworking shop. Then he married the love of his life, Marty Jones. He continued carpentry, woodworking and substitute teaching until he received the call to go into ministry. He organized and travelled on several mission trips to South America, Africa and Russia. Gary served as pastor of visitation at Central United Methodist Church. He pastored several United Methodist churches in Northwest Arkansas, including St. James and Wiggins in Fayetteville and congregations at Rheas Mill, Winslow, Lincoln and Morrow. He loved God, his family, the Razorbacks, riding his motorcycle, old cars, down-home cooking, chocolate cake, stray dogs,



Siamese cats, mission work, talking about old Fayetteville, story-telling, traveling, Sunday afternoon drives, backyard barbecues, swimming in the river and woodworking. Most of all, Gary loved people. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Porter and David Lunsford. He is survived by his wife, Marty, three sons, Jason, Quentin and Allan; five grandchildren, his sister, Barbara Pryor, and his brother, Scott Lunsford. A memorial service was held January 30 at Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

### James Edward Major, 1916-2017

James Edward "Jim" Major died August 13, 2017. Born on June 14, 1916, in Conway, AR, to John Victor Major and Mary Susan Delilah Patchel, Jim had a distinguished career as an elder in the Little Rock Conference of the United Methodist Church and Director of Development and Vice President of Hendrix College. Jim received his B.A. from Hendrix College in 1940 and his Masters of Divinity from Duke Divinity School in 1943. He served as pastor of the Tiller-Winchester Charge from 1943-1945 and Hunter Memorial Church in Little Rock from 1945-1947. In 1947 Jim was commissioned a missionary of the Methodist Church. He and his wife Lillie went to Santiago, Chile, where he served as pastor of the Second Methodist Church (a Spanish-speaking church) and Director of the Sweet Memorial Institute in Santiago until 1952. Jim continued his graduate studies in 1952-1953 at Garrett Biblical Seminary in Evanston, IL. Returning to Arkansas in 1953, he served as pastor of the Methodist Church in Heber Springs and then as Executive Director of the Town and Country Commission of the Little Rock Conference. In 1961, Jim became the first Director of Development at Hendrix College. During his 20 years at Hendrix, he took great pride in founding the Alumni Loyalty Fund, the Half-Century Club, the Distinguished Alumni Award, the President's Club, the Parent Fund, and the Hendrix Endowment Society. Jim thoroughly enjoyed his work in development, and stated, "The Lord wants us to be generous, and I am just helping people to be generous." Hendrix established the Jim Major Service Award upon his retirement in 1981 to honor individuals who have provided outstanding service to Hendrix. While working at Hendrix, Jim also edited and published the Little Rock Annual Conference Journals from 1960 to 1979. After his retirement from Hendrix, Jim served as Associate Pastor at St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock from 1981-1985 and at Trinity United Methodist Church from 1985-1988. In retirement, Jim pursued his many hobbies including tennis, walking, crossword puzzles, Biblical and theological studies, and following professional baseball. He taught Sunday School at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock and assisted a number of nonprofit organizations with development and fundraising including Subiaco Academy. He and Lillie traveled to Spain, Italy, Greece, England, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Jim also studied Spanish at UALR, taking every Spanish literature course offered by the college. Jim is survived by his wife, Lillie Raney Major, whom he met at a youth group event at First Methodist Church in Little Rock. They were married there in 1942. He is also survived by his daughter Susan Major Holton (Len) of Little Rock, his son Thomas R. Major (Carla) of Little Rock, and his son James V. Major (Tamara) of Medford, MA; as well as grandchildren Mike Major (Nikki), Lauren Averill (Chris), Alexis Major Jameson (Neil), Wesley Major, and six great-grandchildren. A service celebrating Jim's life was held at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock on Wednesday, August 16.



### **Lillie Raney Major, 1919-2017**

Lillie Raney Major, 98, died October 21, 2017. Born on January 14, 1919, to Thomas Jefferson Raney and Inez Brannon Raney, she was the youngest daughter of 10 siblings. Lillie raised three children while successfully balancing a career in education and supporting her husband of 75 years, the late Rev. Dr. James E. Major. Together they served the United Methodist Church and Hendrix College. Lillie received her BA from Sullins College in Virginia and her Master's degree from the University of Central Arkansas. She was very instrumental in establishing the Foreign Language programs in the Little Rock Public Schools. She taught school in every city where she and Jim lived starting with



Durham, North Carolina, while Jim went to graduate school. In her role as a missionary in Santiago, Chile, she taught at the Sweet Memorial Institute alongside her husband. She was the quintessential "Preacher's Wife," devoting her life to God, the Church, and her family. Lillie is survived by her daughter, Mary Susan Major Holton (Len) of Little Rock, her son, Thomas R. Major (Carla) of Little Rock, and her son, James V. Major (Tamara) of Medford, MA; as well as grandchildren, Mike Major (Nikki), Lauren Major Averill (Chris), Alexis Major Jameson (Neil), Wesley Major, and six great-grandchildren. A service celebrating Lillie's life was held at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock on Wednesday, October 25.

### **Albert Cherington Marlar, 1951-2017**

The Rev. Albert Cherington Marlar, 66, of Sheridan, died Sunday, July 16, 2017 surrounded by family. He was born in Willisville, AR, on June 19, 1951, to Tilman and Jessie Marlar. Albert earned a Business Administration Degree from Southern State College. He worked for Arkansas Social Services, now known as the Arkansas Department of Human Services, for more than 42 years. While working for DHS he held numerous leadership roles. Albert retired from the state level after serving as Assistant Director in different divisions and was serving the as the Saline County Administrator at the time of his death. Albert started serving the Lord at an early age: he served as youth director in his teenage years at Waldo First United Methodist Church; treasurer at Willisville United Methodist Church during his college years and numerous other leadership roles throughout his lifetime. Albert



married Pam Rose Bissel on September 8, 1978 and early in his marriage he became a Certified Lay Speaker for the Arkansas United Methodist Church and served the Camden District for many years. Albert received his license to preach and served Bethel UMC in Ico, Ebenezer UMC in Tull, (both in Grant County) and Altheimer UMC (in Jefferson County). He participated in numerous UMCOR Mission Trips and volunteered his time and labor in multiple states due to hurricanes and floods. His favorite sermon to prepare and deliver was for Pentecost Sunday. Christmas Eve Communion Services were a close second—each year he would set up luminaries, poinsettias, candles and music outside to welcome families as they would prepare to take communion together. Albert also took great pleasure in bringing the community together sharing the love of God by having big July 4<sup>th</sup> cookouts/celebrations at Bethel UMC for eight years. Albert believed in doing good and working for the good of all whenever he had an opportunity. He loved "serving others" and dearly loved the United Methodist Church. He wanted to do all he could to help. Albert and Pam enjoyed spending time together playing PacMan on the Atari, taking their boat to Lake DeGray to water ski, remodeling their home, and gardening. He became an avid softball fan after his daughter,



Shiloh, was born. From the days of plastic bats and balls to high school varsity and everything between—Albert coached Shiloh both on and off the field. Survivors include his wife of almost 39 years, Pamela Rose Bissel Marlar; daughter Shiloh Melody Marlar; and sisters Anita Dickerson and Amber Kenny. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 18, 2017 in Stamps, AR and funeral services were held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at Willisville United Methodist Church.



### Carlos Martin, 1924-2018

Rev. Carlos Martin, retired elder, of Brandon, MS, died January 28, 2018. He served churches from 1951 to 1987, primarily in the former Little Rock Conference. He was born December 27, 1924, at Austin, AR, the son of Rev. and Mrs. J.R. Martin of Cabot. A graduate of Prescott High School, he served 3½ years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After his discharge, he attended Hendrix College and received his degree. He then earned his Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology. His pastoral appointments included Greenbrier, Winfield-Little Rock, St. Luke-Pine Bluff, Lewisville, St. Paul-El Dorado, Hamburg Charge, Carlisle, Oaklawn-Hot Springs, St. Luke-Little Rock and First Church Hot Springs. Following retirement, he was named Pastor Emeritus at Hot Springs First. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 54 years, Verlene Richardson

Martin, a daughter, Judy Martin Cook, and an infant brother, Clyde. Survivors include his son, Ron of Brandon, MS; a son-in-law, Toby M. Cook; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Service

### John P. Miles I, 1929-2017

The Rev. John Pershing Miles I, a United Methodist pastor, died November 2, 2017 surrounded by family. John was born to Esther (Martin) and J.B. Miles on November 11, 1929 in Crowley, Louisiana. With his brother, Warren, he was raised in Crowley, Baton Rouge, Beaumont, Los Angeles, and Hot Springs. As a young man at Hot Springs Methodist, John accepted a call to ordained ministry and was licensed to preach 70 years ago. While at Hot Springs High he won the Arkansas Golden Gloves Featherweight Boxing championship. At Hendrix College, he was an All AIC nose guard at 135 pounds. While taking his last college courses, John went to an event at Conway First Methodist and met JoAnn Ridgway, a student at State Teacher's College. They married in June 1952 at First Methodist in Forrest City.

After honeymooning at the Methodist annual conference in Hot Springs, they moved to Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, where they welcomed the first of their three children. John was a faithful, buoyant, and effective pastor in the churches to which he was appointed—the Hamilton Circuit, Wilmot, Eudora, Star City, Fairview, Oaklawn, Arkadelphia First, St. James in Little Rock, and, finally, Hot Springs First, as an emeritus pastor. He received honorary doctorates from Shorter College and Hendrix College and served on many boards including those at Hendrix and Perkins. A gifted and outlandish raconteur, John won national and state awards for preaching, evangelism, and church growth. He was a yellow dog democrat and a passionate advocate for people and issues on the margins. A loving pastor to senators and presidents, the felons and the faithful, and everything in between, he was known to be encouraging to sinners and exasperating to saints. To all, he preached a message of graceful and loving acceptance, faithfulness to God and one's covenants, and dogged self-discipline. Preceded in death by his wife JoAnn and his brother Warren, John is survived



by his children Deborah Miles and Marc Rudow, John and Susan Miles, and Rebekah Miles and Len Delony; his beloved grandchildren David, Caleb, Joshua, and Galit Rudow; Trey and Kelsea Miles; Zoe and Brandon Loeser, and Anna and Katherine Delony; his lady friend Corrine Gooch; his brothers and sisters, Peggy and James Lann, Joy Miles, and Melvin and Kay Ridgway; his nieces and nephews Heather, Martin, and Michael Miles, Jeffrey and Michael Pratt, Bonnie James, Mel Brooks, Suzanne Childs, Cindy Reister, Debbie McDade, Andy Lann, and Audrey Duckworth; and a wider community of extended family and friends. A celebration of life was held on Saturday, November 11 at Hot Springs First United Methodist.

### **Rebecca “Becky” Jones Miller, 1956-2018**

Rebecca “Becky” Jones Miller of Van Buren died March 15, 2018, at the age of 61. She was the spouse of Rev. Randy Miller, pastor of City Heights United Methodist Church, Van Buren. She was born May 20, 1956, to James Ray and Jo Ellen Jones of Van Buren. She was the Principal Broker of J.E. Jones Real Estate in Van Buren. Becky was a member of the City Heights United Methodist Church in Van Buren. She was a past president of the Crawford County Board of Realtors, former Realtor of the Year and Rookie of the Year for the Crawford County Board of Realtors. She was a graduate of the Realtor Institute, a Certified Residential Specialist, and a past Zone Director of the Arkansas Realtor Association. She was a graduate of Van Buren High School and Arkansas Tech University, a former assistant children’s leader in Bible Study Fellowship and a gifted children’s teacher at her church. She was preceded in death by her mother, Jo Ellen Jones.

She is survived by her father, James Ray Jones of Van Buren; her husband of 40 years, Randy Miller of Van Buren; one brother, J.R Jones and his wife Maryanne Pace Jones of Atlanta, GA; a son, James Aaron Miller of Van Buren; a daughter, Anna Miller Daily and husband Samuel Daily of Fayetteville; three grandsons, Ray Miller, Andrew Miller and Luke Daily; one nephew, Brandon Jones of Mooresville, NC; two dogs, Adler and Daisy, who watch the door for her to come home; along with numerous cousins and a multitude of close friends and family. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.



### **Earl Thomas Moreland, 1954-2017**

Earl Thomas Moreland, 63, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, died Wednesday, July 26, 2017. He was born on July 10, 1954 in Fort Smith, AR to Wesley and Lula Moreland. Tom was a retired Methodist minister and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, AR. Upon graduating from Southside High School in 1971, he joined the Marine Corps. In 1974, Tom enrolled in college at the University of Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas. He earned a BA degree in Journalism in 1977. He truly loved UCA and the friendships he fostered there made a tremendously positive impact on his life. After college, Tom had a calling and answered that call to become a minister. He was accepted into Perkins Theological Seminary at Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, TX. He graduated with a degree in Theology and was ordained as a Methodist minister. Tom was a dedicated, faithful servant of God to the Methodist church for 21 years. Always unassuming and humble, yet brilliant and well-read, Reverend Tom’s

sermons were fresh and full of scripture that tied beautifully into his message for that day. After retiring from the ministry, Brother Tom had a strong desire to write. He found himself once again returning to college this time earning his Master’s degree in Journalism. For the next two years, Tom became a page designer for the Fort Smith newspaper, The Times-Record. During that time, he was

also a free-lance writer for the paper and for various local magazines. Tom had a passion for movies and always made sure he had seen all of the latest films available. His gift of storytelling, led him to aspire to write documentaries and short subjects that could be adapted for the craft of filmmaking. Tom had so many interests. He loved books of all kinds, music, photography, and travel. His family genealogy was also very important to him. He loved to preserve actual historic artifacts from his family and share their stories. He found joy in gardening and carpentry. Tom simply found joy in life itself. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Jackie Moreland. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 30 years, Brenda Moreland, of Fort Smith; two brothers, Bill Moreland and John Moreland of Fort Smith; two stepsons, Tony Porter of Nashville, AR, and Marty Porter of Hope, AR; one grandson, Peyton Porter of Hope, AR; two granddaughters, Cheyenne Porter of Hope, AR; Raegan Porter of Nashville, AR and many nieces and nephews. Family visited with friends, Friday, August 4, 2017 at the Central Presbyterian Church parlor. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Central Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith, AR.



### **Eva Louise Horton Pettus, 1947-2018**

Eva Louise Horton Pettus died February 17, 2018, at CrossRidge Community Hospital in Wynne, AR. She was the spouse of Rev. Glen Pettus, pastor of Wynne First United Methodist Church. She was born March 20, 1947, to J.B. Horton and Melba Farris Horton in Detroit, MI, and grew up in New Madrid, MO. She attended Arkansas State University, earning a Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1970 and a Master of Science in Education degree in 1971. She performed with the ASU Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, Marching Indian Band and Concert Band. She was president of Kay's Hall, Associated Women Students and Sigma Alpha Iota. She was a member of the ASU President's Roundtable and Lecture-Concert Committee, as well as the hospital auxiliary at St. Bernard's Hospital. Among her many honors and awards were the ASU Distinguished Service Award, Alpha Omicron Pi Music Award and Sigma Alpha Iota Sword of Honor. Eva led mostly choral music in schools in Missouri and

Arkansas, including Tuckerman, Lakeside Hot Springs and Pocahontas. As a United Methodist, she served as Sunday School teacher, choir director, organist, pianist and director of children's and youth choirs. She was active in United Methodist Women and served on many Conference and District committees. Instrumental in bringing Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis to Arkansas, she was Chair of the Arkansas Emmaus and Chrysalis Formation Committees, Lay Director of the Women's Walk and Girls' Chrysalis Flight and served on the International Emmaus Board and National Chrysalis Board. Eva was a certified adjudicator with the National Piano Guild and a National Certified Teacher of Music through the National Teachers of Music Association. She was a member of the Music Educators National Association, Sigma Alpha Iota, American and Arkansas Choral Directors Associations, Choristers Guild, Suzuki Music Association, Musicgarten, Kindermusik, Musical Coterie, Music Club and PEO. She was a member of Wynne First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, American Legion Auxiliary, Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln Presenters and the Kelly's Roundtable. Her greatest gift was her enormous love of others and especially her love of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was preceded in death by her father, J.B. Horton. In addition to her husband, survivors are her mother, Melba Horton, sisters Janelle (Kenny) Burch and Karen Horton of Sikeston, MO, and extended family. A memorial service was held February 20 at Wynne First UMC.

### **Sylvia Lynn Nasic, 1934-2018**

Sylvia Lynn Nasic, 84, of Sherwood, a retired clergy associate member of the Arkansas Conference, died May 19, 2018. She was born February 9, 1934, in Little Rock, to Evans Vaughn Sanders, Sr. and Pauline Omelia Sanders. Retired from the U.S. Postal Service, she earned a bachelor's degree in theology and was an ordained United Methodist minister. During her ministry, she served as pastor at Quitman, Dumas Memorial in El Dorado, Wye Mountain and Western Hills in Little Rock. She loved God and her family. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Evans Vaughn Sanders, Jr. She is survived by her four children, Paula Miles (Bruce), Patricia Patton, Diana Roberts and Anita Johnston (Chris), all of Sherwood; six grandchildren, Randy Roberts, Jr. (Jessica), Amber Patton (Justin), Stephanie Roberts, Matthew Hodges, Tom Watson, and Cory Watson; four great-grandchildren, Avery, Patrick, Eden and Ezra; and other family members whom she loved dearly. Services were May 30 at Griffin Leggett Rest Hills in North Little Rock, with burial at Roselawn Memorial Park, Little Rock.



### **Betty Ann Embrey Robertson, 1929-2017**

The Rev. Betty Ann Embrey Robertson, 88, died October 25, 2017. She was born March 9, 1929 in Fort Smith, AR, the daughter of Blake and Anna Louise Andres Embrey. She was a retired United Methodist clergywoman and elder. She graduated from Fort Smith (Northside) High School, Fort Smith Junior College (University of Arkansas Fort Smith), and the University of Arkansas Little Rock with a BA in Elementary Education. She then earned a Master of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary in Memphis, TN. Betty Ann substituted in elementary schools in Fort Smith, taught third grade at Jefferson Elementary in Little Rock and at Smackover Elementary in Smackover, AR. She was director of education at Western Hills United Methodist Church in Little Rock and at the Batesville South Parish in Batesville. She pastored United Methodist churches in Tumbling Shoals, Cedar Grove,

Crawfordsville and Salem-Viola in Fulton County, taught Disciple Bible Study classes, served on several United Methodist Conference Committees, including Finance and Administration, Education, the Board of Diaconal Ministry and served as District Coordinator of Children's Ministries. She was a past president of Chapters BD, DB, I of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and a national officer in the Delta Beta Sigma Sorority. Preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Rev. Robert Wilson Robertson, she is survived by her children, Dr. Blake Robertson and wife, Dr. Charlotte Robertson, of Springdale and Diana Myklebust and husband, Mark, of Maumelle; sister, Marian Bartlett of Russellville; grandchildren, Matthew Robert Myklebust and wife, Melanie, Mary Kay Myklebust-Steves, Jonathan Blake Robertson and Stephen Lane; and great-grandchildren, Logan Robertson, Ashtyn and Coltyn Lane, Morgan, Mason and Maddox Myklebust, and Victoria Myklebust-Steves; and a host of other family and friends. Services were held on Friday, October 27 at St. James United Methodist Church.

**Carol Ann Robbins, 1944-2018**

Carol Snowball Bell Robbins, 73, died April 23, 2018 at Parkside Home in Hillsboro, Kansas. She was born November 28, 1944 to Ralph and Florence (Neuschafer) Snowball in Ellsworth, Kansas. She was the surviving spouse of retired United Methodist local pastor Ronald L. Robbins who served the Cedar Grove/Pleasant Ridge charge in Yellville from 2003 to 2008. She was a registered nurse for many years. Carol married Ronald Robbins in 1987, and they spent many wonderful years in Yellville, Arkansas, before moving to Salina, Kansas. Survivors include: son, Creigh Bell of Hillsboro; daughter, Stacey Gingell of Delphos, Kansas; grandchildren, Surinda Bell, Sonareigh Bell, Robert Gingell, Jamie Gingell. A time to gather and celebrate the life of Carol was held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Holiday Inn Express in Salina, Kansas.

**Robert P. Sessions, 1926-2018**

Robert Paul ("Bob") Sessions was born on October 5, 1926 in Hardy, AR and died on March 26, 2018 at his home in Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, MD. An ordained United Methodist minister, university professor and college president, he is survived by his wife of 57 years, Julia Sessions, as well as four daughters, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was buried on March 30, 2018 at the Greenwood Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Richmond, VA. When Bob graduated from high school he joined the Navy and served from 1944-1946. He was in the officer's training program at Dartmouth College and Brown University. He graduated with honors in 1948 from Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, TX, earning a Master's degree in theology in 1950. That year he was ordained as a United Methodist minister and was assigned to St.



John's Methodist Church in Van Buren, AR, serving there as pastor from 1950-1956. Bob married Martha Rae Rutledge from Batesville in 1950. They had two daughters, Laura and Teresa. From 1956-1962, Bob served as pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Booneville, AR. In 1957 he and Rae divorced; Laura and Terri continued to live with Bob. In December 1960, Bob married Hendrix College graduate Julia Margaret Anderson from Conway, AR. They had two daughters, Kathy and Sarah. In 1962, the family moved to East Braintree, MA for Bob to attend Boston University School of Theology, where he studied sociology and race and ethnic relations. He supported the family as minister of a small United Methodist church in Braintree. He earned a PhD in Theology in 1967. After graduating, Bob became an assistant professor of sociology and religion at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV. In 1970 he became a sociology professor and department chair at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN. He was tapped to become president of Southwestern College in Winfield, KS in 1980 and served there from 1981-1984. From 1984-1988 he was dean of the Graduate School and director of institutional planning of Kearney State College in Kearny, NE. Seeking to be closer to his daughters' families as he neared retirement, Bob finished his academic career as professor of the University of Richmond from 1988-1992. He was intellectually curious throughout his life and cared deeply about the state of his community and society. He was passionate in the belief that every person was loved in the eyes of God and deserved the right to be treated fairly. This conviction was tested during his years as a young pastor in Arkansas communities that were being challenged to desegregate in the 1950s-1960s. His statewide sermons on fairness and race relations found a mixed response, from criticism by the governor and a KKK cross-burning on the family lawn, to staunch supporters. In 1961 Bob wrote an article entitled "Are Southern Ministers Failing the South?" that was published in The Saturday Evening Post calling on Southern ministers to reflect Christian values in supporting racial equality. These events culminated in his decision to pursue graduate studies, to understand and help others understand the interplay of social and religious forces. Bob's stance for racial equality remained one of the things Bob was

most proud of in his life. Music and the creative arts were also his passion. He loved musicals and sang, along with his wife Julia, for decades in church choirs. He wrote Christian music that was often incorporated into services of his home churches. Upon retirement he took piano lessons and wrote a musical called “Remind Me to Tell You” which was performed by local groups in Tennessee and Maryland. Bob’s most enduring passion was for family. Born to Adolphus Wann Jernigan and Mattie Orel (Gibson) Jernigan in 1926, his childhood was interrupted by the death of his father. His mother found work in a cotton mill and placed Bob and his older brother Adolphus in a children’s home in Arkansas run by the Freemasons. Bob, Adolphus and their sister Laura were later adopted by Loys Rutherford Sessions. He was a very devoted husband, father, grandfather, and – just before his death – great-grandfather. He loved each family member including a succession of dogs and cats, penning an argument in his last book that they too would surely enjoy an afterlife in heaven. Bob enjoyed every family gathering, regularly expressing his pride in and affection for his relatives, and often talked about how lucky he was to have such a loving family. The family he helped build will

### **Wensil Allene Lowery Smith, 1935-2018**

Wensil Allene Lowery Smith, 82, of Butterfield, the spouse of retired elder Rev. David Smith, died February 5, 2018. She was born on March 11, 1935, in Cooper, the daughter of Granville Allen and Clara Anita James Lowery. She graduated from Magnet Cove High School where she met her husband, David. She was preceded in death by her parents, three of her siblings, sister Delores Lowery Lawrence, brothers Hulon and Donnie Lowery. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, David Smith of Butterfield; children Debra Smith (Jerry) Segers of Canton, GA, and Philip “Fritz” (Cathleen) Smith of Kennesaw, GA; sisters Jannis Lowery Smith of Hot Springs and Reta Lowery (Clarence) Woosley of Malvern; brother-in-law Howard Wilson of Tuscaloosa, AL, sisters-in-law Eva Jean Hathcock Lowery of Malvern, Rosalind Crawford of Houston, TX, and Frances (Van) Wells of Ruston, LA; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives.



Genealogy was one of her favorite pastimes and she gathered a wealth of family information for more than 60 years. Remembered for her wit, kindness and generosity, Wensil loved her God and her church. A preacher’s wife much of her adult life, she had a quiet way of supporting behind the scenes. She was active in Girl Scout leadership and her local PEO chapter. She was an exceptional bookkeeper, working for Sears, Millsaps College, Capps Funeral Home and was Deputy Tax Collector for Walthall County in Mississippi. She highly valued education and provided “Nana Scholarships” to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Wensil credited her creativity to growing up in the post-Depression years saying, “We always had to make something out of nothing.” She enjoyed life and preparing special tea parties for her grandchildren. She loved butterflies, was a marathon shopper and inquisitive world traveler. She claimed her greatest accomplishment was raising her two children to become caring, productive adults. Services were held February 9 at J.A. Funk Funeral Home in Malvern, with interment at Cooper Cemetery.

### **Dorothy Yarnell Warden, 1934-2017**

Dorothy Yarnell Warden, 83, surviving spouse of the late Rev. Frank Warden, died November 21, 2017 at Searcy Healthcare Center. She was 83. Dorothy was born May 4, 1934 in Searcy to the late John Harbin and Doris Neeley Yarnell. Dorothy grew up in Searcy. She attended Hendrix College, where she met Frank Warden, and they were married August 14, 1954. He preceded her in death November 14, 2012. Dorothy attended Peabody College in Nashville, graduating with an education degree, while her husband was attending law school at Vanderbilt. After graduation they relocated to San Antonio and California where Dorothy taught school. They returned to Little Rock where Frank practiced law in Little Rock for the Friday firm until he heard the call to ministry. During this time they were charter members of Lakewood United Methodist Church where Dorothy was active



in the choir. They moved to Dallas in 1969 so Frank could attend seminary. After being ordained, he was assigned to Highland Park United Methodist Church. Dorothy was very active in the life of the church during his pastorate there, serving as the wedding hostess for the church, among other duties. They wrote and published Trinity Bible Studies while in Dallas, traveling the world over teaching the methods and training other pastors. Some years later they retired to the Searcy area where both were involved at First United Methodist. Dorothy was constantly giving to her community as a facilitator in cancer support groups, working with families of the addicted and alcoholic, and as a writer of a weekly column for the Searcy Daily Citizen in addition to her manifold work for the local churches. Dorothy's great love was music. She was an accomplished soprano and a teacher of voice both in Searcy and Dallas. She was deeply committed to the music programs of every church they attended. She is survived by one son, Clark Warden of Searcy; daughter, Elizabeth

Warden of Dallas, TX; and grandson, Matthew David Warden (Tiffany) of Mt. Vernon, AR. A memorial visitation was held on November 30 at First United Methodist Church in Searcy.



### Ellis Edward "Ed" Warren, 1948-2017

Rev. Edward Warren, age 69, of Morrilton, Arkansas, died Thursday, September 21, 2017. He was born September 21, 1948, in Little Rock, a son to the late Howard and Betty Jane Claud Warren. He obtained a master's degree in theology and was a retired United Methodist Church minister. He is survived by his wife, Sondra Scott Warren of Morrilton; children, Christopher (Kathy) Warren of Fort Worth, Texas, Courtney (Thomas) Turner of Marvell, Scott Warren of Russellville, Jennifer Warren of Morrilton, John Warren of Mayflower, William Warren and Joshua Warren both of Morrilton; sister, Jane (Clifford) Lyon of Van Buren; brother James (Jill) Warren of Morrilton; grandchildren, Nathan, Lauren, and Wesley Turner, and Michael and Andrew Warren. Funeral Services were

held Saturday, September 23, at Morrilton First United Methodist Church. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

### Sondra Lynn Scott Warren, 1948-2018

Sondra Lynn Scott Warren, 70, of Morrilton, the surviving spouse of Rev. Ellis Edward Warren, died May 22, 2018. She was born May 19, 1948, in Morrilton, AR to Thomas and Jessie Ruth Scott. She obtained a master of science in education degree with an emphasis in history from the University of Central Arkansas. She taught at Morrilton Junior High School for two years before devoting her life to being a United Methodist preacher's wife and stay-at-home mother. She is survived by her children, Christopher (Kathy) Warren of Fort Worth, TX, Courtney (Thomas) Turner of Marvell, Scott Warren of Russellville, Jennifer Warren, John Warren, William Warren and Joshua Warren, all of Morrilton; and grandchildren, Nathan, Lauren and Wesley Turner, Michael and Andrew Warren. Funeral services were held May 25 at Morrilton First United Methodist Church, with burial at Elmwood Cemetery.



## Special Recognition



### James B. "Jim" Argue Jr., 1951-2018

James B. "Jim" Argue Jr. of Little Rock died May 3, 2018, at St. Vincent Infirmary following a brief illness. He was born August 19, 1951, in Carthage, TX, to Dr. James B. Argue and Ann Bourland Argue. The family moved to Little Rock in 1964 when Dr. Argue was named senior pastor at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Jim graduated from Hall High School in 1969 and Hendrix College in 1973, where he earned a degree in history and political science. Following college graduation, Jim began a 45-year calling in finance and investments, including as a vice president at Commercial National Bank. In 1981, Methodist philanthropists successfully recruited Jim and he went on to become the longest serving president of the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas, where he stayed until his death. Under his leadership, Foundation assets grew from an initial investment of \$67,000 to a current value of \$164 million, making it one of the largest United Methodist foundations in the country. In early 1980, Jim spotted a beautiful new alto in the choir loft. Their love was almost instant, and he and Elise Carey were married on May 30, 1980. They enjoyed a 38-year marriage of shared devotion, raising two daughters, Sarah and Emily, who Jim cherished with great love and enormous pride. He loved his new role as "Granddaddy" to Charlotte and Anderson and found great joy in this new season of his life. In 1990, frustrated with the legislature's failure to provide adequate resources for public schools, Jim successfully ran for the Arkansas House of Representatives as a proud Democrat. He served a total of 18 years in both the House and the Arkansas Senate, 16 of those serving on the education committee of both bodies. State Senate colleagues elected him as president pro tem during the 85th General Assembly. Recognized as one of the key architects in the state's response to the 2002 Lake View Supreme Court decision, Argue was lauded by colleagues as committed, tenacious, and unwavering in his successful efforts towards major school reforms and improvements. When his time in the Arkansas Legislature came to a close, Jim and Elise embarked on a series of world travels. Jim especially enjoyed connecting with distant family, the "Argue Clan" of Ireland. A devoted Methodist, Jim was the former chair of the Administrative Board of Pulaski Heights UMC and a member of the denomination's General Council on Finance and Administration. He was named a 2017 Distinguished Alumni of Hendrix College. He was an honoree at the 2016 Philander Smith College Living Legends Banquet and received the JCA's Father Joseph Biltz award in 2000. He was also a devoted St. Louis Cardinals fan and belonged to a group known as the St. Louis Six, longtime friends who traveled to St. Louis together for big game weekends for more than 30 years. Jim is survived by his wife, Elise; daughters Sarah Argue and Emily Argue Stotts (Jeff); grandchildren Charlotte and Anderson Stotts; sister Marsha Argue Bozeman; brother Robert Argue; nephew Ryan Bozeman, and sister-in-law Ellen Tarkington. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Elizabeth, and nephew Bradley Tarkington. Funeral services were held May 9 at Pulaski Heights UMC.





# Roll in Heaven



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## 2018 Arkansas Conference Journal

### THE COMPLETE ROLL IN HEAVEN WAS LAST PRINTED IN THE 2012 JOURNAL.

The complete "Roll in Heaven" is a combination of records from the former conferences that have served our Arkansas Churches: Arkansas, Little Rock, North Arkansas, Southwest, Ouachita, and White River Conferences.

\* indicates a Local Pastor

NAME	BORN	DIED
William Capehart	1927	2012
Bob Shields Edwards	1932	2012
Jon Dickey Guthrie	1934	2012
Frank Vernon Hilliard	1931	2012
William B. "Bill" Leslie	1950	2012
Charles Paul McDonald, Jr.	1926	2012
Robert Bowen Moore, Jr.	1923	2012
Justice Franklin Warden	1932	2012
Charles Wear	1927	2012
Altus M. Block	1932	2013
Robert C. "Bob" Clark	1941	2013
Frank Raymond Clemmons	1930	2013
Robert Issac Doom	1930	2013
Raymond Arthur Dorman	1911	2013
V. Dean Egger	1928	2013
Vernon Wayne Johnson	1949	2013
Owen Talley Sr.	1925	2013
James Henry Shaddox	1921	2013
Thomas Kelly Jones	1918	2013
Harold Herman Spence	1918	2013
Jason Andrew Molitor	1972	2013
Clint Burleson	1930	2013
Robert Reynolds	1929	2013
Jimmie Dee Robison	1915	2013
Jimmie L. Kirkwood	1937	2013
Robert B. Howerton, Jr.	1933	2013
John Sparks Workman	1927	2014
James "Jim" Randle	1937	2014
Carl Vincent Strayhorn	1921	2014
John Roy Soward	1946	2014
Robert Arthur Terry	1938	2014
Cloyd Stephen "Steve" Wiseman	1950	2014
Billy Howard Cox	1928	2014
Patricia Litts	1942	2014
Thomas E. Lukas	1941	2014
Dale Diffie	1934	2014
Gerald Kemp Fincher	1929	2014
Barbara Jo Benefield Smith Gilbert	1946	2014
William C. "Dick" Haltom	1933	2014
Richard Clark Preston	1933	2014
Richmond Pearson Meadows	1950	2014
Clifford Ray Tribble	1928	2014
Gerald Kent Rainwater	1939	2014
James Cleveland Foster	1933	2014
Fred R. Smith	1930	2014
Robert Emery Woody	1929	2014
Woodrow Smith	1928	2014
Ronald L. Robbins*	1933	2015
James R. Wilson	1943	2015
Maurice C. Webb, Sr.	1913	2015
Paul Lyons	1926	2015
Jerry Dale Nipper	1935	2015

Loye Vern Mason	1947	2015
Lawrence Odell Taylor	1929	2015
Patrick Owen Henry	1949	2015
Joel Aubrey Cooper	1918	2015
Barton L. Lackey*	1929	2015
James A. Barton	1937	2015
Ivan Charles Bys	1922	2015
Benjamin Gee Hines	1927	2015
James M. McKay	1937	2015
J.M. Rogers	???	2015
John C. Sandine	1950	2015
Richard R. Stegall	1935	2015
James Rudolph Woodruff	1918	2015
Douglas "Dee" Edwin Edwards III	1955	2016
Bily Gene Fox	1935	2016
Cecil S. Harrison	1919	2016
Denzel Stokes	1930	2016
J. Victor Turner	1947	2016
James Steve Wanasek	1940	2016
Dr. Robert Louis Moore	1942	2016
James Robert "Bob" Scott	1925	2016
Powell Gladstone "Bill" Williams	1943	2016
Herbert Wren III	1929	2016
Jimmy Faye Brooks	1943	2016
James David Harrison	1937	2016
Charles Ashcraft	1929	2017
Doyle E. Berckefeldt	1943	2016
Melvin Bitter	1920	2017
James T. Ford	1919	2017
Otha Freeman Henderson*	1926	2017
Joseph Hughes, Jr.	1934	2017
Herschel Herbert McClurkin	1928	2017

Clergy Deaths since the 2017 Conference Session  
 Memoirs & photos of these pastors are printed in the MEMORIALS of this Journal.

Albert C. Marlar*	1951	2017
Earl Thomas Moreland	1954	2017
Jerry L. Lumpkin*	1941	2017
James Edward Major	1916	2017
Dewey Dark	1930	2017
Ellis Edward "Ed" Warren	1948	2017
Leon T. Dixon*	1968	2017
Elizabeth "Betty" Embrey Robertson	1929	2017
John Pershing Miles	1929	2017
Gary B. Lunsford*	1942	2018
Carlos E. Martin	1924	2018
Rita Kaye Hammett Evans	1948	2018
Robert P. Sessions	1926	2018
H. Frank Cook*	1941	2018
Thomas A. Abney	1929	2018
Marion Fleming	1944	2018
William D. "Bill" Elliott	1932	2018
Edmond Bland Dodson	1922	2018
Sylvia L. Nasic	1934	2018

*“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.”*

*John 14:1-4*



# Structure and Standing Rules



## Standing Rules of the Arkansas Annual Conference

### Chapter One GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Section I. The Arkansas Conference Mission

**Par. 101. Mission** Making disciples of Jesus Christ equipped to transform the world with excellence and passion.

**Par. 102. Vision** Congregations and surrounding communities transformed by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate love of God and neighbor, holy living, and justice.

**Par. 103. Core Measures**

1. We will be enriched by our Wesleyan heritage of scriptural holiness so that we are connected by our mission of making disciples instead of being connected by our apportionments, appointments and benefits.
2. We will establish the mission field as the primary focus of our attention and resources instead of directing the majority of our attention and resources to mere maintenance of congregations and clergy.
3. We will equip laity and clergy to transform individuals, communities and the world instead of trying to satisfy personal preferences of current members and ensure congregational preservation.
4. We will address the unique context of each mission field instead of depending on standardized programs and structures.

**Par. 104. Arkansas Conference Trajectory** Creating vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.

#### Section II. Standing Rules

**Par. 105. Establishment** The Arkansas Annual Conference establishes the Standing Rules under the authority of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* ¶ 610, which permits the Annual Conference to structure its own administrative procedures and ministries in order to accomplish its purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Par. 106. Purpose** The Standing Rules prescribe the administrative procedures the Annual Conference will utilize to carry out its mission, vision, core measures and trajectory.

**Par. 107. Changes to Standing Rules** A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Annual Conference members present and voting shall be required to change the Standing Rules.

**Par. 108. Suspension of Standing Rules** A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Annual Conference members present and voting shall be required to suspend the Standing Rules.

**Par. 109. Procedural Authority** *Roberts Rules of Order* shall be the procedural authority for the Annual Conference when not in conflict with the current *Book of Discipline* or Arkansas Annual Conference Session Rules.

**Par. 110. Definitions**

1. *The Discipline*: unless otherwise noted, refers to the current *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*.
2. *Annual Conference or Conference*: unless otherwise noted, refers to the Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.
3. *Conference Agency*: any council, board, commission, committee, task force, or other structural grouping established by the Standing Rules of the Conference or mandated by *The Discipline*.
4. *Ex-officio member*: unless otherwise noted, all ex-officio members shall have vote.
5. *Resolution*: A non-legislative proposal for the Annual Conference to address or take action regarding a particular issue.
6. *Petition*: Proposed changes to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* or *The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church* that are forwarded to the General Conference for action.
7. *Annual Conference Session*: Any regular or special session of the Annual Conference comprised of clergy and lay members as mandated by *The Book of Discipline*, Standing Rules or Structure.

#### Section III. Mandated Disciplinary Changes to the Conference Standing Rules and Structure

**Par. 111. Mandated Changes** The Committee on Review and Research shall work with the Conference Secretary, *Journal* Editor and Assistant to the Bishop to ensure that changes mandated by General Conference will be reflected in the Conference Standing Rules, Structure and *Journal*.

**Chapter Two**  
**ORGANIZATION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Section I. Conference Structure ¶¶ 610, *The Book of Discipline*)**

**Par. 201. Flexibility** The structure of the Annual Conference shall be flexible, responsive and inclusive of age, gender and diverse ethnicity.

**Par. 202. Changes to Structure** A 60% super majority of the Annual Conference members present and voting shall be required to change the Conference Structure.

**Section II. Officers****Par. 203. Bishop ¶¶ 414-416**

1. **Purpose.** The Bishop shall carry out those duties assigned by *The Book of Discipline*.

2. **Structure.** The South Central Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy will assign the Bishop at its quadrennial meeting.

3. **Process.** The Bishop carries out General and Residential duties as a member of the Council of Bishops and the South Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops by working with the South Central Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy, the Annual Conference Committee on Episcopacy, the Cabinet, Centers, Extended Cabinet and other Conference agencies.

**Par. 204. Conference Secretary ¶ 603.7**

1. **Purpose.** The Conference Secretary shall carry out those duties described in various paragraphs of *The Book of Discipline* and those assigned by the Annual Conference and shall be responsible for annual review of the Arkansas Conference Rules of Order and for recommending them for adoption at the beginning of each Annual Conference.

2. **Structure.** The Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Secretary every quadrennium.

3. **Process.** The Conference Secretary is responsible to the Annual Conference through the Conference Planning Committee.

