



Southeast District

of the Texas Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church

APRIL 2015

REMINDERS:

- Deeds for all church properties need to be submitted to the district office by June 1st.
- Visit our website: southeastdistrict.org. It is now being updated weekly with current information!
- Got news? Send it to ebunch@txcumc.org.

CALENDAR:

- Apr 13-15**—Elder's Retreat, Lakeview
Apr 26—2:00 pm, Farewell Reception for Dick White
—3:00-6:00 pm, Pre Conference Mtg
May 24-27—Annual Conference
May 25-June 1—District Office Closed

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Clergy & Laity are invited to a Reception in Honor of Dr. Richard White



for his faithful service as the
Southeast District Superintendent

Sunday, April 26, 2015

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Wesley UMC - 3810 N. Major Dr. - Beaumont

New District Superintendent Announced

The Bishop and Cabinet are pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Alicia Coltzer as the District Superintendent of the Southeast District effective July 1. Alicia is currently the pastor of Tyler, Pollard UMC. Please keep Alicia, the Bishop and Cabinet in your prayers through the appointment season.



Pre-Conference Meeting — April 26

Make plans to attend the pre-conference meeting for clergy and laity delegates on **Sunday, April 26, 3:00-6:00 p.m.** at Beaumont, Wesley UMC, 3810 N Major Drive. During this time, B.T. Williamson, Assistant to the Bishop, will give a preview of this year's annual conference, present resolutions, and provide an overview of meeting locations, schedule, consent calendar, and action items that require a vote of the delegates.

Information regarding Conference, registration, meals, childcare, and hotels is on page 2 of this newsletter. Please be mindful of reservation deadlines.



Annual Conference May 24-27, 2015

Hilton Americas-Houston

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

It is time to begin pre-registration for Texas Annual Conference 2015. **Your link to register is <http://www.txcumc.org/SEregister2015>.** Note: A login is NOT required. Simply choose the option to **register as a GUEST**. This registration is specifically for clergy, clergy spouses, and laity delegates to the Texas Annual Conference. *Guests and laity who are not delegates do not need to register, but please inform the district office.* **The deadline for pre-registration is May 10 at 12:00 noon (CST).** The system will automatically shut down at that time. After this, you will need to register at conference.

HOTEL RESERVATION

Registration for the hotel is open. You can make your reservation at www.americashouston.hilton.com. Be sure to use the group code: **1UM** You can make your reservation by phone at 713-739-8000, and tell them that you are with the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The special group rate is \$125.00 per night.

Attention Clergy Spouses!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 19, at 6:00 pm. The SE District Clergy Spouses will be gathering for a time of fellowship at Beaumont Chili's.

Also, the deadline for Spouses Conference Luncheon is May 15. For more information, contact Erin Bunch, 409.550.1246 or ebunch@gt.rr.com.

MEALS AT TAC

Monday, May 25

- Clergy Women's Breakfast
- Fellowship of Associate Members & Local Pastors Breakfast
- Small Membership Church Breakfast
- Clergy Spouses Luncheon
- UMW Luncheon

Tuesday, May 26

- Deacon's Breakfast
- Black Methodists for Church Renewal Luncheon
- Retiree Luncheon
- Laity Luncheon

CHILDCARE DURING CONFERENCE

Register at <https://www.kiddiecorp.com/tackids.htm> by May 1. After May 1, there is a \$50/child fee.

Kids 6-12 will lead a mission project for the homeless and working poor at the Emergency Aid Coalition Houston, as well as enjoy a field trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Younger children will experience lay leadership in a whole new way when Jennifer Howard, aka "Plum Cute" of Cokesbury UMC, shares the love of Jesus through her clown ministry.

The Nature Discovery Center will be back with their animal surprises so the kids can cuddle, love, and learn about God's furriest creatures. It's sure to be a fun filled week of sharing God's love with the always inspiring TAC kids!

2015 Apportionment News

One quarter into the new year, we want to congratulate **Port Bolivar UMC** for having paid 100% of their district AND conference apportionments. Great job! We also appreciate **Anahuac St. Paul UMC, Batson UMC; Kountze FUMC; Liberty FUMC; Lumberton Woodcrest UMC; Beaumont Forest Park UMC, Buna First UMC, Devers UMC, and Port Neches FUMC** for paying 100% of their district apportionments. Congratulations to Wallisville Middleton Memorial for paying 100% of conference apportionments.

As of the end of March, 22 churches are at or ahead of pace in paying conference apportionments. However, 33 of our churches are behind in paying conference apportionments this year. Now is the time to act on a commitment to make regular payments.

Prayers for Healing

- Susan Liedy (wife of Rev. Michael Liedy Sr., Beaumont St. Luke)
- Lola Fosburgh (wife of Bob Fosburgh, South Liberty UMC)
- Bill Servis (retired)
- W.C. Hall (retired)
- Rev. Byron Jarrett (retired)



Camp Dates

July 13-17, 2015

Information packets have been emailed to pastor and office staff.