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## CHARGE CONFERENCE AGENDA AND FORMS

By now you should have received your charge conference forms either by email or snail mail, which include : Agenda; Important Information to Remember; and charge conference packet.

**If you have internet access, you have two options to obtain your charge conference forms:**

- Fillable forms are located on the Conference Website at [www.arumc.org](http://www.arumc.org) on the right side of your screen under “Quick Links”. You will need your GCFA number. It is on top of your apportionment statement you receive each year from the Conference. These forms can be submitted online and will be sent directly to the district office. Please make sure to complete and submit online at least ONE week prior to your charge conference. If you cannot locate your GCFA number, please call the district office (870) 367-3365.
- If you prefer to do your forms by hand, you can print the forms from the district website: [www.umcsed.org](http://www.umcsed.org) and mail to the district office no later than ONE week prior to your charge conference.

**For Pastors without internet:**

- Some of you picked up your charge conference forms at district conference. The remaining pastors should be receiving their documents in the mail in the next day or two.
- If you are unable to obtain the demographic information on the form titled “Local Church Ministry Report: Charge Conference” or your local church numbers from 2008-2010 on form “Call to Action”, please contact the district office and I will look up the information for you.

**Local Church Leadership Form:**

This year our statewide database was updated and some changes are still being made. The **Local Church Leadership** report you normally receive with your current leadership already filled in (the one you mark out and make changes in red) will be blank this year. I will attach a printout with your leadership as listed in the database at this time. Please list all offices of leadership that apply to you on the blank form and then return to me. Remember I must have addresses, phone numbers, and it is very helpful if I have current emails. This must be turned in with your Charge Conference Forms. If you are submitting online, just drop your Leadership in the mail to me please. (*Leadership Forms attached*)

This form will be emailed to pastors with email and mailed to pastors without email.

Feel free to call me at (870) 367-3365 or email: [audrea@umcsed.otrg](mailto:audrea@umcsed.otrg).

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE WAS A WELL ATTENDED SUCCESS

A full house gathered at Saint James United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. The full minutes are included in this newsletter. We are grateful for the hospitality and generosity of the Saint James congregation. The 2012 budget and leadership were approved including a streamlined restructuring of the various committees and boards. We will now have one district leadership board which will handle the responsibilities of three (3) previous committees: leadership team; superintendency committee; and the trustees board. The district superintendent also showed the latest version of the conference map showing the new boundaries of the five (5) districts.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Mike Wilkie
3	Marty Reep
5	Boyd Savage
15	Mary Welch
18	Jackie Ann Gregory
21	Jonah Wayne Smith
23	L.T. Marks
28	John Kidwell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### September

- 12-14 Elder's Retreat at Camp Tanako
- 29 Group Insurance Committee meets to determine 2012 insurance premiums

#### October

- 4 District Leadership Team Meeting at 6:30 pm at Monticello FUMC
- 10 Retired Clergy Luncheon at Stuttgart First
- 29 Special Session of Annual Conference on Sat., October 29 at 10:00 am-? at the Hot Springs Convention Center

#### November

- 14-18 District Ingathering (dropoff locations not set yet)
- 19 Conference Ingathering

#### December

- 10 District Christmas Party

### PORTLAND UMC TAKING PART IN CITY WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

The Portland United Methodist Church participates every year in the citywide garage sale in Portland as a hospitality zone for the public. This year's sale is on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 am-5:00 pm at the baseball complex and various city streets (a map will be available indicating various sale locations). We will again have a wonderful sale of items priced extremely low for a project in our church. They will again have their homemade loaf bread that the Portland ladies and men are famous for. For more information, you may contact Terrie Bunnell, pastor at Portland UMC, at (870) 208-5683.

### JANUARY CLERGY CONSULTATIONS AVAILABLE FOR SIGN UP

The district website calendar has the dates, locations and available times for the annual clergy consultations with the superintendent. You can view that anytime by going to:

<http://umcsed.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=35810&PG=Events&CID=1083957&rDate=2012-01-09>.

You then can view the available times and either call or email your requested appointment time. When confirmed, it will show on the district calendar. Since these locations are spread throughout the district, please book your appointment early to avoid having to travel to another part of the district because the convenient slots are already filled. Dates and locations are as follows:

- Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Fordyce First
- Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at Marvell UMC
- Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at Grand Avenue-Stuttgart
- Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at Pine Bluff First UMC
- Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at District Office
- Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at White Hall UMC
- Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at District Office
- Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at District Office

## 2011 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES

The 2011 Southeast District Conference was held Sunday, August 28, 2011, at Saint James United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff. Dr. Hank Wilkins opened with prayer.

Martha Taylor, Conference Communications Director, made available the journal on CD and shared information that is available to all churches from the conference office.

The District Superintendent shared with the congregation the latest draft of the redistricting that will go in effect July 1, 2012. He also shared how district apportionments would be paid in the year 2012. Each church will pay their entire 2012 apportionment to the Southeast District Office, even if they are moved to a new district in July. Each district has approved this method as the proper way to handle the transition year apportionments. It is the only way that each district could have a realistic budget.

Presentation of District Budget: The proposed budget for 2012 came to \$118,398.00 representing a 2.8% increase. The handout showing the proposed budget contained a \$500 error relating to the Youth, and made it appear we were asking for a 2.3% increase. The District Superintendent corrected this and went over the line items that were showing an increase for 2012. There would be no increase on Bear Creek Camp but a continuation of support. The floor was opened for questions and comments. It was moved and seconded that the 2012 proposed budget be approved. The budget was voted on and approved.

