
PAUMCS POST

*A Newsletter for and about the Virginia Chapter
Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure*

March 2019



PAUMCS Spring 2019 Event: “Experience Your Conference Connection”

Be sure to register now for our spring “Experience Your Conference Connection” event, May 1 at the United Methodist Center in Glen Allen. The day will feature two wonderful, knowledgeable, enthusiastic speakers: Mr. John Fuller, the Executive Director of Virginia United Methodist Pensions, Inc.; and Rev. Chris Bennett, an ordained elder who currently serves in an extension ministry, The Spark Mill, a Richmond-based strategic planning and consulting firm.

John will present an overview of the Virginia Conference health plans and take a look at the challenges faced by all employer-sponsored plans, along with a more general look at types of healthcare and pension plans.

Chris will lead us in Discipleship Through Volunteer Management. Volunteers are a great asset to the local church, and a great way to empower and equip disciples. He’ll



Rev. Chris Bennett

show us how to use volunteer management best practices with a faith-based lens. Chris was a member of the Common Table, and was instrumental in starting the conference’s Ministry Accelerator program, which brought together small groups from ministries which had received grant funding for outreach into the community. They had opportunity to develop strategic plans for growing and funding their ministries.

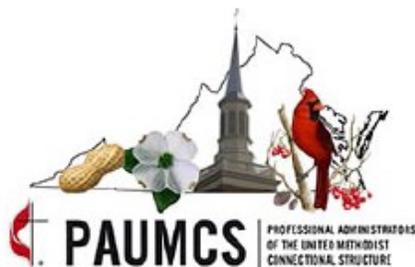
Don’t miss this opportunity to become informed and equipped for your place of ministry. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship, and lunch will be provided. You are also invited to worship with the conference staff at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel.

Registration and brochure for the event can be found at www.vaumc.org/PAUMCS. Virginia PAUMCS chapter members will also vote officers into service for 2019 during a short business meeting; a full list of officers is found on the next page. The final day to register is April 17. Hope to see you on May 1st!



Mr. John Fuller

Don’t forget to renew your Virginia PAUMCS membership for 2019!
Dues are \$28 and payment can be made online or via mail. Find the mail-in registration form or pay dues online at: vaumc.org/paumcs
Virginia PAUMCS members receive a discount on chapter event registrations.



Virginia Chapter Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional System 2019 Slate of Officers

Executive Committee *

President	Susan Petrey	Second Term
1st Vice President	Karen Albro	Second Term
2nd Vice President	Carol Knott	Second Term
Secretary	Tish Borden	Second Term
Membership Secretary	Lynn Manley	Third Term
Treasurer	Bev Myers	Second Term

*Offices are elected for one year terms, and can be elected for a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Standing Committees

Communications

Adrian Smith, chair	Third Term
Debbie Hanson	Third Term
Sue Mayo	Third Term
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Communications Sub-Committee

Donna Desper, Member Care Coordinator and Prayer Chain (appointed)

Nominations

Cindy Martin, chair	Second Term
Sandra Fulcher	Second Term
Tim Gates	Second Term
Claudia Newhart	Second Term
Michelle Pinheiro	Second Term
Karen Turney	Second Term

If you are interested in serving on a PAUMCS committee please contact chair, Cindy Martin at RoanokeDistrict@vaumc.org or any member of the committee.

PAUMCS 2019 Annual Conference at Sea

Lynn Manley, Membership Secretary

Did you know that there is a National PAUMCS as well as a Virginia PAUMCS? The national group hosts an annual meeting each spring that several of your fellow Virginia members attend. This year's conference was aboard the Independence of the Seas from March 14-18, 2019.



A CRUISE? REALLY?

Yes, believe it or not – the cruise was less expensive than the 2018 Conference in Nashville! Don't worry, though, we weren't sunning by the pool the *entire* time – interesting and motivating sessions were scheduled every day.

The guest speaker was Mike Slaughter, Pastor Emeritus from Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City, Ohio who is known as an innovator in ministry and mission. He has been listed as one of the top 50 most influential Christians in America. He travels globally to speak and use his “gift of irritation” to



Mike Slaughter

equip ministry leaders. His call to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted challenged attendees to wrestle with God and their God-destinies.