**Par. 205. Conference Treasurer ¶ 619**

1. **Purpose.** The Conference Treasurer shall carry out those duties described in various paragraphs of *The Book of Discipline* and those assigned by the Annual Conference.

2. **Structure.** The Conference Treasurer shall be nominated by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and elected by the Annual Conference according to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

3. **Process.** The Conference Treasurer is responsible to the Annual Conference through the Council on Finance and Administration.

**Par. 206. Conference Statistician ¶ 603.7**

1. **Purpose.** The Conference Statistician shall carry out those duties described in *The Book of Discipline* and those assigned by the Annual Conference. The Statistician shall make all statistical data and information available to the Annual Conference.

2. **Structure.** The Conference Statistician shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference every quadrennium according to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

3. **Process.** The Conference Statistician is responsible to the Annual Conference through the Council on Finance and Administration.

**Par. 207. Conference Chancellor ¶ 603.8**

1. **Purpose.** The Conference Chancellor and Associate Chancellor(s) shall serve as the legal advisor(s) to the Bishop and the Annual Conference.

2. **Structure.** The Conference Chancellor shall be nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Annual Conference. Upon the recommendation of the Bishop, Associate Chancellor(s) may be nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Annual Conference according to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

**Par. 208. Conference Lay Leader ¶ 607**

1. **Purpose.** The Conference Lay Leader and Associate Lay Leader(s) are the elected leaders of conference laity and shall be members of the Annual Conference. The Lay Leader will have responsibility for fostering awareness of the role of the laity in achieving the mission of the Church and for enabling and supporting lay participation in the planning and decision-making processes of the Annual Conference, district, and local church.

2. **Structure.** The Lay Leader shall be a member of the Annual Conference, the Conference Nominating Committee, the Conference Committee on Episcopacy, and the Annual Conference

Planning Committee; and may be designated by the Bishop to any Conference agency.

3. **Process.** The Conference Lay Leader shall be the chairperson of the Conference Board of Laity, and shall relate to the organized lay groups in the Conference, support their work and help them coordinate their activities. The Conference Lay Leader shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference, and may serve no more than two consecutive quadrennia.

### Section III. Lay Members ¶¶602.4 – 602.10

**Par. 209. Lay Members of the Annual Conference** The lay membership of the Annual Conference shall consist of a lay member elected by each charge, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, the Conference president of United Methodist Women, the Conference president of United Methodist Men, the Conference Lay Leader and Associate Lay Leader, District Lay Leaders, the Conference Director of Lay Speaking Ministries, the president or equivalent officer of the Conference young adult organization, the president of the Conference youth organization, the chair of the Annual Conference college student organization, one student from each Wesley Foundation, one student from Hendrix College Campus Ministry, one student from Philander Smith College Campus Ministry, two young persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen (one of whom shall be currently serving on the District or Conference Council on Youth Ministry) and two young persons between the ages of eighteen and thirty from each district to be selected by the District Leadership team or District Nominating Committee in consultation with the District Superintendent. Each charge served by more than one clergy member under appointment (including deacons in full connection for whom this is their primary appointment) shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy members under appointment.

Lay members of the Annual Conference shall participate in all deliberations and vote upon all measures except on the granting or validation of license, ordination, reception into full Conference membership, or any question concerning the character and official conduct of ordained ministers, except those who are lay members of the board of ordained ministry. Lay members shall serve on all committees except those on ministerial relations and for the trial of clergy.

When at any time a lay member is excused by the Annual Conference from further attendance during the session, the alternate lay member, if present, shall be seated. The lay member or the alternate shall be the lay member of the Annual Conference, and it shall be the duty of the lay member to report to the local church on actions of the Annual Conference.

### Section IV. Clergy Members ¶¶ 602.1 – 602.3

**Par. 210. Clergy Members of the Annual Conference** The clergy membership of the Annual Conference shall consist of deacons and elders in full connection (¶333), provisional members (¶327), associate members, affiliate members (¶344.4, 586.4), and local pastors under full-time and part-time appointment to a pastoral charge (¶317).

1. Clergy members in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the Annual Conference except in the election of lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences and shall have sole responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations of clergy.
2. Provisional, associate and affiliate clergy members, and full-time and part-time local pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge shall have the right to vote in the Annual Conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of lay or clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences and matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations of clergy, except when associate members and local pastors are members of the conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (¶634.1).

### Section V. Lay-Clergy Equalization

**Par. 211. Equalizing Lay and Clergy Membership** If the lay membership should number fewer than the clergy members of the Annual Conference, the Annual Conference shall provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and clergy membership of the Annual Conference according to the following priorities:

1. The Annual Conference clergy membership shall include campus ministers, chaplains and Wesley Foundation directors. In districts where United Methodist laypersons serve as campus ministers/directors of Wesley Foundations, they shall be added as at-large lay members to the Annual Conference. In districts where United Methodist clergy serve as chaplains, campus ministers, and directors of Wesley Foundations, the laypersons elected as their balancing counterparts shall be elected from either the campus ministry board of directors or a student from that ministry/



- foundation. In making sure that such inclusion is adhered to, special consideration shall be given to the inclusion of United Methodist young adults who are active participants in campus ministry.
2. Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference
  3. Lay chairpersons of Conference Boards, Committees, and Commissions as elected by the Annual Conference. When the following positions are held by laity: Conference treasurer, Conference statistician, Conference secretary, and Conference ministry staff.
  4. When additional lay members are required to equalize representation an equal number of "at-large" delegates from each district shall be elected. The Conference Secretary will notify each District Superintendent of the number of at-large members they are to select giving consideration to the following persons:
    - a. Congregations underrepresented by virtue of size or circumstance
    - b. Elected chairpersons of Conference boards and agencies not included above
    - c. Officers of the Conference Board of Laity
    - d. Conference officers of UM Women, UM Men, and Conference Council on Youth Ministries residing within the bounds of a district
    - e. Elected lay persons to General and Jurisdictional Conference boards and agencies
    - f. District presidents of UM Women, UM Men, and District Councils on Youth Ministry
    - g. Lay members of Conference boards and agencies
    - h. Additional youth from each district

Upon their selection, the District Superintendent shall notify these persons in writing of their delegate status at least 60 days prior to the Annual Conference.
  5. The names and addresses of lay members of the Annual Conference elected by the Charge Conferences, as well as any district lay members selected by the district, shall be compiled by the District Superintendents and sent to the Conference Secretary at least 60 days prior to the opening day of the Annual Conference session.

#### **Section VI. Business of the Annual Conference: Conference Procedure**

The following Conference procedures shall be observed to expedite the business of the Annual Conference:

**Par. 212. Pre-Conference Journal** There shall be a *Pre-Conference Journal*, which shall contain reports of all program agencies of the Conference, proposed legislation, resolutions and petitions, and information about the Annual Conference session. This Pre-Conference Journal shall be provided to each member of the Arkansas Conference at least 30 days before the annual session. The Conference Secretary shall be the editor of this publication. Pre-conference reports submitted for inclusion in the *Pre-Conference Journal* shall be submitted to the Conference Secretary by a deadline to be determined and widely publicized by the Conference Secretary. Any agency making a report not included in the Pre-Conference Journal that proposes changes in policy or has financial implications shall provide the Conference Treasurer and chair of CF&A with the report no later than 10 days prior to the opening Business Session of Annual Conference.

#### **Par. 213. Resolutions and Petitions**

1. Resolutions or petitions not offered by a Conference agency must be signed by at least ten lay and/or clergy members of the upcoming Arkansas Annual Conference Session. These signatures must be obtained before the proposed resolution or petition may be submitted to the Conference Secretary. All petitions and resolutions not printed in the Pre-Conference Journal must be in the hands of the Conference Secretary no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to the opening Business Session. Those proposing the petition or resolution shall provide at their own expense copies for all lay and clergy members. Any petitions and resolutions must lay on the table for a minimum of 24 hours prior to consideration.
2. *Footnotes.* Resolutions and petitions shall contain footnotes that clarify the source of any facts, quotes, or generalizations made within the proposed resolution or petition. These footnotes must be included with the proposed resolution or petition before it may be submitted to the Conference Secretary. These footnotes shall include enough information to allow the Conference some level of confidence that the content of the proposed resolution or petition is accurate and reliable. These footnotes shall also include enough information to allow the content of the proposed resolution or petition to be checked for accuracy.

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### Par. 214. Items for Distribution.

All items for general distribution shall be prepared by the sponsoring person or agency at their own expense and must be in the hands of the Conference Secretary no later than 3:00 p.m. prior to the next day's Business Session.

### Par. 215. Journal of the Annual Conference

1. There shall be a *Journal*, which contains a record of the Annual Conference proceedings.
2. All content for the Journal shall be provided to the Conference Secretary no later than the close of the Annual Conference session. All material to be published in the Journal that does not meet this deadline may be excluded unless specific permission for delay is granted by the Conference Secretary. The Conference Secretary, Dean of the Cabinet, and Conference Treasurer shall be authorized to edit all reports for printing in the Journal .
3. Addresses delivered to the Conference, except for the Episcopal Address, Laity Address and Youth Address, shall not be printed in the Conference Journal .
4. All legislation and reports not printed in the Pre-Conference Journal shall be in the hands of the Conference Secretary and Presiding Officer no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the opening Business Session. The agency, at their own expense, also will provide enough copies for the members of the Annual Conference Session to the Conference Secretary no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day before the opening Business Session.
5. The Conference Structure shall be reprinted each year in the *Journal*, incorporating any changes made during the preceding Annual Conference.
6. The Conference Secretary shall distribute an electronic copy of the *Journal* to active and retired clergy, seminarians, all probationary members, lay members of the Annual Conference, and chairpersons of Conference board, committees, and agencies. Printed copies may be obtained upon request

**Par. 216. Election of Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences** At the Annual Conference session preceding the year of delegate election, the Conference may adopt rules governing the election of delegates.

**Par. 217. Conference Expense Fund** Registration fees and non-designated offerings taken at the Annual Conference shall be administered by the Conference Treasurer to defray expenses of the session.

**Par. 218. Payment of Annual Conference Expenses** Expenses of the Annual Conference session shall be paid by funds received from:

1. Registration fees, which shall be set by the Conference Session Planning Committee;
2. Offerings, other than special designated offerings; and
3. If necessary, the Conference Administration Fund.

**Par. 219. Retired Clergy, Spouses, and Surviving Spouses** No registration fee shall be required for retired clergy, their spouses or surviving spouses. The expense of retired clergy, spouses, and surviving spouses shall be paid in keeping with the guidelines of the Council on Finance and Administration when proper vouchers are presented.

**Par. 220 Student Local Pastors and Seminary Students** No registration fee shall be required for student local pastors or seminary students.

**Par. 221 Location of the Annual Conference Session** Location of Annual Conference sessions will be selected by the Annual Conference Planning Committee and reported to the Annual Conference on a schedule sufficient to secure adequate facilities for meetings and lodging.

**Par. 222. Annual Conference Session Rules** The Annual Conference Session will adopt the Arkansas Conference Session Rules during each opening Business Session of Annual Conference. Session rules will be proposed by the Annual Conference Session Planning Committee and adopted at the opening Business Session of each Annual Conference by a majority vote. Session rules shall remain in effect during all session of the Arkansas Conference until superseded by action of the Annual Conference.

## Structure of the Arkansas Annual Conference

### Chapter One GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Section I. The Arkansas Conference Mission

**Par. 301. Mission** The Mission of the Arkansas Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ equipped to transform the world with excellence and passion.

**Par. 302. Vision** Congregations and surrounding communities transformed by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate love of God and neighbor, holy living, and justice.

#### Par. 303. Core Measures

1. We will be enriched by our Wesleyan heritage of scriptural holiness so that we are connected by

our mission of making disciples instead of being connected by our apportionments, appointments and benefits.

2. We will establish the mission field as the primary focus of our attention and resources instead of directing the majority of our attention and resources to mere maintenance of congregations and clergy.
3. We will equip laity and clergy to transform individuals, communities and the world instead of trying to satisfy personal preferences of current members and ensure congregational preservation.
4. We will address the unique context of each mission field instead of depending on standardized programs and structures.

**Par. 304. Arkansas Conference Trajectory** Creating vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.

## Section II. Structure

**Par.305. Establishment** The Arkansas Annual Conference establishes the following Structure under the authority of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, which permits the Annual Conference to structure its own ministries and administrative procedures in order to accomplish its purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ. ¶610

**Par. 306. Purpose** The Structure prescribes the ministries, organization and procedures the Annual Conference will use in carrying out its mission, vision, core measures and trajectory.

**Par. 307. Task Force** Boards, committees, commissions, and other agencies are encouraged to develop task forces to address emerging missional opportunities. Each board, committee, commission and other agencies will invite to these task forces persons who will bring passion, experience, and expertise to the work.

## Chapter Two

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION TO CONFERENCE AGENCIES AND OFFICES

#### Section I. Nomination to Conference Agencies

##### Par. 401. Conference Nominating Committee

1. **Purpose.** Except as otherwise indicated by *The Book of Discipline* or the Standing Rules of the Arkansas Conference, the Conference Nominating Committee shall identify and nominate all members and chairpersons of the Annual Conference boards, teams, commissions and committees, the Conference Lay Leader, Associate Lay Leader, the Conference Secretary, and the Conference Statistician.
2. **Structure.**
  - a. Composition Membership shall include one clergy and one lay member from each district and two cabinet representatives. The following shall serve as ex-officio members with vote: The Bishop (or representative), Conference Lay Leader, Associate Lay Leader, President of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries and the Chairperson (or representative) of the Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns. The Director of Connectional Ministries shall serve as ex-officio without vote. The Committee shall reflect racial, ethnic, and gender diversity. They shall be elected by the Conference for terms of four years.
  - b. Nominations for Committee Membership. Nominations shall be received from each District Nominating Committee. Nominations for membership on the Conference Nominating Committee shall be received from the District Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference. Additional nominations may come from the floor. Elected members may serve a maximum of four consecutive years as long as they continue to live within the bounds of the district. If an elected district member moves out of the district mid-year, they will continue serving on this committee until their successor is elected at the next Conference session. Persons completing their elected term are ineligible to serve on the Nominating Committee until the passage of at least four years.
  - c. Filling Vacancies on the Committee. Any vacancy occurring between sessions of the Annual Conference shall be filled for the remainder of the term at the succeeding session of the Annual Conference in the same manner as described above. If a member representing a district is unable or unwilling to attend meetings, the District Superintendent may name a substitute to ensure that the district is represented.

d. Officers. The committee shall organize, by electing from within its membership, a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a secretary, and such other officers as it may deem necessary.

3. **Process.** All nominees shall be consulted regarding their nomination. The right to nominate from the floor of the Annual Conference session shall not be abridged. "In the nomination and election of the membership of councils, boards, and agencies of the Annual Conference, special attention shall be given to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth, (§256.3), young adults, older adults, persons from churches with small memberships, persons with disabilities, and racial and ethnic persons, in keeping with policies for general church agencies. It is further recommended that the membership of such agencies, except for the Board of Ordained Ministry, include one-third clergy, one-third laywomen, and one-third laymen, who are professing members of local churches." (§610.5) Attention shall also be given to geographical representation.

**Par. 402. Board, Agency and Committee Service**

1. Elective membership on any specific board, agency, or committee of the Annual Conference may not exceed two consecutive quadrennia, excepting ex-officio membership, unless otherwise prescribed by *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*. After eight consecutive years on any specific board, agency, or committee of the Annual Conference, no person may return to the same body until the passage of four years, excepting ex-officio membership. Membership begins upon election, with the date noted in the *Conference Journal*.

2. No person shall be elected by the Annual Conference to serve on more than one Council, Board, Committee, Commission, Agency, etc. at any one time. This does not affect ex-officio positions. The following are exempt from this rule: Conference Nominating Committee, Episcopacy Committee, Annual Conference Planning Committee, Committee on Review and Research, Joint Committee on Incapacity, Board of Ordained Ministry and Administrative Review Committee.

3. In the nomination and election of the membership of councils, boards, and agencies of the Annual Conference, special attention shall be given to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth (§256.3), young adults, older adults, persons from churches with small memberships, persons with disabilities, and racial and ethnic persons, in keeping with policies for general church agencies. It is further recommended that the membership of such agencies, except for the Board of Ordained Ministry, include one-third clergy, one-third laywomen, and one-third laymen, who are professing members of local churches." (§610.5) Special attention shall also be given to geographical representation.

4. Members of general agencies shall serve as ex-officio members of the corresponding Annual Conference agency or its equivalent structure. If this results in a person being a member of more than one Annual Conference agency in violation of either Annual Conference policy or another provision of *The Book of Discipline*, the person shall choose the Annual Conference agency on which to serve.

5. "No member or employee of any Conference agency and no employee, trustee, or director of any agency or institution participating in the funds of any Conference budget shall be eligible for voting membership on the Council on Finance and Administration." (§611.2)

6. Agencies of the Annual Conference are to keep records of member attendance and participation and report to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee may recommend to the Annual Conference that new board/committee members be elected to replace those whose lack of participation inhibits the effectiveness of the board/committee.

7. Unless provided for elsewhere, a vacancy between sessions of the Annual Conference shall be filled by the Extended Cabinet on nomination of the Nominating Committee.

**Par. 403. Task Force Service**

1. Membership on Task Forces shall be inclusive of ethnic minorities and persons from small membership churches. A balance of laymen, laywomen, and clergy shall be the norm.

2. The norm for Task Force membership shall be a broad base of participation from throughout the Conference.

3. Persons are limited to membership on one Conference task force at a given time. It is recommended that persons will not immediately begin service on a new task force after completion of their service.

**Par. 404. Removal from Agency Membership** Since lack of members' participation inhibits the effectiveness of Conference Agencies, Agencies will keep records of member attendance and participation and report to the Conference Committee on Nominations and Leadership. The Conference Committee on Nominations and Leadership may recommend to the Annual Conference that new board/committee member(s) be elected to replace those whose lack of participation inhibits the effectiveness of the board/committee.

**Par. 405. Procedure for Filling Vacancies** Unless provided for elsewhere, a vacancy between sessions of the Annual Conference shall be filled by the Extended Cabinet on nomination of the Conference Committee on Nominations and Leadership.

### Chapter Three CONFERENCE AGENCIES AND OFFICES

#### Section I. Establishment of Conference Agencies

**Par. 501. Required by *The Book of Discipline* ¶¶607.9-654** (The following includes required agencies and officers, any rules that impact the agency or officer and the name given by The Arkansas Annual Conference to that agency if it differs from the name listed in *The Book of Discipline*.)

1. Board of Discipleship ¶¶ 630, 645
2. Board of Laity ¶ 631
3. Conference Associate Lay Leader ¶ 607.9
  - a. **Purpose.** The Conference Associate Lay Leader shall assist the Conference Lay Leader in fostering awareness of the role of the laity in achieving the mission of the Church and for enabling and supporting lay participation in the planning and decision-making processes of the Annual Conference, district, and local church.
  - b. **Structure.** The Conference Associate Lay Leader shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference. The Conference Associate Lay Leader shall be a member of the Annual Conference, the Conference Nominating Committee, the Conference Committee on Episcopacy, and the Annual Conference Planning Committee; and may be designated by the Bishop to any Conference agency.
3. Board of Ordained Ministry ¶ 635
4. Committee on Episcopacy ¶ 637
5. Episcopal Residence Committee ¶ 638
6. Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry ¶ 634
  - a. Membership of the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry shall include a chairperson and two representatives from each district nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference. In addition, there shall be one representative from each Wesley Foundation, one representative from the campus ministry at Hendrix College named by the President of Hendrix College, and one representative of the campus ministry at Philander Smith College named by the President of Philander Smith College. The campus minister from each campus and the Conference Director of Connectional Ministries shall be ex-officio members without vote. In addition, any member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from the Annual Conference shall be a member of the Conference board.
  - b. Wesley Foundation Boards: Membership will be appointed by each local board and presented to each Annual Conference for approval. A majority of members of Wesley Foundation Boards shall be active members of a United Methodist Church in Arkansas.
7. Board of Global Ministries ¶¶ 633, 642
  - a. The membership of the Conference Board of Global Ministries shall include a Chairperson, the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries and the District Secretaries of Global Ministries who shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference, the Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation of the Conference United Methodist Women.
  - b. The Board shall designate a coordinator (or coordinators) for Volunteer In Mission opportunities, a coordinator (or coordinators) of missionary personnel, a coordinator (or coordinators) for disaster response, a coordinator (or coordinators) for ecumenical and interreligious concerns, and a coordinator (of coordinators) of Parish and Community Development. In addition, any member of the General Board of Global Ministries from the Annual Conference shall be an ex-officio member of the Conference board.
8. Conference Secretary of Global Ministries ¶ 633.3  
The Secretary of Global Ministries shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference and will be a member of the Board of Global Ministries.
9. Conference Board of Church and Society ¶¶ 629, 653
  - a. The membership of the Conference Board of Church and Society shall consist of a

chairperson, one representative from each district, the United Methodist Women Mission Coordinator for Social Action, and one at-large member nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference. The membership shall include persons with disabilities. The board will be half clergy and half laity. The Board shall elect a secretary from its members.

b. The members of the Board shall organize themselves into committees to work on the various issues of concern to the Board as outlined in the Social Principles, including local, state, national, and international issues. The Board shall include a coordinator (or coordinators) of Peace with Justice Ministries. In addition, the Board shall include a coordinator (or coordinators) of disability concerns.

10. Conference Commission on Religion and Race ¶ 643

a. Membership shall include a chairperson and one member from each district to be represented by racial and ethnic minority persons. Selection of commission members shall ensure adequate representation of women, youth, young adults, older adults, and people with disabilities.

b. Members of the General Commission on Religion and Race residing in the Annual Conference shall be ex-officio members of the Annual Conference Commission on Religion and Race with vote. The commission chairperson and members shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference.

11. Conference Commission on Status and Role of Women ¶ 644

a. Membership will include one representative from each district, and a chairperson, who shall be a woman, to be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference. In addition, there shall be a representative from the United Methodist Women and the Board of Laity.

12. Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns ¶¶ 632, 654

a. The membership shall include:

1) Chairperson to be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference;

2) One representative from each district appointed by the District Superintendent. Race, gender, and age shall be taken into consideration, with special attention to ensure that the committee represents the racial make-up of ethnic groups within the Arkansas Conference (Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans). At no time shall ethnic persons make up less than 51% of the persons represented on the committee. Representatives without vote:

3) A representative of the Conference Staff;

4) One representative from Conference Commission on Religion and Race (chairperson or designee) to act as liaison; and

5) Liaison(s) to other bodies as needed to accomplish the Committee's work.

13. United Methodist Women ¶ 647

14. United Methodist Men ¶ 648

15. Conference Council on Youth Ministries ¶ 649

16. Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries ¶ 650

17. Conference Council on Adult, Singles, Family, and Older Adult Ministries ¶ 651

18. Council on Finance and Administration ¶ 612

The Council members will be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference. The Council shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members. The Conference Coordinator of Stewardship shall be an ex-officio member. There will be at least one more lay person than clergy included on the Council. Members will be elected to four-year terms of office. Those whose terms have expired will be eligible to be elected to one additional four-year term. Churches of fewer than 200 members shall be represented on the council. Ex-officio members of the Council (without vote) shall be (1) the Conference Treasurer, (2) any member of the General Council on Finance and Administration who resides in Arkansas, (3) the presiding Bishop (4) a Cabinet representative and (5) the Director of Connectional Ministries. The Council will elect from its voting membership a president, vice president, and secretary.

19. Conference Treasurer ¶ 619

20. Conference Statistician ¶ 603.7

21. Conference Secretary ¶ 603.7

22. Conference Chancellor ¶ 603.8

23. Conference Board of Trustees ¶ 2512
24. Board of Pension and Health Benefits ¶ 639
25. Commission on Archives and History ¶ 641
26. Commission on Communications ¶ 646
27. Commission on Equitable Compensation ¶ 625
28. Joint Committee on Incapacity ¶ 652
29. Administrative Review Committee ¶ 636
30. Cabinet ¶ 424
31. Committee on Investigation ¶ 2703
32. Committee on Investigation for Deacons ¶ 2703.3
33. Extended Cabinet ¶ 424
  - a. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Extended Cabinet shall be to act as the central team that develops and implements ministry and mission strategies of the Arkansas Annual Conference. It also shall serve as the body to which all financial requests for ministry resources are submitted. The Director of Connectional Ministries will have primary responsibility to receive requests. It will be the responsibility of the Extended Cabinet to present a budget to the Council on Finance and Administration with a listing of ministry priorities and rationale for budget requests.
  - b. **Structure.** The membership of the Extended Cabinet shall be determined by the presiding bishop to address the missional needs of the Annual Conference.

## Section II. Additional Conference Agencies and Offices

**Par. 502. Additional agencies, committees, and offices ¶ 610.2** (The following includes additional agencies and officers, any rules that impact the agency or officer and the name given by The Arkansas Annual Conference.)

1. Leadership Table
  - a. **Purpose.** The Leadership Table shall resource and facilitate ministry networks to strengthen local church ministries.
  - b. **Structure.** The Leadership Table shall be composed of the chairs or designated representatives of the Conference boards and agencies and the coordinators of ministries within those entities under the guidance of the Director of Connectional Ministries.
2. Outdoor Ministries
  - a. **Purpose.** The Committee on Outdoor Ministries is responsible for providing experiences in outdoor settings that enable persons of all ages to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to grow in their faith.
  - b. **Structure.** The Committee will be composed of nine members of United Methodist congregations in Arkansas. These persons will represent a passion for outdoor and camping ministries. One member of the committee will be designated as Chairperson. The Chairperson and Committee will be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference. Directors of each facility shall serve as advisors without vote.
  - c. **Process.** The Committee shall meet to consider and recommend such issues as:
    - 1) Visioning for Outdoor Ministries;
    - 2) Legal responsibility and accountability;
    - 3) Risk management;
    - 4) Program support and training;
    - 5) Apportionment need and capital funding; and
    - 6) Any other outdoor ministry issues and concerns.
3. Conference Session Planning Committee
  - a. **Purpose.** The Conference Session Planning Committee shall:
    - 1) Develop and approve the Annual Conference agenda, in consultation with the Bishop;
    - 2) Set Annual Conference registration fees;
    - 3) Recommend a balanced budget for the upcoming Annual Conference session to the Council on Finance and Administration;
    - 4) Advise the Bishop on setting dates for the Annual Conference session;
    - 5) Advise the Bishop on the selection of the Conference preacher;
    - 6) Research and advise the Annual Conference on selection of future meeting sites;
    - 7) Advise and approve plans of the worship committee for the Annual Conference

- session;
- 8) Maintain a checklist of local host responsibilities;
  - 9) Review and approve an evaluation process; and
  - 10) Review evaluations of the previous session prior to planning the next session.
- b. **Structure.** Membership of the Conference Session Planning Committee shall be:
- 1) Bishop, who shall serve as chairperson;
  - 2) Conference Lay Leader, who shall serve as vice-chairperson;
  - 3) Conference Secretary, who shall serve as secretary;
  - 4) Worship Coordinator (Board of Discipleship);
  - 5) Director of Connectional Ministries;
  - 6) Conference Treasurer;
  - 7) Coordinator of Spiritual Growth, Conference United Methodist Women;
  - 8) Host District Superintendent;
  - 9) Two representatives of the host committee for the forthcoming session, selected by the host District Superintendent;
  - 10) Four lay persons from the Board of Laity, selected by the conference lay leader in consultation with the Bishop;
  - 11) Two ethnic minority persons; and
  - 12) Any other persons named by the Bishop.
4. Committee on Review and Research
- a. **Purpose.** The Committee on Review and Research shall: 1) Ensure changes in the Conference Standing Rules and Structure that are mandated by the General Conference and are published in each subsequent edition of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; 2) Review all resolutions presented to the Annual Conference that call for changes in the Standing Rules or Structure and report to the Conference; and 3) Propose changes in Standing Rules and Structure that will enable the Annual Conference to more faithfully carry out its mission, vision, core measures and trajectory.
- b. **Structure.** The Committee on Review and Research shall include a chairperson, one representative from each district, and three at-large members. The chairperson and members shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference.
- c. **Process.** The Committee will work with the Conference Secretary, Journal Editor, and Assistant to the Bishop to ensure that changes mandated by the General Conference are reflected in the Conference Standing Rules and Structure, and are published in each subsequent edition of the Journal. The Committee will review all resolutions, petitions, and legislation presented to the Annual Conference that call for changes in the Standing Rules or Structure and report to the Conference.

## Chapter Four DISTRICTS

### Section I. District Structure

**Par. 601. District Agencies and Officers** (The following includes required agencies and officers, any rules that impact the agency or officer and the name given by The Arkansas Annual Conference to that agency if it differs from the name listed in *The Book of Discipline*.)

1. District Leadership Team ¶ 661
2. District Conference ¶¶ 658 – 659
3. District Nominating Committee (Non-disciplinary)
  - a. **Purpose.** The District Nominating Committee shall nominate persons to fill all of the offices within the District except those given by *The Book of Discipline* to the District Superintendent for nomination or appointment, and to nominate persons from the Districts to serve on Annual Conference agencies.
  - b. **Structure.** The District Nominating Committee shall include the District Superintendent (who shall be the chairperson) and nine members elected by the District Conference (four clergy and five lay) with names of persons placed in nomination from the floor of the District Conference. The Committee shall be divided into three, three-year classes, with a class of persons elected annually to a three-year term. No more than one person from a local church may serve on the committee. No elected member may serve two consecutive



- terms.
4. District Lay Leader ¶ 660
  5. District Board of Trustees ¶ 2518
  6. District Board of Church Location and Building ¶ 2519
  7. District Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries ¶ 668
  8. Committee on District Superintendency ¶ 669
  9. District Committee on Ordained Ministry ¶ 666

## Proposed Arkansas Annual Conference Session Rules for 2016

### Chapter One General Provisions

#### Section I. The Arkansas Conference Mission

**Par. 701. Mission** The Mission of the Arkansas Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ equipped to transform the world with excellence and passion.

**Par. 702. Vision** Congregations and surrounding communities transformed by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate love of God and neighbor, holy living, and justice.

**Par. 703. Core Measures**

1. We will be enriched by our Wesleyan heritage of scriptural holiness so that we are connected by our mission of making disciples instead of being connected by our apportionments, appointments and benefits.
2. We will establish the mission field as the primary focus of our attention and resources instead of directing the majority of our attention and resources to mere maintenance of congregations and clergy.
3. We will equip laity and clergy to transform individuals, communities and the world instead of trying to satisfy personal preferences of current members and ensure congregational preservation.
4. We will address the unique context of each mission field instead of depending on standardized programs and structures.

**Par. 704. Arkansas Conference Trajectory** Creating vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.

### Chapter Two Business of the Annual Conference

#### Section I. Business of the Annual Conference Session

**Par. 801.** The following will be adopted at the opening Business Session of each Annual Conference by majority vote:

1. Arkansas Annual Conference Session Rules;
2. The Bar of the Conference;
3. The Annual Conference Session Agenda;
4. The Consent Calendar; and
5. Any other business deemed appropriate by the Conference Secretary.

**Par. 802. Consideration of Conference Matters**

1. Rules of Order for the Business Session. *Roberts Rules of Order* shall be the procedural authority for the business session of the Annual Conference when not in conflict with Arkansas Conference Session Rules or *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*.
2. Rules of Order for Motions, Legislation and Reports
  - a. Debate shall be limited to four (4) two-minute speeches for the motion, legislation or report and four (4) two-minute speeches against. This excludes persons inquiring about points of order or asking questions of clarification.
  - b. The presentation of the motion, legislation or report by a Conference Agency shall not be considered a speech in favor.
  - c. A timer shall be used to measure debate at the discretion of the Chair.
3. Rules of Order for Petitions and Resolutions
  - a. Debate on each resolution or petition shall be limited to four (4) two-minute speeches for the motion or resolution and four (4) two-minute speeches against. This excludes persons inquiring about points of order or asking questions of clarification.

- b. The presentation of the petition or resolution may last five (5) minutes and shall be considered a speech in favor.
  - c. A timer shall be used to measure debate at the discretion of the Chair.
  - d. Amendments and substitutions to petitions and resolutions will not be considered by the Annual Conference.
  - e. During debate of petitions and resolutions, other incidental and subsidiary motions will not be considered, with the exceptions of motions to suspend the rules, inquiries about points of order, and questions for clarification.
4. All motions made on the floor of Annual Conference shall be legibly written on forms supplied by the Conference Secretary and shall be in the hands of the Conference Secretary and Presiding Officer before any action or vote can be taken by the Conference.

**Par. 803. Motions Involving Expenditures** Any proposal submitted to the Annual Conference which involves the expenditure of funds not included in the Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A) report shall be referred for advice and recommendation to the Council on Finance and Administration. The CF&A will study the proposal and report back to the Annual Conference regarding the source of funding, the impact on the Conference budget, and CF&A's concurrence or non-concurrence. No new request for unbudgeted expenditures shall be considered on the last day of a Conference Session, unless it is a special session called to address financial matters.

## Section II. Annual Conference Tellers

**Par. 804. Tellers** Tellers shall be selected in a manner to be determined by the Conference Secretary.



View of the conference floor from secretarial area.

You never know what shows up in Lost and Found!





# Policies and Guidelines



Policies and Guidelines

Chapter One  
POLICIES GOVERNING LOCAL CHURCHES

Par. 1000 Policy Statement on Misconduct of a Sexual Nature (Adopted by the Annual Conference on June 10, 2004, and revised June 14, 2005)

1. Statement of Policy. The \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist church affirms the *2008 Book of Resolutions* #2044, Sexual Abuse Within the Ministerial Relationship and Sexual Harassment Within the Church, which states that sexual abuse within the ministerial relationship and sexual harassment within the church are incompatible with biblical teachings of hospitality, justice and healing. In accordance with the *2008 Book of Discipline* (§ 161.E) all human beings, both male and female, are created in the image of God, and thus have been made equal in Christ. As the promise of Galatians 3:26-29 states, all are one in Christ, we support equity among all persons without regard to ethnicity, situation, or gender.

Sexual abuse within the ministerial relationship occurs when a person within a ministerial role of leadership (pastor, educator, counselor, youth leader or other position of leadership) engages in sexual conduct or sexualized behavior with a congregant, client, employee, student, staff member, co-worker, volunteer, person being counseled or any other person to whom the minister relates in his/her capacity as a minister.

Sexual harassment is any unwanted sexual advance or demand, either verbal or physical that is reasonably perceived by the recipient as demeaning, intimidating, or coercive.

Sexual abuse within the ministerial relationship involves a betrayal of sacred trust, a violation of the ministerial role and exploitation of those who are vulnerable. Similarly, sexual harassment must be understood as an exploitation of a power relationship rather than as an exclusively sexual issue.

Misconduct of a sexual nature within the life of the church interferes with its moral mission. The \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church stands in opposition to the sin of misconduct of a sexual nature in the Church and society at large and commits itself to fair and expedient investigation of any charge of sexual misconduct within the church and to take action deemed appropriate and in compliance with the *Book of Discipline*. Further, the United Methodist Church bears affirmative responsibility to create an environment of hospitality for all persons, male or female, which is free of misconduct of a sexual nature and encourages respect, equality and kinship in Christ.

2. Procedures

a. If you experience what you consider to be inappropriate behavior, keep a written record of your experiences including dates, times, places, and witnesses. Keep any written material you may have received from the person. You may wish to confront the person with the inappropriate behavior and demand that it cease. If you choose not to confront the person alone, you may choose to ask someone to accompany you to confront the person and seek reconciliation. If you choose not to confront the person, or if the behavior continues, report the incident to the chair of the person's appropriate evaluating committee (e.g., a pastor or church staff member would be reported to the chair of the staff/parish relations committee; a district superintendent to the chair of the committee on superintendency; a bishop to the chair of the committee on episcopacy). If the conflict is not resolved to your satisfaction, the committee chair shall convene the entire committee to meet with the accused, the person bringing accusations, and each supporting person. If the situation is not resolved to your satisfaction following these efforts, then follow the *Discipline's* procedures for grievances, complaints, and charges.

b. If you are confronted by someone who has experienced or observed inappropriate behavior on your part, listen to the accusation and agree to change the behavior or otherwise resolve the situation and reconcile the relationship. If you are unable to resolve the situation with your accuser, contact the chair of your appropriate evaluating committee. Ask to meet with your accuser and committee chair to resolve the conflict. The accused and the person bringing the accusation each has the right to bring a supportive person to this meeting. If the conflict remains unresolved, the committee chair shall convene the entire committee to meet with the accused, the person bringing the accusation, and each supporting person.

c. If you receive a report of inappropriate behavior, listen seriously and objectively. Help the person follow the steps outlined above. If you are a clergy/church professional in a paid supervisory position in the local church or a conference agency, and an employee is being harassed, you should immediately take corrective or preventive action. According to Arkansas law, any person receiving a report from a child under age 18, indicating sexual abuse of that child, is required to report the abuse to the proper authorities.

Date adopted by the Church Council/Administrative Board

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Signatures of Administrative Board or Church Council

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**Par. 1001 Vacation Policy for Appointed Personnel (Presented by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and adopted by the Annual Conference in June 2010.)** It is The United Methodist Church’s view that good vacation time benefits ministry. Since pastors are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, time away (when the parish is “vacated”) can bring renewal and refreshment for the tasks at hand and help prevent burn-out. We recommend the following minimum vacation standards:

1. Each clergy person under appointment by the Bishop of the Arkansas Conference shall be entitled to receive the following minimum vacation time during the course of the Annual Conference year (July 1 – June 30).
  - a. Those having served full time in The United Methodist Church from the time first appointed to five years: two weeks vacation (2 Sundays).
  - b. Those having served full time in The United Methodist Church from six years to ten years: three weeks vacation (3 Sundays).
  - c. Those having served full time in The United Methodist Church for eleven or more years: four weeks vacation (4 Sundays).
2. Vacation time shall be based on the number of years of service under full-time appointment in the ministry of The United Methodist Church (including previous service in diaconal ministry) and not on the number of years of service in a given appointment.
3. Time away from the appointment for participating in continuing education events and experiences shall not be counted as vacation time (see ¶1351.2), nor time away from the appointment to attend Annual Conference or other conference, district, or general church events which the appointee is expected to attend shall be counted as vacation time.
4. Full-time clergy are to receive a minimum of two weeks for continuing education. All part-time clergy are to receive a minimum of one week for continuing education. (This continuing education policy does not apply to pastors who have not completed Course of Study.)
5. The Committee on Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations should also arrange for the clergy person to have one day off each week and to be away from the appointment occasionally for a day or two.
6. In those charges where local pastors have not completed the Course of Study and where clergy are appointed to less than full-time service, including student pastors and part-time local pastors, the minimum vacation time shall be two weeks.
7. Clergy should refrain from taking vacation during the first month of a new appointment. It is also recommended that the first-year vacation be distributed across the year, not taken all at once.
8. The clergy person shall consult with the Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee in obtaining vacation supply coverage.
9. The charge shall make available as necessary the funds for pulpit supply while the pastor is on vacation.

**Par. 1002 Outdoor Ministries Committee – Standards for Camping and Retreat Centers (This was passed at the 2009 session of the Arkansas Annual Conference.)** We recommend that the Arkansas Annual Conference rescind the “Standards for Camping and Retreat Centers” adopted in June 2010 and all previous recommendations of camping standards presented to the conference by this committee.

We further recommend that all camps and retreat centers within the Arkansas Annual Conference move toward accreditation through the American Camp Association.

**Par. 1003 Salary Arrearage Policy (This Salary Arrearage Policy was adopted by the Annual Conference on**

**June 22, 2014 as presented by the Equitable Compensation Commission.)** This applies to all churches and all clergy receiving a salary from a local church. This also includes those receiving equitable compensation funds.

1. In the event that the local church treasurer becomes aware that the church will be unable to provide to the pastor full payment of a regularly scheduled payroll or housing allowance installment, or to remit to the Conference Treasurer full payment for regular direct billed benefit payments such as pension and health care, the church treasurer shall notify within twenty-four hours the Pastor, the Lay Leader, and the Chairs of S/PPRC, Finance, Trustees, the Administrative/Church Council and the Lay Member of the Annual Conference of the impending arrearage. Upon receipt of such notice, the Chair of S/PPRC and/or the Pastor shall within 3 days notify the District Superintendent of the impending arrearage. It is the pastor's responsibility to keep copies of all such written notifications, and to provide additional written confirmation to the District Superintendent when an arrearage has taken place. Failure to document salary or benefits arrearage may result in a loss of compensation and/or forfeiture of benefits.

2. Upon receipt of notice of a pending arrearage, the Chair of S/PPRC shall within 24 hours convene a meeting of the Pastor, Lay Leader, and Chairs of Finance, Trustees, the Administrative/Church Council and Lay Member to Annual Conference to discuss the financial situation and seek remedies to prevent an arrearage from occurring. Such remedies might include:

- a. Drawing from invested funds,
- b. An emergency appeal for special giving from the congregation,
- c. Emergency grants or loans from the District or Conference.

According to *The Book of Discipline* ¶1624, such remedies cannot include a reduction in the Pastor's compensation until the beginning of the next Conference year.

3. If the local church becomes delinquent in the pastor's compensation (i.e. more than 30 days delinquent), the District Superintendent shall notify the Commission on Equitable Compensation. The District Superintendent may invite the Commission to send a representative from CEC to meet with the local church and pastor to seek resolution of the issue, so that the pastor receives full compensation by the end of the conference year.

4. If it is determined that the church is not able to provide the compensation package as voted at Charge Conference, the Chair of S/PPRC shall notify in writing the Pastor and District Superintendent (Arkansas Conference 2013 *Journal* 482) and request a consultation. Options for addressing the arrearage might include:

- a. Develop a payment plan so that the pastor will receive full compensation by the end of the conference year or
- b. A change in pastoral compensation or appointment may be necessary at the beginning of the following Conference year.
- c. Requesting an Equitable Compensation Subsidy Grant for the remainder of the appointive year.

5. If the local church is already receiving a subsidy grant from the Commission on Equitable Compensation, the Commission may also:

- a. Determine if all subsidy grant funds allocated to the church were used to pay the pastor's salary.
- b. Examine the original subsidy grant application to determine if the amount requested to meet minimum compensation was reduced.
- c. Require an outside audit of all church funds in compliance with GCFA Guidelines ([www.gcfa.org](http://www.gcfa.org)). The District Superintendent shall be notified of its findings and recommendations in writing.

6. If a local church becomes delinquent in the payment of the pastor's direct billed pension, health care and benefits (i.e. more than 30 days delinquent), the Conference Treasurer shall notify the Conference Benefits Officer, the District Superintendent, and the Commission on Equitable Compensation. The Superintendent will work with the CEC and the local church to develop a written payment plan with the local church so that the Conference receives full payment of pension and benefits by the end of the conference year.

7. It is the responsibility of the pastor to provide evidence of an arrearage by providing appropriate documentation.

8. The statute of limitations for filing a claim for funds from the Annual Conference (i.e. notification to the District Superintendent of the arrearage) for any salary arrearage is one year from the date of the initial arrearage. Once an appointment ends the Pastor no longer has claim on the local church for compensation funds (¶1342.4).

## Chapter Two

## GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Par. 1100 Parsonage Standards (Presented by the Conference Trustees, and adopted by the Annual Conference on June 10, 2004)**

Philosophy for Parsonage Standards: The Conference affirms the policy of church-owned parsonages as the way to serve the churches in our Conference as it greatly facilitates the itinerant system of clergy appointment. Any exceptions to this policy must have the approval of the bishop and cabinet. Therefore, it is important that local church parsonages across the Conference meet certain standards so that differences in quality, size, and equipment are kept to a minimum.

*The Discipline* is clear concerning the Annual Conference's role in setting parsonage standards and how the parsonage is to be understood by the local church and the clergy and his/her family. The 2004 Book of Discipline states that the Church Council shall "Review the recommendation of the committee on pastor parish relations regarding provision of adequate housing for the pastor(s); and report the same to the charge conference for approval. Housing provisions shall comply with Annual Conference housing policy and parsonage standards. Housing shall not be considered as part of compensation or remuneration." ¶1252.4e *The 2004 Book of Discipline* also states that "The chairperson of the board of trustees or the chairperson of the parsonage committee, if one exists, the chairperson of the committee on pastor-parish relations, and the pastor shall make an annual review of the church-owned parsonage to ensure proper maintenance." ¶1253.4 The parsonage is to be mutually respected by the pastor's family as the property of the church and by the church as a place of privacy for the pastor's family.

Guidelines:

1. Bedrooms: There should be at least three bedrooms of standard size with ample closet space in each. It is recommended that one room on the main floor be adaptable to use as a bedroom.
2. Bathrooms: A parsonage should have at least two bathrooms. One could be with shower only, and the one on the main floor should be a combination tub and shower.
3. Kitchen: The minimum kitchen should include: adequate built in cabinets, sink, stove, automatic refrigerator with frozen storage, garbage disposal (where sewer lines or septic tanks do not make this impossible), dishwasher, good light, and adequate electrical outlets. A breakfast area is desirable. Other appliances shall include a washing machine and clothes dryer (not necessarily in the kitchen area itself). An adequate supply of hot water shall be provided.
4. Living/Dining Areas: Adequate living area for family life and entertaining guests must be provided. Depending upon the needs of the setting this could be a combination of the following rooms/areas: living room, family room, dining room, or a great room.
5. Study: It is preferable for the pastor's office to be in the church buildings. However, the parsonage may be equipped with space for a study. Every parsonage should have adequate bookshelves.
6. Closets: Adequate closet and storage space shall be provided throughout the house.
7. Garage: Two-car garage or carport with storage room for tools and yard equipment shall be provided.
8. Energy Efficiency: It is recommended that conservation of energy be considered when purchasing appliances, when remodeling, and when purchasing a new parsonage.
9. Heating/Cooling: A central heating/cooling system with the capacity to properly heat/cool the entire habitable part of the house and the proper thermostatic controls should be provided. The pastor shall be responsible for changing furnace filters to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the system. The church shall provide all other maintenance of the heating and cooling system.
10. Window Coverings: Appropriate and tasteful curtains, drapes, shades, or other window coverings shall be provided for all rooms of the parsonage. Safe storage of unused window coverings shall be provided by the pastor.
11. Utilities: All utilities shall be provided in the name of the church.
  - a. Telephone: At least two phone outlets shall be provided.
  - b. Heating/Cooling: Adequate heating/cooling shall be provided. The heating/cooling system shall be maintained by the church and shall be inspected annually with regard to soundness of heating/cooling exchanger, flue pipes, and chimney condition. If a wood stove and/or fireplace is in use, it too should be checked yearly. An instruction sheet should be posted near the furnace, or in a convenient place, to instruct on the maintenance and care of the furnace. The name of a reputable furnace company to be used should be specified. Suggestion should be made as to maximum/minimum temperatures and to the desirability of closing off unneeded rooms during the heating/cooling season. The pastor is responsible for the furnace filters to be changed at least

three times yearly.

12. Insurance: The church is responsible for payment of insurance for the property. It should include homeowner coverage and shall cover at least eighty percent of the replacement cost of the parsonage and related structures and church-owned furnishings. It is recommended that the pastor obtain coverage to insure pastor's family furnishings and belongings.

13. Parsonage Furnishings and Equipment: The responsibility of the local church to provide "adequate housing" shall be interpreted by the Arkansas Annual Conference to include furnishings and other equipment. However, it is suggested that one bedroom be left unfurnished in all parsonages. The required items shall include an automatic washer, dryer, refrigerator, cooking stove, dishwasher, garbage disposal (unless septic tanks/inadequate sewer line make this impossible), and lawn mower. As applicable, the local church shall furnish a breakfast table, formal living room furniture, den/family room furniture, bedroom furniture (except as noted above), adequate lamps and lighting, and floor coverings. It is expected that the minister shall provide nonessential items such as a microwave oven, pictures, and accessories. It is permissible, and even encouraged, for the pastor and family to provide personal furnishings, as this is their home. The Pastor shall work with the Parsonage Committee and/or Trustees to provide for safe storage of unused local church-owned furniture.

14. Parsonage Maintenance: Local Church Responsibility

a. The local church board of trustees or elected parsonage committee shall properly maintain an adequate and comfortable home in good condition for the pastor and his/her family. At the convenience of the parsonage family, the chairperson of the Trustees, the chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and the pastor shall inspect the home to see what needs to be done, if anything, to meet these standards and to take necessary steps to accomplish these improvements. It is recommended that the maintenance of the parsonage should include provision for pest/termite control.

b. The chairperson of the Trustees, the chairperson of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, and the pastor shall inspect, at least annually, the parsonage and grounds to be familiar with said properties. They shall keep a record of their inspection so that they can take initiative in improving the parsonage and grounds. Each year every local church budget shall include money for maintenance, redecoration, and landscaping of the parsonage.

c. All instruction books and warranties should be kept and the location of the books made known to an incoming pastor. The location of all cutoff valves, meters, water and sewer lines and similar items should be kept on file and should also be made known to an incoming minister. The local church shall inform the pastor of who has keys to the parsonage. These keys are for emergency use only by anyone other than the pastor and his/her family. (See above Philosophy for Parsonage Standards)

15. Parsonage Maintenance: Pastor's Responsibilities

The pastor should care for the parsonage as a good steward of the property, avoiding undue wear and tear. Pets sometimes present special problems. It is the responsibility of the clergy who has pets to inform the appropriate local church officers when moving into the parsonage. Pastors with pets should exercise care so that the parsonage is not abused, including professional pest control for parasites from pets. The pastor is responsible for any damage caused by pets, personal guests, or family members. The pastor's family is responsible for cleaning the parsonage when they move out, including residual tobacco smoke and any odors from pets.

16. Parsonage Grounds: The grounds around the house shall be well drained. The grounds shall be cared for by the parsonage family. If the lawn is unusually large, contains many shrubs, or requires a great deal of time to maintain in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood, the church should consider assisting the pastor with additional help or service. Landscaping and exterior care of the parsonage shall be the responsibility of the local church and shall be such as to be a credit to the church in the community.

17. Mutual responsibility Covenant: it is recommended that the Trustees and/or Pastor Parish Relations Committee create a written covenant with the pastor, spelling out each party's responsibilities. The Covenant should be reviewed and updated annually. The covenant should include provisions for restoration to original form any personalized decorating on the part of the pastoral family. Redecorating should be done regularly with full consultation with the pastor.

18. Energy Conservation: It is recommended that all parsonages have an energy audit as soon as possible to determine what might be done to make them more energy efficient...weather seals, storm windows and doors, insulation, etc. Many areas have utility companies that will do this for free or for a small fee.



19. Barrier Free Concerns: It is recommended that all parsonages built, or remodeled in the future, consider needs of the physically challenged such as tub bath, at least one bedroom, and preferably laundry be on the main floor, and a limited number of, if any, entry steps.
20. Safety: The parsonage shall contain certain safeguards for the parsonage family's safety. At least two fire extinguishers, one in the house (kitchen?) and one in the garage or utility area, shall be kept in working condition and shall be checked at the annual inspections. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors shall be provided, at least one on each floor including the basement.
21. Implementation of these Parsonage Standards:
- Time: These parsonage standards, to go into effect immediately, are adopted for the pastor, local church board of Trustees, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and/or Parsonage Committee.
  - All substandard parsonages shall be considered for renovation to conform as nearly as possible to the above standards as soon as possible, but no later than January 1, 2006. District Superintendents shall keep a record of parsonages that are not meeting these guidelines and report annually to the Cabinet.
  - A local church may appoint a Parsonage Committee to work with the Board of Trustees and Pastor-Parish Relations Committee in the implementation of these standards and ongoing oversight and maintenance of the parsonage. The Parsonage Committee membership shall include the Chairperson of the Trustees, the Chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, a minimum of three at-large members elected to three-year terms in classes (with the initial election to be for terms of 1 year, 2 years, and 3 years to establish the classes), and the minister or minister's spouse. The at large members may not succeed themselves and at least two of the elected members of the committee shall be women.
  - When there is a pastoral change, the house shall be inspected by the Chairpersons of the Trustees and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, one other member of the Parsonage Committee, if formed, and the Pastor before the Pastor leaves for his/her new situation, to make a list of needed repairs. These repairs shall be accomplished prior to the arrival of the succeeding pastor. When moving day arrives, a final "walk through" conducted by the pastor with the above persons shall occur for a final assessment. Before a move, the departing pastor shall invite the incoming pastor to see the parsonage. Any redecorating should include consultation with the incoming pastoral family.
  - Housing Allowance/Parsonage: The Annual Conference has confirmed the Parsonage System as the most efficient and effective way of serving the local churches in our Arkansas Conference. In certain special and limited situations a housing allowance or use of rental property is permissible. A decision to exercise this option shall be made with the approval of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, the District Superintendent, the Trustees, and the Pastor. The resulting decision shall then be recommended to the Charge Conference for approval. The decision must also have the approval of the Bishop and cabinet. In order to maintain an open itinerancy system, churches which do not own a parsonage should make provision for a rental deposit/purchase down payment and initial furnishing purchases for any person moved into the appointment.
  - Publicity of Guidelines: Upon adoption, these parsonage standards shall be distributed to all pastors, Chairpersons of local church Board of Trustees, and, chairpersons of Pastor Parish Relations Committee. The then current parsonage standards will be printed in the Conference Journal once each quadriennium. These standards shall be given to all new pastors and families coming into the conference by the Board of Ordained Ministry.
  - Compliance: The District Superintendent shall ask questions concerning the parsonage and its compliance with the parsonage standards annually at the Charge Conference. If a dispute arises in a local church or between a local church and the pastor, the District Superintendent should be contacted to mediate the issue.
  - Church/Pastor Parsonage Covenant recommendation: The Administrative Board of the Church has the responsibility to provide adequate housing for the Pastor (*Discipline* ¶251.4e). The Parsonage is to be mutually respected by the Pastor as the property of the Church and by the Church as a place of privacy for the Pastor's family. To facilitate this mutual responsibility we recommend that the Church and the Pastor enter into the following covenant. Both Parties should feel free to perfect this Covenant to meet any other desired or special circumstances. It is important that both parties feel satisfied with and responsible for the Covenant.

**(A SUGGESTED CHURCH/PASTOR PARSONAGE COVENANT)**

**Church Responsibilities:**

While other church officers and bodies have a role in the provision, inspection, and maintenance of the

parsonage, the local church Board of Trustees shall have the responsibility to ensure the parsonage meets or exceeds the standards set by the Annual Conference and the local church. The Church Trustees will maintain the physical structure and keep it in good repair. This includes all exterior treatments such as paint, shingles, and siding; the basic interior structure of the home including carpet and other floor coverings, interior decorating, and drapes or curtains. The Trustees assume the responsibility for all equipment such as furnace, water heater, light fixtures, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, and lawn mower. The Trustees assume the responsibility for all furnishings provided by the church including maintenance and timely replacement.

**Clergy Responsibilities:**

The pastor will properly care for the property, keeping it clean and attractive both inside and out. The pastor will be responsible for light bulbs, furnace filters, lawn mowing and snow removal; for effecting minor repairs such as, but not limited to, tacking or nailing of molding or door tops that may loosen up, and repairing or replacing items damaged by pets, personal guests, or the pastor and his/her family. [This covenant would be signed by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, the Pastor, and other appropriate local church officers.]

**Par. 1001 Safe Sanctuary Policy Recommendation. (This recommendation was adopted by the Annual Conference, Sunday, June 22, 2014).** Whereas, Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes [a] child... welcomes me" (Matthew 18:5). Children are our present and our future, our hope, our teachers, our inspiration. They are full participants in the life of the church and in the realm of God. God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong. (Adapted from *The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church*, 2008.)

Therefore, the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church hereby pledges to conduct the ministry of Jesus Christ in ways that promote the physical and emotional safety and spiritual growth of our children, youth and our workers with children and youth. In all of our ministries with children and youth, this congregation is committed to demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ so that each child and youth will be "surrounded by steadfast love... established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal." (Baptismal Covenant II, *United Methodist Book of Worship*, p. 96).

Therefore, we will follow reasonable safety measures when selecting and recruiting workers; we will implement prudent operational procedures in all areas of programming and care; we will train our workers with children and youth on our procedures and policies; and we will have a clearly defined procedure for reporting reasonably suspected incidents of child maltreatment that conforms to the requirements of Arkansas law. Therefore, recognizing that the programs, needs and resources of local congregations vary significantly and therefore local policies and procedures will and should differ, when local churches are developing Safe Sanctuaries guidelines, it is recommended that they:

1. develop and implement an ongoing education plan for the congregation and its leaders on the reality of child abuse, risk factors leading to child abuse, and strategies for prevention;
2. adopt screening procedures (use of application forms, interviews, reference checks, background clearance, and so forth) for workers (paid and unpaid) directly or indirectly involved in the care of children and youth;
3. develop and implement safety procedures for church activities such as having two or more non-related adults present in classroom or activity; leaving doors open and installing half-doors or windows in doors or halls; providing hall monitors; instituting sign-in and sign-out procedures for children ages ten or younger; and so forth;
4. advise children and young persons of an agency or a person outside as well as within the local church whom they can contact for advice and help if they have suffered abuse;
5. carry liability insurance that includes sexual abuse coverage;
6. assist the development of awareness and self-protection skills for children and youth through special curriculum and activities; and
7. be familiar with annual conference and other church policies regarding clergy sexual misconduct.

**SAMPLE SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

(This sample Safe Sanctuary Policy and Procedure was adopted by the Annual Conference on June 11, 2013.)

This is a sample policy that is intended to serve as an aid to local congregations establishing or updating a Safe Sanctuary policy. It should be recognized that the needs and resources of local congregations vary significantly and therefore local policies and procedures will and should differ to some degree. This sample is intended as a resource only and is not as a substitute for reasoned decision making with the guidance of clergy and local legal counsel. Daycare facilities should also carefully comply with all applicable licensing requirements of the Arkansas Department of Human Services (ADHS) which are outside the scope of this sample.

**Our Purpose**

When a child is baptized or confirmed within our faith, we promise: “With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, so that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal...” (Congregational Pledge 2, *United Methodist Hymnal*, p. 44.) The members of this church are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for staff, members and guests of all ages, to taking reasonable precautions to reduce the risk of child or adult maltreatment for all who participate in our programs or events, and to reducing the risk of false allegations or suspicions of the same. These guidelines are intended to reflect our congregation’s commitment to preserving the church as a holy place where all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others. This policy applies to all church-sponsored events or programs, whether on or off the church premises.

**1. Selection and Training of Staff and Volunteers**

Before any staff and any volunteer may participate in any church-sponsored event or program that will involve direct contact with children, youth or impaired adults, they must:

- a. Age: Be at least 18 years of age and at least four years older than any youth they will be supervising.
- b. Application: Complete and sign an application and related waivers giving permission to check references and background information.
- c. References: Provide at least three personal references, unrelated to the applicant, and who have known the applicant for at least two years.
- d. Interview: Provide a personal interview.
- e. Background: Undergo a reasonable background check:
  - 1) Will include at least an Arkansas maltreatment and criminal history;
  - 2) Background documents and information will be maintained confidentially;
  - 3) Persons listed on the Arkansas child or adult maltreatment or similar registries, or who have criminal convictions of a violent, neglectful, abusive or sexual nature will not be permitted to serve in a capacity involving direct contact with children/youth/impaired adults;
- f. Training: Complete Safe Sanctuary Training which will include:
  - 1) A review of these policies and procedures;
  - 2) Information regarding the nature and indicators of adult and child maltreatment;
  - 3) Education regarding appropriate boundaries, behaviors and practices to reduce the risk of maltreatment; and
  - 4) Information regarding Arkansas law dealing with reporting and responding to suspected maltreatment.
- g. Agree: Sign, annually, a statement indicating his or her understanding and agreement to abide by this policy and any related procedures.
- h. Membership: Volunteers should be active members of the local congregation for at least six months prior to serving.
- i. In addition to the above, youth volunteers who work with children/youth/impaired adults:
  - 1) Will remain under the direct supervision of adult staff and/or volunteers;
  - 2) Will have no independent supervisory responsibility of others;
  - 3) Will not be left alone with children, youth or impaired adults; and
  - 4) Will not be alone with any one staff or volunteer at any time.

**2. Interacting with Children, Youth and Impaired Adults**

Whenever a church-sponsored event involves working directly with children, youth or impaired adults, the following will be observed:

- a. Supervision: No child, youth or impaired adult will be left unsupervised at any time.
- b. Two Adults: Two unrelated adults will be present at all times; or if it is simply not feasible to do so, one adult will be present with the door open and an adult “floater” will monitor frequently.
  - 1) When children or impaired adults need restroom assistance, staff and volunteers will not be alone with them in the restroom or stall with the door closed.
  - 2) Diaper changing will occur at a designated changing table.
  - 3) One-on-one counseling with children, youth and impaired adults will take place where other adults are immediately available and in a room with an open door and/or in sight of others.
- c. Age: Adult and youth volunteers must be at least 4 years older than any youth with whom they will be working.

- d. Boundaries: Adults and youth volunteers will respect appropriate physical and emotional boundaries and will refrain from conduct that includes profane or abusive speech, threatening or inflicting physical injury, solicitation or completion of sexual conduct or contact; sexually orientated or demeaning humor, photos or comments; the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs or firearms during the church-sponsored event; and any other behavior that is prohibited by law.
  - e. Open Doors: Any parent or guardian of any child, youth or impaired adult may attend and observe events at any time, unannounced. Other visitors must be escorted by staff or adult volunteers.
  - f. Check-in/out: Children will be checked into and out of events only by parents, legal guardians or persons authorized to do so by the parent or guardian.
    - 1) Youth events will have a pre-determined start and finish time which will be published to the youth's parents/guardians.
    - 2) Youth will sign in and sign out of events.
  - g. Outside Access: Children, youth and impaired adults will have access to a telephone, cell phone or pager during church sponsored events on or off the facility premises.
  - h. Transportation: During church-sponsored events:
    - 1) Drivers must go through the same selection and training process as other staff/ volunteers.
    - 2) Drivers must be at least 21 years of age.
    - 3) Youth will not be permitted as drivers during church-sponsored events.
    - 4) Drivers must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.
    - 5) Church owned vehicles will be insured.
    - 6) Drivers will not transport a non-related child, youth or impaired adult alone.
    - 7) Children under the age of 6 or who weigh less than 60 pounds will be restrained in a safety seat.
  - i. Off campus/Overnight: During church-sponsored events that take place overnight or off of the church facilities:
    - 1) Written permission of a parent/guardian will be obtained prior to the event.
    - 2) Parents/guardians will provide contact and medical information.
    - 3) Parents/guardians will provide medical permission and liability waivers.
    - 4) One adult may not take one child, youth or impaired adult on an overnight or off campus event alone.
    - 5) Males and females will be provided separate sleeping areas.
    - 6) Co-ed groups should have both male and female staff/adult volunteers present.
    - 7) Whenever possible, adults shall not share the same hotel room or cabin with children/youth/impaired adults and at least three persons shall be assigned to each room or cabin.
    - 8) Adults will make frequent checks on children, youth and impaired adults or as deemed prudent under the circumstances.
    - 9) Adults will not occupy the same sleeping bag or bed with a child/youth/impaired adult.
    - 10) All persons will conduct themselves with appropriate modesty including dressing in appropriate locations and wearing suitable sleep attire and swimwear.
  - j. Social Media: With respect to all church-sponsored events:
    - 1) Staff and volunteers will not post any pictures or comments referencing any child, youth or impaired adult at any church-sponsored event on any internet site including their own personal Facebook page or similar website.
    - 2) Staff leadership may post pictures or comments referencing children/youth/impaired adults on the church's Facebook page or website but only after obtaining permission from the child/youth/impaired adult's parent or guardian. Photos or comments will not include names such that the person may be identified.
    - 3) Text messages, emails and other communications between adults and staff/volunteers will be made by group communication.
    - 4) Use of social media shall conform to these guidelines as with any other behavior.
3. Environment and Resource Use
- a. Location: Events will be held in areas of the building or grounds that are suitable for that event.
    - 1) Children, youth and impaired adults will be discouraged from being present anywhere other than where the event is taking place.
    - 2) Doors/Windows: Doors: All classroom and office doors will remain open while occupied, or have a window or other visibility from a hallway or other occupied room

- Windows: Windows will be kept free from adornment that may obstruct visibility.
- b. Outside Groups: Outside groups wishing to use church facilities must:
  - 1) Agree, in writing, to abide by this church's policy;
  - 2) And/or agree, in writing, to have comparable policies for the protection of the attendees;
  - 3) And agree to indemnify, release and hold harmless this church all of its members and staff from any damages resulting from any maltreatment and allegations of same that may occur in association with the outside group's use of church facilities.
- c. Insurance: The church will maintain adequate insurance to cover the scope of its ministries.
- 4. Responding to Suspected Maltreatment
  - a. This congregation will not ignore or tolerate suspected child or adult maltreatment.
  - b. This congregation will not require anyone to obtain permission, or to notify anyone at the church before making a child or adult maltreatment report, nor will it prohibit anyone from making a maltreatment report.
  - c. This congregation will not retaliate against anyone who makes a maltreatment report. Anyone may, in good faith, make a hotline report of reasonably suspected child or adult maltreatment. Mandatory reporters must immediately report reasonably suspected maltreatment.
  - d. When child or adult maltreatment is reasonably suspected and a report is to be made: Treat the allegation seriously and with respect for all persons involved. Immediately make the report, documenting the time and date of call and the name of the person taking the report, to the appropriate hotline:

Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-482-5964

Arkansas Adult Abuse Hotline: 1-800-482-8049

If the report involves an allegation against staff or a volunteer, or is alleged to have occurred during any church-sponsored event or on church premises, immediately notify the Senior Pastor. If the suspected maltreatment involves the Senior Pastor, the reporter may instead inform the SPRC chairperson.

Refrain from any attempt to notify or confront the accused or to conduct a personal investigation of the alleged maltreatment, recognizing the capability and authority of the civil authorities to do so.

Maintain the confidentiality of information. All reporters will cooperate fully with all ADHS, OLTC and/or law enforcement investigations but will not share information with others except the SPRC chair or pastor or their designees as may be appropriate. All inquiries should be directed to the designated church spokesperson to ensure respect for the investigation process and privacy of those involved.

5. Church Participation by Registered Sex Offenders
  - a. This congregation recognizes that abuse in all of its forms is detrimental. We will provide a safe environment, counsel, and support for the abused. While we deplore the actions of abusers, we affirm that all persons are in need of God's redeeming love.
  - b. Where a person is known to have previously committed a violent or sexual offense such that he or she is listed on the ACIC Sexual Offender Registry or similar registry maintained by any jurisdiction, he or she will not be permitted to work in direct contact with children, youth or impaired adults.
  - c. The following precautions, in addition to any others deemed necessary by the church and the person previously identified as an offender, will be confidentially maintained for as long as the individual is associated with this congregation:
    - 1) The Senior Pastor and/or his or her designee will meet with the individual and will openly discuss the conditions of his or her participation.
    - 2) The conditions of participation will be in writing and signed by the Senior Pastor and the chairperson of the Church Council.
    - 3) If an individual is on probation or parole, the specific restrictions of probation or parole may be made part of the written conditions of participation.
    - 4) The individual may be accompanied by a "Buddy," designated by the church, while the individual is present on church property or is attending any church-sponsored event. The Buddy must agree to remain in the direct visual presence of the individual at all times.

6. Review

This policy will be reviewed and revised if necessary, at least annually, by the Senior Pastor and designated members of the SPRC, Board of Trustees and any others deemed necessary.

7. Adopted

This policy was adopted/approved at Charge Conference on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**Par.1102 Copyright Guidelines for Churches**

**Disclaimer:** The information provided in these guidelines is for information purposes only. It does not constitute legal advice. In the development of the guidelines, certain assumptions have been made about underlying practices and uses of intellectual property. Any change in those assumptions could affect the application of a particular guideline or recommended best practice. Therefore, while the information provided may assist a local church, it is not a substitute either for legal advice by an attorney with knowledge of copyright law or the written approval of specific copyright holders. If there is any doubt as to whether a specific use or practice violates copyright laws, the local church should seek the written advice of a lawyer or specific written approval of the particular use by the copyright holder or licensing agent. Further, the local church should maintain a copyright file that contains all written advice obtained from an attorney(s), all licenses/permissions for use of works, and records of any payments made to licensors or owners of copyrighted works.

**Overview of United States Copyright Law:**

Copyright protection extends to “original works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, now known or later developed, from which they can be perceived, reproduced, or otherwise communicated, either directly or with the aid of a machine or device.” 17 U.S.C. § 102(a). A copyright does not require registration. A copyright in a work arises from the moment an original work of authorship is fixed in the tangible medium (e.g., when pencil touches paper). Section 102 further provides that “[w]orks of authorship include the following categories:

- (1) literary works;
- (2) musical works, including any accompanying words;
- (3) dramatic works, including any accompanying music;
- (4) pantomimes and choreographic works;
- (5) pictorial, graphic and sculptural works;
- (6) motion pictures and other audiovisual works;
- (7) sound recordings; and
- (8) architectural works.”

Copyright protection may extend to compilations and derivative works that are lawfully created. 17

U.S.C. § 106. The owner of a copyright “has the exclusive rights to do and to authorize any of the following:

- (1) to reproduce the copyrighted work in copies or phonorecords;
- (2) to prepare derivative works based upon the copyrighted work;
- (3) to distribute copies or phonorecords of the copyrighted work to the public by sale or other transfer of ownership, or by rental, lease, or lending;
- (4) in the case of literary, musical, dramatic, and choreographic works, pantomimes, and motion pictures and other audiovisual works, to perform the copyrighted work publicly;
- (5) in the case of literary, musical, dramatic, and choreographic works, pantomimes, and pictorial, graphic, or sculptural works, including the individual images of a motion picture or other audiovisual work, to display the copyrighted work publicly; and
- (6) in the case of sound recordings, to perform the copyrighted work publicly by means of a digital audio transmission.”

Infringement occurs when you violate one or more of the exclusive rights of a copyright owner. Infringement is a serious matter that may result in a claim of copyright infringement against the person who violates the exclusive rights, as well as against the local church. Remedies for infringement include actual damages, profits of the infringer, or, alternatively, statutory damages. 17 U.S.C. § 504. With certain caveats or exceptions, a copyright owner may elect statutory damages instead of actual damages or profits of the infringer (which is especially applicable in cases where there is no actual damage or profit from the infringement) in a range of not less than \$750 to no more than \$30,000 per work “as the court considers just.” 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(1). Statutory damages may be increased to no more than \$150,000 per work if the infringer’s conduct was willful. 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(2).

When in doubt about whether a work is copyrighted or whether a particular use would constitute infringement, the church should always seek appropriate advice.

**Licenses:**

One means to comply with federal law and avoid a claim for copyright infringement is to obtain a license from the owner, or from a representative of the owner, of the work you want to use. This is the best practice and is strongly recommended. Although there are a variety of representatives of copyright owners, well-known

licensing companies include, but are not limited to, CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing, Inc.), CVLI (Christian Video Licensing International), ASCAP, BMI, SESAC, WorshipCast, OneLicense, Christian Copyright Solutions, and LicenSing. There are basic licenses that fit most churches' use of copyrighted materials, and there are a number of supplemental licenses for particular uses such as rehearsal licensing, live streaming, podcasts, videos, and use of video clips. For musical works, it is important to remember that you will need a license to both the musical composition (the notes on page) and the lyrics. You also should confirm that the songs or videos are within the catalog of works covered by each license. If they are not, then the church should obtain written permission from the copyright holder. Churches should consult with licensing companies concerning the scope of use covered by various licenses and concerning particular practices and uses of copyrighted materials to avoid inadvertent copyright infringement.

Pricing for licenses varies by work. For example, the cost of a license from OneLicense is based upon average weekly attendance of the church. One-time use, weekly use, and annual licenses are available. Reporting usage of a song to the licensing company is required in accordance with the requirements of the license. It is important to keep good records of the use of the works in order to be accurate in your licensing payments and minimize any claims by the copyright holder or its representatives that you have not paid sufficient amounts.

**Written Permission:**

Written permission from a copyright holder gives a local church protection. This is particularly helpful when the intended use of copyrighted material is not clearly within the scope of a license. As indicated above, any written permission obtained from a copyright holder should be maintained in a copyright folder by the church.

**Public Domain:**

Intellectual property that is in the public domain is not subject to copyright infringement. Public domain status is usually indicated on the face of sheet music or on a CD jacket. A church should not assume that intellectual property is in the public domain simply because copyright information is not on the face of the work. In addition, the fact that one version of a work is in the public domain does not mean that a new copyrighted arrangement of the work can be used without a license or written permission from the copyright holder.

**Fair Use:**

Although rarely available in a church setting, the fair use exception found in 17 U.S.C. § 107 may be available when a church, including a Sunday school class, uses a copyrighted work or a part thereof for teaching or comment, including in a documentary. The teaching exception in 17 U.S.C. § 110(2) may also be helpful to Sunday school classes. In the educational context, the U.S. Copyright Office has published an advisory circular containing guidelines for fair uses of copyrighted works in educational settings. It is available at <http://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ21.pdf>. A group cannot use the fair use doctrine to edit or redact copyrighted materials to remove portions to which it objects even if it sells the edited version with the original version. Fair use is a factual determination that includes, but is not limited to, the following factors:

- (1) the purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes;
- (2) the nature of the copyrighted work;
- (3) the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole; and
- (4) the effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.

It is important to recognize that a work is not freely available for copying simply because it is out of print. The same factors for fair use apply to determine whether such work may be copied and the amount of the portion copied.

**Religious Worship Service Exemption:**

17 U.S.C. § 110(3) provides a limited exemption for the "performance of a nondramatic literary or musical work or of a dramatico-musical work of a religious nature, or display of a work, in the course of services at a place of worship or other religious assembly." This exception does not extend to broadcasting (by radio or television), webcasting, live-streaming, podcasting, or recording of the parts of worship services that include copyrighted works, all of which require a license or the written permission of the copyright holder. For this reason, some churches limit their broadcasts of worship services to those parts of the service that do not contain copyrighted works.

**Hymnals:**

Hymnals are also copyrighted, and there are limitations on how the copyrighted information may be used, even if your church has purchased the hymnals. Hymns that are listed in the hymnal as being in the public domain may be reproduced without permission. Lyrics from copyrighted hymns may be reproduced in the worship bulletin as long as the church has published hymnals for the congregation and as long as the reprinting is done in accordance with the requirements of the copyright in the hymnal. One typical requirement is to properly note the copyright information in the bulletin. Consult the hymnal and any related license for proper use of the

copyrighted songs in a hymnal.

### **Worship:**

#### A. Music performed by choir

A choir may only use legal copies of copyrighted music. The music may not be copied to make additional copies for practice or teaching by staff or members of the choir. One exception is that musicians are allowed to make copies of pages of music to avoid page turning.

If a publisher lists a copyrighted work as “out of print,” the publisher should be contacted for permission to make copies and to possibly negotiate a reduced fee.

If a choir director or musician desires to create a different arrangement of copyrighted music, written permission should be obtained from the copyright holder.

#### B. Music performed by organist

The requirements in Part A of this section apply. One possible exception is that an organist or other musician may make copies of a legally purchased work to avoid having to turn pages during a performance.

#### C. Music performed by guest performers or musicians

The requirements in Parts A and B of this section apply.

#### D. Lyrics projected on screen during worship

Section 110(3) of the Copyright Act permits the display of a literary or musical work in the course of services at a place of worship or other religious assembly. This display does not include the right to record (via cell phone, video, or otherwise) the projection of the literary or musical work.

Best Practice: Obtain a license that permits such use or obtain written permission from the copyright holder.

#### E. Lyrics printed in bulletin

See the discussion above regarding the use of songs that appear in hymnals purchased by the church. Lyrics that appear in hymnals or other works legally purchased may be used in accordance with the requirements and conditions set out in the works. Typically, a specified copyright reference is required. If other lyrics are used in a bulletin, they may only be printed with written permission of the copyright holder or a license.

#### F. Live streaming of worship music

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. The same is true for podcasting. Otherwise, these uses constitute copyright infringement. Christian Copyright Solutions offers a WORSHIPcase license that applies to every song that is licensed by ASCAP, BMI or SESAC. CCLI also offers a streaming/podcasting license.

#### G. Recording of music in worship for later video broadcast

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. Otherwise, this practice constitutes copyright infringement.

#### H. Recording of performances in worship on CDs or DVDs

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. Otherwise, this practice constitutes copyright infringement. There may be additional restrictions if the CDs or DVDs are sold to raise funds, unless the proceeds are used solely for the church’s ministry. The church should contact its license provider for guidance.

#### I. Recording children’s choir performances and uploading the recordings to Facebook, You Tube, or similar social media

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. Otherwise, this practice constitutes copyright infringement. If the person making this recording is not an employee or staff member of the church, then any infringement is arguably the individual liability of the person making the recording and not the church, although there may be an argument that the person was acting on behalf of the church. To avoid any liability, the church should not make use of unauthorized recordings and should communicate to the church membership that the church is not authorizing the recordings.

#### J. Use of copyrighted art, graphics, or written works in bulletin

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. Otherwise, this practice constitutes copyright infringement.

#### K. Use of video clips

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. Otherwise, the use constitutes copyright infringement. CCLI has a specific license known as ScreenVue for this use.

#### L. Pastor’s use of copyrighted material in sermon



Reading a copyrighted poem, an excerpt from a copyrighted book, or a copyrighted quotation as a part of a sermon in a worship space for a worshiping congregation may be permitted under the religious service exemption. However, it appears to be clear that printing or recording a sermon that contains such copyrighted materials is a violation of the copyright laws unless the use meets the fair use exception discussed above.

Best Practice: Obtain a license that permits such use or obtain written permission from the copyright holder.

#### Sunday School:

##### A. Use of music

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. Otherwise, this practice constitutes copyright infringement. Simply playing legally purchased CDs or other recordings in a Sunday school class is likely authorized by the copyright permissions provided in the CD case, but the church should comply with any limitations or conditions set forth in the case.

##### B. Use of videos

The requirements of Part A of this section apply. However, if a video is labeled “For In-Home Viewing” or some similar warning, public showing of the video, even in Sunday school classes, is not permitted. Carefully read the copyright information on the video case or at the beginning of the video to ascertain the permitted uses.

##### C. Use of articles or pictures as teaching aids

There should be no copyright infringement if the articles or pictures used are legally purchased and are not reproduced.

#### Youth Activities:

##### A. Use of music

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. Otherwise, this practice constitutes copyright infringement. Simply playing legally purchased CDs or other recordings in a Youth Activity is likely authorized by the copyright permissions provided in the CD case, but the church should comply with any limitations or conditions set forth in the case.

##### B. Use of videos

The requirements of Part A of this section apply. However, if a video is labeled “For In-Home Viewing” or some similar warning, public showing of the video, even at a youth activity, is not permitted. Carefully read the copyright information on the video case or at the beginning of the video to ascertain the permitted uses.

##### C. Syncing songs to youth videos

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. Permission to synchronize copyrighted music is difficult to secure. Copyrighted music may have already been licensed for this use or may be available for license on the internet, and that option should be explored. Open Sound Resource and Magna Tune may be helpful resources for this purpose. Syncing of songs to videos is common on You Tube and Vimeo (see, e.g., <http://ultimateclassicrock.com/peanuts-classic-rock/>), but youth groups should exercise caution and seek permission before using a copyrighted work.

##### D. Use of copyrighted works in social media

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required.

#### Choir:

##### A. Photocopying of copyrighted work

This is prohibited without written permission by the copyright holder. As noted above in Worship, Part A, however, there is a procedure for obtaining permission for reproducing copies of copyrighted works that are “out of print.”

##### B. Performing music outside of worship services, including recitals and concerts

Either a license or written permission from the copyright holder is required. However, limited permission may already be granted in the copyright information on the face of legally purchased copies of the music. In such cases, the terms of the pre-approval should be followed, which will likely include printing or displaying the appropriate copyright information concerning the work.

##### C. Recording choir performances

Either a license or written permission from the copyright holder is required. Otherwise, the recording constitutes copyright infringement.

##### D. Making CDs or DVDs of performances

Either a license or written permission from the copyright holder is required. Otherwise, this practice constitutes copyright infringement.

##### E. Making rehearsal tape

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Either a license or written permission from the copyright holder is required. Otherwise, this practice constitutes copyright infringement. However, some choral works come with optional rehearsal recordings that can be used as provided in the copyright provisions. However, additional copies cannot be made.

### Other Issues:

#### A. Movie Nights

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required, regardless of whether there is a charge for viewing the movie. In addition to the licensing companies noted above in the section on Licenses, a license to show a motion picture can be obtained from the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation ([www.mplc.com](http://www.mplc.com)).

#### B. Dinner Theaters

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required, regardless of whether there is a charge for the dinner theater.

#### C. Church websites

Any use of copyrighted material on a church website requires either written permission from the copyright holder or a license.

#### D. Conferences/Seminars/Retreats

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. The copyright provisions of legally purchased works may provide a limited performance right.

#### E. Funerals

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. The copyright provisions of legally purchased works may provide a limited performance right.

#### F. Weddings

Either written permission from the copyright holder or a license is required. The copyright provisions of legally purchased works may provide a limited performance right.

#### G. Newsletters

Any use of copyrighted material in a newsletter requires either written permission from the copyright holder or a license.

#### H. Church signs containing copyrighted statements, quotations, or photos

Any use of copyrighted material on church signage requires either written permission from the copyright holder or a license.

#### I. Artwork

A copyrighted image should not be used without permission from the copyright holder or a license.

#### J. Telephone recordings

Pre-programmed telephone recordings that include copyrighted work but which are part of the telephone voice-mail system are assumed to be authorized for use by the purchaser. However, it is prudent to read the information provided by the seller of the voice-mail system to confirm that authorization and to ensure that the agreement with the seller includes an indemnification clause to cover any infringement that may occur via the telephone system.

Copying a song to create a ringtone does constitute copyright infringement. However, playing a ringtone in public - i.e., its normal function - has been found to be excepted from copyright infringement and no public performance license is required.

#### K. Zumba, Exercise Classes, Etc.

A performance license is required, usually from ASCAP, BMI, SESAC, or from an agent for those companies (such as CCS's PERFORMmusic). However, a license may not be required for Zumba original music if the church or an authorized staff person is a part of the Zumba Instructor Network.

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# Statistics



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TABLE I LINE ITEM	2016 REPORT	PERCENT CHANGE	2017 REPORT
1 Total Full Members at Close of Previous Year	131,477	-2.09%	128,730
2a Received Profession of Faith Other Than Confirmation	1,192	-32.30%	807
2b Received Profession of Faith Through Confirmation	723	44.26%	1,043
2c Restored By Affirmation	84	10.71%	93
2d Correct previous year's total by addition	544	-17.65%	448
2e Received - Other United Methodist Churches	1,022	7.73%	1,101
2f Received - Other Denominations	1,149	-21.50%	902
3a Removed - Charge Conference Action/Withdrawn	2,597	-48.71%	1,332
3b Withdrawn	977	-60.08%	390
3c Correct previous year's total by subtraction	903	-35.11%	586
3d Removed - Transfer to Other United Methodist Churches	775	6.32%	824
3e Removed - Transferred to Other Denominations	562	-20.46%	447
3f Removed - By Death	1,647	6.31%	1,751
4 Total Full Members at Close of Year	128,730	-0.73%	127,794
7 Average Weekly Worship Attendance	47,334	-3.57%	45,646
7a Persons Who Worship Online	2,994	10.05%	3,295
8a Infants and Children Baptisms	860	-14.88%	732
8b Adult Baptisms	522	-14.75%	445
8c Baptisms	1,382	-14.83%	1,177
9 Preparatory Members on Roll	6,320	-1.28%	6,239
10 Persons on Constituency Roll	15,224	-8.07%	13,996
11a Christian Formation Children	11,128	3.22%	11,486
11b Christian Formation Youth	7,234	-4.42%	6,914
11c Christian Formation Young Adults	4,186	-9.05%	3,807
11d Christian Formation Adults Other	25,553	4.27%	26,643
11 Total Christian Formation Participants	48,101	1.56%	48,850
12 Confirmation Class Enrollment	1,083	-14.87%	922
13 Average Attendance in Sunday Church School	20,947	2.11%	21,388
14 Number of participants in Vacation Bible School	16,087	-2.08%	15,752
15 Ongoing classes (all ages) for learning in Sunday School	2,398	-2.54%	2,337
16 Ongoing classes for learning other than Sunday School	1,675	18.09%	1,978
17 Short-term classes and groups (all ages) for learning	1,212	-10.40%	1,086
18a Membership in United Methodist Men	3,410	-2.32%	3,331
18b Amount Paid for Projects - U.M.M.	238,705	-1.29%	235,621
19a Membership in United Methodist Women	8,170	-4.26%	7,822
19b U.M.W. Paid on Local Church and Community Work	566,779	5.89%	600,172
20a UMWIM Teams Sent	114	-10.53%	102
20b UMWIM Team Participants	854	-13.70%	737
21 Community Ministries for Outreach, Justice and Mercy	992	51.01%	1,498
21a Global/Regional Health Ministries	499	-1.40%	492
21b Ministries to the Poor/Social Marginalized	747	70.15%	1,271
22 Persons Engaged in Mission	30,296	5.57%	31,983
23 Persons served by Ministries for daycare and/or education	11,952	27.78%	15,272
23a Persons Served by Ministries for outreach, justice and Mercy	1,564,982	-43.98%	876,669

**T A B L E I I.**

24 Bldg. Equip & Land Value	943,715,518	3.38%	975,596,689
25 Other Assets	85,880,664	13.82%	97,750,325
26 Debt Secured by Church Physical Assets	49,564,525	-6.30%	46,443,041
27 Other Indebtedness	4,348,060	-10.78%	3,879,182
29a Total Tithe Paid	9,686,576	-7.01%	9,008,027
29b Paid to District	989,931	2.43%	1,014,027
37 Paid Directly to United Methodist Causes	1,345,347	20.53%	1,621,511
38 Paid to non-United Methodist Causes	2,945,692	12.71%	3,320,100
39 Paid Clergy Non-Health Benefits (Pensions)	3,013,960	-2.83%	2,928,782
41a Pastor's Salary Paid	15,611,952	1.46%	15,840,223
41b Associate(s) Salary Paid	2,164,757	12.13%	2,427,305
41c Deacon Compensation	459,213	-60.75%	180,261
42a Utilities and Other Housing Senior Pastor	2,829,473	9.84%	3,107,927
42b Utilities and Other Housing Associate Pastor	753,033	15.08%	866,600
42c Utilities and Other Housing Deacons	131,339	-57.31%	56,072
43 Paid to Pastor and Associate for Accountable Reimbursements	1,606,477	-7.71%	1,482,634
44 Other Cash Allowance Paid Pastor & Associate	712,661	-13.56%	616,006
45 Other Staff Compensation	26,008,735	2.89%	26,759,828
46 Current Expense for Program	5,501,414	3.89%	5,715,399
47 Current Operating Expenses	21,690,272	2.27%	22,182,722
48 Principal and Interest Paid	10,392,243	-23.39%	7,961,651
49 Paid on Buildings and Improvement	9,079,602	12.25%	10,191,445
50 Grand Total Paid	115,281,414	0.89%	116,312,078

**T A B L E I I I.**

51 Number of Households Giving to the Local Church	42,008	-1.58%	41,345
52a Amount Received Through Pledges	40,539,927	4.10%	42,200,390
52b Amount Received from Non-pledging, yet Identified Givers	55,574,620	-4.08%	53,305,630
52c Amount Received from Unidentified Givers	2,786,530	0.60%	2,803,212
52d Amount Received from Interest and Dividends	274,448	120.16%	604,222
52e Amount Received from Sale of Church Assets	448,509	-80.73%	86,440
52f Amount Received through Building Use Fees	988,891	-12.06%	869,616
52g Amount Received through Fundraisers and Other Sources	1,514,784	0.83%	1,527,285
52 Amount Operating and Benevolence Funding Sources Total	102,127,709	-0.72%	101,396,795
53a Capital Campaigns	10,171,562	26.74%	12,891,362
53b Memorial / Endowment / Bequests	3,874,233	70.47%	6,604,565
53c Other Sources and Projects	1,990,068	32.63%	2,639,366
53d Other Forms of Directed Benevolent Giving	1,935,921	18.55%	2,295,026
53 Total Funding Sources for Capitol and Other Special Projects	17,971,784	35.94%	24,430,319
54a Equitable Compensation Funds Received	138,908	-25.30%	103,767
54b Advance Special or Apportioned Funds Received	82,156	-61.33%	31,770
54c Other	288,746	8.07%	312,060
54 Funding Sources from District, Annual Conf, Etc. Total	509,810	-12.20%	447,597

Arkansas Conference Statistical Report December 31, 2017	Pastor/Name	Total Full Members Chord 2016	Received Professor Of Faith Confirmation	Received Professor Of Faith Confirmation Through Confirmation	Received by Affirmation	Correct Previous Year Receivedly Transfer	Received From Other Denominations	Received By Change Conference	Withdrawn	Correct Previous Yearly Subtraction	Remained By Transfer	Remained In Other Denom.	Removably Detail	Total Full Members Chord 2017
Central District	Richard Lancaster	35,653	311	181	25	19	389	290	528	66	157	251	86	429
Northeast District	J.J. Galloway	21,651	102	243	13	36	123	134	136	107	113	187	63	328
Northwest district	Stephen Cohm	35,508	228	417	34	62	334	250	377	152	111	197	181	396
Southeast District	Mark Noman	15,314	67	82	9	36	74	88	175	32	52	45	53	226
Southwest District	Rodney Steele	20,604	99	120	12	295	181	140	116	33	153	146	64	372
Arkansas Conference	Gary Mitterler	128,730	807	1,043	93	448	1,101	902	1,532	390	586	824	447	1,751

Arkansas Conference Statistical Report December 31, 2017	Asian	Black	Hispanic/Latino	Native American	Pacific Islander	White	Multicultural	Total Membership Ethnicity	Female Members	Male Members	Total Membership Gender	Number of Members Under Age 18	Number of Members 18-30	Number of Members 31-65	Number of Members 65 and older	Age of Membership Total	Avg. Attend Weekly Worship	Number of Intans and Children Baptisms	Number of Persons into Weekly Online	UWV Members For Projects	UWV Members For Projects	UWV Members For Projects	UWV Team Participants
Central District	124	1,618	58	15	6	33,405	125	35,331	20,122	15,229	35,351	2,956	3,981	14,119	10,263	31,640	11,227	637	201	117	318	117	318
Northeast District	36	115	45	9	2	21,142	65	21,414	12,032	9,382	21,414	1,419	1,533	6,381	6,632	15,827	8,547	387	100	73	173	73	173
Northwest district	164	302	424	86	6	34,180	200	35,362	19,733	15,629	35,362	2,224	4,083	15,665	9,853	31,421	13,586	246	267	158	425	158	425
Southeast District	29	766	74	11	2	14,190	17	15,009	8,585	6,504	15,089	825	1,303	5,355	4,410	11,720	4,740	26	78	49	127	49	127
Southwest District	18	375	40	17	7	20,044	66	20,567	11,555	9,012	20,567	947	1,097	4,274	5,847	11,611	7,546	1,999	86	48	134	48	134
Arkansas Conference	371	3,176	641	138	23	122,961	473	127,783	72,027	55,756	127,783	8,371	11,817	45,794	37,005	102,219	45,646	3,295	732	445	1,177	445	1,177

Arkansas Conference Statistical Report December 31, 2017	Proprietary Bell	Christian Formation Children	Christian Formation Youth	Christian Formation Young Adults	Christian Formation Adults	Christian Formation Other	Total Christian Formation Members	Small Group Study School Age Attendance	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning	Other Ongoing Learning Classes Not Learning
Central District	2,764	4,169	3,340	2,211	1,138	7,020	13,709	297	6,052	4,531	615	481	263	576	34,897	2,035	139,119	18	160	160	160	160	160	160	160
Northeast District	409	1,292	2,026	1,095	681	4,570	8,372	112	4,286	3,038	454	346	175	446	37,660	1,242	110,021	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Northwest district	2,199	6,222	3,290	1,751	957	7,918	13,916	344	5,407	4,229	547	559	424	735	67,534	1,785	139,178	36	237	237	237	237	237	237	237
Southeast District	480	874	1,196	916	526	2,726	5,364	76	2,237	1,701	305	255	80	415	36,427	953	81,666	30	165	165	165	165	165	165	165
Southwest District	387	1,439	1,634	941	305	4,409	7,489	95	3,346	2,253	416	337	144	1,139	59,103	1,807	130,248	18	174	174	174	174	174	174	174
Arkansas Conference	6,239	13,996	11,486	6,914	3,807	26,643	48,850	922	21,388	15,752	2,337	1,978	1,086	3,331	235,621	7,822	600,172	102	737	737	737	737	737	737	737

Arkansas Conference Statistical Report December 31, 2017	Communit (Vol) Regional/Local Ministries	Global Ministries in the Pacific/Caribbean Marginalized	Mission Participants	Prisons Served by Outreach Ministries and Mercy Ministries	Prisons Served by Community Ministries for Disciples and/or Education Ministries	Value of Church Land Buildings/Equip	Value of Other Assets	Debtors (cash)	Total Square Footage of Buildings	Other Debt	Conferees Appropriation Paid	Total Conferees Appropriation Paid	Percent Appropriation Paid	Paid After Year end (This & District Appropriation)	District Appor. Total	Total District Appropriation Paid
Central District	370	78	273	272,445	6,672	250,538,882	27,253,433	15,333,336	1,271,398	3,053,637	2,693,271	2,334,664	94%	10,471	298,836	290,688
Northeast District	260	233	398	106,505	782	153,068,867	14,633,145	6,355,338	610,883	371,164	1,544,204	1,519,468	98%	22,947	200,345	195,108
Northwest district	344	43	264	404,056	4,579	267,532,383	18,722,622	16,337,123	1,279,507	214,954	2,806,568	2,502,565	95%	61,890	237,514	227,688
Southeast District	188	35	118	33,856	2,245	122,491,437	16,780,744	5,707,653	653,698	31,469	1,018,227	1,007,989	99%	20,590	167,054	158,580
Southwest District	336	103	218	60,107	794	195,087,32	20,360,381	2,490,186	687,222	205,988	1,495,688	1,403,341	94%	60,780	145,948	141,763
Arkansas Conference	1,498	492	1,271	876,669	15,272	988,670,521	97,591,325	46,443,141	4,482,808	3,879,182	9,438,108	9,008,027	95%	177,038	1,049,897	1,010,427

Arkansas Conference Statistical Report December 31, 2017	Paid Directly to All Cases	Paid to Vis. United Methods Causes	Total Paid for Clergy Provision and Vis. United Clergy Health Benefits	Total Paid for Senior Pastor's Salary Paid	Assoc. Pastor's Salary Paid	Diocesan Compositional	Senior Pastor Utilities & Other Housing	Associate Pastors/ Utilities & Other Housing	Diocesan Utilities/ Other Housing	Pastor & Assoc. Residence Paid Rate	Other Staff (Comp) Paid Rate	Current Expense for Program	Current Operating Expenses	Principals Incurred Paid	Paid on Buildings & Improv.	Grand Total Paid
Central District	126,576	647,932	689,708	3,397,108	861,215	0	886,808	369,841	2,400	240,201	109,159	1,592,399	6,391,863	2,782,754	1,953,990	32,623,989
Northeast District	110,064	643,634	514,899	3,053,565	310,091	0	415,242	910,700	0	377,141	134,889	1,236,669	3,405,867	1,053,918	1,528,152	18,017,974
Northwest district	79,280	922,736	782,943	3,881,807	893,319	180,261	903,021	273,609	51,672	345,382	72,202	83,823,255	1,605,656	5,956,857	2,884,431	32,938,616
Southeast District	191,654	573,769	421,248	2,695,140	124,428	0	204,208	12,000	0	214,748	67,224	2,282,202	538,921	2,601,729	683,264	13,299,672
Southwest District	400,337	531,989	519,984	2,900,803	238,252	0	698,648	120,450	2,000	305,162	232,352	3,344,673	721,864	3,626,406	353,374	19,432,227
Arkansas Conference	1,621,911	3,320,100	2,928,782	15,840,223	2,427,305	180,261	3,107,927	866,600	56,072	1,482,634	616,006	26,759,828	5,715,399	22,182,722	7,961,651	111,631,278

Arkansas Conference Statistical Report December 31, 2017	Number Household/Group Less Church	Number Returned Through Pledge	Unpledged/ Household/Group Household/Group	Returned Individual/ Green	Interest on Dividends	Building Use/ Assets	Facilities/Use/ Other Sources	Total Operating & Base Grants	Capital Campaigns	Memorial Endowment Bequests	Other Capital Sources and Projects	Other District Bequests/Grants Received	Balance Special Appropriation Funds Received	Other Districts of Conference Funding	Total Districts of Conference Funding	Total Income
Central District	11,538	14,306,601	12,249,061	493,337	63,198	74,135	487,034	299,816	28,093,182	2,477,837	608,104	501,423	5,103,892	42,250	186,416	228,666
Northeast District	6,669	6,953,876	8,465,986	387,784	149,419	800	91,817	87,231	15,978,913	3,430,045	586,337	586,311	5,271,862	4,468	7,380	17,248
Northwest district	11,252	9,942,416	18,014,982	850,027	70,591	101,300	144,599	422,281	29,153,306	3,735,691	1,785,018	953,110	7,062,859	31,540	78,091	133,681
Southeast District	4,411	4,124,464	6,024,932	389,153	146,380	355	90,290	470,710	12,146,704	651,349	256,643	2,261,126	19,889	0	26,088	45,947
Southwest District	7,453	7,329,033	7,650,649	316,911	172,634	250	105,966	247,247	16,022,690	2,446,540	1,360,633	351,609	4,630,380	5,220	14,115	20,055
Arkansas Conference	41,345	42,200,390	53,305,600	2,803,212	604,222	86,440	869,016	1,572,285	101,396,395	12,891,382	2,638,565	2,295,026	34,603,319	103,767	312,600	447,597

General District Statistical Report December 31, 2017	Pastor/Name	Total Full Member (New) 2018	Received From Other (New) other than confirmation	Received From Other (Full) through confirmation	Revolving (New From Year to Year) Affirmation	Revolving (New From Year to Year) Affirmation	Received by Transfer	Received From Other (Dissemination)	Received From Other (Confirmation)	Withdrawn (Year by Substrate)	Corrected Previous (Year by Substrate)	Removed by Transfer	Removed to Other Denom.	Removed by Death	Total Full Member Close 2017
Alton	Richard Gifford	277	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	277
Amby	Mary Candace Barron	167	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	164
Argenta	James W. Chaste	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Ashbury - Little Rock	Mary Hilliard	715	7	7	7	7	0	26	6	60	9	0	14	7	652
Benton First	Benjamin William Crismon	1,704	12	5	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	10	0	22	1,741
Beulah - Jacksonville	Gerald Collins	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	136
Beulah - Lonoke	Hammett Nichols Evans	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	75
Byrant First	Stephen P. Dickinson	1,590	5	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	4	2	10	1,588
Chapel	Carter Ferguson	1,068	25	0	0	0	6	10	0	4	0	2	0	6	1,097
Conasa Community	Randy H. Rowlan	78	0	1	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	78
Concise First	Lynn Gartner	444	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	6	439
Concord - Lonoke	William Stephenson McMillan	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Conoco	Polly Barron	226	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	226
Congo	Michael Roberts	31	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	33
Crossway First	Michael Roberts	2,218	21	9	0	0	18	10	0	4	0	7	2	15	2,248
Dee Ace First	Susan P Rogers	197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	195
DeValls Bluff	Deanna L. McCormick	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Duncan	Ronnie L. Miller-Vow	48	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	48
Ebenzer - Conway	Ebenzer - Conway	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
Englewood	Larry Edward LeMasters	137	0	2	0	0	1	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	98
Faith - Little Rock	David D. Hoffman	92	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	93
Gardner Memorial	Mary Candace Barron	272	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	261
Geary Springs	David D. Hoffman	191	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	186
Grace - Conway	John Mark McDonald	566	5	10	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	1	0	8	602
Grace - East End	George Thomas Jones	442	2	39	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	2	514
Graham Chapel	Tranny Garrison	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Greenbrier First	Kevin Lyon	374	8	2	0	0	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	399
Hamilton	Jerry Martin Bowls, Jr.	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
Hazen	Deanna L. McCormick	199	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	196
Hebron - Concise	Roger Crouch	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
Henderson	Melvin Moss	285	2	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	285
Hickory Plains	Deborah D. Harrison	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	55
Highland Valley	Ruben Anthony Griffin	728	0	5	0	0	12	11	0	0	0	0	0	6	750
Hipe Kewan	Stan UG Bush	27	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	6	29
Huntsake	Jerry Martin Bowls, Jr.	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hunter - Little Rock	Rashim Merritt	203	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	203
Jacksonville First	Nathan Joel Kilbourne	706	3	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	14	697
Keo	Jemie Reynolds	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
Lakewood	Luke Conway	1,006	20	11	0	0	5	15	59	0	0	6	2	25	965
Levy	David Ray Hawkins	259	5	1	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	18	167
Little Rock First	David C. Freeman	1,209	16	2	0	0	21	30	0	0	0	0	1	14	1,263
Lonoke First	Albiretta Lynn Jones	327	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	4	333
Marbleate	Robert K. Marble	227	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	222
Mallett	Max Austin Daugherty	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Marks Chapel	Terry Devayne Hughes, Sr.	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
Maumelle First	Beth Ann Waldrop	1,072	15	4	0	0	2	5	69	6	0	7	3	9	1,004
Mayflower	Richard Wilkins	84	2	1	0	0	6	7	0	7	0	3	0	2	88
M.C. the Chapel	Johmie Davis	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
Morrison First	Katherine G Pearce	307	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	1	6	4	303

County	Parish Name	Total # Members Dec 31, 2017	Received Pastors Off Call after their Confirmation	Received Pastors Off Call through Confirmation	Received by Current Pastors Via Addition	Received by Transfer	Received From Other Denominations	Received by Church Conference	Withdrew	Crossed Pastors Yearly Substrate	Returned From Transfer	Returned From Deacons	Returned From Births	Total # Members Dec 31, 2017
Mount Carmel - Benton	Roger E. Glover	83	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	82
Mount Carmel - Vilonia	Cary Chasco	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19
Mount Pleasant - Little Rock	Mary N. Jones	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Mount Taber - Cabot	Jeffery Trent Warnick	140	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	146
Mount Zion - Center Ridge	James Lee Struggs	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Mount Zion - Lonoke	Robbin Dole Haley	145	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	147
Naylor	William Ferguson	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	75
New Haven - Little Rock	Norma Gilson	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	44
New Hope - Benton	Clarence Fowler	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	90
New Zion	James Lee Greene	36	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
North Little Rock First	Elizabeth Lynn Kibonane	1,516	3	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	4	1	19	1,516
North Palaski	LaShia Anne Daniels	66	0	5	2	1	1	0	0	4	7	0	2	62
Oak Forest	Michael Rinehard	209	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	208
Oakland	Timmy Garrison	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Old Assisi	Cathy Lynn Staton	60	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
Overcup (CLOSED)		8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parview	Clarence Fowler	211	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	207
Perryville	Chanda Adams	264	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	266
Pleasant Hill - Alexander	Alicia L. Finch-McCaslin	42	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	43
Plummersville	Dwight E. Baker	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	80
Primrose	Charles H Green	217	0	0	0	4	3	79	0	14	1	1	4	126
Palaski Heights	Britt Shanda	4,426	51	4	0	131	34	0	4	0	12	4	22	4,604
Quapaw Quarter	Keith Diane Colker	285	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	4	266
Stann Andrew - Little Rock	Charlie F. McAdoo	74	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	63
Starr James - Little Rock	Grenys Vaughan	3,654	28	0	1	56	15	0	7	0	21	4	30	3,697
Starr James - Lonoke	David Struggs	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Starr Lake - Little Rock (MERGED)		93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	0
Starr Paul - Little Rock	Richard S. Mitchell	287	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	283
Starr Paul - Mounelle	LaVon Post	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	6	9	117
Salem - Benton	Carlton N. Cross	356	0	2	0	7	9	0	0	0	2	0	5	367
Salem - Conway	William Todd Vick	313	0	0	0	4	2	95	0	0	1	0	0	221
Saratia	Phillip Troy Conrad	412	8	0	0	3	2	9	0	0	9	2	4	401
Sixteenth Section	Carol Jean Grace	178	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	175
Southard	Greta Earle Hagemeier	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
Springfield	Max Assisi Daugherty	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Sweet Home - Little Rock (MERGED)		6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sylvan Hills	Brian Richardson Watson	372	0	1	0	14	3	0	2	0	1	3	9	375
theBOURNEY	Jeffery Trent Warnick	163	0	3	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	164
Theresa Hoover Memorial	Theresa C Washington	324	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	369
Traskwood	Thomas Crawford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Trinity - Little Rock	Donald L. Hall, Jr.	1,071	4	2	2	2	2	0	2	12	7	0	12	1,048
Trinity - North Little Rock	Gerald Meals	31	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	29
Vilonia	James Clark Kipling	402	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	407
Ward	Carol Jean Grace	28	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	20
Wesley - Conway	David E. Baker	171	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	7	162
Wesley Chapel - Little Rock	Ronnie L. Miller-Vow	363	3	2	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	372
Western Hills	Shari Day	247	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	241
White Memorial	Danna Waller-Paige	64	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	64
Winfield	Vida R. Williams	477	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	77	9	18	4	357
Wye Mountain	Richard Gifford	77	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	77
Central District	Richard Lancaster	35,653	311	181	25	389	290	528	66	137	251	86	429	35,351



Area/Church	Adm	Biscl	Hispanic/Latino	Native American	Race/ Ethnicity	White	Multicultural	Total Membership	Female Members	Male Members	Members (Under 18)	Members (18-64)	Members (65+)	Number of Members who Work	Number of Members who Volunteer	Number of Members who Work & Volunteer	Members of Children's Program	Members of Adult Program	Total Program
Adona	0	0	0	0	0	27	15	12	27	2	0	15	10	27	15	0	0	0	0
Amboy	0	1	0	0	0	164	110	54	164	0	2	3	159	164	20	0	0	0	0
Angelo	0	0	0	0	0	30	17	13	30	0	0	28	2	30	81	0	3	0	3
Asbury - Little Rock	12	0	0	0	0	652	361	291	652	466	80	340	186	652	323	0	8	1	9
Benton First	0	1	0	0	0	1,741	1,130	611	1,741	313	245	823	360	1,741	636	0	20	5	25
Bethel - Jacksonville	0	0	0	0	0	136	70	66	136	1	9	86	40	136	35	0	0	1	1
Bethlehem - Lonoke	0	0	0	0	0	75	35	7	75	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0
Bryan First	3	3	5	0	0	1,573	804	764	1,588	187	232	435	734	1,589	220	201	1	5	6
Cabot	1	0	0	0	0	1,097	620	477	1,097	182	306	467	142	1,097	446	0	2	7	9
Calvary Community	0	4	0	0	0	78	50	28	78	0	0	0	0	78	0	45	0	2	2
Carlisle First	0	0	0	0	0	439	243	196	439	26	85	184	144	439	103	0	1	0	1
Centerville	0	0	0	0	0	70	31	39	70	17	11	24	18	70	40	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	17	10	7	17	1	1	13	2	17	17	0	0	0	0
Concord - Lonoke	0	0	0	0	0	235	1	236	133	93	236	17	33	97	79	226	82	2	1
Congo	0	0	0	0	0	33	16	17	33	1	8	12	12	33	21	0	0	0	0
Conway First	1	3	0	0	0	2,234	1,348	900	2,234	157	292	1,282	517	2,248	576	0	8	7	15
Des Ave First	0	0	0	0	0	195	110	85	195	6	24	94	70	194	69	0	0	0	0
Dix Hills Bluff	0	0	0	0	0	47	24	23	47	1	2	7	37	47	12	0	0	0	0
Dumas	0	48	0	0	0	48	34	14	48	5	7	15	21	48	21	0	0	0	0
Ebenezer - Conway	0	68	0	0	0	68	38	30	68	12	12	43	2	68	22	0	0	0	0
England	0	0	0	0	0	98	50	48	98	0	8	37	53	98	29	0	0	0	0
Faith - Little Rock	0	2	0	0	0	93	67	26	93	6	2	38	53	93	55	0	1	0	1
Garland Memorial	1	1	0	0	0	261	149	112	261	6	8	79	168	261	67	0	0	0	0
Georgetown	0	1	0	0	0	186	111	75	186	1	2	6	177	186	36	0	0	0	0
Greene - Conway	0	4	0	1	0	602	341	261	602	170	38	274	120	602	264	17	5	1	6
Greene - East End	1	0	0	0	0	509	4	514	192	322	514	0	0	0	0	613	0	25	21
Graham Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	17	8	9	17	0	0	5	12	17	3	0	0	0	0
Greenbrier First	0	0	0	0	0	399	233	166	399	59	28	231	81	399	154	0	5	2	7
Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	56	27	29	56	0	0	35	21	56	19	0	0	0	0
Hazen	0	0	0	0	0	196	98	98	196	6	20	70	100	196	57	3	0	0	0
Hebron - Carlisle	0	0	0	0	0	60	31	29	60	10	0	35	10	60	35	0	0	0	0
Henderson	0	14	2	0	0	269	160	125	285	21	18	23	223	285	97	0	1	6	7
Hickory Plains	0	0	1	0	0	54	0	54	55	2	0	32	2	55	27	0	0	0	0
Highland Valley	11	8	0	0	0	738	484	316	738	0	0	0	0	0	0	233	0	0	5
Hips-Keezan	25	0	0	0	0	29	11	18	29	0	4	18	7	29	24	0	0	0	0
Humane	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hunter - Little Rock	0	203	0	0	0	203	105	98	203	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0
Jacksonville First	6	19	2	0	0	667	419	278	697	96	105	301	195	697	191	0	1	0	1
Koa	0	0	0	0	0	65	41	24	65	5	6	16	38	65	24	0	0	0	0
Lakewood	0	2	5	0	0	955	3	965	545	420	965	85	96	364	420	965	416	0	2
Levy	0	3	0	0	0	167	102	65	167	10	20	50	87	167	68	0	1	5	6
Little Rock First	6	17	7	0	0	1,233	10	1,263	100	200	463	390	1,263	345	50	5	3	8	8
Lonoke First	0	0	0	0	0	333	187	146	333	19	22	139	153	333	102	0	0	6	6
Mableton	0	2	0	0	0	223	126	97	223	2	3	14	207	227	74	8	1	1	2
Mellotron	0	0	0	0	0	30	32	8	30	0	0	0	25	0	0	32	0	0	0
Mark's Chapel	0	12	0	0	0	12	8	4	12	2	0	8	2	12	9	0	0	0	0
Marionville First	0	2	0	0	0	1,001	1	1,004	533	471	1,004	71	169	545	221	1,004	371	0	5
Mayflower	0	0	0	0	0	88	59	29	88	4	4	19	61	88	45	0	0	1	1
McCauley Chapel	0	56	0	0	0	56	47	9	56	5	4	5	8	56	8	30	0	0	2
Monrillon First	1	4	1	0	0	297	303	162	411	303	11	37	152	105	303	112	0	2	0

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Mount Carmel - Benton	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	82	54	28	82	0	0	0	31	81	81	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mount Carmel - Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	10	9	19	1	1	1	9	8	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mount Pleasant - Little Rock	0	2	0	0	0	31	0	31	22	9	31	0	0	0	18	12	32	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mount Tabor - Cabot	0	0	0	0	0	146	0	146	80	66	146	4	4	32	106	146	57	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	
Mount Zion - Center Ridge	0	12	0	0	0	12	0	12	5	7	12	0	0	0	11	10	12	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mount Zion - Lonoke	0	0	0	0	0	147	0	147	73	74	147	0	0	0	39	36	75	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Naylor	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	75	38	37	75	0	0	0	39	36	75	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New Haven - Little Rock	0	44	0	0	0	44	0	44	20	24	44	10	3	19	15	44	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New Hope - Benton	0	1	0	0	0	89	0	89	50	40	90	5	10	20	55	90	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New Zion	0	38	0	0	0	39	0	39	28	11	39	18	6	10	5	39	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New York Little Rock First	1	0	0	0	0	1,516	0	1,516	841	675	1,516	0	0	0	0	0	308	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
North Phillips	0	0	3	0	3	54	2	62	36	26	62	14	1	30	17	62	27	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Oak Forest	0	2	0	0	0	208	0	208	123	85	208	3	11	58	136	208	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	43	25	18	43	0	0	0	43	0	43	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Old Austin	0	0	1	3	0	63	2	69	45	24	69	2	14	30	23	69	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Overcup (CLOSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Parkview	0	0	0	0	0	207	0	207	147	60	207	3	20	40	144	207	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Perryville	0	0	0	0	0	266	0	266	149	117	266	3	4	75	182	266	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pleasant Hill - Alexander	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	43	25	18	43	1	1	34	7	43	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Plumerville	0	0	0	0	0	78	2	80	44	36	80	2	5	6	67	80	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Prinrose	0	0	0	0	0	126	0	126	70	56	126	2	10	69	47	126	69	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Rainbow Heights	39	88	17	0	0	4,438	32	4,604	2,614	1,990	4,604	259	416	3,104	834	4,604	1,098	80	49	3	52	3	52	3	52	
Quincy Quarry	0	16	1	0	0	249	0	266	170	96	266	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Saint Andrew - Little Rock	0	6	1	0	0	56	0	63	36	27	63	0	9	21	33	63	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Saint James - Little Rock	4	5	2	0	0	3,679	7	3,697	2,054	1,643	3,697	64	89	1,163	1,111	3,697	955	98	20	1	21	1	21	1	21	
Saint James - Lonoke	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	9	6	3	9	2	1	5	1	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Luke - Little Rock (MERGED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Paul - Little Rock	1	0	1	0	0	278	5	285	151	134	285	25	13	63	184	285	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Paul - Maumelle	0	117	0	0	0	117	0	117	63	52	117	1	2	78	36	117	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salem - Benton	0	0	0	0	0	367	0	367	213	154	367	45	25	177	120	367	227	150	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
Salem - Conway	0	0	0	0	0	221	0	221	125	96	221	26	35	98	62	221	90	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Salem - Conway	0	0	1	0	0	400	0	401	232	169	401	40	88	218	55	401	193	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saints	0	1	1	0	0	175	0	175	99	76	175	7	11	145	12	175	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seventeenth Section	0	1	1	0	0	2	171	0	171	0	171	0	0	0	0	171	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southbend	0	4	0	0	0	58	0	62	39	23	62	14	6	12	36	62	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Springfield	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	60	36	24	60	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweet Home - Little Rock (MERGED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stovall Hills	1	3	3	0	0	368	0	375	215	160	375	5	17	143	210	375	133	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Stovall Hills	0	5	0	0	0	154	3	164	84	80	164	25	14	103	22	164	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theresa Hoover Memorial	0	347	0	0	0	22	0	369	192	177	369	7	11	10	4	356	118	0	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0
Traskwood	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	39	24	15	39	2	28	9	39	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity - Little Rock	3	2	0	0	0	1,043	0	1,048	624	424	1,048	62	22	496	421	1,001	256	23	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Trinity - North Little Rock	0	2	0	0	0	27	0	29	19	10	29	0	0	0	6	23	80	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	404	3	407	235	172	407	36	75	198	98	407	125	0	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
West	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	11	6	20	1	6	11	20	16	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Westley - Conway	0	0	0	0	0	162	0	162	83	79	162	0	7	71	85	162	34	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westley Chapel - Little Rock	0	372	0	0	0	372	0	372	221	151	372	32	101	187	32	372	151	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Hills	0	0	0	0	0	241	0	241	146	95	241	5	8	73	155	241	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Memorial	0	64	0	0	0	64	0	64	42	22	64	3	4	5	52	64	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winfield	1	0	0	0	0	354	1	357	230	127	357	6	64	207	80	357	52	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wye Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	77	45	32	77	2	6	31	38	77	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wye Mountain	124	1,618	58	15	6	33,405	125	35,351	20,122	15,229	35,351	2,586	3,981	14,119	10,253	31,640	11,227	637	201	117	317	201	117	317	117	









Geographic District	Full Direct in US Cases	Full/Over-Under Full Paid for Clergy Personnel and Voluntary Services	Total Paid for Clergy Personnel (Including Benefits)	Stoner/Pastor/Staff Title	Over/Pastor/Staff Salary	Disbursement Point (Title & Other Items)	Assess (Pastor/Title & Other Items)	Donor's Utilities & Other Items	Parish & Assoc. Expenses	Other OGA (Ministerial Staff Fees)	Other Staff Comp.	Current Support for Program	Current Operating Expenses	Principal Interest Paid	Parish Building & Utilities	Grant Total Paid
Adena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,291
Ambly	0	6,661	26,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000	1,200	15,500	0	3,356	65,914
Argentina	0	2,500	34,554	7,800	0	15,600	18,000	0	3,839	0	20,861	7,778	20,861	0	3,418	131,091
Ashby - Little Rock	350	20,246	26,547	36,363	0	24,000	18,000	0	1,157	1,255	39,814	29,750	29,750	94,688	0	1,804,639
Benton First	0	0	28,792	0	11,511	45,000	25,000	0	3,000	0	618,254	27,152	186,528	48,755	10,000	1,090,639
Baker - Jacksonville	375	945	0	18,900	0	3,100	0	0	1,995	0	7,475	923	7,759	0	19,731	72,737
Beddham - Lonoke	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	665	12,765	180,000	0	208,427	0
Bryant First	0	13,079	0	59,067	0	26,000	0	0	17,100	0	276,639	96,202	24,553	21,496	44,400	601,155
Caban	200	15,669	17,019	0	49,965	0	18,000	0	0	0	343,916	32,000	258,477	399,837	11,051	1,098,553
Carroll Community	0	660	0	53,119	8,400	15,000	8,400	0	2,000	0	16,978	4,066	59,445	0	45,011	212,552
Carroll First	950	780	6,164	64,518	0	6,500	0	0	1,662	0	37,918	6,997	43,483	0	27,829	200,184
Centerville	0	0	0	0	0	6,500	0	0	0	0	0	3,268	6,852	0	8,000	26,678
Cleveland	300	0	0	0	0	3,200	0	0	0	0	3,200	2,000	2,000	0	6,581	0
Concord - Lonoke	1,330	620	8,400	30,171	0	12,000	0	0	8,239	0	3,511	32,239	0	34,370	146,770	0
Crago	2,000	0	0	11,340	0	0	0	0	11,340	0	0	607	72,116	0	36,447	0
Crago First	0	76,730	24,900	0	94,000	0	27,000	12,840	13,043	0	445,021	89,994	250,800	245,142	268,910	1,730,804
Des Arc First	500	1,000	9,625	0	50,000	0	5,000	0	4,000	0	25,267	10,800	32,000	60,000	3,000	217,771
De Valls Bluff	0	0	2,186	0	11,535	0	0	0	0	2,400	0	711	10,858	0	0	30,800
Duncan	200	0	2,467	0	9,728	0	0	0	0	0	800	13,500	0	0	0	29,453
Ebeazer - Conway	349	125	0	2,600	0	9,600	0	0	0	7,800	6,683	4,400	2,000	8,000	0	14,932
England	0	0	0	0	0	9,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith - Little Rock	50	0	9,368	0	47,300	0	19,600	0	0	0	33,526	2,876	38,240	1,152	57,907	67,678
Gateway Memorial	0	240	0	46,838	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	86,319	1,896	41,979	0	14,601	225,982
Gevey Springs	1,475	0	2,798	0	19,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	8,978	2,129	49,683	0	6,063	95,941
Grace - Conway	500	4,065	5,845	0	72,000	0	35,000	9,239	4,744	0	153,644	46,282	109,844	13,446	11,009	531,961
Grace - East End	0	33,000	42,244	0	40,000	0	0	0	8,000	0	199,012	8,000	246,316	51,196	0	600,665
Griffin Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	4,565	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,968	0	0	11,565
Greenleaf First	0	0	12,696	0	56,860	0	9,600	0	0	6,000	47,200	51,200	32,185	0	9,500	203,407
Hamilton	0	0	0	8,399	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,584	0	0	18,993
Harzen	240	0	8,745	0	47,527	0	0	0	2,445	1,000	15,435	5,273	36,932	0	1,545	133,571
Hebron - Carlisle	0	0	0	0	0	4,500	0	0	0	1,200	3,625	0	8,500	0	0	18,242
Henderson	1,210	0	10,953	0	55,243	0	18,000	0	3,000	0	67,746	3,002	90,337	0	19,287	292,460
Hickory Plains	2,100	5,801	0	0	4,326	0	0	0	2,400	1,200	0	1,271	10,313	0	6,103	37,654
Highland Valley	10,461	14,300	27,899	0	106,173	39,353	30,000	25,000	4,186	0	283,660	56,555	245,135	0	11,439	1,042,568
Hope Korean	0	0	0	27,600	0	0	0	0	6,000	0	0	2,381	8,160	15,480	0	60,986
Hummer	0	0	0	0	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	0	0	0	11,096
Hummer - Little Rock	0	0	12,243	0	48,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	8,120	0	28,230	0	9,500	118,243
Jacksonville First	4,355	2,925	13,912	0	70,394	0	17,307	0	3,972	0	155,357	14,160	239,435	0	35,000	623,273
Kco	2,330	5,917	0	12,059	0	10,000	0	0	4,268	0	4,268	2,112	12,299	0	0	57,977
Lakewood	14,778	26,752	25,394	0	32,600	111,058	35,000	19,560	12,000	0	571,280	119,413	287,528	152,408	38,253	1,652,774
Levy	500	500	0	11,894	0	18,000	0	0	0	0	45,124	6,000	35,996	0	0	132,831
Little Rock First	24,764	16,087	28,414	18,967	98,454	45,462	37,917	47,750	9,918	0	910,615	92,857	321,907	91,704	19,598	1,919,598
Little Rock First	980	5,053	13,256	0	81,367	0	4,500	0	4,500	0	47,734	12,105	64,584	5,474	35,941	344,233
Madaba	208	8,250	0	16,125	0	0	0	0	0	6,000	51,150	10,000	55,100	0	2,1458	189,651
Malden	1,645	6,039	0	3,201	0	4,021	0	0	0	0	0	1,067	1,326	0	3,836	22,997
Marks Chapel	0	0	0	3,900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	6,257
Mauldin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muhamelle First	0	182,013	23,870	0	83,000	44,700	26,000	17,800	6,500	0	155,239	22,917	159,725	211,976	21,733	1,025,160
Myl Tower	1,200	5,400	0	18,882	0	18,882	0	0	8,389	0	11,700	2,026	8,247	0	16,600	104,456
McCabe Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,000	1,500	20,000	6,000	0	54,502
Morrison First	600	12,933	14,131	0	69,802	0	3,600	0	0	0	135,012	37,961	91,420	11,828	42,296	460,607





Charitable Organization	Number of Individuals Going to and from Church	Revised Third-Party Pledge	Nonpledging Individual Giving	Revised Individual Giving	Times and Minutes of Services	Sat. of Church Services	Building Fee Per Sq. Ft.	Facilities and Other Services	Total Operating Allowance	Capital Campaigns	Ministerial Expenses	Other Capital Services and Projects	Other Related Expenses	Total Capital Special Projects	Revised Operating Expenses	Administrative Expenses	Other Expenses	Net Change in Net Assets	Total Income
Adams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adams	32	0	58,937	322	0	0	12,000	250	71,569	0	1,100	0	0	1,100	0	0	4,000	4,000	76,699
Adams	75	76,328	81,710	1,618	0	0	7,800	7,800	168,156	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	2,500	170,656
Adams - Little Rock	327	794,679	123,732	6,386	0	0	2,280	53,989	981,046	0	21,018	55,687	600	77,275	0	0	0	0	1,085,321
Adams First	435	660,979	488,336	12,475	0	0	4,432	0	1,126,242	219,792	6,000	0	0	225,792	0	0	0	0	1,352,034
Baker - Jacksonville	20	0	54,993	2,616	318	0	10,200	0	68,127	0	1,705	0	375	2,080	0	0	0	0	70,207
Barkham - Lonoke	20	0	24,993	2,200	0	0	3,655	900	37,958	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,958
Bryant First	238	404,070	169,221	752	35	0	40	0	574,118	137,365	3,800	0	0	141,165	0	0	0	0	715,283
Cabin	305	921,096	0	12,268	0	0	0	31	933,395	150,163	2,844	0	180	162,237	0	0	0	0	1,085,592
Carroll Community	319	0	201,571	0	0	0	5,600	11,045	248,214	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248,214
Carroll First	175	0	201,536	7,888	0	0	620	20,512	230,596	10,935	1,490	0	1,321	13,716	0	0	0	0	244,072
Centerville	25	0	0	26,340	0	0	0	0	26,340	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,340
Cleveland	8	0	6,419	0	0	0	0	0	6,419	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,419
Concord - Lonoke	85	0	151,870	5,071	160	0	866	1,955	159,922	24,454	650	0	0	25,104	0	0	0	0	185,026
Congo	12	0	30,380	3,154	0	0	0	0	33,534	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33,534
Conway First	440	0	1,159,265	17,192	2,766	0	4,100	0	1,183,321	292,995	6,751	47,267	56,395	403,508	0	0	0	0	1,586,829
Des Arc First	57	0	140,059	0	0	0	600	0	140,659	0	46,087	0	772	46,859	0	0	0	0	187,518
DeValls Bluff	13	0	33,022	0	8,000	0	0	0	31,022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,022
Duncan	20	0	25,200	1,100	0	0	4,800	0	31,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,200
Elmwood - Conway	25	0	26,000	0	0	0	0	0	26,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,000
England	35	0	63,177	1,500	900	0	0	1,500	66,677	0	1,800	0	1,100	2,900	0	0	0	0	69,577
Faith - Little Rock	89	36,225	116,206	3,577	0	0	300	4,743	161,051	22,319	485	16,682	795	40,471	0	0	0	0	201,522
Gateway Memorial	113	140,850	56,986	1,171	45	0	7,200	1,872	208,124	3,312	18,837	17,353	2,491	42,193	0	0	0	0	250,317
Geer Springs	116	0	86,973	2,850	62	135	1,285	758	92,026	725	745	0	19,672	21,142	0	0	0	0	113,168
Geer - Conway	175	0	547,757	4,857	4,717	0	932	0	558,263	0	0	0	520	0	0	0	0	0	558,783
Geer - East Ford	169	0	406,117	0	0	0	0	0	406,117	141,834	3,430	0	7,900	153,164	0	0	0	0	584,281
Geisler Chapel	4	0	8,390	684	0	0	0	0	9,074	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,074
Geisler First	101	0	215,629	0	0	0	0	0	215,629	3,215	4,059	0	510	7,775	0	0	0	0	223,404
Hannibal	60	0	131,945	0	624	0	0	0	25,387	0	10,980	0	0	10,980	0	0	0	0	25,387
Hanson	36	0	32,000	13,434	34	0	1,075	13,953	266,742	0	1,830	0	0	1,830	0	0	0	0	32,000
Henderson	98	0	232,206	13,434	34	0	0	0	266,742	0	1,830	0	0	1,830	0	0	0	0	262,572
Hickory Plains	15	0	24,594	14,053	0	0	0	0	38,647	0	200	0	921	1,121	0	0	0	0	39,768
Highland Valley	368	306,925	167,635	6,105	3,108	0	0	0	682,771	55,969	207,670	0	10,232	273,871	0	0	0	0	956,642
Hopewell	25	0	89,084	1,051	0	0	0	0	90,135	6,900	0	0	0	6,900	0	0	0	0	108,115
Humble	55	103,131	156,200	0	5,531	0	0	0	124,022	4,295	500	0	0	4,795	4,000	0	0	0	132,897
Jacksonville First	161	326,513	193,706	25,000	0	0	14,587	0	539,805	0	8,710	25,000	5,076	38,786	0	0	0	0	608,591
Kearney	25	0	62,960	3,790	500	0	0	0	67,250	0	2,630	0	0	2,630	0	0	0	0	69,880
Lakewood	555	723,037	608,020	13,365	735	0	74,519	64,340	1,484,016	82,897	23,560	32,899	19,034	163,090	0	0	0	0	1,647,106
Levy	80	118,116	0	1,891	50	0	0	19,270	138,327	0	2,141	0	828	2,969	0	0	0	0	142,296
Little Rock First	386	1270,867	134,192	5,877	182	0	48,172	165	1,659,455	13,862	27,825	0	127,023	168,766	0	0	0	0	1,828,221
Little Rock First	172	140,690	117,927	6,135	16	0	3,400	0	246,346	16,448	101,721	0	11,009	120,178	0	0	0	0	366,652
Little Rock First	58	133,183	69,443	2,566	0	0	680	0	205,772	0	0	0	280	280	0	0	0	0	206,052
Littleton	3	0	5,027	0	0	0	0	0	5,027	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,027
Mark's Chapel	3	0	6,000	200	0	0	0	0	6,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,200
Marmelle First	339	367,706	420,488	7,245	193	0	2,154	2,270	797,861	26,705	6,684	0	3,808	37,197	0	0	0	0	837,558
Maplewood	52	0	93,185	2,729	193	0	0	0	96,107	0	0	0	3,240	3,240	0	0	0	0	99,347
McCabe Chapel	30	0	42,000	4,200	0	0	0	9,800	56,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56,000
Morrison First	120	245,753	131,852	4,262	0	0	400	5,256	357,521	33,666	24,246	0	2,065	64,005	0	0	0	0	454,638



Section/Board December 31, 2017	Board Name	Total Full Members Class 2016	Received Provision of Full Member Certification	Received Provision of Full Chaplain Certification	Received by Current Process Yearly Admission	Received by Transfer Reimbursement	Received by Change Certification	Withdrawn (Lost by Observation)	Remain by Transfer	Remain by Debit	Total Full Member Class 2018
Anti-itch	James H. Turner	39	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	43
Ask Flat	Larry Morris	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Augusta	Melanie Lauren Tubbs	183	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	183
Bald Knob	Melanie Lauren Tubbs	108	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	108
Batesville First	Justin Ledbetter	1,122	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	7	1,135
Bay	Melita Diane Wimblesley	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Bear Creek	Joseph D Kaiser	56	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	58
Beebe	Matthew L Dimails	603	8	10	0	11	1	0	0	2	623
Beheeda Campground	Carl Hudson	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
Black Rock	Dennis Calaway	63	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	64
Byholville First	William Zachary Roberts	421	0	6	0	2	7	0	0	4	421
Brono	Thomas Dellinger	79	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	83
Breadford	William F. Mills	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Brookland	Cory Pfeifer	202	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	204
Calico Rock	Laura Jo Prange	135	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	134
Camp	Ryan Spurlock	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Campground	Everest Isom Sr.	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149
Canaway	Jason Surfin	137	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
Cave City	Joseph D Kaiser	133	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	135
Cedar Grove - Floral	Steve Long	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Central Ave - Batesville	Paul E. Seay, Sr	476	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	8	470
Cherokee Village	Angela Gage	310	0	4	0	0	1	4	0	8	292
Christ United	Billy Vanderbill	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Christ Way	Charles Miller	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
Clinton	George Edwin Odell	383	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	370
Community	Ray J. Huffman	17	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	18
Concord - Concord	Steve Long	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Concord - Jonesboro	Kathleen L. McMurray	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Concord - Pleasant Plains	James D Wheeler	393	0	3	0	3	1	5	13	2	361
Coontown	James D Wheeler	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Coring	John Franklin Michael	120	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	127
Cotton Plant	Carla Ray Thompson	60	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	59
Cushman	James D Wheeler	57	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	61
Damascus	Vaughn Marsden	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
Dell	Marilyn Webb	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
Deshia	Tomya Hancock	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129
Deerwood	Kathy N DeBusk	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Hill Lindsey	John Stoll	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Emory Chapel	Emory Chapel	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Evening Shade	Larry Morris	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Farfield Bay	Paul Strang	161	0	9	1	0	3	0	0	6	161
Fairview - Mountain Home (CLOSED)	Fairview - Mountain Home (CLOSED)	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fikes Chapel	Stephens Anderson	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Firm Hill	Robert Higer	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Fisher	Jesse James	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Fisher Street	Donald Lewert	109	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	94
Floyd	Robert Mark Quirk	61	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	67
Friendship - Rowden	John Stoll	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21



Northwest District December 31, 2017	Pastor Name	Total Full Members Case 2018	Removed from Roster of Faith after their Confirmation	Removed from Roster of Faith through Confirmation	Received by Admission	Received by Consecration Year in Admission	Recently Transferred	Received from Other Denominations	Removed by Churches	Withdrawn	Current Provisional Year of Submission	Removed by Transfer	Removed to Other Denoms	Removed by Death	Total Full Members Case 2017
	Fleming, O.D., Turner	52	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	52
	Paragould First	1,055	11	4	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	11	1,074
	John Hiegel	172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	1	135
	Pine Log	43	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
	Pleasant Grove - Jonesboro	145	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	144
	Jimmie Shiloh	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
	Pleasant Hill - Barco	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
	William B. Mills	256	0	2	0	13	2	3	0	1	0	2	6	6	261
	Peacemans	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Powell's Chapel	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
	Pharis's Chapel	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
	Quinn	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
	Ramer's Chapel	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
	Rayden	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
	Reverend Springs	224	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	227
	Mace P. Shindler	44	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	54
	Rock Springs - Lufe	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	2	0	0	13	13
	Rock Bud	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
	Russell	58	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	57
	Trev a Mills	271	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	270
	Saint James - Mountain View	336	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	5	3	0	3	315
	Saint Paul - Seney	180	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	188
	Salem - Selen	1,013	4	0	0	0	12	3	0	1	0	4	0	12	1,015
	Seaford	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
	Donald Lewart	65	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
	Shiloh - Jonesboro	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	72
	Everett Herman Bakely	179	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	177
	Shiloh - Pangould	23	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23
	Jan Vandygriff	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Staley	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
	Michael C. Dodson	81	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
	Southside	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	81
	Spring Creek	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
	Spring Log	61	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	74
	Shovey Point	153	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	59
	Swifton	188	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162
	Jeff Weaver	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	2	140
	Jerry Penecost	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
	Unsett Memorial	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
	Unor Grove	219	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	15
	Veola	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109
	J. Beth Perdue	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
	Warren's Chapel	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
	Everett Isom Sr.	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
	Jesse James	50	0	5	1	2	4	1	0	3	6	4	0	2	48
	Wesley - Cotter	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
	Whitfall	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Stephen Anderson	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
	Wild Cherry	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Gay Yarnough	25	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Wiseman	100	10	243	13	36	123	134	136	107	113	187	63	328	2,168
	John Hiegel														
	Wright's Chapel														
	Northwest District	21,651	100	243	13	36	123	134	136	107	113	187	63	328	21,368



Northwestern Arkansas Chapter Name	Age	Race	Ethnic/Latino	Male American	Prof/Exec/Student	White	Multi-Racial	Total Membership Families	Female Members	Male Members (Total Membership Under Age 18)	Number of Members 18-24	Number of Members 25-45	Number of Members 46-65	Total	Number of Youth Members by Age Group	Number of Youth Members by Gender	Total	Number of Youth Members by Age Group	Number of Youth Members by Gender	Total	
Garner	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	29	15	14	29	1	4	14	10	29	12	0	0	2	2
Griffin Memorial	0	2	0	0	0	243	0	243	134	111	245	9	14	52	170	245	95	0	0	0	0
Griffithville	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	23	11	12	23	0	3	20	23	13	0	0	0	0	0
Guion	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	18	9	9	18	0	0	18	18	11	0	3	1	4	4
Gun Springs - Seary	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hardy	0	0	0	0	0	322	0	322	202	120	322	0	2	77	243	322	50	0	0	0	0
Harmony - Seary	0	2	0	0	0	35	0	35	21	16	37	0	5	32	37	22	0	0	1	1	1
Harrisburg First	0	0	0	0	0	356	0	356	206	150	356	10	22	155	169	356	105	0	5	0	5
Hazel Edwards Memorial	1	0	0	0	0	42	6	49	27	22	49	15	2	10	22	49	27	0	2	2	4
Heber Springs	0	0	0	0	0	1,281	0	1,281	704	577	1,281	0	0	0	0	693	100	6	3	9	9
Holiday Hills	0	0	0	0	0	138	0	138	74	64	138	2	5	58	73	138	92	0	3	2	5
Hoseshoe Bend	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	52	26	26	52	0	0	8	0	43	32	0	0	0	0
Howe	0	0	0	0	0	129	0	129	88	43	129	0	0	50	79	129	28	0	0	0	0
Hunter - Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	10	9	19	1	1	17	19	10	0	0	0	0	0
Imboden	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	91	49	42	91	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0
Jameson	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	14	11	25	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	42	28	14	42	3	0	8	31	43	12	0	0	0	0
Jonesboro First	8	28	15	0	0	2,338	30	2,419	1,370	1,049	2,419	476	346	1,199	376	2,201	1,361	55	21	18	39
Judsona	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	59	40	19	59	0	0	4	55	59	12	0	0	0	0
Kaser	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	53	31	22	53	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
Kensett	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	51	27	24	51	1	1	10	39	51	20	0	0	0	0
Lake City	0	4	0	0	0	83	0	87	46	41	87	10	2	43	32	87	43	0	0	0	0
Leadville	0	3	17	0	0	170	0	190	96	94	190	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	2	2
Lepanto	0	0	0	0	0	106	0	106	56	53	109	2	40	67	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Lynn	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	44	19	25	44	0	4	6	34	44	22	0	0	0	0
Mammoth Spring	0	1	0	0	0	73	0	73	34	39	73	3	3	60	7	73	20	0	0	0	0
Manila	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	120	63	57	120	29	7	69	16	121	34	0	0	0	0
Marked Tree First	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	101	60	41	101	10	3	27	61	101	59	0	2	0	2
Marmaduke	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100	60	40	100	14	6	26	54	100	28	0	0	1	1
Mars Hill	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	18	11	7	18	0	0	0	18	18	13	0	0	0	0
Maynard	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	54	35	19	54	7	1	2	44	54	27	0	1	0	1
McClary	6	0	0	0	0	129	0	129	72	63	135	7	13	71	44	135	38	0	4	1	5
McRae	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	30	19	11	30	1	0	5	24	30	11	0	0	1	1
Melbourne	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	97	61	36	97	0	10	28	59	97	35	0	0	0	0
Monette	0	0	0	0	0	108	0	108	70	38	108	3	6	69	30	108	43	0	1	3	4
Moonfield	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	22	18	40	0	2	3	35	40	20	0	0	0	0
Mount Carmel - Jonesboro	0	0	0	0	0	112	0	112	66	46	112	4	14	55	39	112	50	0	0	0	0
Mount Pisgah - Seary	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	14	11	25	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Pleasant - Quinn	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34	24	10	34	3	1	7	23	34	10	0	0	0	0
Mountain Home First	1	0	0	0	0	1,020	0	1,020	557	463	1,020	0	0	0	0	382	25	0	0	0	0
Mountain View First	0	0	0	0	0	368	0	369	223	146	369	15	3	41	310	369	107	0	0	0	0
Newport First	3	0	0	0	0	326	0	329	165	164	329	40	26	150	113	329	70	0	0	0	0
Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	38	25	13	38	0	0	0	38	38	23	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove - Seary	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	57	33	24	57	4	2	24	27	57	21	0	0	2	2
Oak Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	7	7	14	1	0	2	11	14	10	0	0	0	0
Oil Trough	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	43	23	20	43	6	0	17	20	43	33	0	4	2	6
Ossela	0	5	0	0	0	190	0	195	103	92	195	7	9	123	56	195	55	0	2	0	2
Oxford	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	47	26	21	47	0	0	10	37	47	40	0	0	0	0

Sanctuary Name	Black	Hispanic/Latino	Native American	Race/Ethnicity	White	Multi-Racial	Total Members	Members Under 18	Members 18-30	Members 31-45	Members 46-60	Members 61-75	Members 76-90	Members 91+	Worship	Altar Calls	Children Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Total Baptisms
Pougham	0	0	0	0	52	0	27	25	2	7	10	33	57	30	0	0	0	0	0
Prairieville First	0	0	1	0	1,072	0	1,074	493	185	160	496	233	1,074	422	46	5	4	9	9
Piggott First	0	0	0	0	135	0	79	56	135	0	0	0	0	58	75	0	1	1	1
Pine Log	0	0	0	0	46	0	26	20	46	0	0	46	46	7	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Grove - Jonesboro	0	0	0	0	144	0	82	62	144	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill - Bono	0	0	0	0	33	0	19	14	33	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Plains	0	0	0	0	17	0	9	8	17	0	3	14	17	9	0	0	0	0	0
Pocahontas	2	1	1	0	254	3	261	148	113	261	15	30	99	117	261	114	0	0	2
Powell's Chapel	0	0	0	0	7	0	5	2	7	0	0	7	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Priest's Chapel	0	0	4	0	65	2	71	39	32	71	2	31	37	71	22	0	0	0	0
Quinnan	0	0	0	0	69	0	46	23	69	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0
Ramer's Chapel	0	0	0	0	52	0	26	26	52	0	26	26	52	9	0	0	0	0	0
Ravenden	0	0	0	0	23	0	10	13	23	0	2	21	23	6	0	0	0	0	0
Ravenden Springs	0	0	0	0	22	0	23	14	8	22	0	22	23	7	0	0	0	0	0
Rector	0	0	0	0	237	0	140	97	237	0	189	45	237	65	0	4	0	0	4
Rock Springs - Lale	0	0	0	0	54	0	29	25	54	1	2	49	54	34	0	0	0	0	0
Rose Dale	1	0	0	0	12	0	13	6	13	2	6	5	13	15	0	0	0	0	0
Russell	0	0	0	0	63	0	43	20	63	0	3	5	55	43	15	0	0	0	0
Saint James - Mountain View	0	0	2	0	55	0	34	23	57	1	6	34	16	34	0	0	0	0	1
Saint Paul - Jonesboro	5	1	0	0	264	0	270	170	100	270	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Paul - Searcy	1	0	2	0	312	0	315	180	135	315	27	46	155	87	315	199	0	0	0
Salem - Salem	1	1	0	0	182	2	185	113	72	185	10	5	148	22	185	52	0	0	0
Searcy First	1	1	0	0	1,012	0	1,015	515	500	1,015	118	107	390	400	1,015	274	0	1	0
Seigwick	0	0	0	0	37	0	22	13	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharp	0	0	0	0	61	1	62	50	12	62	3	1	25	33	62	19	0	1	1
Shiloh - Jonesboro	0	0	0	0	72	0	46	26	72	2	0	15	55	72	25	0	0	0	0
Shiloh - Praegrault	1	0	0	0	176	0	177	115	62	177	7	41	83	46	177	59	0	0	0
Shirley	0	0	0	0	23	0	23	14	9	23	3	3	17	23	19	0	0	0	0
Sidney	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	5	3	8	1	0	4	3	8	6	0	0	0
Smithville	0	0	0	0	29	0	29	16	13	29	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0
Southside	0	0	0	0	81	0	52	29	81	7	4	29	41	81	45	0	0	0	0
Spring Creek	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	25	15	40	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0
Stoney Point	0	0	0	0	74	0	35	39	74	12	7	31	24	74	40	0	0	0	1
Swifton	0	0	0	0	59	0	59	37	22	59	5	3	7	44	39	19	0	0	0
Trumann	0	0	0	3	159	0	162	91	162	22	13	102	25	162	67	0	1	2	3
Tuckerman	0	0	0	0	137	3	140	85	55	140	27	30	39	43	140	40	0	4	3
Unstead Memorial	0	0	0	0	26	0	15	11	26	0	0	1	25	26	7	0	0	0	0
Union Grove	0	0	0	0	78	0	46	32	78	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0
Viola	0	0	0	0	15	0	9	6	15	0	1	4	10	15	10	0	0	0	0
Wahar Ridge	1	0	0	0	214	0	215	122	93	215	5	25	96	91	215	71	0	0	0
Warren's Chapel	0	0	0	0	45	0	24	21	45	3	12	22	8	45	24	0	0	0	0
Weiner	0	1	0	0	106	0	107	54	53	107	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0
Wesley - Cotter	0	0	0	0	48	0	48	33	15	48	7	0	18	23	48	34	0	0	1
Whitehall	0	0	0	0	23	0	23	14	9	23	0	9	14	23	8	0	0	0	0
Wild Cherry	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	5	3	8	0	0	0	8	14	0	0	0	0
Wilson	0	0	0	0	52	0	31	21	52	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	1
Wiseman	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	3	8	0	0	0
Wright's Chapel	0	0	0	0	29	0	17	12	29	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0
Northwest District	36	115	45	9	2,114	65	21,414	12,032	9,382	21,414	1,419	1,353	6,381	6,632	15,827	387	100	73	173



Nonmember	Popularity Ref	Confidence Ref	Christian Formation Adults	Christian Formation Youth	Christian Formation Young Adults	Christian Formation Other	Total Christian Formation Members	Enrolled Christian Classes	Sunday School Attendance	WBS Background	Outgoing Classes In Learning	Other Outgoing Classes In Learning	Share of All Churches in Group	UWV Members For Projects	UWV Unenrolled For Projects	UWV Members For Projects	UWV Unenrolled For Projects	UWV Members For Projects	UWV Unenrolled For Projects	UWV Members For Projects	UWV Unenrolled For Projects	UWV Members For Projects	UWV Unenrolled For Projects
Northwest																							
Antioch	0	6	3	12	9	30	0	0	9	12	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ash Flat	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
August	6	15	7	5	6	18	0	6	9	0	2	1	0	0	0	10	1,809	0	0	0	0	0	
Bald Knob	2	6	8	6	2	22	0	0	26	0	3	2	2	0	0	13	356	0	0	0	0	0	
Batesville First	6	35	60	72	121	288	14	105	115	7	7	3	34	4,004	24	3,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bay	9	20	15	5	0	45	65	5	28	0	6	2	0	0	0	21	2,900	0	0	0	0	0	
Bear Creek	0	0	3	1	0	35	39	0	23	15	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Beetle	35	126	94	48	17	101	260	4	123	165	13	15	7	27	0	74	3,457	0	0	0	0	0	
Bethesda Campground	0	3	5	0	32	40	2	21	50	3	2	0	0	0	15	2,729	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Black Rock	0	6	0	0	14	14	0	0	8	0	1	1	1	0	5	1,375	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bluffville First	11	28	22	19	70	139	0	0	49	100	9	0	8	0	31	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bono	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	50	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bradford	0	1	0	0	6	6	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Brookland	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Calico Rock	0	0	6	3	0	32	41	4	18	75	3	1	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Camp	0	0	0	1	15	16	0	1	15	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Campground	1	17	8	12	26	63	0	35	60	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Caraway	0	25	9	0	22	56	0	42	24	6	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cave City	0	15	2	0	15	32	0	25	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cedar Grove - Floral	0	8	2	0	1	8	11	0	8	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Central Ave - Batesville	0	60	25	10	12	130	177	0	80	75	9	6	1	32	2,827	32	780	0	0	0	0	0	
Chester Village	13	34	14	5	6	89	114	0	60	32	7	4	9	19	1,130	71	8,120	0	0	0	0	0	
Christ United	0	0	5	4	24	37	0	9	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Christ Way	0	12	0	0	10	10	0	0	5	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Clinton	32	36	16	10	0	35	61	0	35	60	7	0	0	26	412	52	15,600	0	0	0	0	0	
Community	0	2	0	0	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Concord - Concord	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Conith	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Conterstone - Jonesboro	36	18	42	24	12	210	288	0	183	118	16	14	5	25	0	20	6,300	0	0	0	0	0	
Conterstone - Pleasant Plains	0	0	3	0	10	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Corning	1	84	38	7	5	40	90	0	38	0	8	4	3	19	500	30	400	0	0	0	0	0	
Cotton Plant	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cushman	0	0	0	1	0	10	11	0	10	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dumas	0	16	12	4	0	13	29	0	20	22	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dell	0	2	0	0	8	8	0	6	6	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Desha	0	7	3	0	9	19	0	11	18	2	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dogwood	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	19	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Eli Linsley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Emory Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Evening Shade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fluffard Bay	2	33	0	0	63	63	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fairview - Mountain Home (CLOSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fakes Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Farm Hill	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fisher	0	5	17	3	10	35	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fisher Street	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	2	1	4	0	10	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Floyd	0	0	2	1	0	15	18	0	15	0	2	0	0	0	16	3,786	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Friendship - Ravenden	0	0	0	0	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	





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Section Header	Community Members at Onward Justice and Where	Gifts/In-Kind/Black Markets	Charitable/Religious/Non-Profit/Non-Marginal	Members/Participants	From News of Officers, Judges and Clerks' Minutes	From News of the Executive Ministers	Value of (Check) Bids/Leads	Value of Other Work	Debit on Asset	Transparency Image of Holdings	Other Debt	Gifts/ Appreciation	Gifts/ Appreciation	Percent Appreciation	Percent Appreciation	Gifts/ Appreciation	Gifts/ Appreciation	Gifts/ Appreciation	Gifts/ Appreciation	
Asiatic	0	0	0	0	120,000	124,758	0	0	3,900	0	0	0	0	0%	1,885	326	0	0	0	
Ash Flat	0	0	0	0	125,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	4,027	4,027	100%	0	427	427	0	0	
Augusta	1	6	1	6	2,409,300	17,944	0	0	0	0	0	7,313	200	3%	1,397	0	0	0	0	
Bald Knob	1	0	0	152	0	570,000	6,719	0	0	0	0	6,719	100%	0	934	934	0	0	0	
Batesville First	4	0	4	112	1,600	3,498,336	197,686	29,985	0	0	0	31,372	48,966	95%	3,195	7,014	6,433	0	0	
Bay	1	0	1	6	1,795,000	650,000	0	0	2,300	212,000	11,021	11,021	100%	265	1,590	1,325	0	0	0	
Bear Creek	0	0	0	0	447,544	69,800	0	0	0	0	0	4,987	4,987	100%	0	404	404	0	0	
Beebe	1	0	1	20	4,652,000	100,000	0	0	32,000	0	0	37,588	37,588	100%	0	4,714	4,714	0	0	
Bellevue Campground	3	0	3	6	650,000	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	4,306	4,306	100%	0	306	306	0	0	
Black Rock	2	0	1	6	319	7,120	0	0	0	0	0	2,803	2,803	100%	0	372	372	0	0	
Bytlesville First	0	0	0	119	5,000	6,646,320	183,581	0	0	5,400	0	43,758	43,758	100%	0	638	638	0	0	
Bono	5	0	2	30	384,000	201,000	0	0	3,600	0	1,826	1,826	100%	0	240	240	0	0	0	
Bruffard	1	0	1	0	342,000	16,450	0	0	0	0	0	5,554	4,066	73%	0	750	750	0	0	
Broadland	3	0	0	12	130,000	80,000	0	0	0	0	0	9,267	9,267	100%	0	1,342	1,342	0	0	
Calico Rock	3	0	1	12	1,400,000	0	43,944	0	0	0	0	1,787	1,787	100%	0	129	129	0	0	
Camp	0	0	0	12	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,061	8,061	100%	0	706	706	0	0	
Campground	0	0	0	0	1,066,160	61,402	0	0	9,888	0	7,124	7,124	100%	0	401	401	0	0	0	
Caraway	0	0	0	0	472,800	22,000	0	0	0	0	0	8,235	8,235	100%	0	813	813	0	0	
Cave City	0	0	0	0	1,591,000	208,000	0	0	3,000	0	1,344	1,344	100%	0	177	177	0	0	0	
Cedar Grove - Floral	0	0	0	0	302,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,638	23,638	100%	0	3,061	3,061	0	0	0
Central Ave - Batesville	0	0	2	20	2,500	122,029	0	0	24,974	0	20,387	20,387	100%	0	3,300	3,300	0	0	0	
Cherokee Village	8	2	6	91	2,185,640	136,604	33,189	0	0	0	0	3,039	3,254	89%	343	403	403	0	0	
Christ United	0	0	0	0	400	292,871	0	0	4,500	0	0	3,254	3,254	100%	0	247	247	0	0	0
Christ Way	0	0	0	0	1,694,000	5,000	33,000	0	0	0	0	18,315	18,315	100%	0	1,583	1,583	0	0	0
Clinton	0	0	0	30	15,000	1,867,000	87,445	0	1,250	0	1,320	1,320	100%	0	101	101	0	0	0	
Community	3	0	2	4	75	195,000	25,000	0	0	0	0	3,389	3,127	93%	242	267	267	0	0	0
Concord - Concord	0	0	0	0	225,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	60	60	100%	0	5	5	0	0	0	
Conith	0	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	56,989	56,989	100%	0	7,596	7,596	0	0	0
Connessie - Jonesboro	6	0	6	361	1,436	3,336,000	278,070	1,244,886	25,762	0	2,000	961	961	100%	0	167	167	0	0	0
Connessie - Pleasant Plains	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,629	6,629	100%	0	1,487	1,487	0	0	0
Corning	6	0	6	50	350	1,638,500	32,266	0	8,202	0	0	516	516	100%	0	431	431	0	0	0
Cotton Plant	2	0	2	6	395,500	28,853	0	0	2,000	0	1,190	1,190	100%	0	158	158	0	0	0	
Cushman	0	0	0	3	2,500	300,000	4,000	0	0	0	0	1,900	1,900	100%	0	256	256	0	0	0
Danness	0	0	0	9	40	150,000	81,925	0	0	0	0	4,775	4,775	100%	0	423	423	0	0	0
Deil	2	0	2	0	16	230,000	92,000	0	0	0	0	1,423	1,423	100%	0	326	326	0	0	0
Delia	1	0	0	7	0	321,250	75,000	0	5,000	0	0	833	833	100%	0	146	146	0	0	0
Dogwood	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	1,600	0	0	443	443	100%	0	62	62	0	0	0
Ell Luskay	0	0	0	0	45,000	9,015	0	0	0	0	0	455	455	100%	0	181	180	0	0	0
Emory Chapel	0	0	0	0	108,735	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,942	1,942	100%	0	202	202	0	0	0
Evering Shade	0	0	0	0	105,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	19,893	19,893	100%	0	2,546	2,546	0	0	0
Fairfield Bay	0	0	0	62	250	2,760,030	45,145	0	7,739	0	0	0	0	0%	0	325	0	0	0	0
Fairview - Mountain Home (CLOSED)	0	0	0	0	163,000	5,000	0	0	4,500	0	0	961	961	100%	0	153	153	0	0	0
Fakes Chapel	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,285	1,285	100%	0	193	193	0	0	0
Farm Hill	5	0	5	17	75	34,000	3,000	0	1,600	0	3,300	2,194	2,194	100%	0	293	293	0	0	0
Fisher	2	0	2	8	35	125,000	35,000	0	0	0	0	6,587	6,587	92%	532	584	584	0	0	0
Fisher Street	2	0	0	25	2,750	92,000	22,924	0	0	0	0	4,833	4,833	100%	0	419	419	0	0	0
Floyd	0	0	0	5	300	400,000	3,600	0	3,600	0	0	1,793	1,793	100%	0	142	142	0	0	0
Friendship - Ravenden	5	0	0	0	45,000	22,366	0	0	2,300	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0

Neighborhood	Community Initiative or Organization and Name	Goal/Key Initiative	Number of Participants	Value of Check and Bank Drop	Value of Other Assets	Debt (Net)	Total Square Footage of Buildings	Other Debt	Confidence in Appointment	Time Confirmed Appointment	Percent of Appointment Paid	Final Year of Appointment	Debt to Asset	Total Assets
Ganther			0	270,000	0	0	3,400	0	1,583	1,583	100%	0	278	278
Griffin Memorial			2	500,000	35,000	100,000	23,500	0	17,857	17,857	100%	0	2,095	2,095
Griffinville			0	35,000	35,000	0	0	0	2,009	2,009	100%	0	168	168
Guion			0	70,000	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	56	56
Gun Springs - Seary			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0
Hasty			0	900,000	70,000	485,000	0	0	3,900	3,237	83%	3,361	384	384
Harrison - Seary			1	100,000	41,250	0	0	0	1,272	1,272	100%	0	184	184
Harrisonburg First			3	16,500	16,933	0	0	0	19,138	15,652	82%	3,307	2,295	2,295
Haze Edwards Memorial			2	320	800,000	300,000	50,000	0	22,037	22,037	100%	0	1,618	1,618
Heber Springs			6	11,200	6,000,000	817,288	32,242	0	131,014	131,014	100%	0	14,320	14,320
Holiday Hills			5	1,220	1,000,000	50,000	8,000	20,000	14,100	14,100	100%	0	1,740	1,740
Horseback Bend			0	1,320,000	40,000	0	0	0	1,016	666	66%	0	1,094	1,094
Hovax			30	750,000	67,573	0	0	0	9,560	9,560	100%	0	1,425	1,425
Hunter - Hunter			0	146,600	0	0	0	0	948	948	100%	0	131	131
Imboden			0	779,000	36,000	0	0	0	3,227	3,227	100%	0	683	683
Jonestown			0	45,000	0	0	0	0	778	778	100%	0	132	132
Jonesboro First			2	200,000	39,505	0	0	0	2,363	1,993	84%	0	526	526
Judsonia			3	21,200,000	2,644,433	2,992,761	0	131,164	244,889	244,889	100%	0	28,578	28,578
Judsonia			0	558,000	54,000	0	0	0	1,198	1,198	100%	209	237	237
Kaiser			1	125,000	51,996	0	0	0	3,588	3,588	100%	0	420	420
Kensett			1	310,000	175,000	0	0	0	2,428	2,203	91%	471	257	257
Lake City			1	993,900	0	0	12,750	0	3,641	3,641	100%	0	342	342
Leachville			0	775,000	16,000	0	0	0	11,274	11,274	100%	0	1,030	1,030
Lepanto			1	65,920	75,000	0	0	0	1,133	1,133	100%	0	499	499
Lynn			2	100,000	35,800	0	0	0	2,598	2,598	100%	0	267	267
Mainmoth Spring			0	437,100	125,390	0	0	0	3,359	3,359	100%	0	414	414
Manila			1	1,400,000	33,000	0	0	0	7,421	7,421	100%	0	1,161	1,161
Marked Tree First			3	1,346	1,826,000	60,000	0	0	16,863	16,863	100%	0	2,290	2,290
Marmulade			0	450	999,889	0	0	0	5,370	4,917	92%	0	786	786
Mars Hill			0	30,000	0	0	0	0	1,126	1,126	100%	0	125	125
Maynard			0	250,000	10,667	0	0	0	1,861	1,861	100%	0	222	222
McClary			6	2,062,000	100,702	0	11,175	0	9,198	9,198	100%	0	828	828
McRae			1	500,000	30,760	0	0	0	2,100	2,100	100%	0	257	257
McSwaine			0	300,000	95,000	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	100%	0	556	556
Monette			0	605,000	157,612	0	7,857	0	3,991	3,991	100%	0	691	691
Moorefield			3	163,000	153,301	0	0	0	3,394	3,394	100%	0	405	405
Mount Carmel - Jonesboro			0	210,000	0	0	0	0	7,291	7,291	100%	0	513	513
Mount Pleasant - Seary			2	35,000	0	0	0	0	1,467	1,467	100%	0	173	173
Mount Pleasant - Quinn			0	489,400	54,262	0	0	0	1,157	1,157	100%	0	230	230
Mountain Home First			3	12,000	45	1,252,990	65,000	0	76,582	76,582	100%	0	12,882	12,882
Mountain View First			11	1,871,600	501,033	1,252,990	0	0	19,124	19,124	100%	0	1,862	1,862
Newport First			2	3,500	137,500	0	22,540	0	18,871	18,871	100%	0	2,267	2,267
Norfolk			0	157,000	13,000	0	0	0	2,397	2,397	100%	0	294	294
Oak Grove - Seary			2	576,000	10,000	0	3,500	0	2,353	2,353	100%	0	284	284
Oak Ridge			1	47,000	12,000	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	109	109
Oll Trough			3	250,000	500	0	20,000	0	2,516	2,516	100%	0	343	343
Oswalla			2	19	1,588	0	29,954	0	14,165	14,165	100%	0	2,626	2,626
Oxford			0	270,500	25,000	0	0	0	326	326	100%	0	132	132

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		0	0	14	0	0	350,000	93,000	0	6,900	0	3,172	3,172	100%	0	332	332
		2	0	97	2,800	0	7,000,000	1,460,597	0	0	0	89,339	89,339	100%	0	11,364	11,364
		1	0	10	375	0	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	7,293	7,293	100%	208	1,246	1,246
		0	0	0	0	0	140,000	0	0	0	0	1,056	1,056	100%	0	176	0
		0	0	4	0	0	68,000	125,400	0	0	0	9,854	9,854	100%	0	1,065	1,065
		0	0	0	0	0	14,000	0	0	0	0	238	238	100%	0	146	146
		0	0	0	0	0	200,000	25,000	0	4,000	0	1,903	1,903	100%	0	204	204
		1	1	21	60	0	3,250,000	45,000	0	0	0	20,384	20,384	100%	0	2,764	2,764
		0	0	0	0	0	60,000	0	0	0	0	17	17	100%	0	17	17
		5	0	12	973	0	650,000	150,000	0	0	0	4,921	4,921	100%	0	619	619
		0	0	0	0	0	101,797	125,000	0	0	0	6,279	6,279	100%	0	697	697
		0	0	0	0	0	40,000	5,000	0	0	0	933	933	100%	0	131	131
		0	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	42	0
		0	0	0	0	0	26,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	50	0
		0	0	12	140	0	1,119,000	12,000	71,437	0	0	17,468	17,468	100%	0	2,060	2,060
		1	0	4	4	0	70,000	10,000	0	3,200	0	2,114	2,114	100%	0	185	185
		0	0	0	0	0	150,000	25,000	0	0	0	2,200	2,200	100%	0	228	228
		2	0	15	31	0	352,440	7,000	0	1,200	0	1,493	1,493	100%	0	230	230
		3	3	14	30	0	295,000	34,000	0	2,800	0	2,827	2,827	100%	0	408	408
		0	0	0	0	0	1,540,000	125,000	82,000	0	8,000	15,048	15,048	100%	0	3,086	3,086
		8	0	150	788	120	2,986,000	193,576	225,045	20,000	0	33,742	33,742	100%	0	6,491	6,491
		5	2	37	550	0	988,000	139,241	0	7,000	0	10,871	10,871	100%	0	1,147	1,147
		6	0	6	4,050	160	8,492,000	1,446,275	62,000	85,900	0	103,683	103,683	100%	0	14,708	14,708
		0	0	0	0	0	400,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0%	1,040	260	0
		2	0	10	50	0	350,000	0	0	0	0	1,431	1,431	100%	187	252	252
		3	2	3	400	0	120,000	0	0	3,500	0	1,874	1,276	68%	771	239	239
		4	0	4	30	983	900,000	175,000	99,201	0	0	9,143	9,143	100%	0	870	870
		0	0	0	0	0	47,500	18,000	0	0	0	1,429	1,429	100%	0	135	135
		0	0	0	0	0	140,000	0	0	0	0	262	262	100%	0	29	29
		0	0	0	20	0	282,000	0	0	0	0	1,248	1,248	100%	0	344	201
		0	0	0	2	0	616,000	70,000	0	4,000	0	4,466	4,466	100%	0	442	442
		0	0	0	0	0	30,000	0	0	0	0	1,114	1,114	100%	0	132	132
		8	0	35	300	0	180,000	0	0	3,225	0	4,621	4,238	92%	363	565	565
		0	0	2	0	0	578,000	0	0	2,600	0	4,283	4,283	100%	0	529	529
		0	0	0	31	1,500	0	119,300	0	0	0	2,761	2,761	100%	0	802	802
		5	1	4	298	0	17,050,000	6,000	0	7,465	0	7,089	1,000	14%	6,388	1,118	839
		3	206	300	201	0	405,300	6,000	0	0	0	1,663	1,663	100%	0	241	241
		0	0	0	0	0	258,400	133,900	0	0	0	4,156	4,156	100%	0	448	448
		5	2	3	10	55	40,000	7,000	0	1,600	0	978	978	100%	0	151	151
		1	0	1	60	17,000	136,000	64,900	0	0	0	15,929	6,209	39%	0	1,922	1,762
		0	0	0	0	0	110,000	25,000	0	0	0	1,423	1,348	95%	0	181	181
		1	1	2	40	0	200,000	6,551	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	1,082	0
		10	0	10	30	3,523	503,000	35,000	0	6,000	0	0	0	0%	0	291	291
		0	0	0	0	0	138,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	150	0
		0	0	0	0	0	202,000	0	0	0	0	1,938	1,938	100%	0	222	222
		4	0	0	100	0	390,000	0	0	0	0	3,538	3,538	100%	0	640	640
		0	0	0	0	0	63,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	25	25
		0	0	0	0	0	386,000	0	0	0	0	1,729	1,729	100%	0	253	253
		260	233	398	3,524	106,505	153,068,867	14,653,145	6,753,338	610,883	371,164	1,544,204	1,509,468	98%	22,947	200,345	195,108







Northwest District December 31, 2017	Full Direct in US Cases	Full Over-Child (Full Paid for Clergy Personal and Household Benefits)	Total Paid for Clergy Personal and Household Benefits	Stoner/Pastor Salary Paid	Wages/Pastor Salary	Disbursement/Pastor (Habitat & Other Housing)	Discount/Pastor (Habitat & Other Housing)	Assurance/Pastor (Habitat & Other Housing)	Donor's Utilities of Other Housing	Pastor & Assoc. Rent/Lease	Other OGA Unassigned Fund Bal	Other Staff Comp.	Current Support for Program	Growth Operating Expenses	Principal/Interest Paid	Patrol Building & Supplies	Grant Total/Paid
Parham	750	3,722	0	6,600	0	0	0	0	0	6,600	0	0	200	12,000	0	6,500	40,159
Paragon First	0	58,708	27,394	84,839	50,973	6,000	3,300	9,043	0	28,926	73,440	17,512	0	383,382	1,221,666	0	1,221,666
Paragon First	0	7,135	0	24,265	0	0	0	34,615	0	16,648	0	0	0	5,375	97,364	0	97,364
Pine Log	0	0	0	7,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,600	0	0	12,456
Pleasant Grove - Jonesboro	995	617	0	9,675	0	19,200	0	1,200	21,376	1,385	16,785	0	0	93,842	177,246	0	177,246
Pleasant Hill - Bono	0	0	0	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,650	0	0	9,024
Pleasant Plains	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,400	0	0	0	0	0	10,800	0	0	21,257
Pleasant Plains	0	1,400	14,400	61,311	0	6,400	0	7,499	0	31,759	9,709	36,574	0	3,809	197,289	0	197,289
Powells Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	1,000	0	0	1,154
Powells Chapel	250	2,450	3,158	17,000	0	5,000	0	3,000	0	12,000	2,245	9,871	0	49,939	0	0	49,939
Quinn	0	0	0	16,500	0	16,500	0	16,500	0	12,495	2,686	20,913	0	76,070	0	0	76,070
Ravenna	0	200	0	2,220	0	2,160	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	6,400	0	0	12,844
Ravenna	0	0	0	900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	750	0	0	1,650
Ravenna Springs	0	0	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	740	0	0	1,940
Reverie	0	0	12,825	55,412	0	0	0	9,000	2,824	11,714	7,533	24,400	0	12,365	160,268	0	160,268
Rock Springs - Lufe	0	400	0	4,800	0	2,400	0	2,400	0	0	0	0	0	5,028	0	0	17,327
Rosebud	1,000	1,200	0	9,600	0	9,600	0	9,600	0	0	0	0	0	570	3,270	0	15,866
Russell	840	2,077	2,969	3,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,330	4,979	0	35,230
Saint James - Mountain View	400	10,000	12,294	49,960	0	21,700	0	5,500	4,360	17,985	10,250	34,000	0	19,999	540,710	0	540,710
Saint Paul - Jonesboro	1,545	17,500	8,735	36,800	0	4,500	0	0	0	6,500	3,800	13,989	0	6,000	117,082	0	117,082
Salem - Salem	10,706	34,077	20,512	50,000	31,937	30,000	9,500	41,598	0	41,598	0	41,581	57,825	204,662	54,074	154,028	1,247,026
Seagrack	0	0	0	9,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	3,008	0	0	12,808
Sharp	1,000	200	0	5,600	0	0	0	800	0	1,075	7,054	0	0	18,392	0	0	18,392
Shiloh - Jonesboro	0	500	0	10,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	2,300	0	0	18,515
Shiloh - Paragon	450	523	6,992	31,000	0	5,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	3,601	9,151	10,781	10,972	0	90,790
Shirley	900	1,600	0	3,906	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,150	2,300	0	0	12,510
Slater	0	0	0	2,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	525	0	0	3,906
Smithville	0	0	0	13,335	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	830	4,400	0	22,015	0	0	22,015
Southside	0	0	0	24,000	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	3,200	7,425	1,200	45,096	0	0	45,096
Spring Creek	0	29	1,059	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,400	0	0	8,790
Spring Grove	300	1,169	0	11,460	0	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,102	6,571	0	1,487	41,912
Stoney Point	845	2,531	3,527	14,502	0	1,000	0	3,000	0	99	9,256	0	0	40,192	0	0	40,192
Swifton	0	0	1,500	24,006	0	0	0	5,000	1,600	0	18,000	0	0	83,652	0	0	83,652
Townman	330	2,315	10,163	34,926	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	109	9,274	0	18,000	80,607	0	80,607
Trinity Memorial	0	782	0	8,000	0	0	0	850	5,900	3,200	207,716	0	0	32,534	0	0	207,716
Union Grove	0	0	3,112	17,781	0	0	0	2,848	3,281	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32,534
Viola	200	300	630	6,000	0	0	0	750	0	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	0	12,007
Walnut Ridge	179	1,500	10,467	46,997	0	0	0	3,184	22,175	4,305	12,175	0	0	5,988	130,201	0	130,201
Wardens Chapel	0	0	0	5,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,600	4,600	0	0	12,529
Weiner	0	0	0	22,283	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,856	0	0	52,452
Wesley - Cotter	0	200	0	9,854	0	12,146	0	2,085	0	2,175	2,928	23,337	0	900	53,936	0	53,936
Whitehall	0	0	0	4,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	367	3,922	0	4,089
Wild Cherry	0	0	0	7,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	5,300	0	0	15,100
Wilson	1,000	0	0	7,294	0	11,330	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,580	16,174	0	2,829	46,083
Wiseman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,620	0	0	1,643
Wrights Chapel	1,740	2,400	0	7,500	0	0	0	0	0	2,800	1,106	5,023	0	1,320	23,561	0	23,561
Northwest District	110,064	643,634	514,899	38,461	3,055,365	310,091	415,242	90,700	377,141	330,862	1,236,669	3,485,807	1,065,918	1,528,152	18,017,974	0	18,017,974

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Nonprofit Name Fiscal Year Ended	Number of households going to local meals	Revenue Through Fundraising	Nonspending Revenue Gross	Revenue Unallocated Gross	Times and Materials	Sq. Ft. of Church or Other Space	Building Fee Paid	Facilities and Other Income	Total Operating Revenue	Capital Campaigns Gross	Mineral Rights Income	Other Capital Income and Programs	Other Related Business Revenue	Total Capital Spending Programs	Revenue Comparative	Administrative Expenses Approximate	Other Direct or Indirect Contributions	Total Income
Ganier	14	0	0	14,943	0	0	0	0	14,943	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,943
Griffin Memorial	54	186,596	4,818	10,632	0	0	3,323	3,168	208,737	0	15,933	0	0	15,933	0	0	0	224,670
Griffinville	12	0	18,174	0	0	0	0	0	18,174	0	0	0	2,854	2,854	0	0	0	20,628
Groton	3	0	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,500
Gran Springs - Seary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hadley	44	0	59,824	4,565	30	0	3,000	0	67,419	27,290	2,899	0	0	30,199	0	0	0	97,618
Harrison - Seary	14	0	19,570	0	26	0	0	0	19,596	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,596
Harrisburg First	78	0	192,161	7,087	367	0	0	199,613	54,100	22,516	6,401	0	0	83,017	0	0	0	282,632
Heze Edwards Memorial	14	0	140,000	15,511	0	0	0	0	155,511	140,000	0	0	0	140,000	0	0	0	295,511
Hidalgo Hills	378	1,086,026	197,733	15,448	228	0	1,990	1,301,025	688,417	50,913	3,000	8,000	13,059	752,389	0	0	0	2,063,414
Horseshoe Bend	80	110,000	12,000	10,000	400	0	2,400	3,000	137,800	30,357	3,000	8,000	1,000	42,357	0	0	0	180,157
Horseshoe Bend	36	0	41,601	300	92	0	0	0	41,995	0	0	872	0	872	0	0	0	42,867
Hoxie	39	0	92,853	6,024	0	0	0	0	98,877	0	1,485	19,942	0	21,227	0	0	0	120,104
Hunter - Hunter	11	0	9,458	0	0	0	1,210	0	10,668	0	635	0	0	635	0	0	0	11,303
Imboden	40	0	0	42,000	0	0	1,300	0	43,500	0	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	44,500
Irmschman	5	0	0	7,200	0	0	0	0	7,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,200
Jones	7	0	26,851	0	0	0	0	0	26,851	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,851
Jonesboro First	778	1,122,663	1,384,856	22,065	27	0	0	2,384,113	1,394,892	16,755	133,020	403,463	0	1,948,130	0	0	0	4,332,243
Juba	14	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	50	0	50	0	0	0	20,050
Kaser	14	0	43,736	0	0	0	0	0	43,736	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43,736
Kensett	16	0	25,000	1,000	30	0	0	0	26,030	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,030
Lake City	13	0	36,411	0	0	0	0	0	36,411	0	300	0	50	350	0	0	0	36,761
Leachville	35	0	90,000	5,000	175	0	6,000	0	101,175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101,175
Lepanto	9	0	22,000	0	0	0	0	0	22,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,000
Lynn	15	0	23,975	0	0	0	0	0	23,975	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,975
Memmoth Spring	21	0	41,000	0	510	0	0	0	41,510	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41,510
Memphis	32	0	74,200	0	0	0	0	0	74,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74,200
Marked Tree First	57	175,470	23,075	3,632	67	0	475	0	204,719	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	204,719
Marshall	25	0	53,704	0	658	0	0	0	54,362	0	1,380	162,318	665	164,641	0	0	0	219,332
Mars Hill	8	0	9,000	0	0	0	0	0	9,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,000
Maynard	23	0	18,320	3,653	0	0	0	0	21,973	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,973
McCrory	30	32,900	57,653	1,484	166,239	0	0	0	198,996	0	1,535	7,854	9,409	22,500	0	0	0	202,695
McRae	9	0	19,435	1,469	132	0	0	0	21,036	0	150	75	0	225	0	0	0	21,261
Melbourne	24	0	42,550	0	0	0	0	0	42,550	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	0	42,750
Monette	16	0	35,680	4,668	138	0	0	0	40,486	200	18,883	40,437	0	59,562	0	0	0	100,048
Morefield	14	0	28,400	1,531	2	0	4,700	470	33,603	1,300	0	0	2,275	3,663	0	0	0	36,716
Mount Carmel - Jonesboro	45	0	22,165	4,596	1,100	0	0	0	27,861	0	2,656	0	0	2,656	0	0	0	30,497
Mount Pleasant - Seary	30	0	13,110	1,526	0	0	0	0	14,636	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,636
Mount Pleasant - Outman	15	0	10,286	858	1,878	0	0	0	13,038	0	40	0	0	40	0	0	0	13,078
Mountain Home First	364	380,210	383,241	2,607	73	0	17,208	4,594	787,933	208,960	0	0	0	208,960	0	5,000	0	1,001,893
Mountain View First	182	0	178,598	0	481	0	6,665	0	185,744	0	1,301	0	0	1,301	0	0	0	187,045
Newport First	100	0	172,769	3,176	478	0	1,100	11,900	188,713	0	15,681	0	3,226	19,407	0	0	0	208,120
Norfolk	13	0	26,000	0	0	0	0	0	26,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,000
Oak Grove - Seary	18	0	19,795	3,683	210	0	0	0	23,688	0	280	0	0	280	0	0	0	25,968
Oak Ridge	6	0	0	5,380	0	0	0	0	5,380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,380
Oh Trough	29	29,500	13,000	110	0	0	0	0	42,610	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42,610
Oscola	65	52,946	126,879	97	0	0	800	0	180,722	0	11,355	0	285	11,640	0	0	1,000	193,362
Outdell	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Northwest District Statistical Report December 31, 2017	Pastor Name	Total Full Members Case 2016	Received by Professor of Faith after this Confirmation	Received by Professor of Faith through Confirmation	Received by Altarman	Corrected Previous Year by Altarman	Recently Transfer	Received from Other Denominations	Removed by Change of Address	Withdrew	Corrected Previous Year by Submission	Removed by Transfer	Removed to Other Denoms	Removed by Death	Total Full Member Case 2017
Alma	Daniel Thueson	292	2	3	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	2	1	4	295
Alpena	Rachel Krest	83	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	81
Alton	Yvonne Case	16	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Arkansas Korean Mission	Hyoyng Kwon Jung	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Akins First	Roy Beth Kelley	75	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	74
Baird (CLOSED)	Jeanne Williams	571	0	11	0	3	5	2	20	1	2	9	7	21	532
Bella Vista First	Susan Kramer	18	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Bellevue	Roy Beth Kelley	53	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
Bentonville First	William Kurt Bogan	1,744	13	12	0	0	41	22	0	39	0	12	0	8	1,773
Begunan	Debbie Fink	16	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Berkeley	Andrew Wayne Hughes	198	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	195
Briarclay	Patricia Diane Miller	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Blind Chapel	Lyn Poplin	69	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	70
Bluffton	Joy Camman	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Booneville	Michael Andrew Smith	162	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	161
Bonch	Janet Barrow	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25
Briggsville	Susan May Fisher	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	12
Brightwater	John Scott Stewart	134	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	133
Ball Shoals	Charles E. Bevers	157	0	6	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	3	0	1	159
Carawagh	Michelle Morris	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	117
Cecil	Dale Richardson	120	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	117
Cedar Grove - Yellville	Ken Reeder	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Central - Fayetteville	Mary Jan Davis	4,587	43	88	4	0	41	20	42	18	0	22	12	31	4,618
Central - Lincoln	H. Franklin Cook	112	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	2	106
Central - Rogers	James H. Lenderman	1,691	19	15	0	0	36	25	0	10	0	18	18	19	1,721
Charleston	Andrew C. Kurlaug	276	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	283
Cherry Hill	Deborah L. Head	217	0	9	0	0	0	0	18	16	0	1	19	2	170
Chicklakh	James A. Bentler	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
City Heights	Randy L. Miller	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	114
Clarksville	Larry Eugene Kalso	504	3	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	0	6	503
Coles Chapel	Janet Barrow	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
Danville	Thomas Sullinger	278	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	272
Dandridge First	James A. Bentler	307	0	13	2	0	8	7	0	0	0	7	18	5	307
Decatur	Heath Williams	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	2	63
Diamond City	Mark Donald	68	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	66
Dover	Heather Sprinkle	116	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127
Dyer	Phillip Cosner	20	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22
Elkins	Tom Gordon Comer	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	14
Elm Springs	Karl Dixon Platt	510	5	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	30	0	0	5	494
Eureka Springs	Blake A. Laster	227	2	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	2	10	6	221
Everton	Debbie Fink	33	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	31
Faith - Fort Smith	Charles W. Armour	383	0	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	6	382
Farmington	Charles Dee Harper	407	0	11	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	422
Fort Smith First	William O. Reeves	1,666	17	3	0	0	22	8	0	5	0	6	4	28	1,673
Geanty	George Adkins	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67



Parish Name	Total Full Members Case December 31, 2017	Received Professor of Faith after this Confirmation	Received Professor of Faith through Confirmation	Received by Alternation	Received by Correct Previous Year by Addition	Recently Transfer	Received From Other Dioceses	Removal by Confession	Withdrawn	Correct Previous Year by Subtraction	Removal by Transfer	Removal to Other Dioceses	Remained by Death	Total Full Member Case 2017
Oakley Chapel	100	6	8	0	24	2	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	144
Shane D Pair														
Loonie M. Landers, Sr.	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Ola														
Mark Donald	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Ombra														
Ozark	569	8	7	4	0	5	9	0	0	0	1	0	4	597
Jeffery L. Jackson														
Paris	218	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	224
Judy Hall														
Perks	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Roger Rice														
Pea Ridge	71	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	72
John Scott Stewart														
Pioneer Memorial	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Aaron Madden														
Phanew	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	8	10	0	25
Loonie M. Landers, Sr.														
Pleasant Ridge	32	5	7	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	48
Kem Reader														
Potsville	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	124
Mildred Faith Bryant														
Praine Grove First	237	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	235
Lee Benjamin Myre														
Praine View	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Aaron Madden														
Presley Chapel	89	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	93
Bradley Keith Moore														
Rogers First	793	13	0	7	2	8	3	0	5	5	7	0	11	798
Michael Manox														
Russellville First	1,813	12	1	0	0	10	15	0	1	0	2	34	17	1,797
Roy Patterson Smith														
Saint James - Fayetteville	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Jeffery L. Blainssingme														
Saint Paul - Fort Smith	439	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	445
Steven M. Pouch														
Saint Paul - Gravel Hill	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Jon Scheble														
Saint Paul's - Harrison	71	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	70
Mark Donald														
Sera Cole Pair	695	4	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	701
Shiloh - Dry Fork														
Shiloh - Dry Fork	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Lon N. Hudson, III														
Shoan Springs First	411	0	3	0	8	11	9	0	0	0	6	0	10	426
Gary Clark Atkins, Jr.														
Springdale First	3,058	26	11	0	0	14	24	0	1	0	4	0	20	3,108
Andrew C. Thompson														
Squire Rock	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Roger Rice														
Stiphur Springs - Stiphur Springs	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	59
Russ Hall														
Thomas Sullinger	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Trinity - Danville														
Trinity - Fayetteville	263	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	269
Terry M. Gosnell														
Valley Springs	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	17
Susan Kramer														
Valley View	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Valley View														
Vesta	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	30
Geni Lynn Holloway														
Venemasse - Fort Smith	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44
Terry Gallamore														
Venemasse - Van Buren	47	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	49
Daniel Joseph Nguyen														
Viney Grove	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	74
Terry M. Gosnell														
Waldron	119	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Patricia Diane Miller														
Walreak	69	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	71
Larry Pat Millard														
Washburn	65	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	65
Michael Andrew Smith														
Waveland	20	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Loonie M. Landers, Sr.														
Wedington	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Joseph W. Hall														
Wesley - Fort Smith	262	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	259
Michelle Morris														
Wesley - Russellville	120	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	119
David Andrew Rueth														
Winstow	55	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	55
Rick Broadway														
Woodlands	207	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	199
Ben Hampton Anderson														
Yellville	94	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
Charles E. Bevers														
Northwest district	35,508	228	417	34	62	334	250	377	152	111	197	181	396	35,419
Stephen Coburn														

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Section/Office Supervisor December 31, 2017	Asian	Black	Hispanic/Latino	Native American	Pacific Islander	White	Multi-Racial	Total Members Eligible	Former Members	Male Members Under Age 30	Number of Members 30-45	Number of Members 46-59	Number of Members 60 and older	Number of Members Who Worked with Wishes Chairs	Letters of Thanks Received	Adult Expenses	Total Expenses
Alma	0	0	0	0	0	295	0	295	170	125	295	0	0	0	0	56	0
Alpena	0	0	0	1	0	80	0	81	51	30	81	10	20	30	21	81	36
Albus	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	18	11	7	18	1	15	2	18	8	0
Arkansas Korean Mission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlas First	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	74	42	32	74	8	49	17	74	26	0
Bairing (CLOSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belt Vista First	3	3	7	0	0	513	6	532	310	222	532	0	0	0	351	15	4
Bellefonte	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	11	9	20	0	2	6	12	20	8
Bella Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	54	27	27	54	7	13	34	54	26	0
Bentonville First	0	17	53	0	0	1,703	0	1,773	956	817	1,773	0	0	0	654	10	16
Bergman	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	18	12	6	18	0	3	15	18	14	0
Berryville	1	1	1	4	0	185	3	195	121	74	195	3	15	92	85	195	65
Birdsview	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	3	4	7	0	2	5	7	7	0
Bland Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	70	46	24	70	6	8	56	70	47	0
Bluffton	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	9	6	15	0	4	11	15	11	0
Boonville	0	0	0	0	0	161	0	161	96	65	161	24	18	60	59	161	78
Branch	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	12	13	25	2	2	21	25	15	0
Briggsville	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	6	6	12	0	2	6	4	12	12
Brightwater	0	0	0	0	0	133	0	133	81	52	133	10	26	30	67	133	43
Bull Shoals	1	0	0	1	0	157	0	159	94	65	159	7	3	35	114	159	85
Cavanaugh	0	2	1	8	0	106	0	117	77	40	117	2	7	25	83	117	43
Cecil	0	0	0	0	0	114	3	117	63	54	117	5	10	50	52	117	37
Cedar Grove - Yalville	0	0	0	2	0	36	0	38	29	9	38	0	7	31	38	28	0
Central - Fayetteville	9	13	1	3	0	4,591	1	4,618	2,530	2,088	4,618	305	810	2,783	720	4,618	1,793
Central - Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	106	0	106	65	41	106	10	12	34	50	106	27
Central - Rogers	3	13	7	0	0	1,688	10	1,721	900	821	1,721	80	300	920	421	1,721	576
Charleston	0	0	0	0	0	282	1	283	149	134	283	18	56	141	68	283	153
Cherry Hill	0	0	0	0	0	169	0	170	100	70	170	20	40	100	10	170	46
Chickah	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	7	6	13	2	0	3	8	13	7
City Heights	0	0	0	0	0	112	2	114	60	54	114	2	11	31	70	114	50
Clarksville	2	0	0	3	0	498	0	503	296	207	503	32	92	218	162	503	145
Coles Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	75	2	77	49	28	77	0	2	5	72	77	27
Danville	0	6	4	0	0	262	0	272	128	144	272	46	28	139	59	272	70
Daughters First	2	0	62	0	0	242	1	307	170	137	307	6	41	137	123	307	183
Deatur	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	63	32	31	63	0	0	0	32	0	0
Diamond City	0	1	0	0	0	65	0	66	43	23	66	0	3	7	56	66	35
Dover	0	0	0	3	0	121	3	127	75	52	127	18	27	44	27	127	70
Dyer	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	22	11	11	22	0	2	11	9	0	12
Elkins	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	11	3	14	0	0	6	8	14	7
Elm Springs	0	0	0	0	0	494	0	494	346	148	494	17	15	452	30	494	162
Eureka Springs	0	1	0	0	0	220	0	221	120	101	221	0	102	119	221	138	0
Everson	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	31	18	13	31	3	3	14	11	31	26
Faith - Fort Smith	1	3	5	0	0	373	0	382	199	183	382	7	79	288	382	92	0
Farmington	0	3	0	0	0	418	1	422	249	173	422	46	52	198	126	422	157
Fort Smith First	2	5	6	0	0	1,654	6	1,673	912	761	1,673	70	192	790	621	1,673	500
Gentry	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	67	33	34	67	1	3	30	33	67	30



Northwest District December 31, 2017	Male	Hispanic/Latino	Native American	Pacific Islander	White	Multicultural	Total Membership Eligible	Family Members	Male Members/ Total Membership/ Gender	Number of Members Under Age 18	Number of Members 18-65	Number of Members 66+	Number of Spouse/Membership vs. Atrial Watch/ Total	Number of Young Members Under 18	International Regions	Adult Regions	Trail Regions			
Goddard	0	1	0	0	1,174	2	1,177	657	520	1,177	39	22	691	424	1,177	341	21	3	1	4
Goshon	0	1	0	0	51	0	51	27	24	51	16	2	25	8	51	48	0	2	0	2
Grace - Rogers	0	1	44	0	86	0	131	60	131	0	0	0	0	0	112	0	0	0	0	0
Grace Community	1	2	3	0	1,363	4	1,374	755	619	1,374	157	344	609	364	1,374	521	0	9	4	13
Gravelly	0	0	0	0	26	0	26	15	11	26	0	0	15	11	26	14	0	0	0	0
Gravette	0	0	0	0	131	0	131	85	46	131	2	15	15	99	131	37	0	0	0	0
Green Forest	1	0	3	0	233	0	238	124	114	238	6	44	126	60	235	68	0	0	0	0
Greenwood	4	0	0	0	527	0	532	266	246	532	54	49	167	262	532	270	0	9	5	14
Greenleaf Chapel	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	11	5	16	0	3	5	8	16	8	0	0	0	0
Hackett	0	0	0	0	107	0	107	64	43	107	4	4	21	78	107	34	0	0	0	0
Harrison	0	0	0	0	85	0	85	45	40	85	7	2	44	32	85	29	0	0	1	1
Harrison First	1	0	0	0	526	0	527	278	249	527	17	45	275	190	527	186	4	2	1	3
Hartford	0	0	0	0	82	0	82	58	24	82	0	3	6	76	0	9	0	0	0	0
Herriman	0	0	2	0	61	1	64	38	26	64	11	3	23	26	63	43	0	1	2	3
Hartfield	1	0	0	0	47	0	47	28	19	47	0	0	5	42	47	11	0	0	0	0
Havana	1	0	0	0	39	0	40	19	21	40	0	10	19	11	40	23	0	0	0	0
Hays Chapel	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	26	14	40	3	3	12	22	40	23	0	0	0	0
Heritage	10	6	4	5	974	4	1,003	594	409	1,003	118	158	499	228	1,003	774	1	22	11	33
Hightill	0	0	0	0	67	0	67	41	26	67	0	0	0	0	67	25	0	0	1	1
Highlands	1	0	0	0	344	0	345	197	148	345	0	7	55	283	345	240	0	0	0	0
Huntington	0	0	0	0	27	0	27	14	13	27	0	0	5	22	27	10	0	0	0	0
Huntsville	0	0	2	0	127	2	131	72	59	131	9	18	65	39	131	57	0	1	0	1
Hopser	0	0	0	0	80	0	80	50	30	80	0	1	10	57	80	39	0	0	0	0
Journey Hispanic Mission	0	0	122	0	3	0	125	71	54	125	44	20	58	3	125	89	0	1	7	8
Kalber	2	1	2	0	181	1	187	128	59	187	6	30	50	92	187	8	65	0	8	12
Lamar	0	0	0	1	54	0	55	33	22	55	0	9	25	23	55	10	0	1	0	1
Lewna	0	0	0	0	129	0	130	63	67	130	5	15	7	103	130	15	0	8	0	8
Leslie	0	0	0	0	132	0	132	65	67	132	0	0	0	0	132	48	0	0	0	0
Liberly Hall	0	0	0	0	23	0	23	12	11	23	0	1	2	20	23	12	0	0	0	0
Living Waters at Centeron	0	1	0	0	210	0	211	121	90	211	5	50	101	55	211	62	0	1	1	2
Magazine	0	0	0	0	96	1	97	60	37	97	0	0	0	0	97	46	0	0	0	0
Mansfield	0	0	0	0	250	1	251	151	100	251	0	2	21	208	251	29	0	0	0	0
Marshall	0	0	0	0	83	0	83	48	35	83	0	0	0	0	83	22	0	0	0	0
Men's First	1	1	0	2	258	1	263	148	117	263	12	13	124	114	263	111	0	2	2	4
Midland	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	11	9	20	0	0	10	10	20	15	0	0	0	0
Midland Heights	3	83	50	38	137	83	398	227	171	398	45	40	253	60	398	149	35	3	11	14
Mission	0	54	0	0	0	0	63	39	24	63	0	4	30	9	63	55	0	0	1	1
Morrow	0	0	0	0	78	0	78	44	34	78	0	6	44	28	78	19	0	1	0	1
Mount Olive - Clarksville	0	0	0	0	28	0	28	15	13	28	0	2	12	14	28	13	0	0	0	0
Mount Olive - Van Buren	0	4	2	0	12	0	18	10	8	18	2	2	14	0	44	24	0	0	0	0
Mount Pleasant - Waldron	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	3	1	4	0	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
Mountain View - Alma	0	0	0	0	87	0	87	46	41	87	1	0	35	51	78	13	0	0	0	0
Mountain View - Meta	0	0	0	0	38	0	38	21	17	38	6	3	15	14	38	33	0	1	0	1
Mulberry	1	0	0	0	214	0	215	100	215	7	6	120	82	215	48	0	0	0	0	0
New Hope - Van Buren	0	0	0	0	84	0	84	49	35	84	1	5	2	76	84	13	0	0	0	0
Newberry Chapel	0	0	0	3	46	0	49	26	23	49	0	11	38	34	49	25	0	0	0	0



Northwest District Statistical Report December 31, 2017	Propagatory Bell	Centennial Bell	Christian Formation Children	Christian Formation Youth Adults	Christian Formation Older	Final Christian Formation Members	Enrolled Children	Sunday School Avg. Attendance	YES/Participation for Learning	On-going Classes for Learning	Other On-going Classes for Learning	Share of the Class and Group	UUMW Members	UUMW Amount Paid For Project	UUMW Members	UUMW Amount Paid For Project	UUMW Term Participants	
Alma	2	27	6	3	0	65	74	2	24	0	2	4	3	17	3,000	0	0	0
Alpena	0	0	5	5	0	26	36	0	23	0	3	3	0	0	0	15	2,452	0
Alton	0	0	0	1	0	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas Korean Mission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas First	4	5	20	4	4	110	38	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	500	0
Bearing (CLOSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bella Vista First	0	24	47	19	17	366	389	0	86	63	9	13	43	222	12,754	108	24,000	5
Bellefonte	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell's Chapel	0	5	0	4	4	110	18	0	8	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bentonville First	152	2,018	270	95	0	490	855	27	206	160	17	24	10	35	4,197	40	200	0
Begunan	0	7	2	0	0	11	13	0	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berryville	8	10	5	5	0	1	11	0	23	0	5	2	1	27	4,037	25	458	0
Becksview	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blind Chapel	2	0	4	2	0	30	36	0	29	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bluffton	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Booneville	0	20	9	21	12	45	87	0	32	0	4	3	1	0	0	18	963	0
Bonch	6	6	6	0	0	6	6	0	10	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Briggsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brightwater	0	10	9	2	0	44	55	0	40	0	3	1	1	0	0	16	2,000	0
Ball Shoals	0	26	8	8	0	16	50	0	12	40	3	1	1	6	1,300	25	6,820	0
Cavanaugh	0	0	3	3	3	24	33	0	18	0	2	4	0	11	2,800	15	2,547	0
Cecil	0	0	4	3	1	10	18	0	12	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cedar Grove - Yehalle	0	14	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central - Fayetteville	627	354	305	72	0	234	611	43	428	465	42	0	87	0	0	71	0	0
Central - Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	13	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central - Rogers	20	500	260	140	100	525	1,025	23	300	650	27	20	21	0	0	35	7,000	0
Charleston	0	52	23	32	3	78	136	12	66	97	8	9	0	15	0	13	1,400	0
Cherry Hill	5	0	10	0	0	28	38	0	20	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chickalaha	0	4	1	12	2	4	19	0	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
City Heights	0	18	9	26	7	36	78	0	38	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clarksville	9	44	50	27	13	98	188	3	70	90	12	5	2	10	1,474	40	6,567	0
Colts Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	16	16	0	16	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Danville	0	0	10	12	0	24	44	0	38	30	5	2	0	10	0	27	696	0
Dandridge First	22	75	39	10	18	129	196	0	84	40	7	9	3	0	0	17	3,688	1
Decatur	0	0	6	6	0	21	21	0	10	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Diamond City	0	14	0	0	0	21	21	0	15	0	1	1	0	0	0	13	1,015	0
Dover	44	37	42	25	15	45	127	10	22	25	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Elkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elm Springs	0	35	51	19	10	101	181	5	88	202	9	9	3	23	0	55	16,000	0
Enreks Springs	0	0	4	0	0	32	36	0	20	0	2	4	6	0	0	15	1,050	5
Evartton	0	20	8	0	0	7	15	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	100	0
Faith - Fort Smith	5	0	12	0	0	30	42	0	33	0	2	4	1	10	664	10	250	0
Farrington	26	46	44	18	12	55	129	0	78	62	7	10	2	0	0	31	0	0
Fort Smith First	174	265	188	55	21	425	669	17	232	292	15	19	18	12	0	117	1,300	1
Geary	0	0	6	2	9	16	33	0	14	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0





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Section/Office Specialist/Board December 31, 2017	County's Major As Of/Onward, Jackson and/Where	City/Where/Board/ Municipality	Qualifications/ Municipality	Median Earnings	From Service/Other Job or Salary/Retiree	Power Given to Committee/Member/ Influence/Ministry	Value of Check/ Ballot/Exp.	Value of Other Assets	Debt on Assets	Total Expense/Range of Billings	Other Bill	Confidence Appointments	Total Confidant Appointments Paid	Percent Appointments Paid	Total Check/ and (Check/ Appointments)	District Agent	Total Billions Appointments Paid
Alma	6	1	2	60	3,000	17	650,000	19,890	0	0	0	9,894	9,894	100%	0	761	761
Alpena	0	0	10	10	90,000	0	90,000	121,000	0	0	0	2,950	2,950	100%	0	154	154
Altus	2	8	40	8	40,000	0	40,000	135,282	0	2,700	0	626	626	100%	0	199	199
Arkansas Korean Mission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	200	200
Arkansas Korean Mission	3	0	3	20	170	0	1,217,000	137,000	0	0	0	6,082	6,082	100%	0	426	426
Bear (CLOSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	304	304
Bella Vista First	6	3	142	3,530	47	47,500,000	752,000	44,070	0	0	0	65,840	65,840	100%	0	5,849	5,849
Bellefonte	0	0	0	0	9	0	159,000	30,000	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	142	142
Bell's Chapel	3	0	2	10	100	0	480,970	26,300	0	5,500	0	5,538	5,538	100%	0	459	459
Benaville First	0	0	330	20,000	120	7,326,900	609,121	58,349	0	45,000	182,000	152,881	123,448	81%	20,033	11,319	11,319
Bergerman	1	1	1	1	1	0	300,374	40,973	0	0	0	1,392	1,392	100%	0	101	101
Berryville	2	0	2	10	300	0	1,300,000	239,000	0	0	0	12,192	12,192	100%	0	1,064	1,064
Berryview	0	0	0	0	0	0	66,000	0	0	0	0	343	343	83%	33	25	25
Blind Chapel	3	2	5	19	235	0	550,000	90,000	0	0	0	7,949	7,949	100%	0	641	641
Bluffton	0	0	0	0	0	0	45,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	59	59
Booneville	2	0	2	11	100	0	2,084,600	263,700	0	15,000	0	18,136	18,136	100%	0	1,673	1,673
Branch	3	3	15	50	50	0	418,222	37,441	0	3,750	0	1,389	1,397	88%	191	100	100
Brigsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	80,000	5,000	0	1,800	0	0	0	0%	0	83	83
Brightwater	1	0	1	22	225	0	800,000	24,000	0	0	0	6,500	6,500	100%	0	528	528
Ball Shoals	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000,000	75,000	0	0	0	11,865	11,865	100%	0	920	920
Bull Shoals	5	5	45	1,200	0	1,081,000	37,441	0	63,000	0	8,713	8,713	100%	0	536	536	
Cavanaugh	0	0	0	0	40	40	410,300	249,801	0	3,450	0	4,220	4,220	100%	0	394	394
Cedar Grove - Yehille	0	0	0	2	2	0	150,000	49,691	0	0	0	3,017	3,017	100%	0	232	232
Central - Fayetteville	0	0	0	775	14,671	88	42,482,000	3,362,792	4,399,192	301,703	0	398,905	398,905	100%	0	37,087	37,087
Central - Lincoln	0	0	0	5	103	0	415,000	296,000	0	0	0	3,449	3,449	100%	254	394	394
Central - Rogers	4	0	1	300	3,000	580	17,028,000	676,703	4,577,671	80,000	8,000	153,944	153,944	100%	0	12,866	12,866
Charleston	2	0	58	179	125	0	2,225,000	94,500	0	0	0	28,225	28,225	100%	0	2,317	2,317
Cherry Hill	0	0	1	10	10	0	700,000	94,500	0	14,544	0	7,005	7,005	100%	0	549	549
Chickasha	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	42	42
City Heights	0	0	30	204	0	0	600,000	12,046	0	0	0	7,134	7,134	100%	0	595	595
Clarksburg	6	0	6	72	1,017	40	9,200,000	128,046	137,440	38,700	0	44,349	44,349	100%	0	4,059	4,059
Colts Chapel	3	0	3	75	84	0	350,000	158,941	0	3,420	0	2,925	2,925	100%	0	254	254
Danville	0	0	0	0	0	0	880,000	206,000	0	0	0	15,163	15,163	100%	0	1,657	1,657
Deadman's First	4	0	4	36	750	25	2,196,900	167,135	82,009	13,800	0	28,815	28,815	100%	0	2,759	2,759
Declar	1	1	16	1382	1,382	0	855,000	175,000	0	0	0	5,003	5,003	100%	0	515	515
Diamond City	0	0	0	26	26	0	471,522	123,607	0	9,814	0	6,000	6,000	100%	0	442	442
Dover	5	0	5	40	700	0	350,000	161,155	0	11,452	0	7,141	7,141	100%	0	798	798
Dover	0	0	0	0	0	0	300,000	62,018	0	2,200	0	1,550	1,550	100%	0	92	92
Ellis	1	0	1	7	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	805	805	100%	0	49	49
Elm Springs	11	5	9	145	1,500	0	3,298,926	48,000	46,000	26,761	0	24,928	24,928	100%	0	1,621	1,621
Evereda Springs	0	0	110	800	0	0	1,986,000	56,000	64,289	0	19,232	19,232	100%	0	2,204	2,204	
Everton	0	0	3	16	0	0	762,300	59,876	0	0	0	5,160	5,160	100%	0	332	332
Faith - Fort Smith	3	0	3	3,267	0	0	1,920,000	35,000	0	12,462	0	22,117	19,833	89%	0	1,885	1,885
Farrington	3	0	3	32	850	0	1,350,134	83,145	769,810	30,000	0	21,232	8,555	40%	0	1,558	1,558
Fear Smith First	22	3	15	600	79,000	1,250	18,039,027	701,584	0	123,470	0	190,613	190,613	100%	0	14,312	14,312
Geny	5	0	2	30	500	0	350,000	125,000	0	0	0	5,017	5,017	100%	0	411	411

Northwest Baptist Synod Region, Justice Center & JRC	Community Ministries for Outreach, Justice and Peace	Global/Regional Health Ministries	Global Ministries in the United States	Mission Partners	Protestants Serving Justice and Peacemaking Ministries	Protestants Serving Justice and Peacemaking Ministries	Value of Church and Bank Endow.	Value of Other Assets	Debt or Net Worth	Total Square Footage of Buildings	Other Debt	Outstanding Apprenticeship Paid	Final Confirmed Apprenticeship Paid	Percent Apprenticeship Paid	Final After Year ended Final Apprenticeship	Debtless Appeal	Total Debtless Apprenticeship Paid
Goddard	0	0	185	3,500,000	2,131,716	0	0	75,989	75,989	100%	0	8,321	8,321	100%	0	8,321	8,321
Goshen	0	0	0	650,000	0	0	0	7,489	7,489	100%	0	326	326	100%	0	326	326
Greene - Rogers	4	0	21,500	1,639,000	32,211	0	11,644	16,599	16,599	100%	0	1,367	1,367	100%	0	1,367	1,367
Grace Community	4	1	29,100	10,776,800	0	2,062,903	59,600	94,015	94,015	100%	0	7,516	7,516	100%	0	7,516	7,516
Gravelly	0	0	0	75,000	0	0	0	650	650	100%	0	36	36	100%	0	36	36
Gravette	0	0	5	650,000	98,948	0	0	7,143	6,451	92%	600	573	573	92%	600	573	573
Great Forest	4	0	3	1,750,000	76,403	0	15,850	17,135	17,135	100%	0	1,618	1,618	100%	0	1,618	1,618
Greenwood	5	0	4	900	3,138,270	89,905	0	17,700	55,039	55,039	100%	4,449	4,449	100%	0	4,449	4,449
Greendale Chapel	2	0	2	60	201,000	0	0	1,760	1,760	100%	0	98	98	100%	0	98	98
Hackett	1	0	2	70	1,000,000	19,531	0	5,438	5,438	100%	0	376	376	100%	0	376	376
Harmon	1	0	10	200	338,200	230,538	0	3,220	5,135	153%	0	552	552	100%	0	552	552
Harrison First	4	1	4	48	3,750,000	85,000	0	9,800	35,896	35,896	100%	3,169	3,169	100%	0	3,169	3,169
Hartford	0	0	0	80	688,525	12,000	0	2,407	2,407	100%	0	265	265	100%	0	265	265
Hartman	5	0	5	50	250,000	0	0	2,533	2,533	100%	0	164	164	100%	0	164	164
Hartfield	3	1	1	0	600,000	150,000	0	10,000	1,953	1,953	100%	184	184	100%	0	184	184
Havana	2	2	5	100	443,482	209,986	0	2,000	3,499	3,499	100%	387	387	100%	0	387	387
Hays Chapel	4	0	4	42	275,000	23,943	0	34,000	152,566	152,566	100%	185	185	100%	0	185	185
Herridge	8	0	7	300	4,891,250	181,849	0	1,942	1,942	100%	0	12,744	12,744	100%	0	12,744	12,744
Hightfill	0	0	38	500	172,000	0	0	15,896	3,284	20%	0	183	183	87%	0	183	183
Hightshelm	2	0	2	230	184	3,169,271	225,347	67,296	45,184	87%	0	4,119	4,119	100%	0	4,119	4,119
Hinton	0	0	0	0	1,200,000	9,567	0	6,956	7,944	118%	0	926	926	100%	0	926	926
Huntsville	2	0	2	13	550	0	0	3,723	3,723	100%	0	343	343	100%	0	343	343
Jasper	14	2	8	16	0	552,000	6,600	12,065	1,582	13%	0	200	200	100%	0	200	200
Journey Hispanic Mission	0	0	0	0	1,200,000	0	0	9,308	9,308	100%	0	526	526	100%	0	526	526
Kubler	4	4	4	60	2,900	1,764,000	6,000	10,800	7,349	7,349	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamar	2	1	2	8	300	150,000	60,000	0	2,478	1,478	100%	204	204	100%	0	204	204
Lavaca	2	2	2	110	45	150,000	10,000	0	2,85	2,85	100%	259	259	100%	0	259	259
Leske	7	0	14	14	3,547	500,000	176,000	0	1,600	1,600	100%	78	78	100%	0	78	78
Liberty Hall	2	0	2	11	60	30,000	0	0	1,341	1,341	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Living Waters at Centerton	0	0	0	20	7,000	1,000,000	15,000	200,000	6,480	6,480	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0
Magazine	0	0	0	92	1,300	1,089,800	21,051	4,675	7,363	7,363	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mansfield	2	0	0	10	0	856,000	21,127	0	5,700	5,700	100%	364	364	100%	0	364	364
Marshall	0	0	0	0	1,965	270,000	0	0	16,099	16,099	0	26,100	26,100	100%	0	1,842	1,842
Men's First	7	0	4	150	1,450	3,204,000	475,026	2,450	8,853	8,853	100%	866	866	100%	0	866	866
Midland	0	0	0	0	1,000	26,000	3,787	0	4,965	4,965	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midland Heights	3	0	3	45	3,777	150,000	2,590	9,600	1,233	1,233	100%	237	237	100%	0	237	237
Mission	10	0	10	20	580	363,000	0	0	2,183	2,183	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrow	0	0	0	0	100	296,000	0	0	1,597	1,597	100%	504	504	100%	0	504	504
Mount Olive - Clarksville	3	1	3	8	300	120,000	20,228	0	400,000	400,000	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0
Mount Olive - Van Buren	0	0	0	5	0	548,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Pleasant - Waldron	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	0	0	2,158	1,970	91%	188	188	91%	0	188	188
Mountain View - Alma	2	0	0	4	23,400	450,000	13,500	0	5,125	3,125	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain View - Mena	1	0	1	4	100	275,000	20,000	8,500	7,187	7,187	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mulberry	2	0	1	4	181	900,000	0	0	2,429	2,429	100%	245	245	100%	0	245	245
New Hope - Van Buren	2	0	1	25	50	165,000	80,000	0	2,429	2,429	100%	129	129	95%	0	129	129
Newberry Chapel	1	0	1	3	23,400	375,500	5,000	0	2,418	2,290	95%	183	183	95%	0	183	183

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School District Specialized District December 31, 2017	Community Schools for Orleans, Lawrence, and Wayne	Columbia Heights High School	Cedar Bluffs High School	Cedar Bluffs Magnet	Meadowdale Elementary	Fremont Middle (Elementary and Junior High)	Powers Middle (Elementary and Junior High)	Value of Check and Bank Apps	Value of Other Assets	Debt on Asset	Total Square Footage of Buildings	Other Debt	Cafeteria Appropriation	Total Cafeteria Appropriation	Percent Appropriation Paid	Total Other Capital Budget Appropriation	Total District Appropriation
Oakley Chapel	5	1	5	30	15	12	3,406,000	144,000	1,181,422	17,500	0	35,664	30,000	84%	0	1,850	1,850
Ola	3	0	0	6	225	0	350,000	60,000	0	0	0	1,142	1,142	100%	0	107	107
Omaha	0	0	0	0	0	0	206,111	2,000	0	0	0	387	387	100%	0	94	94
Ozark	5	1	3	65	3,000	30	5,594,220	8,000	0	25,150	0	30,478	30,478	100%	0	2,485	2,485
Park	4	0	0	30	500	0	3,273,000	347,158	0	14,504	0	12,172	12,172	100%	0	1,255	1,255
Pears	1	0	0	1	0	0	70,000	10,169	0	3,000	0	6,702	6,702	100%	45	114	114
Peas Ridge	2	0	2	31	250	0	851,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	579	579
Prince Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	933	933
Plainview	1	0	1	6	200	0	350,000	60,000	0	1,900	0	1,822	1,822	100%	0	118	118
Pleasant Ridge	1	0	0	0	0	0	190,000	0	0	0	0	2,593	2,593	100%	0	138	138
Posville	0	0	0	12	0	0	475,000	60,000	0	909,128	0	9,332	9,332	100%	0	868	868
Prairie Grove First	4	2	3	20	0	0	2,350,000	0	0	0	0	20,929	12,000	57%	0	2,025	2,025
Pratt View	0	1	1	1	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	1,265	1,265	100%	25	143	119
Presley Chapel	2	0	2	4	350	0	300,000	11,692	17,472	4,282	0	5,199	5,199	100%	0	442	442
Rogers First	7	1	4	660	3,600	270	11,000,000	384,517	0	47,600	0	67,782	67,782	100%	0	6,614	6,614
Russellville First	2	2	2	332	23,692	495	14,693,882	1,440,953	0	0	0	131,282	131,282	100%	0	11,248	11,248
Saint James - Fayetteville	0	0	0	0	0	0	335,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	249	249
Saint Paul - Fort Smith	12	1	12	120	2,888	151	5,225,500	66,861	71,919	42,200	0	34,666	34,666	100%	0	3,589	3,589
Saint Paul - Gravel Hill	5	0	2	15	125	0	35,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40
Saint Pauls - Harrison	0	0	0	16	0	0	874,500	15,708	0	0	0	6,770	6,200	92%	0	547	547
Seagovah	6	1	6	25	15,500	0	4,984,700	164,731	451,018	61,000	0	42,735	34,658	81%	0	4,119	4,687
Shiloh - Dry Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	205,000	15,000	0	0	0	1,689	1,689	100%	0	121	121
Shiloh Springs First	1	0	1	21	1,140	0	3,449,700	854,442	0	0	0	36,224	15,804	44%	0	3,362	3,362
Springdale First	9	1	9	425	37,649	156	18,809,882	53,000	0	187,383	159,253	85%	29,464	16,626	15,241	15,241	
Spurge Rock	0	0	0	0	0	0	35,500	5,450	0	0	0	546	546	100%	0	29	29
Stubbins - Sulphur Springs	0	0	0	7	0	0	673,000	0	0	0	0	1,344	1,158	86%	188	138	138
Trinity - Danville	0	0	0	6	0	0	134,000	0	0	0	0	90	90	100%	0	91	91
Trinity - Fayetteville	11	0	11	347	7,000	0	355,891	44,027	0	4,000	8,981	8,981	100%	0	1,396	1,947	
Valley Springs	0	0	0	2	5	0	50,000	20,000	0	0	0	430	430	100%	0	120	120
Valley View	0	0	0	2	10	0	82,700	8,500	0	0	0	849	849	100%	0	92	92
Vesta	0	0	0	22	40	0	182,000	0	0	7,072	0	2,594	2,594	100%	0	253	253
Venezianse - Fort Smith	0	0	1	0	50	0	66,000	21,000	0	4,000	0	3,353	3,353	100%	0	268	268
Venezianse - Van Buren	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	200
Viney Grove	7	0	1	0	200	0	220,000	0	0	0	0	6,083	6,083	100%	0	543	543
Walton	0	0	0	0	400	0	500,000	175,000	0	0	0	4,075	4,075	100%	0	456	456
Walton	3	1	0	0	0	0	450,000	0	0	5,000	0	1,777	1,777	100%	0	140	140
Walton	0	0	0	0	0	0	140,000	0	0	2,521	0	1,777	1,777	100%	0	231	231
Wardland	0	0	0	1	1	0	70,000	0	0	0	0	720	720	100%	0	57	57
Wardland	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	1,700	0	0	0	0	0	77	77
Wesley - Fort Smith	8	0	6	50	1,080	0	1,462,500	11,000	42,135	19,136	0	18,449	18,449	100%	0	1,454	1,454
Wesley - Russellville	14	4	10	88	475	40	1,511,224	225,000	0	13,500	0	14,142	14,142	100%	0	1,066	1,066
Wislow	0	0	0	12	47	0	265,000	0	0	0	0	2,899	2,899	100%	0	410	410
Woodlands	1	0	1	25	100	0	75,000	0	0	22,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,773	1,000
Yehille	2	0	2	5	0	0	242,000	12,000	0	0	0	1,717	1,717	100%	0	207	207
Northwest district	344	43	264	7,693	460,056	4,579	267,532,583	18,722,622	16,137,123	1,278,507	214,954	2,686,588	2,562,363	95%	61,890	237,514	227,898





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Subordinate Societies Report December 31, 2017	Full Members in Full Count	Partial Members (For Full Count) Boys, Middle Grades, and Non-Subsidiary	Full Partials (Overlapping)	Senior Partials (Overlapping)	Overseas Partials	Discontinued Boys (Overlapping)	Boys (Full Count) (Including Other Housing)	Boys (Full Count) (Including Other Housing)	Boys (Full Count) (Including Other Housing)	Other (Full Count) (Including Other Housing)	Other (Full Count) (Including Other Housing)	Current Operating Expenses	Principal Interest Paid	Partial Building Expenses	Grand Total Paid	
Goodard	209,170	4,360	15,466	0	78,472	0	28,000	0	0	500	240,261	27,427	174,204	0	27,985	892,477
Goshen	2,200	2,700	0	12,280	0	0	12,280	0	0	0	1,530	15,422	0	6,000	60,197	196,141
Grace - Rogers	29,764	2,100	9,250	50,500	0	17,500	0	6,000	23,340	0	3,300	27,958	0	7,092	936,141	1,242,004
Grace Community	650	13,117	17,696	101,400	0	25,000	0	6,600	9,000	0	34,960	86,127	132,907	302,257	102,709	828,328
Gravette	695	1,200	4,308	18,845	0	0	0	750	0	0	1,300	3,000	0	0	9,200	74,437
Green Forest	3,300	7,239	11,204	64,025	0	6,400	15,000	0	15,678	0	175,719	20,786	96,678	3,673	4,474	555,660
Greenwood	0	24,912	0	89,200	39,440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,074
Grizzlies Chapel	1,127	0	0	4,800	0	0	2,000	0	0	250	1,200	1,466	16,401	0	1,291	55,527
Hackett	370	1,020	4,388	16,601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,999
Hammon	225	621	0	20,570	0	14,520	0	0	0	0	11,591	12,114	0	5,660	70,999	444,302
Harrison Fest	4,600	16,093	11,919	61,935	0	12,000	0	7,000	124,041	23,671	64,578	0	0	80,000	232,126	25,909
Hartford	1,550	0	0	3,460	0	0	0	3,004	0	2,685	453	9,392	0	0	0	16,481
Harmon	200	496	0	7,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	770	1,592	9,034	0	22,464	205,990
Hartfield	100	300	0	0	0	12,000	0	0	0	0	0	832	3,800	0	1,320	6,229
Havana	1,000	11,434	0	21,163	0	0	0	2,351	0	0	4,037	17,677	0	2,681	63,229	12,574
Hays Chapel	1,000	3,200	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	8,476	0	0	25,909
Heritage	53,975	33,065	18,852	82,415	70,342	0	28,800	10,000	0	670,750	223,127	199,724	0	12,574	1,811,760	16,971
Hightbill	480	250	0	4,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,295	4,001	0	0	0	387,052
Hightlands	500	22,936	17,359	93,862	23,200	0	14,300	5,000	13,700	18,200	144,085	15,687	86,109	63,547	14,739	1,182
Hittington	137	0	0	4,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	1,440	217	4,377	0	2,182	15,694	1,949
Huntsville	4,386	25,777	0	11,000	0	0	0	5,294	0	25,344	5,081	15,652	0	3,468	87,928	3,400
Jasper	0	0	0	29,733	6,890	6,701	0	6,701	1,300	3,630	862	21,289	0	2,185	72,427	18,930
Journey Hispanic Mission	1,917	1,154	4,900	24,000	0	8,000	0	0	0	0	3,995	16,335	0	0	117	18,930
Kilber	0	0	0	10,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	640	5,891	0	0	0	0
Lamar	100	0	0	1,072	0	12,000	0	7,000	0	160	3,000	2,319	24,207	0	6,611	90,754
Lavaca	8,478	4,922	4,828	28,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,937
Leslie	0	0	0	4,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Living Waters at Centerton	0	0	0	22,500	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	20,000	10,000	0	73,500	52,658
Living Waters at Centerton	0	0	0	15,000	0	9,000	0	0	0	3,341	4,106	9,583	0	830	62,570	44,069
Magazine	0	0	3,881	31,550	0	1,000	0	0	0	1,500	0	811	4,655	0	0	32,029
Mansfield	0	1,445	4,829	24,352	0	0	0	6,340	0	36,483	17,865	38,071	0	0	5,418	27,400
Marshall	0	0	0	70,378	0	4,000	0	0	0	1,680	0	7,200	0	0	99,810	0
Means First	0	3,125	13,016	1,000	0	5,000	0	0	2,000	14,400	0	32,098	0	0	0	0
Midland	0	4,731	0	29,561	0	12,000	0	0	1,556	1,602	1,939	6,067	16,422	1,355	52,697	23,170
Midland Heights	0	512	0	17,483	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	7,800	0	0	0	0
Mission	100	100	0	7,000	0	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrow	0	0	0	10,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,671	4,682	0	0	19,338
Mount Olive - Christville	0	2,989	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	599	340	13,112	36,371	0	60,984	1,700
Mount Olive - Van Buren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	0	1,000	30,629	702
Mount Pleasant - Waldron	0	0	0	4,784	0	6,500	0	6,500	1,250	1,429	6,531	0	0	0	24,917	52,483
Mountain View - Alma	10	2,000	0	12,000	0	0	0	300	550	0	1,642	7,713	0	0	2,594	63,106
Mountain View - Meru	447	1,794	0	20,314	0	3,000	0	7,050	0	2,442	2,768	14,507	0	0	29,148	0
Mulberry	150	0	0	1,100	0	6,000	0	7,000	0	0	0	527	6,978	4,719	0	0
New Hope - Van Buren	1,175	1,750	0	3,372	0	4,000	0	5,000	0	0	623	5,877	0	0	24,481	0
Newberry Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





Northwest Baptist Sanatogga District Parishes (N-BAPT)	Number of Households Going to Local Units	Received Through Parishes	Nonpaying Benefited Givers	Received Unasked-for Givers	Households with Givers	Members and Households	Size of Church Attendance	Building in Fis	Facilities and Other Services	Total Operating Hours Giving	Capital Campaign Growth	Members Estimates Expenses	Other Capital Services and Projects	Other Capital Income	Total Capital Special Projects	Received Epitaphs Commissions	Amount Special or Approved Fund Interest	Other Parish or Conference Fund Contribution	Total Parish or Conference Fund	Total Income
Goddard	26	59,687	95,516	25,541	0	0	0	60	17,778	87,532	0	4,277	17,764	160,000	220,241	0	0	0	0	907,823
Gresham	25	0	66,980	6,037	0	0	0	0	2,100	69,080	1,200	0	0	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	70,280
Grace - Rogers	87	0	131,868	6,037	49	0	300	0	139,254	0	0	500	0	300	800	10,000	7,500	5,000	22,500	161,554
Grace Community	365	0	923,549	32,565	0	0	0	0	956,112	210,394	150	0	0	0	210,544	0	0	0	0	1,166,656
Gravelly	11	0	6,530	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,530	0	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,330
Gravette	23	0	77,838	0	94	0	50	0	77,932	0	0	2,215	4,000	695	4,695	12,500	0	0	0	172,177
Green Forest	54	0	167,047	2,586	29	0	300	0	169,962	0	0	12,715	0	28,336	41,051	0	0	0	0	592,000
Greens Chapel	231	366,486	172,568	10,865	33	0	1,025	0	172,568	0	0	0	0	377	377	0	0	0	0	12,985
Hackett	34	0	50,455	3,854	48	0	0	0	54,337	0	0	0	0	300	300	0	0	0	0	54,637
Hamon	52	0	58,241	1,317	18	0	0	0	59,558	18,661	31,588	0	13,462	35,281	0	0	0	0	0	91,839
Harrison First	176	336,100	0	13,910	334	0	1,940	0	352,244	0	36,890	0	842	37,732	0	0	0	0	0	390,016
Heartford	6	0	10,830	8,473	0	0	4,500	0	23,803	0	7,166	0	9,811	0	16,977	0	0	0	0	40,780
Herman	31	0	19,470	5,409	0	0	0	0	600	25,479	0	1,095	0	615	1,710	0	0	0	0	27,189
Herriford	11	0	18,830	0	0	0	0	0	18,830	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,830
Hess	18	0	34,991	0	558	10,000	0	0	45,549	0	25	1,735	675	2,453	0	0	0	0	0	48,002
Hays Chapel	38	0	26,965	1,692	0	0	0	0	28,657	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,657
Heritage	632	0	1,483,580	18,848	248	0	0	55,028	1,508,408	338,899	2,165	0	101,276	1,822	444,202	0	0	0	0	1,954,006
Higginfill	18	0	21,131	980	277	0	0	0	24,328	0	0	0	160	160	0	0	0	0	0	24,488
Highlands	113	441,733	45,041	5,744	2,937	0	120	23,646	519,221	0	5,853	17,196	365	23,416	0	0	0	0	0	542,637
Hinagon	21	0	11,723	0	3,000	0	0	352	15,075	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,075
Hinsdale	51	0	71,000	2,168	0	0	0	0	73,168	0	496	0	1,197	1,693	0	0	0	0	0	74,861
Jasper	40	0	45,564	0	0	0	0	6,000	51,564	0	8,431	0	0	0	8,431	0	0	0	0	59,995
Journeys Hispanic Mission	29	0	59,825	6,500	32	0	0	4,073	64,400	0	1,545	0	0	0	1,545	0	13,000	0	0	77,400
Kober	42	0	102,439	0	400	5,210	108,128	0	108,128	0	1,545	0	0	0	1,545	0	0	0	0	109,674
Lamar	10	0	17,300	1,290	0	0	0	4,800	23,390	0	800	0	0	0	800	0	0	0	0	24,390
Lavaca	18	0	9,832	0	0	0	0	0	9,832	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,632
Leola	42	0	30,872	1,953	55	0	1,200	0	32,825	7,073	3,980	0	0	0	3,980	0	0	0	0	36,805
Liberty Hill	15	0	17,411	0	12	0	0	0	17,423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,423
Living Waters at Centerton	35	6,000	12,000	0	0	0	0	0	12,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,000
Magazine	38	0	60,394	3,364	117	0	0	0	63,758	6,000	2,835	0	0	0	6,000	0	0	1,728	1,728	71,513
Manassah	24	0	75,091	538	0	0	0	0	75,629	0	2,835	0	0	0	2,835	0	0	0	0	78,464
Marshall	13	0	48,737	0	0	0	0	0	48,737	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48,737
Menard First	153	194,458	101,376	2,805	21	0	350	0	26,108	0	102,318	9,281	4,589	115,968	0	0	0	0	0	376,976
Midland	8	0	26,046	0	0	0	0	0	26,046	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,046
Midland Heights	68	82,050	0	13,283	0	0	0	0	95,333	0	2,935	0	0	3,553	6,490	0	0	25,363	25,363	127,186
Mission	60	2,095	42,354	1,645	2	0	0	3,370	49,446	0	0	0	20,000	278	20,278	0	0	0	0	69,744
Morrow	12	0	17,300	0	0	0	0	0	17,300	0	0	0	0	1,100	1,100	0	0	0	0	18,400
Mount Olive - Clarksville	11	0	21,792	0	53	0	0	0	21,845	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,845
Mount Olive - Van Buren	15	0	30,125	0	5	0	6,750	0	36,880	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	41,880	5,000
Mount Pleasant - Waldron	3	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200
Mountain View - Abm	22	0	19,786	0	0	0	0	873	20,659	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,659
Mountain View - Men	11	0	21,483	2,543	24	0	7,200	0	31,250	10,683	0	275	0	0	10,958	0	0	0	0	42,208
Mulberry	35	0	84,572	0	783	0	240	0	85,595	0	4,915	0	0	0	4,915	0	0	0	0	90,510
New Hope - Van Buren	17	0	21,301	0	0	0	4,300	0	26,081	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,081
Newberry Chapel	11	0	22,302	0	0	0	0	1,884	24,186	0	901	0	0	0	901	0	0	0	0	25,077

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Arkansas District Number/Name December 31, 2017	Number of Churches Going to Year-End	Revenue (Budget)	Worshiping Members Gross	Revenue (Actual)	Gross	Revenue (Actual)	Gross	Members of Churches	Building % Funded	Facilities Observed	Total Operating & Other Gross	Capital Campaigns	Netted Funding Returns	Other Capital Returns and Returns	Total Capital Special Returns	Other Special Returns (Gross)	Total Capital Special Returns (Net)	Administrative Expenses (Net)	Other District Contributions (Net)	Total Income
Oakley Chapel	108	0	331,137	0	16	0	12,250	18,192	36,695	138,852	100	33,928	0	197,880	0	0	0	0	0	539,475
Oh	7	0	9,721	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,721
Omaha	7	0	4,871	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,871
Ozark	161	0	253,542	27,063	0	0	1,385	0	283,250	0	4,045	0	12,588	16,643	0	0	0	0	0	308,993
Park	46	0	114,536	1,085	0	0	150	0	115,711	290	10,749	6,500	10,138	27,880	0	0	0	0	70	144,511
Park	11	0	5,800	0	25	0	0	0	5,825	0	3,800	0	0	3,800	0	0	0	0	0	9,625
Pea Ridge	33	0	65,129	1,807	1,565	0	0	0	65,501	2,400	40	1,755	4,195	0	0	0	0	0	4,800	77,496
Process Memorial	5	0	9,120	0	0	0	0	0	9,120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,120
Plattview	14	0	18,629	0	0	0	0	0	18,629	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,629
Pleasant Ridge	25	0	26,771	0	0	0	0	0	26,771	12,716	15,000	0	26,771	27,706	0	0	0	0	0	54,477
Prairie Grove First	36	0	202,913	6,376	3	0	0	0	209,292	49,916	3,000	14,006	17,991	0	0	0	0	0	0	110,291
Prairie View	115	0	14,000	0	0	0	0	0	14,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,000
Preley Chapel	49	0	55,000	6,485	0	0	0	0	61,485	0	0	0	2,823	2,829	0	0	0	0	0	64,314
Rogers First	320	584,807	119,130	0	192	0	0	18,191	722,340	0	23,550	0	14,000	37,560	0	0	0	0	5,000	766,900
Rossville First	647	34,200	1,341,245	17,929	1,440	0	4,445	0	1,294,959	0	12,240	0	16,107	28,347	0	0	0	0	0	1,327,306
Saint James - Fayetteville	115	0	27,700	420	0	0	0	2,506	30,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	33,700
Saint Paul - Fort Smith	144	252,220	873,500	2,089	121	0	3,250	2,987	34,197	22,800	9,480	44,880	26,539	10,639	0	0	0	0	0	451,696
Saint Paul - Gravel Hill	9	0	6,988	0	0	0	0	0	6,988	0	0	0	350	350	0	0	0	0	0	7,338
Saint Paul - Harrison	42	0	58,341	1,565	27	0	7,250	0	67,183	1,025	1,044	0	2,069	0	0	0	0	0	0	69,252
Seagov	157	230,950	165,545	15,186	3,340	0	5,000	0	420,021	106,807	8,248	15,889	5,647	135,591	0	0	0	0	0	555,612
Shiloh - Dry Fork	8	0	15,000	1,000	60	0	0	0	14,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,000
Shoemakers First	147	1,403,455	484,574	17,789	1,320	0	59,970	192,988	65,631	105,871	5,255	19,682	194,439	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	2,809,885
Spring Rock	4	2,105	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,105
Spring Springs - Sulphur Springs	14	0	13,844	1,900	69	0	0	0	15,813	0	500	0	110	610	0	0	0	0	0	16,423
Trinity - Danville	4	0	5,500	0	0	0	0	5,552	11,052	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,052
Trinity - Fayetteville	75	80,748	8,027	0	0	0	0	0	88,775	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88,775
Valley Springs	3	0	3,840	0	0	0	0	0	3,840	0	0	0	665	665	0	0	0	0	0	4,535
Valley View	7	0	1,578	0	0	0	0	0	1,578	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,578
Vesta	20	0	25,424	519	0	0	80	55	26,076	785	0	2,452	3,237	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,313
Veniamense - Fort Smith	25	36,138	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,138	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,138
Veniamense - Van Buren	15	4,457	4,127	0	0	0	0	507	9,091	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,091
Viney Grove	20	0	50,149	7,685	0	0	0	0	57,834	0	1,720	0	0	1,720	0	0	0	0	0	59,554
Waldon	34	0	39,286	1,468	325	0	520	750	42,324	0	272	0	0	272	0	0	0	0	0	42,596
Walton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waltham	25	0	29,865	0	0	0	0	0	29,865	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,865
Waveland	6	7,000	2,200	0	0	0	0	0	9,747	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,747
Weldington	6	0	166,689	2,862	217	0	9,700	0	179,468	0	3,291	0	2,141	5,432	0	0	0	0	0	184,900
Wesley - Fort Smith	89	118,280	12,335	1,065	0	0	1,800	3,128	135,888	0	2,250	23,178	1,989	27,417	0	0	0	0	2,000	165,305
Wesley - Russellville	75	0	182,700	5,070	0	0	0	0	187,770	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187,770
Woodlands	12	0	32,805	0	0	0	5,969	0	38,772	0	495	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39,267
Yehlika	11,252	9,682,416	18,014,982	850,027	70,591	10,500	144,599	422,231	291,552,306	3,725,691	1,785,018	955,110	599,040	7,062,859	31,580	26,050	0	0	78,091	36,535,846

Session Report Number December 31, 2017	Pastor Name	Received Professor of Faith After 18th Ordination	Received Professor of Faith Through Ordination	Received by Career Provision (Year of Admission)	Received by Transfer	Received from Other Denominations	Received by Change of Churches	Withdrawn (No. of Members)	Removed by Transfer	Removed by Other Denominations	Removed by Death	Total Members at Close of 2017
	Almyra											
	Althamer	91	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
	Andrew's Chapel	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
	Andrew's Chapel	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
	Arkansas City	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Bailey Chapel	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
	Bayona Metro	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
	Bedford - Sheridan	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
	Binsfield	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
	Bmskley	201	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	206
	Center Grove - Sheridan	26	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	194
	Central - Wynne	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
	Chambersville	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Cherry Valley	329	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	329
	Clarendon	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128
	Crawfordsville	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Crosssett	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	221
	Delcove	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
	Dermott	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
	Dewitt	394	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	399
	Dumas First	386	0	3	0	0	0	121	0	0	0	252
	Earle	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
	Ebeneszer - Hill	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
	Elaine	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
	Ellis Chapel - Wynne	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Extra	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
	Forrest Chapel - Forrest City	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Forrest City First	521	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	525
	Fountain Hill	30	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
	Gillett	215	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	218
	Good Faith Car	184	0	0	0	29	3	0	0	0	0	208
	Good Hope	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
	Grady	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
	Grand Avenue - Stuttgart	269	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	272
	Greenhill First	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
	Hamburg First	291	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	291
	Lawley Memorial	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
	Lebanon - New Ellensburg	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
	Lebanon First	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
	Lebanon Ridge	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
	Lebanon Valley	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
	Lebanonville	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
	Lempster	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
	Lebanon's Chapel - Roe	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
	Kingland	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Kyrene	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
	Lakeside	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	221
	Lakeside - Lake Village	504	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	511
	Lakeside - Pine Bluff	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
	Leola	29	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
	Levinson Chapel	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Levies Corner	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
	Madison	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
	Marion	268	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	268
	Marion	867	10	3	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	881
	Martin's Chapel	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91

Sanctuary Name Street/Address December 31, 2017	First Name	Total Full Months of Care 2016	Hours of Performance of Duties after this Confirmation	Hours of Performance of Duties through Confirmation	Hours of Full Affirmation	Corrective Periods Due to Addition	Monthly Transfer	Received from Other Denominations	Hours of B. Chapter Confirmation	Withdrew Vote by Subsequent	Corrective Periods Vote by Subsequent	Removed by Transfer	Removed by Denials	Removed by Death	Total Full Months Care 2017
Manvel	Gay Lawrence Maskell	189	0	2	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	194
McElroy	Stephen Wayne Balthorn	170	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	176
McGruder First	Reginald Russell	242	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	241
Monticello First	Sammy Spurgeon	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	94
Moore's Chapel - Sheridan	Cheryl Savage Stearn	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Moore's Chapel - Sharon	Gordon Mohr	90	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	84
Mount Carmel - Rison	Boyd F. Savage, Jr.	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
Mount Pleasant - Monticello	Hank P. Peacock	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42
Mount Taber - Monticello	Walt Love	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
New Edinburg	Jack LaVene Gilbert	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
New Hope - Sheridan	Cheryl Savage Stearn	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Parkdale	Melvin Dwight Mann	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Parlin	Michael Cummin Mery	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Pine Bluff First	Gene White	377	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	2	3	0	9	374
Pleasant Grove - Dewitt	Toby Austin	36	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	36
Portland	Boyd F. Savage, Jr.	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151
Prosperity	Robert L. Lyons	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
Reelfoot	Gordon Mohr	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
Rison	Harly P. Peacock	175	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	179
Rock Springs - Winmar	Joe E. Glover	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Roe	Tyrone Hill	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Saint Charles	Saint James - Pine Bluff	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Saint Francis	Jonah Wayne Smith	571	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	571
Saint James - Pine Bluff	Barbara A. Douglas	188	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	0	0	24	181
Saint Lake - Pine Bluff	Saint Mark - Pine Bluff	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	6	52
Saint Mark - Pine Bluff	Salem - Wikesley	103	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	104
Salem - Wikesley	Michael Bolin	37	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Seruggs Chapel	John W. Love	439	1	1	0	0	0	6	13	27	2	0	0	4	414
Sheridan	Daniel R. Kirkpatrick	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Sherill	William Paul Woolley	243	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	243
Star City First	John Bradley Elrod	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Staugant First	David W. Bush	396	8	15	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	1	0	7	289
Staubers Spring - Pine Bluff	William Thompson	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131
Taylor Chapel	Tandy Curtis Hanson	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Tillar	William Thompson	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Tilton	Tandy Curtis Hanson	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Trinity - Star City	Trinity - Star City	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Trinity - Warren	Timothy Y. McCellin	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Union	Boyd F. Savage, Jr.	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
Unionville	Cheyam Bolin Chambers	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Wabaska	Mary Resp	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Wagon	Walter S. Chapel	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Waller First	Walt Love	469	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	467
Wasson	Walt Love	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Wesley - McGeebe	Reginald Russell	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Wesley - Pine Bluff	Etha Mae Maram	136	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	131
West Chapel - Brinkley	William L. Thompson	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
West Helena	Melissa Maskell	61	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
West Memphis First	Todd Paul R. Tambe	1,192	4	8	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	4	6	13	1,190
White Hall	Michael Bolin	59	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
White Hall	Jacob Steven Lynn	572	11	0	0	0	0	6	9	0	0	6	1	2	590
Wilmar	Hank P. Peacock	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Wilnot	Toby Austin	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Wynne	Lester Glenn Pettus	547	0	8	0	0	0	8	12	0	0	0	0	8	552
Zion	Mark Norman	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Southwest District		15,314	67	82	9	36	74	88	175	32	52	43	53	226	15,089



Station/Parish	Black	Hispanic/Latino	Native American	White	Multi-Racial	Total Membership	Fellowship Members	Min. Members	Total Members	Number of Members Under 18	Number of Members 18-30	Number of Members 31-45	Number of Members 46-60	Number of Members 61-75	Number of Members 76-90	Number of Members 91+	Total Reports	Adult Reports	Total Reports
Almyra	0	0	0	96	0	96	53	43	96	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0
Albion	0	0	0	57	0	57	34	23	57	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0
Andrew's Chapel	0	0	0	19	0	19	11	8	19	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Arkansas City	0	0	0	10	0	10	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Bailey Chapel	0	22	0	0	0	22	12	10	22	0	0	13	9	22	12	0	0	0	0
Bayou Metro	0	0	0	50	0	50	29	21	50	0	0	40	10	50	23	0	0	0	0
Behler - Sheridan	0	0	0	55	0	55	32	23	55	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0
Brasfield	0	0	0	58	0	58	35	23	58	10	15	21	12	38	35	0	1	0	1
Brinkley	0	0	0	194	0	194	117	77	194	32	27	61	38	158	66	0	4	1	5
Center Grove - Sheridan	0	0	0	25	0	25	14	11	25	0	0	2	11	13	8	0	0	0	0
Central - Wynne	0	0	0	13	0	13	8	5	13	0	0	0	0	4	9	0	0	0	0
Chambersville	0	0	0	4	0	4	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	9	0	0	0	0
Cherry Valley	0	0	0	41	0	41	21	20	41	0	0	15	26	41	19	0	0	0	0
Clarendon	0	0	1	127	0	128	60	68	128	2	18	74	34	128	47	0	1	0	1
Crawfordsville	0	0	0	9	0	9	4	5	9	0	0	1	6	9	4	0	0	0	0
Crossett	0	0	0	222	0	222	129	93	222	20	33	52	117	222	82	0	0	0	0
Dalzell	0	0	0	23	0	23	11	12	23	2	2	6	13	23	14	0	0	0	0
Darment	4	0	0	33	0	37	20	17	37	0	0	0	0	37	10	0	0	0	0
Dewitt	0	0	0	252	0	252	142	110	252	0	0	0	0	0	96	0	3	0	3
Dumas First	1	2	0	389	0	392	238	154	392	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	3	2	5
Earle	0	0	0	38	0	38	27	10	37	1	1	2	33	37	15	0	0	0	0
Ebeizer - Till	0	0	0	29	0	29	14	15	29	0	12	7	19	29	16	0	0	0	0
Elaine	0	0	0	47	0	47	24	23	47	0	0	45	2	47	5	0	0	0	0
Ellis Chapel - Wynne	0	0	0	7	0	7	3	4	7	0	0	1	2	3	8	12	0	0	0
Etta	0	0	0	16	0	16	8	8	16	0	0	3	11	16	8	0	0	0	0
Etta - Wynne	0	0	0	16	0	16	8	8	16	0	0	3	11	16	8	0	0	0	0
Forest Chapel - Forrest City	0	0	0	568	0	568	279	227	568	45	35	371	55	568	101	0	0	0	0
Forrest City First	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Freeman Hill	0	0	0	32	0	32	21	11	32	0	0	3	22	6	19	0	0	0	0
Gillett	0	4	0	218	0	218	130	108	218	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0
Good Faith Carr	0	0	1	205	0	208	139	69	208	19	38	43	108	205	48	0	0	0	0
Good Hope	0	0	0	29	0	29	17	12	29	0	0	4	32	28	32	0	0	0	0
Grady	0	0	0	48	0	48	24	12	48	0	0	0	0	48	24	0	0	0	0
Grady Avenue - Stuttgart	0	0	0	270	0	271	158	113	271	21	52	101	97	271	29	0	5	0	6
Greenhill	0	0	0	29	0	29	21	8	29	0	0	25	4	29	2	0	0	0	0
Greenhill First	0	0	0	382	0	389	162	127	389	11	24	182	67	389	72	0	0	0	0
Hannibal	0	1	0	86	0	87	47	40	87	0	0	65	14	87	20	0	0	0	1
Hannibal - New Edinburgh	0	0	0	55	0	55	33	22	55	0	0	3	48	5	25	0	0	0	0
Hannibal - New Edinburgh	0	0	0	144	0	144	90	54	144	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0
Hannibal - New Edinburgh	0	0	0	144	0	144	90	54	144	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0
Hannibal - New Edinburgh	0	0	0	144	0	144	90	54	144	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0
Hickson Ridge	0	0	0	78	0	78	54	24	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holly Grove	0	0	0	29	0	29	14	15	29	0	0	3	26	29	17	0	0	0	0
Huffman	0	0	0	71	0	71	51	20	71	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0
Huffman	0	0	0	65	0	65	42	23	65	4	7	36	18	65	14	0	0	0	0
Hunter's Chapel - Rice	0	0	0	24	0	24	14	10	24	6	8	10	4	24	13	0	0	0	2
Hunter's Chapel - Rice	0	0	0	69	0	69	39	30	69	0	10	59	0	69	31	0	0	0	0
Kaweah	0	0	0	9	0	9	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	9	8	0	0	0	0
Keokuk	0	0	0	27	0	27	20	7	27	0	0	1	10	19	30	0	0	0	0
Lacey	0	0	0	224	0	229	148	81	229	10	12	167	40	229	87	0	0	1	1
Lakeside - Lake Village	5	0	0	442	0	499	205	284	499	11	43	192	253	499	126	0	2	0	2
Lakeside - Pine Bluff	2	8	47	34	0	35	26	9	35	0	4	12	19	35	17	0	0	0	0
Lena	0	0	0	29	0	29	9	29	0	0	3	26	29	8	0	0	0	0	0
Lena	0	0	0	29	0	29	9	29	0	0	3	26	29	8	0	0	0	0	0
Livestock Chapel	0	10	0	0	0	10	7	3	10	0	2	4	4	10	8	0	0	0	0
Lodge Corner	0	0	0	60	0	60	44	16	60	0	0	1	59	60	10	0	0	0	0
Lodge Corner	0	0	0	25	0	25	13	12	25	0	0	10	15	25	6	0	0	0	0
Madison	0	0	0	268	0	268	154	114	268	8	7	39	214	268	58	0	2	1	3
Manama	1	0	0	879	2	889	529	360	889	41	15	774	55	887	320	2	6	2	8
Manon	0	0	0	87	0	87	45	42	87	0	8	25	54	87	19	0	0	0	0
Martin's Chapel	0	0	0	87	0	87	45	42	87	0	8	25	54	87	19	0	0	0	0

