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From the President’s Desk

Grace and peace my fellow laborers in the vineyard,

A hearty thank you to Brenda Lockhart, Site Chairperson for the host committee and the entire Middle Tennessee Chapter. The 2018 Annual Conference was fantastic. What a joyful noise we made! Thank you for a job well done.

While this was the 36th Annual Conference of PAUMCS, it was the 1st as the Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure.

Psalm 100 says, Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! The New Spirit! & Friends Choir started us off with singing and a joyful noise indeed. Rev. Junius B. Dotson’s dynamic message in our opening worship was moving and inspirational.

We learned about Spiritual Health with Rev. Diana DeWitt, Benefits with Mr. Bob Christophel of Wespath. Rev. Stephen Handy brought Encouragement for the Encourager, we learned Innovative Connectional Strategies with Rev. Scott Aleridge and the Rev. Dr. Jacqui King spoke to us about the importance of partnerships. Rev. King has motivated me to ask those I interact with, “How can I pray for you?” What a difference it has made in my life in the short weeks since Annual Conference by connecting with others through prayer.

Our mission focus was End Slavery Tennessee. The stories were eye opening yet heartbreaking. We packed approximately 150 blessing bags for survivors.

During our Celebration Banquet we were blessed with beautiful music from Rev. Jacob Armstrong and his father John Armstrong. Rev. Armstrong also blessed us with the closing message.

While our conference only lasted 3 days, I find myself still inspired by the seminars, music and the messages of our conference.

Remember that the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. He will never leave you nor forsake you. His love is steadfast and unending. He will be faithful to all generations of those who are his children. You people of God, make a joyful noise to the Lord!

The journey continues. Gail Douglas-Boykin
Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Church,

You are invited to the 2019 PAUMCS Annual Conference at Sea! Educational Opportunities Tours is happy to be the host for this special Annual Conference.

Members and non-members are invited to join us for an exhilarating time of fun, fellowship, inspiration and training March 14-18, 2019. Your hotel, conference room, dining venue and entertainment center will be Royal Caribbean’s Independence of the Seas. You will sail from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for this first-ever Annual Conference experience. While at sea, you will have training to fulfill 1 CEU, the Annual Business Meeting and a time of worship. When not in these sessions, you can enjoy the pool, spa, shopping, activities, food and entertainment of the ship. In addition, you will spend a day in Cozumel, Mexico where you will have a mission experience and time to enjoy some of the sites, beaches, wildlife and history of the island.

EO is proud to have three fantastic speakers that will provide training and inspiration for you. Mike Slaughter, Carolyn Slaughter and Catherine Crowell will focus on your self-care:

- Caring for your spiritual life
- Caring for your personal health
- Caring for your professional growth
- Caring for the “others” in your community and world

Don’t forget to bring your spouse or traveling companion(s) for this special event. This will be an Annual Meeting that they will enjoy immensely!

We encourage you to register now so that you have the best selection of cabins. The enclosed brochure has all the details and prices for the Annual Conference at Sea. You can also visit www.eo.travel/paumcs for the details and to register online today. The registration deposit is only $100 and the balance of your fees will be on a payment plan – see the brochure for the details.

EO Tours and PAUMCS look forward to seeing you at the 2019 PAUMCS Annual Meeting at Sea!

Sincerely,

James Ridgway, Jr.
CEO/President
Educational Opportunities Tours
PAUMCS Annual Conference at Sea
4 Nights - March 14-18, 2019

All PAUMCS members and potential members are invited for an exhilarating time of fun, fellowship, inspiration and training. Your hotel, conference room, dining venue and entertainment center will be Royal Caribbean’s Independence of the Seas. Educational Opportunities Tours is happy to host the 2019 Annual Conference.

- Guest Speakers: Mike Slaughter, Carolyn Slaughter and Catherine Crowell
- Training to fulfill 1 CEU
- Annual Business Meeting
- Missions Experience (www.ciudaddeangeles.org)
- Time to enjoy the warmth of the Caribbean!

Payment Schedule
$100 deposit at Registration
$100 due July 17, 2018
$100 due September 15, 2018
Remaining Balance due November 14, 2018

Register early for the best selection of cabins

For more information, prices and brochure visit:
www.eo.travel/PAUMCS
800-247-0017
Vice President, Rhonda Ramsey

What a joyful noise we made in Nashville! Thank you to the Middle Tennessee chapter for your warm hospitality and sunny smiles.

Registration is open for the 2019 PAUMCS Annual Conference at Sea. Join us and bring along family or friends aboard the Independence of the Seas to Cozumel, Mexico. Hosted by your Executive Committee.

We have received a gracious invitation from the Missouri chapter for the 2020 annual conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri. I can’t wait to hear about their plans for all of us.

It is not too soon to begin planning for 2021, you know how quickly time flies. If your chapter is interested in hosting, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. Or take a leap of faith and write a letter of invitation to our President Gail Douglas-Boykin.

Blessings, Rhonda Ramsey

Secretary, Mary Schramm

What a great conference we had in Tennessee, where we “Made a Joyful Noise”. Thanks to all the members of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of PAUMCS, you did an outstanding job. Elvis even visited us a couple times and danced with us at line-dancing that was so much fun.

The music and choirs were exceptional and the speakers were very good. I encourage all to consider the conference for next year.

I want to thank my PAUMCS sisters and brothers for all the love and care bestowed upon me after my mother’s death. When the Executive Committee was at the First-timers social each of us had to introduce ourselves, our experience with PAUMCS, offices held, certification year and why we love PAUMCS. I told the first timers at the meeting that my mother had passed a few days before and that the funeral was the day before I got to the conference. I also said that the main reason I came was because of the strength, love, and compassion that I have with this group of Administrators. Without that I am not sure if I would have made it through the conference. To my Virginia Chapter sisters and the Executive Committee I especially say thank you for the extra love I received from each of you. Thank you all for the cards, hugs, and love.

I am excited about the PAUMCS Annual Conference at Sea in 2019 on board the Royal Caribbean’s Independence of the Seas. It will be an amazing Conference hosted by the Executive Committee. I will be bringing my two adult daughters with me on the cruise, this is a great way to have a family vacation. Please check out the cruise details at www.EO.travel/PAUMCS.
Fund Balances as of 03/31/2018

General Fund
  Undesignated Operating $18,995.24
  Money Market $69,481.82
  GCFA Savings $23,018.45
General Fund Total $111,495.51
Scholarship Fund $3,516.41
Promotional Fund $(194.53)
Annual Conference Fund $82,054.74
Endowment Fund $58,210.26

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE $255,082.39

Account Balances as of 03/31/2018

GCFA Savings Account $23,018.45
Administrative Checking Account $104,326.86
Administrative Money Market Account $69,481.82
Administrative Savings Account $45.00
Endowment Fund at GCFA $58,210.26

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES $255,082.39

A contribution to the Memorial Scholarship Fund has been received

In Honor Of:
  Dala Dunn by Dora Thackery
  Carol St Myers by Tracy Lichliter
  Marla Gramling by Barbara Buck
  Stephen Gramling by Marla Gramling

In Memory Of:
  Linda Young by the Western North Carolina Chapter
  Rev. Jeanette R. Pettit by the Western North Carolina Chapter
  Albert A. Janosy by the Western North Carolina Chapter
  Mary Lou Butterworth by Bev Amperse
  A contribution has been made to the Memorial Scholarship and Endowment fund by the Minnesota Chapter of PAUMCS
Why Attend a PAUMCS Conference; Continuing Your Education

Recently I was asked to share why I felt attending the annual PAUMCS conference is important. Immediately I shared about the fellowship and friendships that develop and deepen every time I attend. I was able to express that these relationships are important for personal development. They also provide me with a network of colleagues that I know I can turn to in times of need. Each time I return from a conference, I have also increased my sisterhood in Christ. My spirit is refreshed through shared worship experiences. I feel revived and have an assurance of value in serving a ministry like none other.

But there must be something else just as valuable? We are there to be educated. I contemplated the importance of continuing education and how it plays a role in my life. Don’t we all have something that motivates us to learn? I was able to articulate five reasons for continuing my education. They are:

1. Strengthens my discipline- I am able to be more focused and complete tasks in a timely fashion.
2. Builds my confidence- Each time I am victorious after learning a new skill, my self-confidence increases.
3. Speaks to my work ethic- When I seek out educational opportunities, it portrays to my employer that I am ambitious and eager to develop my skills to benefit the ministry.
4. Keeps me current- Attending educational events keep me up to date on the relevant changes that are happening in the church and the world.
5. Eases my fear of public speaking - I am becoming more confident when presented with the need to speak in front of a group (large or small).

