

**Virginia Chapter PAUMCS
Spring Retreat Registration
Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

Who should attend?

All Church Administrative Staff, full-time, part-time, paid and volunteer, including but not limited to, administrative assistants, financial secretaries, office managers and newsletter editors.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Church/District _____

Event Registration

- \$23 VA PAUMCS member
- \$28 non-member
- \$34 room, double occupancy
- \$58 room, single occupancy
- No room, thanks
- Preferred roommate: _____

Amount Enclosed _____

First Time Attendee? yes; who encouraged you to attend? _____

Register on-line at <www.vaumc.org/PAUMCS> or complete the above information and mail with check payable to Virginia PAUMCS by Monday, April 30, 2018 to:

VA PAUMCS
Susan Petrey, vice president
ATTN: VA PAUMCS
PO Box 5606, Glen Allen VA 23058

For more information call
Sandra Fulcher, president
in the Danville District Office
1-276-638-2688

**Enjoy the peace and beauty of
W.E. Skelton 4-H Center
in Wirtz, Virginia and
Get Away from it All...**

Spring Retreat for Church Secretaries

Enjoy the peace and beauty of the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center located just minutes from Roanoke. Settled in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains and nestled neatly along the shores of Smith Mountain Lake, their spacious facilities and beautiful 120 acres offer the perfect get-away for our retreat.

The 4-H Center provides hotel style lodging with spacious room and private baths. Sheets and towels are provided.

You may want to bring your own pillow.

Our Executive Committee will provide breakfast to our over-night attendees. Our lunch will be served in the main dining hall by 4-H's wonderful kitchen staff.



Tentative Schedule for the Retreat

Tuesday Evening at W.E. Skelton 4-H Center

- 8:00 Hospitality
- Wednesday Morning**
- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Session I
- 12:30 Lunch and networking
- 1:00 Business session
- 1:30 Session II
- 4:30 Closing

1/2 CEU is available for attending all sessions.

Our Speaker for the Retreat

Martha Stokes is the Director of Church and Community Relations for Pinnacle Living, formerly Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. She has been honored to represent the laity of the Virginia Conference at the 2008, 2012, and 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. As the first elected lay delegate to the 2016 General Conference, Martha served as the chair of the Virginia Conference delegation. She and Rev. Tom Berlin, the first elected clergy delegate, will lead the delegation back to the called 2019 General Conference session. Martha is a lifelong Methodist, having been baptized Methodist and confirmed as a United Methodist all in the same small church in the Danville District. Martha and her husband, Steve, are members of the church family at Shady Grove United Methodist in Glen Allen (Richmond District) where she has served in a variety of leadership roles. Beyond the local church, Martha currently serves on the Committees on the Episcopacy for the Southeast Jurisdiction and Virginia Conference.



The General Conference is an international body of nearly 1,000 delegates that meets every four years to wrestle with today's issues in light of scriptural teachings and the church's understanding of that teaching. It is the only body that can set official policy and speak for The United Methodist Church. The Jurisdictional Conference meets every four years in the months following the General Conference with the primary responsibility of electing bishops to serve within each jurisdiction. Martha will be sharing her reflections on the experience of the 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences and expectations for the called General Conference in 2019. This special meeting of the denomination's top lawmaking assembly will be held Feb. 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri. The work before the 2019 Conference will be limited to acting on a report by Council of Bishops based on the proposals from the **Commission on the Way Forward**. The 32-member commission, appointed by the bishops, has the charge of finding ways for the denomination to stay together despite deep differences in our understandings of scripture, ordination and marriage relating to ever-changing expressions of gender identity and human sexuality.

Driving Directions to W.E. Skelton 4-H Center

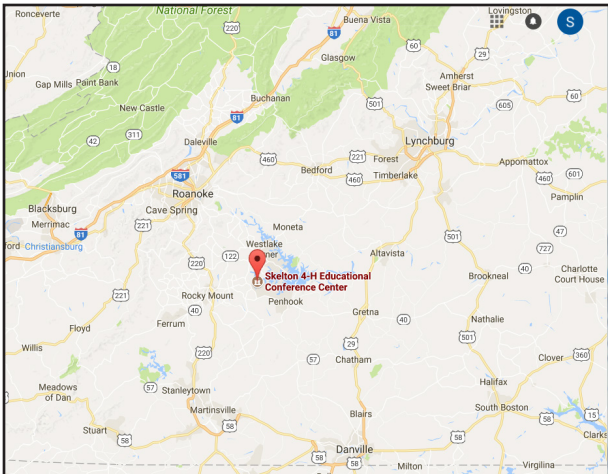
775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA 24184
(540) 721-2759

From Roanoke

From I-81 take exit 143, I-581 S (220 S), through Roanoke and Boones Mill. Continue past Boones Mill on 220 S for 4.2 miles to Wirtz Rd. (Rt. 697). (There will be an Exxon & Dairy Queen/Bojangles on the left, & Tractor Supply store on the right.) Turn LEFT onto Wirtz Rd. (Rt. 697). Follow Wirtz Rd. for 5 miles to the stop sign. At stop sign, turn LEFT onto Rt. 122 N (Booker T. Washington Highway). Go 1 mile to Burnt Chimney Rd. Turn RIGHT onto Burnt Chimney Rd. (Rt. 670). Follow Burnt Chimney Rd. for 6.7 miles to Rt. 668. (Ole School Sports Pub and Grill will be on the right directly past the road.) Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 668 (Lovely Valley Rd.) Follow for 0.7 miles to the stop sign. Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 944 (Crafts Ford Rd.) Follow for 1.6 miles to a sharp curve. Turn left onto Hermitage Rd. (Rt. 669). Follow Hermitage Rd. to the 4-H Center.

From Lynchburg / Bedford – Northern Virginia

From Rt. 460, take second Bedford exit for Rt. 122 S (There will be signs for Smith Mountain Lake.) At stop sign take a left or right (depends on your direction) onto 122 S. Go 19.8 miles to a traffic light at the intersection of Rt. 122 and Rt. 616 (Scruggs Road). Turn LEFT onto Scruggs Rd. (Rt. 616). Go 1.8 miles and take a RIGHT onto Guilford Road. (There will be a sign for the 4-H Center on your right.) Go 1.3 miles until you come to a stop sign. Take a RIGHT onto Lovely Valley Road. Go 1.4 miles until you come to a stop sign. Go straight at the stop sign and continue on Lovely Valley Road. Continue to follow Lovely Valley Road for 0.7 until you come to a stop sign. Turn RIGHT onto Crafts Ford Road (Rt. 944). Follow for 1.6 miles to a sharp curve. Turn left onto Hermitage Road (Rt. 669). Follow Hermitage Rd. to the 4-H Center.

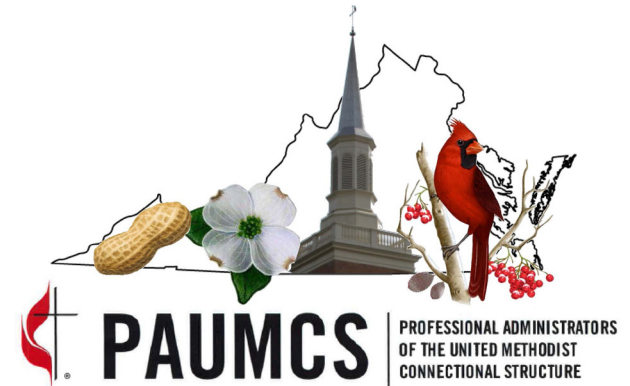


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The Virginia Chapter



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The Way Forward

Led by Martha Stokes
Chair of the Virginia Conference
General Conference Delegation