Dr. Slaughter was joined by his wife and partner in ministry, Carolyn Slaughter, who has authored several Christian books, as well as Catherine Crowell, the Senior Executive Assistant to Dr. Slaughter. Ms. Crowell also mentors assistants and coordinators to define and implement best practices for administrative excellence. As a member of PAUMCS, she shared her view of all aspects of administrative support including strategic decision making and coordinating the communication of plans and directives within the leadership core.



Carolyn Slaughter



Catherine Crowell

The conference also included a mission trip to give us the opportunity to share Christ's love with orphaned children in Mexico with a visit to the Ciudad de Angeles home. Ciudad de Angeles' mission is to raise orphaned children in an environment of love and develop them into godly adults who are responsible citizens in their community.

Missed the conference this year? Make plans to join us in Kansas City, Missouri April 15 – 18, 2020! It may not be a cruise – but I can guarantee you it will be informative and fun! It's a great opportunity to meet people from all across the country who work in your field, deal with your same headaches, share your same moments of joy, and most importantly, who understand.

For more information, visit the national website at www.paumcs.org.

ATTENTION PASTORS

Pastors,

Why should you join the Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS)?

Think about these four questions:

1. Are you a Pastor?
2. Are you responsible for all paperwork/computer data entry, Equipping Vital Congregations (EVC) input, Charge Conference reports, and Statistical Reporting? (Meaning there is no clerical staff to do this for you?)
3. If you are not responsible for data input and reporting, would you like to understand what your administrative assistant does with all that data?
4. Do you enjoy being around upbeat, fun people?

If you can answer yes to any of these four questions, then PAUMCS is for you! You owe it to yourself to check out one of the events.

You *need* PAUMCS and all that it offers.

This professional group is geared toward Administrative Assistants in the church environment, helping them navigate the above-mentioned responsibilities. But it offers so much more as events are both informative for any church-related position, paid and volunteer, and the events are fun.

Attending my first event last year, I wasn't sure what to expect. I was pleasantly surprised to find other pastors in the same boat as me. Learning new ways to manage data for the Conference was a bonus and was exactly what I needed.

Blessings,
Rev. Evelyn Penn (aka REVelyn)

PAUMCS Certification Is Available Online

The PAUMCS Certification Institute provides an opportunity for professional growth and development to all United Methodist church administrators; administrative assistants; and episcopal, district, and annual conference office personnel. Regardless of the number of hours you work each week or the size of your church, you can be a part of this learning experience. The online course is self-paced. Registration opens April 1st and will run through June 1. This course begins June 1 and will end mid-August. All the information can be found at:

http://paumcs.org/?page_id=665

Advanced Certification

The 3-day Advanced Certification Class will be held in Nashville, Tennessee in 2019 (date to be determined). Fellowship and orientation begin on Sunday evening, and sessions will conclude on Wednesday evening. Students will build on their leadership and personal development skills, while group practices will focus on adding value to the UMC global connection and structure. Topics covered include: Membership Records, Values and Your Personal Work Code, Self-Awareness and Interpersonal Relationships, Spirituality Translated in the Workplace, and Sexual Misconduct in the Church. More information can be found at:

http://paumcs.org/?page_id=1123

Begin a conversation with your SPRC and pastor TODAY! Get their support so that you can participate in this opportunity to be "lifelong learners who influence others to serve."

Cindy Martin

UMC Roanoke District Administrative Assistant
PAUMCS Certification Class of 2015



ONLINE CERTIFICATION

paumcs.org



The Virginia Chapter has a PAUMCS Prayer Chain and solicits your prayers for those who submit a request. Many pray daily for the requests, send cards and notes via regular or email to those listed, or simply hold the requests in their hearts.

Your Care Ministry team of VA PAUMCS enjoys being in ministry with you and celebrating your special joys, giving encouragement when needed and a word of sympathy at a time of sorrow. Our Member Care Coordinator is Donna Desper, StauntonDistrict@vaumc.org. Anyone interested in becoming part of this ministry is encouraged to contact Donna Desper by email at stauntondistrict@vaumc.org.

Verena McCall, secretary at Belmont UMC, Richmond, has been diagnosed with ALS. Please keep her and her husband Harold and family in your prayers. She asks for no calls or visits at this time. Cards or notes may be mailed to: 5633 Stella Rd, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234.

Please be in prayer for Claudia Newhart and her family. Her mother, Barbara Newhart, was taken off life support last month. Barbara worked at the Alexandria Arlington bi-district office as program coordinator secretary from 1985 through 2003. Claudia’s address is 3264 Birchdale Square, Dale City, VA 22193.

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