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## 2011 SHARED MINISTRIES APPORTIONMENT PAYOUT (FINAL)

I want to thank everyone who worked hard in our district to help us meet our shared ministry obligations.

Shared Ministry Apportionment Payout	%	Inc..	2011 Conference Apportionment Payout by District		
			District	Percent	Increase
• District Budget Apportionment Payout:	97%	-2.0%	South Central	94.5%	+2.3%
			North	94.1%	-1.0%
			Northwest	94.0%	+1.5%
• Our District Churches Percent Paid of Conference Apportionment:	91.8%	-1.7%	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>991.8%</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
			Northeast	90.1%	+0.4%
			Southwest	90.0%	-5.1%
			North Central	88.3%	+0.8%
			Central	80.6%	-2.9%
			West	78.53%	-0.7%
			Conf. Total	88.5%	-0.7%

## BISHOP'S TASK FORCE ON RETIREE HEALTHCARE

For the last several months this task force has met to bring proposals related to the following:

- the retiree insurance premium gift policy
- the placement in the new structure of the board of pensions and group insurance committee
- whether to direct bill clergy pensions to each local church and remove it from the apportionments

Later this month the proposals will be finalized and placed in the pre-conference journal. Regional meetings will be held in the Spring in each district for interested clergy and laity to be fully informed of the proposals.

## **“DO NO HARM” WORKSHOP (MANDATORY FOR APPOINTED CLERGY)**

The Arkansas Conference Board of Ordained Ministry will conduct a “Do No Harm” workshop on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3. This fulfills the quadrennial sexual harassment/sexual misconduct education requirement mandated by the Discipline. Attendance by all full time and part time clergy is mandatory. Lay staff may attend as well.

During the day attendees will be broken into facilitated sessions that will address many issues that are faced in our churches.

The workshop will be hosted by Cabot UMC and Springdale FUMC on both dates. You will need to register to attend at either site for one day only. The schedule begins at 9am and will end at 4pm. Child care will be provided at Cabot Friday and Saturday but only Saturday at Springdale FUMC.

### Schedule:

9:00 gathering

9:30 worship and opening remarks

10:15 – Session One

11:15 – Session Two

12:30 – Lunch

1:30 – Session Three

2:30 – Session Four

3:30 – Evaluations

Registration can be found online at [www.arumc.org/register](http://www.arumc.org/register). There will be a \$15 registration fee to defray costs. For those who cannot attend one of these dates there will be make-up dates to be announced later. Even if you cannot attend in March, please complete the registration on the website and mark the day you prefer to make up the workshop. We must hear from each pastor so that regional make up days can be set.

The deadline to register on the website is Friday, February 24. If you have any questions, please contact Rose Kuonen at [rkuonen@arumc.org](mailto:rkuonen@arumc.org) or 501.324.8033.

## **2012 VERITAS (Conference Youth Event)**

Date: February

Location: John Q Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, AR

Registration: \$55.00

Veritas 2012, an event sponsored by the Arkansas Conference and the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries (ACCYM), is open to all youth entering grades 7-12 for the upcoming school year.

To register online go to [www.arumc.org/register](http://www.arumc.org/register). To print a registration form and medical release forms go to [www.arumc.org](http://www.arumc.org). For more information, contact Patrick Shownes (501) 324-8006 or [pshownes@arumc.org](mailto:pshownes@arumc.org).

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SOUTHEAST DISTRICT  
WINTER EXECUTIVE MEETING AND OFFICER TRAINING**

First United Methodist Church-Pine Bluff  
200 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Southeast District Officer's Training and Executive Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at First United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, AR.

Please encourage all local unit officers to attend so they can meet with their district counterparts. Updated information and reporting forms will be shared during the officer training.

Lunch will be served, so you must call or email Nancy Oudin to insure that the hostesses know how much to prepare. Nancy's phone number and email address are as follows: (870) 413-6285 [oudinnancy@hotmail.com](mailto:oudinnancy@hotmail.com).

Registration starts at 10:00 am; meeting and training from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm.

**CONFIRMATION DAY WITH THE BISHOP**

Saturday, March 10, 2012  
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

To register go to [www.arumc.org/register](http://www.arumc.org/register). Registration fee is \$10 for youth & adults (which includes all activities and lunch). For more information visit the conference website at: [www.arumc.org](http://www.arumc.org) or contact Rod Hocott at (501) 324-8000; [rhocott@arumc.org](mailto:rhocott@arumc.org).

**ARKANSAS COURSE OF STUDY  
AT HENDRIX COLLEGE  
Spring 2012 Session**

Registration Deadline: Must be in our office no later than Friday, February 3, 2012.

Dates: March 10, April 14, May 19

Registration Fee: \$50.00 (paid by District)

## DISTRICT OFFICE ACCEPTING SUGGESTIONS FOR LAY DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year the district office will receive suggestions for lay delegates that will represent the district at annual conference in June. Since there must be an equal number of clergy and lay delegates, every year each district is told the number of extra delegates it needs to match the clergy. Last year we had to ask a total of 11 to serve as district delegates.

If you have suggestions you would like to submit let us know their name, church, contact info and also which category they fit (youth, young adult, minority, etc).

### APPOINTMENT MATTERS!

Yes, our appointments do matter. It is that time of the year when clergy and churches consult with the superintendents about gifts, abilities, needs and effectiveness. It is a time when rumors are half way around the world before the truth can get its pants on. A few thoughts as we near March Madness:

- The bishop and cabinet do not see themselves as "clergy agents" who find jobs for clergy. We see ourselves increasingly as "matchmakers" for the kingdom. We do not represent the pastor or the church, yet we want the best for both. Naturally, we strongly desire with God's help to put pastors and churches together with the right chemistry to "share Christ, grow disciples, and heal hurts."
- If you are generally happy with your appointments from year to year, you are likely to be happy the next one as well. Conversely, if you have generally been unhappy with your appointments.....
- If your hobby is the Kitchen Cabinet, and you like to speculate on appointments, remember that you are playing with matches. People sometimes get burned with rumors. On the cabinet we are very aware that careers and families and congregations are at stake. Do not call someone and tell them you heard they might be going to First Church Big Town. It only sets them up for a huge let down. If they are going, I am sure that they will let you know as soon as they can, without your prompting!

### VITAL SIGNS DASHBOARD

Reminder that every church by now should be participating in the weekly vital signs dashboard online data entry. If your church is not already doing this, please contact the district office as soon as possible. If you are already doing this, we thank you for your cooperation and remind you that there are only four (4) weeks available to enter a particular weeks data.

#### YEAR END REPORTS

Thanks to all the Churches for the diligence in sending in their end of the year reports by the deadline imposed by the Annual Conference. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!



#### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Bill Ferguson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!