



# PAUMCS

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### *From the President's Desk*

Grace and peace my fellow laborers in the vineyard,

We will soon embark on our 2019 Annual Conference at Sea.

When I told friends that our annual conference would be aboard a cruise ship, they said "You guys are living your best life", coining a phrase from a popular song on the radio these days.

For everyone, the phrase implies being the best version of ourselves; however, I think we can all agree that the essence of the statement will differ for every individual. For some it requires making as much money as possible; for others it may be traveling the world, and still for others it may simply mean being happy. As diverse as we all are, created with different personalities and under varying circumstances, one thing is certain; we are all children of God and we are all called to be His disciples. Ultimately, it means that living our best life should be grounded on the foundation that we are striving to live the life for which Christ died. Such a life cannot be achieved without love: love of God, love of self and love of one another.

Getting the most out of the life we've been blessed with requires first finding our purpose. It's been said that if you do what you love, you will never work a day in your life. Christ said, "I am THE way;" therefore, it would follow that chasing who we are means to be involved in knowing our maker. When we meditate on God's word and invest in our relationship with Him, He will reveal our path to us. He will guide and direct us, and He will show us favor.

Once we've accomplished this, we will know ourselves and defend our beliefs even when others are against us. In a world that is designed to manipulate and influence how we think and look, self-love is imperative and nonnegotiable. Sometimes what we believe will be challenged, and what we dream will be discouraged. Goals will never be met if we succumb to self-doubt or give priority to the opinions of others.

Finally, what good is there in striving to be our best in an environment that is at its worst? That said, we can all make the world a better place by being mindful of how we treat each other. Be kind, offer a hand, fill a need or say a prayer. It's easy to do these things for friends and family, but God has called us to show love to everyone,

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even those we don't like. I believe that it is in the moments when we forgive the infraction of a co-worker who crossed us, shovel our unfriendly neighbor's driveway, or pray for that former friend who betrayed our trust, that we make an impact. As small as each gesture may seem, think of each one as a tiny snowflake, beautiful yet diminutive in size when it stands alone, but when hundreds of thousands of snowflakes blanket the earth together, the result is majestic and powerful. If we all do our part, the effect will be just the same.

Let us reflect on the greatest love of all that made it all possible in the first place, and give thanks for the life Christ sacrificed to give us the opportunity to live our best.

*"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13*

The journey continues, *Gail Douglas-Boykin*



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## *Vice President, Rhonda Ramsey*

Can you recall how many PAUMCS Annual Conferences you have attended? