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HOTEL INFORMATION
Westin O'Hare Hotel
6100 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018
Chicago O'Hare International Airport
Room Rates $149.00 + tax - single/double/triple
Free shuttle service is available to and from the hotel.
Additional information will be included in your welcome letter.

REGISTRATION FEES

Note: Cancellations after April 2, 2017, for whatever reason, will result in the loss of your conference registration fee.

2017 PAUMCS National Member registering on or before April 2, 2017: $400.00
2017 PAUMCS National Member registering after April 2, 2017: $450.00
Non-Member registration: $450.00
Non-Member registering after April 2, 2017: $500.00
Guest Registration: $350.00
Souvenir Charm: $9.00
Wednesday May 3 Outing: $50.00/person

To see full brochure go to PAUMCS.org and click on Annual Conference
A Message from Tish

My Dearest PAUMCS Members,

The summer has gone and it is time for us to move forward into fall of the year. Your little size, middle size and larger size children and grandchildren are back in school and college. My prayer is that you will gather them around you when you can and give them big hugs. I will always pray that they will be safe.

We have all our fall activities starting up here at the church and we are especially busy. I love this time of year when the different colors are beginning to come out. Soon it will seem like God has freshly painted the earth especially for you and me.

This has been a year that I will never forget. I have always known that PAUMCS members care and this year I can say I belong to an organization that takes care of each other and supports each other at all times.

PAUMCS members are the examples of The Great Commandments. One found in Matthew 22:37-40.

- Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
- On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

This is what I experience when I am among you, “love” for others! Thank you for all you do to make this organization an important part of the United Methodist Church. PAUMCS members are truly the hands and actions of God.

We have so many exciting things happening and the Executive Committee is looking forward to our Annual Conference in Chicago May of 2017. It will be a little different in structure, so please watch your inboxes for the brochure and registration coming very soon. We know you will really want to be a part of this conference. Can’t wait to see each one of you there!!

Blessings to each of you and your families,

Tish Schultheiss

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Refer three friends to the PAUMCS National Conference and get $100!!!

- If you are a first timer: Put the name of the person who referred you in the registration.
- If you are referring someone: Make sure the person whom you are referring includes your name in the registration.
- If you have any questions regarding the referral program, please contact Josie Hickom at rocangc@bellsouth.net.

First Time Attendee Referral Program Rules:
1. The person making the referral must be a PAUMCS National Member in good standing.
2. The person must refer at least three (3) first time attendees.
3. Persons being referred must work for a United Methodist Church entity (local church, district office, conference office or United Methodist Church agency).
4. The referral bonus of $100 will be paid to the person making the referrals after the Annual Conference. After April 1st, if the person making the referral and/or the first time attendee cancels or cannot attend for any reason, the person making the referral will still be entitled to the referral bonus. Any cancellations prior to April 1st are not eligible for the referral bonus.
PAUMCS STORE Is Up And Running

We are excited to announce that the PAUMCS STORE is ONLINE. Our Store’s web address is www.paumcsstore.qbstores.com. You are welcome to add this address to your favorites or you can go to the PAUMCS Website and click on Resources. From there click on PAUMCS STORE to connect. We will be updating and improving the store on a regular basis. Through our online store, you are able to order items such as shirts, caps, and bags with our PAUMCS Logo.

As in the past, our promotional items are not sold for profit, but as a way to promote PAUMCS. We encourage you to purchase items for yourself, your pastor and other church employees. This is a great way to promote and generate conversation about our organization.

Along with our online store, we still have items for sale that I will be happy to send to your local chapter. Contact me if you want to purchase any of these items. They are great to sell at your Local Chapter Conference. You only have to pay for the items you sell plus shipping costs. We have the following still in stock:

1) Blue Polo shirts (various sizes)
2) Note Pads
3) Vinyl Pads
4) CD Cases
5) Koosies
6) Lanyards
7) Slings
8) Eye Glass Kits
9) Luggage tags

If at any time you have a question or suggestion feel free to contact me or anyone on the Finance Committee.

Blessings,
Josie

2016-17 Committee Members
Josie Hickom, Chair (GA) rocangc@bellsouth.net Evi Melberg (MD) emelburg@netzero.com
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Dianne Beam, Vice President

As you know, our 2017 Annual Conference will be in Chicago, IL at the Westin O’Hare, May 4-6, 2017. Online registration will be starting soon.

Our 2018 Annual Conference will be in Nashville, TN, at the Marriott Nashville Airport, April 12-14, 2018. The Site Committee is already hard at work on this.

We had heard from some Chapters at the Wichita Conference this year that a couple more states were talking about hosting in 2019 and 2020, but so far no letters have been received asking to host. So if your Chapter is interested in hosting in either of those years, be sure to send your letters in to our President, Tish Schultheiss.

Hope you all had a GREAT summer and we look forward to a beautiful fall and hopefully some much cooler weather. Dianne
Financial Link

Rhonda Ramsey/Treasurer

Fund Balances (08/31/16)
- General Fund: $97,390.89
- Scholarship Fund: $4,751.41
- Promotional Items Fund: ($773.53)
- Annual Conference Fund: $25,657.55
- Endowment Fund: $56,531.25
- **Total Funds Balance**: $183,557.57

Account Balances (08/31/16)
- PAUMCS Savings @ GCFA: $20,489.31
- Administrative Checking Account: $37,474.10
- Administrative Money Market Account: $69,017.91
- Administrative Savings Account: $45.00
- Endowment Fund @ GCFA: $56,531.25
- **Total Account Balances**: $183,557.57

Gifts received for the Leslie Bayles Memorial Scholarship Fund: $25 in memory of Mark Whitaker and $115 in memory of John Schulthiess.

