From the President’s Desk

Grace and peace my fellow laborers in the vineyard,

I can scarcely believe that January is almost over, it seems as though it was just last Sunday that it was New Year’s Eve. I began to think a lot about time and how we use the time that we have. I thought about how I spent this first month of a new year. Did I do a good deed? Did I help someone? How much time did I waste this first month of the year that passed so quickly? When I ponder these questions it seems as though some of the days are a blur. I wondered if that meant that I wasted those blurry days or if I failed to accomplish anything.

During January I spent a three days with the Executive Committee planning our upcoming Annual Conference and planning the 2019 Annual Conference. I can truly say that it was time well spent. I can also say that we accomplished a great deal. Wonderful things await you. If you have not yet registered for the 2018 Annual Conference in Nashville, don’t wait another minute, register now. The Nashville site committee has been hard at work planning a great conference. I can’t wait to get to Nashville and Make a Joyful Noise. I hope to see you there as well. I know we will have a great time.

I leave you with the following text that I have hanging over my desk. It reminds me to stay on task when I want to waste time. The origin of the text is unknown.

Imagine there is a bank which credits your account each morning with $86,400, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day.

What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course! Well, everyone has such a bank. It’s name is time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day’s deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the tomorrow. You must live in the present on today’s deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!

The clock is running. Make the most of today.

The journey continues, Gail Douglas-Boykin
PAUMCS Annual Conference
April 12-14, 2018

Nashville Airport Marriott Hotel
600 Marriott Drive ● Nashville, Tennessee

The Conference brochure and the link to register
Can be found at PAUMCS.org

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? NEED INFORMATION?

Please contact Nancy Gardner ngardner@umcdiscipleship.org or (615) 340-7018

or visit www.paumcs.org for more details about the 2018 PAUMCS conference.
**Vice President, Rhonda Ramsey**

**What will our destination be?**

We are currently seeking Chapters to host our 2020 and 2021 Annual Conferences. In April we will be “Making a Joyful Noise” in Nashville, Tennessee and in 2019 we will be “Cruising” to Cozumel, but what will be our destination for 2020 or 2021? *Only you can give us that answer.*

If you are interested in hosting in 2020 or 2021 talk with your Chapter and send your letter to Gail Douglas-Boykin. We would love to come to your area and to be able to announce the destination in Nashville.

Blessings, **Rhonda Ramsey**

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**Report of the Membership Chair**

**NEW 2018 Membership Information**

Thank you to those PAUMCS members who have already renewed their membership for 2018! For those of you who haven’t done that yet, I would encourage you to complete that task as soon as possible. At a recent conference call meeting of the Executive Committee, we discussed a number of membership issues and approved some new dates and deadlines regarding PAUMCS membership. The most important thing to note is that **all current PAUMCS memberships must be renewed by March 31!** With our new online system, we needed a firm deadline for membership renewals. This will also help in getting reports and information for certified members prior to our annual conference so that they can be properly recognized.

It is important for everyone to note that after March 31 you will not be able to **renew** your membership. **New memberships can be created anytime between November 1 of the previous year and October 31 of the current year; however, if you are a certified administrator and you do not renew your membership by March 31, you will lose your certification.**

Our National PAUMCS organization ended 2017 with about 275 members, which is slightly down from previous years. I feel like part of the reason for the decline is issues with the database. While we continue to work on getting the site up and running like we need it to, please be assured that I am happy to assist you with any issues you may have regarding the database. Feel free to reach out to me. Meanwhile, I hope everyone realizes the importance of membership in PAUMCS. Not only do you get to take advantage of discounted rates for our annual conferences, but you have access to a network of other professionals and to the PAUMCS/GCFA certification classes. PAUMCS is supported by the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church and we strive to always improve this great organization. I hope you will join me in renewing membership and sharing this information with others who might benefit from membership! A final reminder: if you are sending me a check for your dues, be sure to indicate your name somewhere on the check! (It is not necessary to mail me a copy of your renewal form as long as your name is included somewhere.)

**Denise Wilson** lagrd@bellsouth.net
Leslie Bayles Scholarships

Apply Today!

Send application and letters to:
Barbara Buck
mtdo8497@gmail.com

Need a scholarship to Annual Conference?

Visit PAUMCS.org
Download a scholarship application

Include 2 reference letters

Complete BOTH sides of the application & sign it!
**Financial Link**

**Fund Balances as of 12/31/2017**

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**Finance Committee Chair, Bev Amperse**

**“Touching Tomorrow Today Endowment Fund”**

What is that you may ask! Through the *Touching Tomorrow Today Endowment Fund*, individuals can help strengthen the work of PAUMCS far into the future. Because gifts to the Endowment Fund are tax deductible, there are a number of planning opportunities by which individuals can reduce their own personal taxes while making their gift go even farther. There are no minimum or maximum restrictions on the gift amount. A contribution of any amount $25, $50, $100, $500, $1,000 will help ensure that we will keep meeting needs for years to come. Whatever you choose to give, whenever you choose to give it, your gift to the Touching Tomorrow Today Endowment Fund ensures a strong association for generations to come.

You can ensure the continued ministry of PAUMCS in many ways and amounts to help you in the fulfillment of your stewardship commitment. All gifts to the endowment fund are tax-deductible. Find out about the different ways to give through The United Methodist Church Foundation to this endowment fund.

For those of you attending the Annual Conference in Nashville be sure to stop by the “Vintage PAUMCS” Table. This is your last chance to pick up some promotional items with the old logo on them. Who knows, there may be a time in the future when they become valuable (or not) but at least they may bring back some fond memories. Some of the items available are: power banks, koosies, luggage tags, jackets, backpacks, and socks to name a few.

And don’t forget to check out the online store. Currently only apparel items are available for purchase, but we are working on adding to the inventory.

**Bev**
Greetings PAUMCS Members,

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 2018 National Conference in my hometown of Nashville. The Nashville chapter is excited to share with you our city’s joy for music, fellowship, and exciting speakers. We have a great line up of UMC leaders from the Nashville area that will leave you energized!

The GCFA Board of Directors approved the 2017 certification class in November. I am pleased to announce that all 30 participants passed the course, including three from central conferences (Liberia and Switzerland). Please join us in April to celebrate this class.

The GCFA Board also approved the recertification of those from odd-year certification classes who have maintained their continuing education. If you are looking for cost efficient continuing education credits, please consider following GCFA’s social media. We offer several quarterly webinars that could benefit your ministry. Remember to seek approval from the PAUMCS Professional Training and Standards Committee prior to all webinars for credits.

Registration for the PAUMCS Advanced Certification Course will open in mid-February. The three-day course cost $300 and will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. The course is available to certified PAUMCS members only. Space will be limited. Students will work on personal development and build on their leadership skills. Group projects will focus on adding value to The United Methodist Church global connection and structure. For more information, please feel free to contact me at nschuette@gcfa.org.

Blessings to you for a Happy and Healthy 2018!

Blessings, Natalie

GCFA PAUMCS Liaison

Remember to shop the PAUMCS store!

If you are interested in apparel be sure to check out our online store. The web address is:

https://paumcsstore.qbstores.com/

The store usually has some type of promotion going on so it will be worth your while.

PAUMCS Mission Statement

The mission of The Professional Administrators of The United Methodist Connectional Structure is to provide a supportive base for the unity and fellowship of members in order to provide individual growth, professional development, continuing education, and spiritual enrichment.