



Southeast District

of the Texas Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER 2014

REMINDERS:

- Report Day is Wednesday, January 7
- Check out our website: southeastdistrict.org. It is now being updated weekly with current information!
- Got news? Send it to ebunch@txcumc.org.

CALENDAR:

Dec 12—Clergy Christmas Party, 6:00 pm
Dec 23-25—District Office Closed
Dec 31-Jan 1—District Office Closed
Jan 7—Report Day
Feb 2-4—District Clergy Retreat

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Notes from the District Superintendent

Bishop Janice Huie and honored guest made their annual fall trek through the nine districts of the Texas Annual Conference. She is one of the few bishops in our denomination that has visited all the churches in her episcopal area and then returned annually to meet with district laity and clergy. The purpose of her fall visit was to strengthen and align the vision and mission of the annual conference within the context of the local church.

Rev. B.T. Williamson reported that at the Clergy sessions over 550 clergy

(80%) attended to discuss important cultural issues that are confronting pastors and the church. The Lay sessions had approximately 625 attendees, of which 180 were laity of the Southeast District. Way to go Southeast District!

Bishop Huie asked me to express her appreciation for your attendance and participation. The SED closed the episcopal tour on a high note of hope and expectation. You are the best! Keep up the good works.

Grace and Peace,

Dick

District Clergy Christmas Party

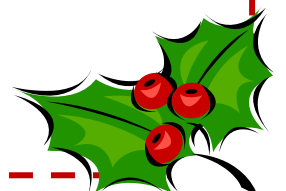
Friday, December 12

6:00 p.m.—Gathering • 6:30 p.m.—Dinner

Beaumont Trinity UMC, Vivion Hall
3430 Harrison Avenue; Beaumont

Attire: Holiday Casual

RSVP by Tuesday, December 2nd
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Conference Apportionments—Where is the SED?

As of the first ten months (83%) of the year, the SED is a little behind our target pace having only paid 73% of its Conference Apportionments. This is below last year's pace of 75%. At this time, just under half of the district, 24 churches, are below the 83% target point. Likewise, 8 churches are at the 83% target, and 23 churches are above 83%. We have gained some ground in the number of churches that are on or above target. However, if your church is behind, challenge yourself to catch up to payout on time.

A huge round of applause to **Anahuac St. James UMC; Beaumont Trinity UMC; Bridge City St. Paul UMC; China UMC; Devers UMC; Nederland First UMC; Orange Wesley; Wallisville Middleton Memorial UMC, Batson UMC, High Island St. Matthew UMC, Anahuac St. Paul UMC, Beaumont Forest Park UMC, Port Arthur Barnes Memorial UMC, Boliver UMC, and Magnolia Springs UMC** who have **paid 100% of their apportionments** for 2014!

Report Day

January 7, 2014
9:00am-12:00pm
Bmt, Wesley UMC

The last day for payments to be received in the conference or district office will be December 10. If you need to make a payment after December 10, you will need to bring it to Report Day.

You will need to bring the signature page on Table 3 with you as well. The report is located in EZRA on the TAC website. All passwords have been reset.

**NEW DISTRICT
YOUTH
COORDINATOR**
Rev. Ben Burnside
409-832-0295

General Conference Delegate Candidates

All eligible clergy members and eligible laity willing to be considered for election as a delegate to General or Jurisdiction Conferences are requested to complete a Candidate Profile Sheet for inclusion in an Election Resume Booklet, which will be mailed with the 2015 Pre-Conference Journal. Eligible persons willing to be considered must agree to attend delegation meetings, to prepare themselves by studying all assigned materials, and to make the necessary preparations to be effective delegates.

For the full eligibility guidelines and form, please visit the conference website: www.txcumc.org. One guideline to keep in mind, **ALL forms must be postmarked by December 31, 2014**, no exceptions. Thank you for your interest.

B.T. Williamson, Assistant to the Bishop

Mark Your Calendar

- **December 23-25**—District Office Closed for Christmas
- **December 31-January 1**—District Office Closed for New Year's
- **Wednesday, January 7**—Report Day; 9:00 am-12:00 pm; Beaumont, Wesley UMC
- **February 2-4**—District Clergy Retreat; Holy Family Conference Center
- **April 13-15**—Elder's Retreat; Lakeview Conference Center

Prayer Concerns

- Rev. Michael Scalora (Spurger/Magnolia Springs) in the passing of his son Ryan.
- Rev. Jesse Brannen (Congregational Excellence) in the passing of his mother.