PTS Chair, Mary Schramm

Hello from your PTS (Professional Training & Standards) Committee! The Chapters have kept us very busy this year. The wonderful part of what we do is seeing your speakers and topics that your Chapters are providing and at least one of our Committee Members always has a comment like, “don’t you wish we could go to this one” or “this event sounds wonderful”, just a couple of examples.

Another responsibility of our Committee is to promote and award Scholarships to Annual Conferences from the Leslie Bayles Memorial Scholarship Fund. The updated Scholarship Request Forms will be uploaded to the PAUMCS website and are available for download. (www.paumcs.org – Annual Conference – Scholarships) is the path to follow. The amount of the scholarships for the 2017 Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA has not been determined yet, but you can go ahead and start gathering all your paperwork to apply. Please note that you do not have to be a National Member to apply for a Scholarship, but National Members will be given preference. Others may apply, but have to wait for notification until National Members are completed.

Individuals and Chapters can make donations to the Leslie Bayles Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor and/or memory of coworkers, friends, and loved ones. An offering is also taken at our Annual Conference that is designated for this Scholarship Fund. Monies contributed to this fund do enable us to help more people to attend our Annual Conferences. From 2009-2016 a total of 76 individuals have received assistance to help offset the costs of attending the Conference.

Church Budgets, District.

To keep your certification current you must pay your membership dues yearly (by the date determined by the EC) and you must get 1.0 (10 credit hours) CEU every two years. Please also remember that all workshops, courses. Seminars that you are interested in taking for CEU credit must be sent to the PTS chair 30 days prior to taking the course. And a certificate of completion is required and must be sent to the PTS chair.

Thank for all of you and PAUMCS,

Mary Schramm PTS Chair
Meet Denise Wilson, Interim Membership Chair

Denise Wilson was elected to serve as the Interim Membership Secretary. Denise works in the LaGrange District Office of the North Georgia Conference since November of 1997, where she has gained experience working with their conference database, Excel and creating online registrations. She is married to Mike and they have 2 adult sons (one of which is getting married on Oct. 22!). They are very active members of LaGrange First UMC. Denise comes from an active UM family; her father is a retired elder from the South Georgia Conference where he served for 40 years and her uncle is a retired elder from South Georgia where he served a number of churches and was a District Superintendent. She is a graduate of LaGrange College, a United Methodist institution. She has been a member of PAUMCS since 2003 and served in a variety of positions including local chapter newsletter editor, vice-president, president, national conference site chair, and finance chair. She enjoys working in the district office and interacting with all the ministers and church members of the 97 churches in her district. In her spare time she enjoys reading, gardening, exercising, and ballroom dancing. Recently, Denise participated in a North GA Conference Dancing with the Stars fundraising event where she won the People’s Choice Award for raising the most money (and received a big mirror ball trophy!).

Denise will serve as Interim Membership Secretary until the annual conference scheduled for May, 2017. According to the by-laws (Article VII-G), she may be nominated to serve an additional three (3) years.

Welcome Denise!

Greetings from GCFA!

The PAUMCS Online Certification Course concluded on August 22. I am happy to report that out of the 52 registrants, 47 have completed and passed the class for 2016. In order for the Central Conference participants to pass certification, they need to present their group work. We are still working closely with them to determine the best way, as technology and time zones can be a challenge. Please keep this group in your prayers.

The 2016 class projects were fantastic. They worked really hard and came up with creative ways to give their presentations. One group even made a movie! It was exciting to hear how the groups would work together while doing their full time jobs and managing different time zones. They have also expressed their appreciation in getting to know someone from their class and many will be present in Chicago!

The Fall session is being cancelled due to lack of enrollment. We will continue to encourage others to participate in the Spring 2017 session, as we are committed to providing the best online experience.

It’s still not too late to register for the PAUMCS Holy Land Continuing Education Tour next year scheduled for January 31 – February 8, 2017. This special price of $1,598 is for PAUMCS members only (companions still have a great rate of only $1,898)! Final payment is due by December 2nd. Just email me for more details at nschuette@gcfa.org.

Sincerely –

Natalie
Nominating Committee Chair, Barbara Buck

September is the month in which the PAUMCS Nominating Committee begins its work in preparing the slate of nominations for the next conference. Seems early, doesn't it? I thought so too last year, in my first year as the chair of the committee. I procrastinated and wound up learning a veritable lesson! Each and every day between September and the conference counts.

Your Nominating Committee is earnestly seeking those that have a yearning to serve PAUMCS. The committee is counted upon for providing a diverse assembly of members willing to fulfill the leadership roles of the organization. The Good Word tells us that "Where there is no guidance, the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory." (Proverbs 11:14) What a blessing it would be to the national chapter of PAUMCS if the nominating committee's "cup" of willing servants were to be "overflowing".

Take time today to search your heart, in the quiet of the day's moments, to listen to the calling of the Holy Spirit. Is it calling you to serve?

If so, reach out to one of the committee members and let them know where God is directing you today!

Your Nominating Committee members are: Barbara Buck, Pam Mullay, Lynn Campbell, Tonia Bennett, Jackie Powers and Landa Wallace.

PAUMCS Holy Land Trip
January 31 -February 7, 2017

- Continuing education will be given for this trip.
- PAUMCS membership is required to receive the discount price of $1,598.

Find additional information at PAUMCS.org

UMCmarket Announces Special Promotion in Time for the Holiday Season

Double your first $5 in contributions this holiday season! GCFA’s partner in UMCmarket, Tribute, will match the first $5 in contributions earned by every UMCmarket participant from October 1st through December 31st. This is another great way to encourage donations for your ministry.

Read more at → http://www.umc.org/gcfa/preview/umcmarket-holiday-promotion

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