



Southeast District

of the Texas Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church

MAY 2015

REMINDERS:

- Deeds for all church properties need to be submitted to the district office by June 2.
- Got news? Send it to ebunch@txcumc.org.

CALENDAR:

- May 24-27**—
Annual Conference
- May 25-June 1**—
District Office
Closed
- June 12**—
Deadline to register
for Summer Church
Camp
- June 14**—
Camp Counselor
Training, 2:30-4 pm
- June 22**—
Camp Counselor
Training, 7-8:30 pm

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"Time Flies When You're Having Fun"

It is hard to believe that I am concluding six years of ministry as the Southeast District Superintendent. There have been days of

blessing and cursing—usually around appointment season—and moments of joy and sorrow as we struggled through difficult days together. Now as I look back, reflecting on my service here, I remember all of it fondly.

Rev. Alicia Coltzer will begin her ministry in the District starting July 1. She has attend-

ed our spring cabinet meetings and gone with me to place pastors in their churches. There is a lot to learn in this job, and she will need your prayerful support. I know you won't disappoint me.

Finally friends, thank you for all your kindness expressed towards Leticia and I at our farewell reception. Your gracious gift is warmly received and will go to help furnish our new parsonage.

Grace and Peace,

Dick

Annual Conference May 24-27, 2015

Transforming Lay & Clergy Leaders (from Pre-Conference Journal)

May God bless you as we prepare to gather for the 2015 Texas Annual Conference...We have important work to do including selecting our delegates to the 2016 General Conference in Portland, Oregon, and voting on an unusually large number of resolutions that have come from both laity and clergy...This year our sessions will be on "Creating Transforming Lay and Clergy Leaders." We'll be learning together from Gil Rendle, Senior Consultant with The Institute for Clergy and Congregational Excellence of The Texas Methodist Foundation who will be presenting in both of our plenary sessions and in presentations to clergy and laity in separate sessions.

As always, we'll celebrate together ordination and commissioning of new United Methodist leaders. It will be a busy time, an important time and I look forward to sharing it with you. Please pray for our church and for our conference that we may grow in faith, in unity and that our work will further God's kingdom and transform the world.

Delegate and Clergy Registration

On-Site Registration times are: Sunday, May 24, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. and Monday, May 25, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. If your church's delegate will be unable to attend, the alternate delegate must bring a signed letter from the pastor in order to vote.

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Attention Clergy Spouses!

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 19, at 6:00 pm. The SE District Clergy Spouses will be gathering for a time of fellowship at Lupe Tortilla in Beaumont. We will be saying goodbye to Leticia White and other spouses moving this summer. For more information, contact Erin Bunch, 409.550.1246 or ebunch@gt.rr.com.

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TAC Meals

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

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Childcare During Conference

Register at <https://www.kiddiecorp.com/tackids.htm>. After May 1, there is a \$50/child fee. It will be a fun filled week of sharing God's love with the inspiring TAC kids!

Summer Church Camp, July 13-17

Registration Deadline: June 12

Registration fee per Camper: \$275 — Adult: \$150

Counselor Information

Camp Counselors need to have a background check completed by the local church within the last year and complete online Safe Sanctuary or Safe Camps training within the last two years. Camp Counselor training is REQUIRED for all adults. You must attend one of the two

Adult Counselor Training Dates:

- Sunday, June 14, 2015, 2:30-4:00 pm, *First UMC, Nederland*
- Monday, June 22, 2015, 7:00-8:30 pm, *Wesley UMC, Beaumont*

Any questions regarding Southeast District Camp should be directed to:

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2015 Apportionment News

We want to congratulate **Magnolia Springs UMC** and **Port Bolivar UMC** for having paid **100% of their district AND conference apportionments**. Great job! We also appreciate **China UMC, High Island St. Matthews UMC, Mauriceville UMC, Nederland Wesley UMC, Orange Wesley UMC, Anahuac St. Paul UMC, Batson UMC; Kountze FUMC; Liberty FUMC; Lumber-ton 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 April, only 23 churches are at or ahead of pace in paying conference apportionments. However, 32 of our churches are behind in paying conference apportionments this year. Now is the time to act on a commitment to make regular payments.

So far our district is at 27% paid for 2015. That is below our target of 33%, and it is slightly behind last year's pace at this time.

Prayers

- Susan Liedy (wife of Rev. Michael Liedy, Beaumont St. Luke)
- Rose Liedy (mother of Rev. Michael Liedy)
- Michelle Shotlow (daughter of Rev. Mary Shotlow, Anahuac Circuit)
- Rev. Mary Shotlow in the passing of her mother-in-law, Dorothy Yancey
- All pastors throughout our conference moving this summer

