

Press Release



The 33rd annual conference of the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS) was held at the Hilton Atlanta Airport from April 16- 18. The meeting began with a special meeting called by President Tish Schultheiss to review a proposed by-law change from the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA). Associate Counsel from GCFA, Leticia Mayberry-Wright, presented the proposed by-laws to the body. Additional information and an email ballot will be sent to the entire PAUMCS membership for a vote.

This year's annual conference theme was "Georgia on my Mind" and consisted of ten hours of continuing education on a variety of subjects beneficial to church employees. Speakers such as Rev. Phil Schroeder, Director of Congregation Development for the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, spoke on personality analysis and its effect on the work place environment.

Bishop Michael Watson of the North Georgia Conference spoke at the opening worship, a service of remembrance and Holy Communion. Additional speakers included Rev. Jasmine Smothers, associate Director of Connectional Ministries – North Georgia, who educated the body on the "Ps and Qs" of social media and the Vital Congregations Initiative. Local author, Cathy Lee Philips, encouraged conference attendees to see God's work in every moment of life. Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown spoke on the different styles of leadership while emphasizing the importance of being a servant leader. Bishop James King of the South Georgia Conference spoke at the Celebration Banquet and closing worship service.

Next year's annual conference will be held from April 14-16 in Wichita, Kansas. Confirmed speakers include Rev. Adam Hamilton, world renowned author and founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, and his executive assistant, Sue Thompson; Resident Bishop Scott Jameson Jones of the Great Plains Area and Rev. Delores Williamston who specializes in Black Church Ministries.

Each year, the PAUMCS Annual Conference is hosted by one of the local chapters of PAUMCS. In addition to providing continuing education, these gatherings include worship and the opportunity to network with church professionals from across the denomination. Established in 1982 under the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church, the organization fosters individual growth, professional development, and spiritual enrichment for members from around the world.

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