So, if you are asked to explain why it is important to attend a PAUMCS conference, feel free to reflect on the list above. Perhaps you could use it as is or add to it with your motivating factors, when asking your PPRC Committees to support your attendance at the 2019 PAUMCS Conference At Sea.

Blessings,
Barbara Buck
Report of the Membership Chair

I am very excited about several “membership-related” things that are going on in PAUMCS. First, our membership database is currently functioning very much like it was originally intended, and we have been able to successfully renew memberships and create new memberships this year. I want to thank the IT staff at GCFA for their work on this project, especially Derek Preston, Jacqueline Givens Simmons and David Tordoff. As of today, we have 256 paid, active members and continue to add new members each week. We need you to help us spread the word about PAUMCS to those who may be interested so we can continue to increase our numbers.

I am also excited about the work that is going on with our local PAUMCS chapters. We had a very good meeting with many of our chapter presidents or representatives at the recent conference in Nashville. My goal this year to be a better resource for the local chapters. It’s great to be able to share information with each other about successful events and activities. We can learn much from one another! If you are not active in a local chapter, I encourage you to see if there is one in your area, and if not, contact me about starting one! We are working on ways to help members start a new chapter in their area.

Included in this newsletter are some of the photos taken by some of our local chapters who’s members attended the conference. Let’s work to increase those numbers for our 2019 conference!

Denise Wilson
Membership Chair
Online Certification Course ~ Registration is now open!

PAUMCSonline
Registration Is Open

Registration is open until June 1st • The cost is $300
Register at https://gcfa.arlo.co/

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PAUMCS
PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS OF THE UNITED METHODIST EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM
This year’s annual conference was 3 days packed full of great worship, information, resources, and fellowship! If you missed the 2018 Annual Conference then we missed YOU!

On our website you can find all of the documents and PowerPoints our leadership presented during the conference. You can also find the class speech given by Katrina Simmons during the Certification Banquet as well as the Press Release that you can share in your conference and with your PAUMCS chapter.

Go to PAUMCS.org and click on **2018 Annual Conference Documents** to find all things related to the 2018 annual conference. Thanks again to the Middle Tennessee Chapter for all of your hard work!

**Hurrah to the Middle Tennessee Chapter for a wonderful Conference!**

Our “Vintage” PAUMCS Store was a great success. We sold enough items to put us in the black. Of course it does help that we no longer purchase items for sale at the conferences which keeps us from having “up front” costs and shipping costs. There are still items left, so if there is something you would still like let me know and I will see if it is available. Your only cost is the price of the item and the shipping. We still have a few koosies, luggage tags, name tag holders, polyester shirts, a few denim shirts, and a few more items.

It was great to see that a few people had purchased items from the online store and were wearing them. Not only is apparel with the PAUMCS logo available, but also hats, bags, and even an apron. Planning a chapter gathering? Wouldn’t it be a great idea if those planners were all wearing shirts or aprons to stand out? There are 2 ways to enter the online store, go to PAUMCS.org and click the drop down “Shop PAUMCS” or directly at paumcsstore.qbstores.com.

Your newly elected members of the Finance Committee for the coming year are: Lisa Gleason, Wayne Hester, Bev Ampersé, Betsy Lovelady Smith, Katrina Simmons, and Stacey McCain. Have a question? contact one us and we will get you the information that you need.

*See you aboard the Independence of the Seas, March 14-18th, 2019.*

**Bev Ampersé, Chair, Finance Committee**
bevamp@cox.net

**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/](https://paumcsstore.qbstores.com/)

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

A grand Thank You! to Sherry Heath and Janet Coffelt who have maintained the PAUMCS Prayer Net over the years. Sherry and Janet have decided to retire from this ministry. They have done a tremendous job and we appreciate their dedication and service.

If you have any joys, celebrations and concerns that you would like for our community to pray with you about please send them to PAUMCSLinkingHands@gmail.com.

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.