Nominations for 2012: First items discussed were the recommendations for two (2) At-Large Members to the District Leadership Board, with one being at least under 37 years of age. Recommendations were as follows: Erica Kriner from Pine Bluff, Joe Fisher from Hawley Memorial, and Hank Wilkins V from St. James. A motion was made to make all three (3) recommendations At-Large Members on the District Leadership Board. The motion was voted on and approved to add three (3) individuals to serve as At-Large Members on the District Leadership Board. A motion was made to move the adoption of the slate of officers to full ballot. The Nominations for 2012 were reviewed and approved.

The District Superintendent shared information with the congregation about Imagine Ministry. He also discussed and gave examples to help answer the three questions asked by the Bishop which are required at charge conference. The DS will be glad to share this information to churches upon request.

A video presentation by Dr. Lovett Weems was shared with congregation.

Benediction and conference was adjourned.

**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 2012 BUDGET**  
**January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012**

**INCOME:**

4001	District Funds (Apportioned)	117,898
4005	Interest on Accounts	500
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118,398</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

<b>Missional:</b>		
6002	Church and Community Work	22,800
6010	Wesley Foundations	12,000
6011	Youth	3,500
6015	Bear Creek	15,000
	Sub-Total	53,300
 <b>Programs:</b>		
6101	AAC Delegates	2,500
6102	Awards, Memorials, Gifts, etc.	2,000
6109	Background Systems	200
6103	Educational (Lay Speaking)	1,200
6104	District Programming	1,500
6107	Local Pastors School	1,200
6108	Meetings, Meals, Ministry, Etc..	1,500
	Sub-Total	10,100
 <b>Administration:</b>		
6201	Administrative Assistant (full-time)	29,503.00
6202	F.I.C.A.	2,256.98
6203	Pension Contribution	1,180.12
6204	Insurance (HRA)	4,758.60
	Sub Total	37,698.70
 <b>Office Operations:</b>		
6301	Communications (Telephone, Internet, etc.)	6,299
6304	Contingency Fund	1,000
6307	Equipment (Maintenance and Supplies)	3,000
6305	Postage	1,400
6306	Printing (letterheads, envelopes, cards)	300
6308	Utilities (office area)	1,800
6309	Annual Office Audit	1,500
6310	Parsonage Maintenance	2,000
	Sub-total	17,299
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>118,398</b>

TO VIEW THE NOMINATIONS APPROVED AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE , PLEASE VISIT THE  
DISTRICT WEBSITE AT [WWW.UMCSED.ORG](http://WWW.UMCSED.ORG) & CLICK ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

## 2011 CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Oct. 16	2:30 pm	New Hope	Tulip / Waverly / Carthage / Hunter's Chapel / New Hope
	5:00 pm	Bethlehem	Sparkman/Dalark/Bethlehem
Oct. 23	2:30 pm	Fordyce 1st	Fordyce 1st / Kingsland / Chambersville / Hebron /Mt. Olive / Bethel / Wilson Chapel /Good Hope /New Edinburgh/ St. Francis
	5:00 pm	Mt. Olivet	Mt. Olivet / Prosperity / Union / Rison / Mt. Carmel
Oct. 26 Wed.	6:30 pm	Clarendon	Holly Grove / Clarendon / Roe
Oct. 30	2:30	Marianna 1st	West Helena / Elaine / Helena / Marvell / Lexa / Marianna 1st
	5:00 pm	Brasfield	Wesley Chapel / Taylor Chapel / Brinkley 1st / Brasfield / Kynette / Scruggs Chapel / Livingston Chapel
Nov. 2 Wed.	6:30 pm	Monticello 1st	Mt. Pleasant / Rock Springs/ Wilmar / Andrew's Chapel / Lacey / Greenhill / Monticello 1st
Nov. 6	2:30 pm	Lodges Corner	Bayou Meto / Lodges Corner / DeWitt / St. Charles / Gillett / DeLuca / Pleasant Grove / Almyra / Hunter's Chapel
	5:00 pm	Sherrill	Altheimer / Wabaseka /Sherrill / Humphrey
Nov. 9 Wed.	6:30 pm	Stuttgart 1st	Stuttgart 1 <sup>st</sup> / Stuttgart-Grand Avenue
Nov. 13	2:30 pm	Harrell	Faustina / Hampton / Harrell
	5:00 pm	Hermitage	Warren 1st / Hermitage / Wagon / Martin's Chapel /Palestine / Trinity
Nov. 16 Wed.	5:00 pm	Portland	Parkdale/ Eudora/ Lakeside-Lake Village/ Montrose/ Portland / Dermott/ Wilmot
Nov. 20	2:30 pm	Fountain Hill	Fountain Hill / Waller's Chapel/ Zion/ Crossett / Hamburg / Extra
	5:00 pm	McGehee 1st	McGehee-Wesley / McGehee 1st / Arkansas City / Dumas / Tillar / Watson / Mt. Tabor
Nov. 30 Wed	7:00 pm	Grady	Bailey Chapel/ Star City / Grady / Trinity
Dec. 4	2:30 pm	Lakeside - PB	Wesley-PB / Hawley Memorial / Sulphur Springs / St. Mark / Lakeside-PB/ Good Faith Carr
	4:30 pm	White Hall	Pine Bluff 1st / St. James / St. Luke / White Hall
Dec. 7 Wed.	6:30 pm	Redfield	Redfield