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Sanctuary/Bldg Name December 31, 2017	Currently Active Sanctuary/Bldg with Key	Construction/Block Status	Construction/Block Marginal	Mission Participation	Prison Services/Outreach Active and/or Past	Prison Ministry for Deacons and Ministerial Members	Value of Church Land (\$/sq ft)	Value of Other Assets	Bldg. Area	Total Square Footage of Buildings	Other Debt	Unfunded Appropriations	Unfunded Appropriations Pct	Total New Capital Appropriation	Direct Support	Total Direct Appropriation Pct	
Almyra	0	0	0	0	20	0	250,000	0	0	0	0	4,881	100%	0	462	462	
Albion	0	0	0	0	0	0	628,800	0	0	0	0	6,058	100%	0	769	769	
Andrew's Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,000	10,000	0	0	0	397	88%	50	67	67	
Arkansas City	0	0	0	5	0	0	223,930	39,465	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
Bailey Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,200	500	0	0	0	1,577	100%	0	182	182	
Bayou Meto	0	0	0	0	360	0	10,000	28,500	0	0	0	3,227	100%	0	648	648	
Behel - Sherman	0	0	0	0	0	0	155,000	65,301	0	0	0	1,894	100%	0	284	284	
Bonsfield	0	0	0	0	8	0	115,000	0	0	4,100	0	3,194	28%	90%	307	242	
Brinkley	2	1	2	18	50	0	1,500,000	68,000	0	11,643	0	6,410	100%	0	2,843	2,843	
Center Grove - Sheridan	0	0	0	0	0	0	440,600	51,000	0	3,000	0	3,044	100%	0	361	361	
Central - Wynne	3	0	2	8	175	0	40,000	10,000	0	0	0	700	100%	0	153	153	
Chambersville	0	0	0	0	2	0	120,000	0	0	0	0	754	100%	0	136	136	
Cherry Valley	1	0	1	6	1	0	140	220	0	0	0	3,000	258%	86%	471	711	
Clarendon	4	0	4	38	225	0	1,416,000	366,800	0	9,400	0	7,808	100%	0	1,310	1,310	
Crawfordsville	1	0	0	0	20	0	762,800	3,000	0	0	0	0	0%	0	160	0	
Crosssett	13	0	11	44	450	99	1,533,722	586,184	0	0	0	36,487	100%	0	5,561	5,561	
Dalton	4	1	2	14	45	0	70,000	0	0	0	0	1,398	100%	0	247	247	
Darwin	0	0	0	0	0	0	752,000	75,000	0	0	0	1,900	100%	0	270	270	
Davis	0	0	0	0	100	0	2,210,000	290,000	0	0	0	42,251	100%	0	5,026	5,026	
Dumas First	6	0	0	15	225	65	2,922,000	0	0	0	0	25,031	100%	0	4,493	4,493	
Dwight	7	2	2	12	35	0	1,361,400	15,000	0	0	0	2,208	228%	100%	0	500	500
Elbeazer - Hill	0	0	0	0	2	0	186,000	0	0	0	0	2,054	100%	0	426	426	
Elaine	0	0	0	0	0	0	350,000	156,000	0	4,000	0	644	100%	0	268	268	
Ellis Chapel - Wynne	3	0	1	3	100	0	75,000	0	0	4,000	0	444	100%	0	136	136	
Exton	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	0	0	0	0	331	100%	0	54	54	
Forest Chapel - Forest City	0	0	0	0	0	0	563,000	0	0	0	0	1,572	100%	0	273	273	
Forest City First	2	0	0	0	125	0	3,800,000	93,313	0	0	0	39,812	100%	0	6,164	6,164	
Fontain Hill	2	0	0	0	0	1	310,000	0	0	0	0	2,347	100%	0	191	191	
Gallant	22	0	10	99	200	0	1,710,000	26,500	15,500	0	0	14,339	1433%	0	1,905	1,905	
Good Faith Cur	3	0	3	5	12	0	1,300,000	500,000	0	0	0	13,331	100%	0	2,377	2,377	
Good Hope	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	40,000	0	0	0	1,386	128%	0	191	191	
Grady	0	0	0	0	16	0	250,000	20,800	0	0	0	2,214	100%	0	557	557	
Grand Avenue - Stuttgart	2	0	1	42	0	0	3,139,000	2,213,046	0	70,000	0	20,391	100%	0	4,786	4,786	
Greenhill	0	0	0	0	8	0	170,000	0	0	0	0	2,039	203%	0	327	327	
Hamburg First	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,570,000	259,830	0	22,512	0	24,278	242%	0	3,526	3,526	
Hawley Memorial	11	6	5	23	600	13	157,000	184,092	0	0	0	1,088	468%	0	1,055	1,055	
Hazen - New Edinburgh	0	0	0	20	0	0	319,935	184,492	0	2,400	0	15,248	1524%	0	272	272	
Hefner First	0	0	0	0	250	0	332,000	364,473	0	0	0	3,645	100%	0	478	478	
Hemphill	0	0	0	0	0	0	536,355	0	0	0	0	3,652	100%	0	452	452	
Hickory Ridge	0	0	0	0	300	0	150,000	40,000	0	0	0	1,621	162%	0	421	421	
Hobby Grove	1	0	0	0	30	0	150,000	20,000	0	4,000	0	5,500	550%	0	843	843	
Hughes	0	0	0	0	0	0	124,000	0	0	0	0	3,044	274%	92%	247	320	
Humphrey	0	0	0	0	0	0	441,000	54,401	0	0	0	589	89%	100%	0	211	211
Humphrey - Pore	0	0	0	0	0	0	118,000	37,800	0	0	0	2,323	232%	100%	0	345	345
Kingsland	0	0	0	0	0	0	150,000	41,000	0	0	0	565	565%	100%	0	71	71
Kriste	0	0	0	0	0	0	113,000	41,000	0	0	0	2,442	244%	100%	0	327	327
Lakeland	1	0	0	0	0	0	231,000	0	0	0	0	2,442	244%	100%	0	377	377
Lakeland - Lake Village	2	1	0	30	525	0	1,717,000	50,995	0	14,000	0	26,773	267%	100%	0	3,683	3,683
Lakeland - Pine Bluff	0	0	0	100	406	30	843,120	1,749,146	0	0	0	41,373	413%	0	6,549	6,549	
Leah	2	0	0	8	50	0	411,000	115,000	0	0	0	3,432	343%	100%	0	343	343
Leola	0	0	0	0	0	0	240,000	50,000	0	2,204	0	2,423	242%	100%	155	372	
Leviway Chapel	1	0	0	0	0	0	312,500	0	0	0	0	891	891%	100%	0	149	149
Leviway Corner	0	0	0	0	360	0	392,000	0	0	0	0	1,515	100%	0	604	604	
Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	33,300	44,000	0	0	0	0	0%	0	175	175	
Marion	3	0	0	0	0	0	1,530,000	570,000	0	0	0	17,711	177%	100%	0	2,643	2,643
Marion	4	0	0	3	350	0	10,655,000	570,000	3,500,000	0	0	56,453	100%	997%	8,989	8,989	
Marion Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	270,000	0	0	0	0	1,250	125%	100%	0	451	451













Statutes/Disaster December 31, 2017	Pastor Name	Total Full Members (as of 12/31/2017)	Received by Professors of Faith through Confirmation	Received by Confirmation	Received by Transfer	Received from Other Denominations	Removals by Churches	Withdrawals	Current Provision (Year of Submission)	Removals by Transfer	Removals to Other Denoms	Removed by Expul	Total Full Members as of 12/31/2017
Adkins Memorial	Roan Blodgett	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Amity	Glen Dale Harris	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	181
Annone	James Taylor Henderson	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	20
Arkadelphia First	William E. Cato	634	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	7	633
Asbury - Magnolia	David A. Moore	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	96
Ashlaw First	James H. Cross	247	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	252
Avery's Chapel	Willie Joe Miller	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Bearden	Raymond G. Grigsby	137	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	133
Bell Chapel	Wayne Allen Bell	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Belfair - New Edinburg	L. T. Marks	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Bethlehem - Bethlehem	Peggy Abbott	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Bingen	James E. Harris	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Bismack	Deborah Perry	136	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	210
Bradley	Bonnie Carol Moore	66	0	0	15	0	1	0	3	0	3	2	74
Bruce Memorial	Willie Joe Miller	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27
Beema Vista	Cedric R. Walters	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Canaan First	Henry Andrew Ratliff	565	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	12	549
Centennial	Ronnie Newberry	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Center	Center	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Center Grove - Garden	Damie Huslon	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Center Point	Center Point	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Chick - Foxclawn	J. David Kossow	256	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	266
Church of The Hills	Stef Fred Johnson	984	0	0	0	19	24	76	1	0	0	23	992
Daisy	Gen Gaboury	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Dalark	Peggy Abbott	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16
De Ann	Gene M. Koss	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	9
Delight	James Taylor Henderson	65	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	3	63
DeQueen First	Mark Cisminger	316	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	318
Diamondhead	George W. McCoy	116	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	115
Drecks	Carol D Jackson	95	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	93
Dodderidge	Walter L. Burnett	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Dumas Memorial	Patricia Daugherty	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	45
Ebenezer - Nashville	Shirley F White-Souder	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Ebenezer - Stephens	Kemath Hipp	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
El Dorado First	Royal Keith Dodson	638	11	0	0	13	7	0	0	0	2	7	650
Emerson	Barbara Grimes Lewis	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Ermet	Ermet	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Fairview - Canadan	Roger Alan Cunn	161	5	0	0	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	182
Fairview - Foxclawn	Philip McLary	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Faith - Hot Springs	John Batorie	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	58
Faustina	Charles A. Perry	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Fordyce First	James Phillip Smith	290	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	288
Foreman	Etta Kathryn Barefield	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
Friendship - Friendship	Jeff Ladd	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Friendship - Pressott	Gene M. Ross	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Gardner	Regina Turner	146	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	148
Gillham	Mark Cisminger	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	25
Genwood	Gen Gaboury	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Grand Avenue - Hot Springs	David Fleming	473	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	471
Greens Chapel	Carol D Jackson	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	43
Greens Chapel	Carroll D Jackson	156	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	3	0	158
Gum Springs - Mountain Pine (CLOSED)	Daniel Reed	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Gum Springs - Mountain Pine (CLOSED)	Dannie Huslon	129	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	124

Arkansas Relief Surrender Report December 31, 2017	Prison Name	Total Fall Number (by 2018)	Received Prisoners (Q1 eq.) other than Convadmission	Received Prisoners (Q1 eq.) through Convadmission	Releases by Affirmative	Convicted Prisoners (by Affirmative)	Received by Transfer	Received by Deportation	Received by Death	Total (by Case 2017)
	Hall	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
	Hampson	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
	Harmony - Emmet	22	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	23
	Harmony - Magnolia	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Harmony Grove	146	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	143
	Hartell	73	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	77
	Haven	149	2	0	0	5	14	0	0	170
	Haven	41	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	39
	High Springs - Sporkman	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	34
	High Springs - Texarkana	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
	Hollywood	34	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	37
	Hoppe First	540	1	0	0	8	7	0	0	550
	Ibenton First	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
	Ilo Springs First	2,112	22	12	0	19	10	0	5	2,108
	Hunter's Chapel - Leola	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Hunting	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Joplin	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99
	Junction City	72	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	73
	Keith Memorial	41	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	43
	Left Laid	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
	Lakeside - Camden	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
	Langlely	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
	Lean Frazz	53	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	57
	Lewisville	187	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
	Lesbon	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113
	Little Missouri	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Locksburg	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
	Lordsburg (CLOSED)	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0
	Margot Cove	121	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	127
	Magnolia First	789	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	783
	Mahven First	619	0	5	0	6	0	0	0	622
	Manchester	65	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	67
	Marionville	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
	Mayesville	29	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	28
	McNeil	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
	Midway	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
	Mineral Springs	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109
	Morning Star	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
	Mount Carmel - Locksburg	186	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	195
	Mount Ida	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Mount Olive - Chickster	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Mount Olive - Fordyce	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
	Mount Pugh	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Mount Zion - Abbeville	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
	Mountainville	292	0	5	0	10	0	0	0	270
	Mountainville	198	0	8	0	1	2	0	0	206
	Northcross First	3380	4	0	0	6	0	16	0	3401
	Nashville First	29	0	2	0	0	0	17	0	14
	New Era	93	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	89
	New Salem	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
	Normal	175	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	173
	Northlet	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Oak Grove - Hope	275	8	1	1	0	3	0	0	279
	Oaklawn	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
	Ogden	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Okona	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

Sanctuary District December 31, 2017	Pastor Name	Total Full Members (Age 20+)	Received by Profession of Faith and Other Ceremonies	Received by Profession of Faith through Confirmation	Received by Admission	Corrected Previous Year by Adjustment	Recently Transfer	Received from Other Denominations	Removals of B. Changes Cancellations	Withdrawals	Corrected Previous Year by Subtraction	Removals by Transfer	Removals to Other Denoms	Removed by Expuln	Total Full Members Close 2017
Olive Branch	Walter L. Burnett	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Packer's Chapel	Tracy Roden	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Philadelphia	John Wayne Edwards	63	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
Pinley Grove	R. Scott Gillmore	1,062	8	2	3	0	4	8	0	1	0	0	3	5	1,062
Pleasant Grove - El Dorado	Tracy Roden	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146
Pleasant Hill - Texarkana	Harry J. Hamner	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Presscott First	Steph D. Howe	180	0	0	176	0	0	1	0	4	0	13	4	38	298
Pullman Heights	Rose A. Dug	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	19
Red Hill	Wayne Allen Bell	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Rhodes Chapel	James Carroll Rawls	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Richmond	James H. Cross	136	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	139
Rockport	Troy Lee Cate	57	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Rondo	Harry J. Hamner	151	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152
Rushing Memorial	Luzina Lee	74	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Saint Andrew - Arkadelphia	Bobby W. Saunders	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	40
Saint John	Danny Daulton	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Saint Mark - Camden	Benny Morgan	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	52
Saint Mark - El Dorado	Winston D. Roden	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Saint Paul - El Dorado	Troy Langley	263	0	2	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	20	2	3	249
Saint Paul - Malvern	Ryan Balthus	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	156
Scott's Memorial	Tommy Haise	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Shoreswood Hills	Walter J. Garrett	51	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
Sho'er Hill	Walter L. Smith	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Sho'er Springs	Jannete Mosley	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Smackover	Walter L. Smith	281	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	275
Sprynn	James Taylor Henderson	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Sprekman	Payge Abbott	24	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Spring Hill	Reed Kidd	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
Stumps	John J. Neagle	155	0	2	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	158
St Stephens	Cedric K. Walters	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Stuart Hill	Gregory A. Banks	215	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	217
Sweet Home - Murfreesboro	Al Terrell	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Sweet Home Union	Gene M. Ross	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Taylor	Spencer Glendas Plumley	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Texarkana First	Janice Jack Alexander	1,120	3	1	0	0	2	8	0	1	0	1	0	20	1,112
Thornton	Ronald G. Grigsby	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Timothy	Benny Morgan	139	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138
Trinity - Gandon	Andrew Orr	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	21
Tulip	Tommy Harrell	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Union	John Wayne Edwards	91	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
Valley Grove	John Wayne Edwards	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	4
Village - Hot Springs	Chris Hemard	304	0	8	0	0	28	12	8	6	2	15	6	19	386
Wade's Chapel	Edna Kathryn Birefield	58	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Washington	Keenan C. Williams	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Waverly	Tommy Harrell	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Westside	Roger Allen Crum	36	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	35
Wickes	Teresa Egan Chapman	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Wiley Chapel	Alzema Stewart	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Willisville	Jerry G. Westmoreland	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Wilson Chapel	L.T. Marks	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Winthrop	Jay Muelier	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
Southwest District	Robby Stee	20,604	99	120	12	295	181	140	116	33	153	146	64	372	20,567

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	Olive Branch	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	15	5	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
	Parker's Chapel	0	0	0	0	90	0	90	47	43	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	1
	Philadelphina	0	0	0	0	64	0	64	34	30	64	0	9	31	24	64	25	0	0	0	0	0
	Prayer Grove	0	0	0	0	1,062	3	1,062	565	497	1,062	0	0	0	0	0	0	356	0	1	2	3
	Prussian Grove - El Dorado	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	15	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
	Prussian Hill - Texarkana	0	0	0	0	84	0	84	48	36	84	9	4	30	41	84	25	0	0	0	0	0
	Prussian First	0	0	0	0	296	0	296	153	143	296	4	26	138	130	298	74	0	0	0	0	0
	Prussian Heights	0	0	0	0	17	0	17	12	7	19	4	0	4	11	19	16	0	0	0	0	0
	Ref Hill	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	7	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
	Rhodes Chapel	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	7	3	10	0	0	1	9	10	9	0	0	0	0	0
	Richmond	0	0	0	0	139	0	139	71	68	139	12	12	71	44	139	54	0	2	0	0	2
	Rockport	0	0	0	0	61	0	61	31	30	61	6	1	12	42	61	16	0	0	0	0	0
	Rondo	0	0	0	0	152	0	152	78	74	152	7	5	83	57	152	37	0	0	0	0	0
	Rushing Memorial	0	0	0	0	75	0	75	43	32	75	0	0	2	38	40	14	0	0	0	0	0
	Saint Andrew - Arkadelphia	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	32	8	40	0	0	2	38	40	14	0	0	0	0	0
	Saint John	0	0	0	0	50	0	50	28	22	50	1	0	10	42	51	22	0	0	0	0	0
	Saint Mark - Camden	0	0	0	0	52	0	52	30	22	52	0	0	2	50	52	15	0	0	0	0	0
	Saint Mark - El Dorado	0	0	0	0	66	0	66	40	26	66	3	4	47	0	54	37	0	0	0	0	0
	Saint Paul - El Dorado	0	0	0	0	209	0	209	149	100	209	48	32	94	74	249	78	0	0	1	1	1
	Saint Paul - Walnut	0	0	0	0	156	0	156	81	75	156	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	2	2	4	4
	Saint Paul - Walnut	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	13	7	20	8	5	4	3	20	16	7	0	0	0	0
	Scotts Memorial	1	0	0	0	52	0	52	39	14	53	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0
	Shorewood Hills	0	0	0	0	84	0	84	48	36	84	20	19	28	17	84	54	0	0	0	0	0
	Silver Hill	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	6	4	10	0	0	8	2	10	13	0	0	0	0	0
	Silver Springs	0	0	0	0	275	0	275	145	130	275	40	5	161	69	277	82	0	0	0	0	0
	Smackover	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	11	14	25	0	6	10	9	25	11	0	0	0	0	0
	Smyrna	0	0	0	0	23	0	23	10	13	23	2	0	10	13	25	21	0	0	0	2	2
	Spokman	0	0	0	0	118	0	118	63	55	118	15	20	65	18	118	150	0	0	0	0	0
	Spring Hill	0	0	0	0	154	0	154	103	51	154	23	29	57	49	158	90	1,782	2	0	0	2
	Stamps	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	29	11	40	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
	Starbush	0	0	0	0	217	0	217	136	91	217	17	34	98	68	217	114	0	1	0	1	1
	Steger Hill	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	9	4	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
	Sweet Home - Mariestown	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	4	3	7	0	2	3	2	7	15	0	0	0	0	0
	Sweet Home Union	0	0	0	0	37	0	37	23	14	37	2	0	3	32	37	12	0	0	0	0	0
	Taylor	0	0	0	0	1,112	0	1,112	546	566	1,112	0	0	0	0	0	226	0	12	1	13	13
	Texarkana First	0	0	0	0	35	0	35	17	18	35	0	0	12	23	35	18	0	0	0	0	0
	Thomson	0	0	0	0	138	0	138	64	74	138	4	16	50	68	138	45	0	0	0	0	0
	Timothy	0	0	0	0	21	0	21	13	8	21	0	0	1	20	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
	Trinity - Guntion	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	4	4	10	0	0	0	0	0
	Unity	0	0	0	0	93	0	93	49	44	93	4	5	48	40	97	35	0	2	0	0	2
	Valley Grove	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
	Village - Hot Springs	0	0	0	0	378	0	378	222	154	386	0	5	6	375	202	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wade's Chapel	0	0	0	0	56	0	56	35	21	56	6	3	20	27	56	21	0	0	0	0	0
	Washington	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	13	12	25	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	1	1
	Waverly	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	12	0	0	0	0	0
	Westside	0	0	0	0	35	0	35	20	15	35	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
	Wickes	0	0	0	0	74	0	74	40	35	75	13	15	29	18	75	30	0	0	0	0	0
	Wiley Chapel	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	8	5	13	2	0	1	11	13	4	0	0	0	0	0
	Willisville	0	0	0	0	32	0	32	22	10	32	1	1	5	25	32	15	0	0	0	0	0
	Wilson Chapel	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
	Winthrop	0	0	0	0	82	0	82	55	27	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	2	3
	Southwest District	18	375	40	17	20,044	66	20,567	11,555	9,012	20,567	947	1,097	4,274	5,847	11,611	7,546	1,999	86	48	134	134







Sanctuary District December 31, 2017	Proprietary Bell	Confident Bell	Children For Children	Children's Formation Using Adults	Children's Formation (Other)	Total Children's Formation Members	Enrolled Children's Classes	Study School Avg Attendance	YES/Participate	Out-going Classes In-Caring	Other Out-going Classes In-Caring	Share-time Children's Groups	EUMW Members For Project	UUMW Members For Project	UUMW Total For Project	UUMW Total For Project	UUMW Total For Project	UUMW Total For Project	
Olive Branch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Packe's Chapel	0	0	100	0	4	16	30	0	18	0	3	1	2	0	21	1,500	0	0	
Rockdale/Phila	0	0	2	0	23	35	0	15	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Trinity Grove	0	120	49	26	224	315	9	156	120	15	14	8	90	6,543	103	10,050	1	10	
Trinity Grove - El Dorado	4	0	4	0	5	6	15	0	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Trinity Hill - Texarkana	0	0	17	2	11	0	30	0	9	0	2	3	0	0	12	825	0	0	
Trinity Hill - Texarkana	0	11	8	0	15	31	0	24	0	3	2	5	0	0	12	0	0	0	
Trinity Heights	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	6	1,160	0	0	
Trinity Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rhodes Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Richmond	9	12	12	8	10	33	63	0	27	0	3	4	1	0	10	0	0	0	
Rockport	0	9	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Rondo	3	0	12	3	5	31	51	0	21	16	3	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	
Rushing Memorial	0	0	5	4	13	4	14	0	14	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Saint Andrew - Rockdale/Phila	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	
Saint John	0	165	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Saint Mark - Camden	0	3	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	100	0	0	
Saint Mark - El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Saint Paul - El Dorado	0	0	28	0	10	70	108	0	40	25	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Saint Paul - Malvern	0	0	13	7	8	28	56	0	52	0	6	6	2	16	5,600	10	500	0	
Scott's Memorial	16	16	0	0	4	6	10	0	11	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Shorewood Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Silver Hill	0	20	12	4	18	21	55	0	32	40	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Silver Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Snackover	0	40	33	25	0	85	143	0	35	48	7	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Snyrna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sparkman	0	5	6	0	0	6	0	4	24	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Spring Hill	0	0	40	12	8	15	75	0	25	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Stamps	0	0	46	31	12	36	119	4	41	86	4	8	9	0	38	741	0	0	
Stephens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sugar Hill	1	51	33	9	15	20	77	0	44	35	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Sweet Home - Murfreesboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sweet Home Union	0	0	2	0	1	8	11	0	11	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Taylor	2	4	5	0	6	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Texarkana First	74	79	83	36	20	340	479	4	104	125	9	37	2	0	76	5,400	0	0	
Thornton	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	9	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Trinity	6	10	5	6	0	30	41	0	25	0	6	1	0	0	11	2,300	0	0	
Trinity - Gurdan	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tulip	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Union	8	0	8	2	0	17	27	0	15	25	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Volter Goss	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Volter Goss	0	445	0	7	7	137	151	0	65	0	4	3	2	61	4,400	70	3,600	0	0
Willing - Hot Springs	0	10	8	6	1	11	26	1	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilde's Chapel	3	44	14	2	12	0	28	0	24	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waverly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Westside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wickes	0	8	0	6	8	7	21	0	12	35	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wiley Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	3	3	4	0	9	275	0	0	0
Willisville	0	31	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willson Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winthrop	1	1	0	11	10	0	20	41	0	15	40	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest District	387	1,439	1,634	941	5165	4,409	7,489	93	3,346	2,253	416	337	144	1,139	59,103	1,807	130,248	18	174

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Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	261,700	2,347	17,500	0	54,000	4,050	3,707	92%	342	388
Hampton	12	0	0	0	500	0	1,025,000	88,886	9,250	0	0	4,234	4,234	100%	0	315
Harmony - Ernest	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	0	0	0	0	598	598	100%	0	94
Harmony - Magolia	0	0	0	0	0	0	389,340	29,917	3,000	0	0	2,004	2,004	100%	0	212
Harmony Grove	5	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,400,000	46,992	10,040	0	0	7,349	7,349	100%	0	766
Hartell	0	0	0	0	0	0	225,000	30,000	0	0	0	4,929	4,929	100%	0	265
Haven	5	0	0	0	1,500	0	786,000	251,000	0	0	0	5,228	4,883	93%	0	469
Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	105,000	35,000	0	0	0	3,336	3,336	100%	0	184
Healy Springs - Sparkman	10	0	0	0	150	0	120,000	7,700	0	0	0	2,775	2,775	100%	0	242
Healy Springs - Teardrum	0	0	0	0	0	0	298,000	0	0	0	0	9,488	9,488	100%	0	619
Hollywood	7	0	0	0	0	0	300,000	0	2,800	0	0	3,488	3,488	100%	0	428
Hopewell	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,340,000	618,468	27,300	0	0	39,384	39,384	100%	0	3,983
Horatio First	5	0	0	0	80	0	610,000	177,000	0	0	0	2,257	2,257	100%	0	301
Hope First	12	0	0	0	6,951	102	24,664,500	1,785,995	149,954	105,938	0	171,889	183,061	80%	33,727	14,872
Hope Springs First	0	0	0	0	0	0	150,000	90,000	0	0	0	653	653	100%	0	28
Huntington	0	0	0	0	0	0	125,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	205
Joplin	5	0	0	0	300	0	500,000	110,000	0	0	0	9,854	9,854	100%	0	943
Junction City	0	0	0	0	4	0	169,000	18,000	0	0	0	3,094	3,094	100%	0	359
Keith Memorial	0	0	0	0	35	0	400,000	30,000	0	0	0	4,514	4,514	100%	0	418
Lakeside - Camden	2	0	0	0	36	0	55,000	13,760	500	0	0	0	0	0%	1,842	197
Larkway	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	12,000	0	0	0	1,116	1,116	100%	0	103
Leau Enaz	1	0	0	0	15	0	230,000	35,000	3,260	0	0	2,911	2,911	100%	0	288
Levasille	0	0	0	0	65	0	100,000	60,000	0	0	0	9,198	9,198	100%	0	802
Lesban	0	0	0	0	0	0	904,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	343
Litk Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	21
Locksburg	4	0	0	0	200	0	1,057,000	570,000	0	11,413	0	3,153	2,865	81%	588	619
Locksburg (CLOSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	233	233	100%	0	414
Magier Cove	19	0	0	0	300	2	514,200	37,350	0	5,804	0	5,692	5,692	100%	0	598
Magolia First	1	0	0	0	700	100	5,979,800	1,982,991	0	0	0	57,348	57,348	100%	0	6,676
Malvern First	0	0	0	0	3,060	0	4,297,000	168,500	0	0	0	50,201	50,201	100%	0	4,612
Manchester	0	0	0	0	250	0	271,000	30,000	0	0	0	4,461	4,461	100%	0	405
Marionville	0	0	0	0	0	0	472,000	37,370	0	0	0	1,606	1,606	100%	0	169
McNeil	0	0	0	0	4	25	40,000	20,000	0	0	0	2,155	1,575	73%	580	132
Midway	0	0	0	0	0	0	120,000	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	100%	0	96
Mineral Springs	0	0	0	0	5	0	500,000	26,000	0	0	0	1,456	1,456	100%	2	476
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	245,000	0	0	0	0	1,211	1,211	100%	0	152
Mount Carmel - Locksburg	4	0	0	0	500	3	1,823,000	75,000	0	0	0	3,422	3,422	100%	0	257
Mount Ida	6	0	0	0	0	0	390,000	10,000	0	0	0	11,922	11,922	100%	0	1,129
Mount Olive - Childster	0	0	0	0	0	0	145,000	15,200	0	0	0	743	743	100%	0	131
Mount Olive - Fowlzye	7	0	0	0	120	6	64,945	0	2,758	0	431	431	100%	0	88	
Mount Prugh	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,000	0	1,200	0	689	689	100%	0	111	
Mount Zion - Arkadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,885,000	27,732	0	0	0	22,432	22,432	100%	0	35
Mountainside	8	0	0	0	80	0	2,538,811	22,600	0	3,200	0	15,533	15,533	100%	0	2,338
Northboro First	16	0	0	0	156	0	2,186,100	351,677	0	0	0	24,974	24,974	87%	3,330	1,294
Nashville First	0	0	0	0	3	0	500,000	0	0	0	0	1,121	1,121	100%	0	206
New Era	2	0	0	0	0	0	657,500	24,303	0	0	0	5,745	5,745	100%	0	422
New Salem	0	0	0	0	0	0	80,000	0	3,200	0	1,848	1,848	100%	0	185	
Norman	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,265,000	5,160	294,385	0	24,376	21,151	87%	0	1,724	
Northlake	3	0	0	0	0	0	300,000	13,043	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	181
Oak Grove - Hope	0	0	0	0	1	2	880,000	984,393	16,640	0	19,364	19,364	100%	0	2,704	
Oak Grove	7	0	0	0	5,000	20	205,430	44,033	2,500	0	1,260	1,260	100%	0	182	
Oakton	1	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	126
Okeola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0

Service/Event	Community Relations	Chaplain/Minister	Chaplain/Minister	Minion	Prison Services	Prison Services	Value of Church	Value of Other	Deacon	Total Square	Other Total	Confession	Prison	Prison	Total	Prison	Prison	Prison
	in Other	Ministers	Marginal	Participating	for Prisoners	for Prisoners	and Other	Value	Worship	Footage	Other	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments
	Ministry				Ministry	Ministry	and Other	of Other	Worship	Footage	Other	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments	Appointments
Aadkin Memorial	1	0	1	0	0	0	75,000	0	0	1,900	0	580	580	100%	0	73	73	73
Amity	2	0	0	0	0	0	986,000	16,000	0	4,800	0	8,340	7,640	92%	700	973	973	973
Antioch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,000	0	2,400	0	1,246	1,246	100%	0	100	100	100
Antioch First	2	38	3,145	0	0	0	7,674,300	673,665	0	0	0	49,968	49,968	100%	0	4,399	4,399	4,399
Asbury - Memphis	3	0	700	0	0	0	1,641,406	153,422	31,849	17,000	0	13,133	13,133	100%	0	1,178	1,178	1,178
Asbury First	3	0	0	0	0	0	1,200,000	0	0	0	0	13,133	13,133	100%	0	0	0	0
Asbury Chapel	1	0	0	0	0	0	125,000	0	0	5,000	0	7,355	7,355	100%	0	209	209	209
Beaman	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	2,270	167	7%	2,083	175	15	15
Beef Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	90,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	29	0	0
Beulah - New Edinburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	1,060	1,060	100%	0	95	95	95
Beulah - Beulah	0	0	0	0	0	0	281,520	7,996	0	0	0	1,448	1,273	88%	175	130	130	130
Bismarck	5	2	45	56	0	0	926,500	60,127	8,150	3,500	0	10,676	10,676	100%	0	991	991	991
Bradley	0	0	0	0	0	0	220,000	46,000	0	0	0	1,168	1,168	100%	0	378	378	378
Brice Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	654,600	127,331	0	0	0	3,496	3,496	100%	0	234	234	234
Buna Vista	0	0	0	0	0	0	206,000	10,260	0	0	0	2,221	2,221	100%	0	295	295	295
Camden First	2	1	75	1,000	60	0	10,500,000	772,000	25,000	127,308	0	37,366	29,195	77%	10,810	4,894	4,894	4,894
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	1,800	0	981	981	100%	0	96	96	96
Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	0	0	0	0	28	28	100%	0	28	28	28
Center Grove - Garden	0	0	0	0	0	0	250,000	0	0	0	0	4,027	4,027	100%	0	289	289	289
Center Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,000	0	0	0	0	1,070	666	57%	615	89	89	89
Chick - Texarkana	6	0	62	450	0	0	2,171,300	159,621	0	0	0	27,705	27,705	100%	0	2,202	2,202	2,202
Christ of The Hills	0	0	0	238	0	0	4,330,065	0	51,927	0	0	98,529	98,529	100%	0	1,547	7,547	7,547
Daisy	0	0	0	0	0	0	80,000	0	0	0	0	1,418	1,418	100%	0	144	144	144
Dialok	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	0	1,258	1,258	100%	0	95	95	95
De Ann	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	0	700	700	100%	0	73	144	144
Deight	2	0	1	8	16	0	208,000	56,000	4,200	0	0	2,280	2,280	100%	0	179	179	179
DeQueen First	4	1	3	15	2,000	0	1,795,000	145,000	0	0	0	15,353	15,353	100%	0	2,116	2,116	2,116
Diamondhead	3	0	0	3	15	100	680,000	0	0	0	0	7,723	7,723	100%	0	717	717	717
Dierks	4	3	4	25	465	0	965,000	112,373	101,170	0	0	6,140	6,140	100%	0	438	438	438
Doddridge	0	0	0	0	65	0	320,000	0	0	0	0	1,573	1,573	100%	0	151	151	151
Dumas Memorial	0	0	0	0	15	0	548,500	20,725	5,000	0	0	1,968	1,968	100%	0	397	397	397
Ebenezer - Nashville	2	0	3	2	1	0	500,000	24,600	0	0	0	1,678	1,678	100%	150	112	112	112
Ebenezer - Stephens	0	0	0	0	0	0	65,000	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	130	130	130
El Dorado First	0	0	0	0	100	0	9,569,000	784,123	65,000	0	0	78,874	78,874	100%	6,450	6,450	6,450	
Emerson	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	1,480	1,133	76%	348	123	123	123
Emmet	0	0	0	0	0	0	220,000	30,000	0	0	0	1,842	1,842	100%	0	266	266	266
Fairview - Texarkana	3	0	36	650	0	0	3,300,000	30,000	0	0	0	17,378	17,378	100%	0	1,498	1,498	1,498
Faith - Hot Springs	0	1	4	8	45	0	1,576,100	0	0	0	0	5,971	5,971	100%	0	502	502	502
Faustina	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,000	0	0	0	0	1,343	1,343	100%	0	41	41	41
Fayette First	2	45	170	0	0	0	4,821,716	163,742	15,000	0	0	19,253	19,253	100%	0	1,883	1,883	1,883
Freeman	3	1	2	12	300	0	995,000	22,000	0	0	0	4,467	4,467	100%	0	216	216	216
Friendship - Friendship	0	0	0	0	1	0	280,000	30,000	0	0	0	2,784	2,784	100%	0	278	278	278
Friendship - Pressett	0	0	0	0	0	0	96,000	1,621	0	0	0	696	696	100%	0	107	107	107
Gardner	4	0	4	7	75	0	548,300	76,000	0	0	0	5,537	5,537	100%	0	373	373	373
Gilham	0	0	0	0	0	0	124,900	14,424	0	0	0	2,384	2,384	100%	0	156	156	156
Glenwood	1	0	1	7	200	0	3,664,700	31,742,377	0	0	0	7,086	7,086	100%	0	937	937	937
Grand Avenue - Hot Springs	5	0	133	2,668	7	0	1,992,000	449,942	0	0	0	41,699	41,699	100%	0	3,318	3,318	3,318
Greys Chapel	4	4	15	595	0	0	255,000	188,863	3,125	0	0	5,026	5,026	100%	0	346	346	346
Greys Chapel	6	0	3	28	430	0	603,000	35,101	0	0	0	9,708	9,708	100%	0	834	834	834
Gun Springs - Mountain Pine (CLOSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	56	100%	0	46	46	46
Garden	0	0	0	4	350	0	1,886,747	342,152	172,260	0	0	11,449	11,449	100%	0	1,021	1,021	1,021

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Arkansas Memorial	150	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	2,000	2,000	0	11,298
Annix	0	1,096	0	1,800	0	7,040	0	17,600	0	0	5,976	22,812	24,032	10,000	104,989
Antioch	500	1,117	0	1,790	0	2,410	0	0	0	0	0	2,700	0	0	10,365
Arkadelphia First	1,650	21,565	16,008	85,471	0	6,000	0	0	0	0	183,729	194,857	80,517	40,689	539,517
Asbury - Memphis	2,500	14,500	13,398	0	50,982	4,800	0	2,500	0	0	5,800	30,489	30,489	5,405	124,752
Auburn First	1,000	4,170	0	0	32,760	4,000	0	7,000	0	3,500	12,200	5,475	23,865	9,300	137,332
Avery's Chapel	0	0	0	0	18,000	0	0	300	0	0	600	1,848	4,340	0	1,800
Baileys	0	0	0	0	18,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,800	3,879	11,696	0	15,119
Beef Chapel	0	0	0	0	1,500	7,996	0	2,754	0	0	0	40	9,985	0	19,897
Bethlehem - Bethlehem	200	380	0	0	6,804	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,696	0	2,400
Bethlehem - New Edinburg	0	0	0	0	1,127	7,961	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,109	0	14,235
Bingen	3,650	3,881	0	0	28,204	12,948	0	12,948	0	3,820	1,796	31,433	0	8,793	122,626
Bismark	0	100	0	0	8,400	0	0	6,000	0	8,400	3,059	12,316	0	0	39,821
Brace Memorial	0	3,000	0	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	0	3,500	240	1,405	16,230	292	32,957
Buena Vista	0	0	0	0	8,400	0	0	0	0	0	2,305	14,320	0	0	27,541
Candler First	0	750	221,150	0	92,952	7,400	0	0	0	23,100	96,715	11,021	112,647	23,802	539,760
Central	0	0	497	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	2,400	88	4,752	0	10,014
Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,800	0	0	500	0	2,356
Center Grove - Garden	0	2,438	0	0	12,166	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,835	8,894	0	29,654
Center Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,550	0	0	3,937	0	8,185
Chick - Texarkana	500	2,000	17,403	0	70,982	0	0	20,000	0	42,414	10,291	29,426	0	33,441	756,544
Clairmont	19,200	111,156	40,553	0	13,530	30,000	24,000	22,350	0	244,835	37,636	18,063	69,767	29,660	1,137,376
Daisy	0	4,480	0	0	4,400	0	0	800	0	0	0	5,140	5,130	0	21,590
Dahak	0	200	0	0	6,804	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	3,717	0	974	13,286
De Ann	0	0	0	0	2,700	0	0	0	0	0	1,200	3,480	0	0	8,624
Delight	200	400	0	0	7,442	1,608	0	0	0	0	281	7,657	0	4,206	24,453
DeQueen First	9,146	1,843	7,278	0	34,828	5,000	0	0	0	19,256	617	31,581	0	24,941	153,788
Diamondhead	0	0	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	5,135	500	7,802	0	11,448	53,325
Dierks	0	6,500	0	0	9,000	4,955	0	0	0	6,470	1,800	9,782	4,446	5,600	58,093
Doddridge	0	0	0	0	4,070	2,765	0	0	0	2,765	0	1,240	1,920	0	14,333
Dumas Memorial	450	0	0	0	4,746	10,360	0	0	0	5,000	150	1,331	12,565	0	37,217
Excelsior - Nashville	0	0	0	0	7,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	725	1,200	0	11,815
Excelsior - Stephens	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	0	1,250	0	1,177	3,437	0	11,164
El Dorado First	1,200	10,750	19,187	24,943	90,588	10,000	0	0	0	292,133	11,745	200,166	0	2,262,219	3,008,255
Emerson	0	2,552	0	0	3,900	0	0	0	0	1,950	609	3,531	0	0	19,297
Emmet	0	0	0	0	5,402	8,188	0	0	0	0	3,375	5,873	0	600	22,516
Fairview - Camden	668	2,843	11,352	0	44,370	7,500	0	3,000	2,500	31,086	1,275	43,200	0	17,915	184,595
Fairview - Texarkana	955	700	0	0	7,500	6,000	0	13,385	0	0	12,000	4,981	17,280	0	63,646
Faustina	0	3,500	0	0	15,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54,750
Faustina	1,040	0	9,038	9,938	44,298	6,000	3,600	500	0	0	4,478	9,317	5,672	0	105,000
Fayette First	0	0	0	0	10,750	0	0	0	0	0	2,400	10,000	0	0	28,033
Freeman	0	0	0	0	0	12,600	0	0	0	0	1,961	2,148	5,905	987	28,698
Friendship - Friendship	0	1,587	0	0	3,996	0	0	0	0	0	812	2,800	0	0	8,611
Friendship - Peosott	50	50	0	0	0	10,900	0	7,100	0	0	1,036	11,026	0	0	39,852
Gaither	0	83	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,977
Gilham	0	1,480	1,231	0	8,795	0	0	1,075	0	4,000	0	120	4,736	0	19,977
Glenwood	5,991	1,117	0	0	13,200	2,800	0	0	0	4,000	0	808	54,000	0	2,824
Grand Avenue - Hot Springs	4,574	1,644	16,663	0	61,217	10,000	0	13,000	0	72,769	23,770	74,130	0	0	394,701
Greer's Chapel	0	6,868	0	0	7,475	4,066	0	0	5,483	3,240	2,996	5,071	0	8,650	52,721
Greer's Chapel	1,994	5,950	7,856	0	49,130	0	0	0	0	5,332	30,625	0	0	12,888	124,757
Gun Springs - Mountain Pine (CLOSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
Garden	0	0	9,698	0	46,000	0	0	0	0	0	22,240	4,993	32,772	0	190,656















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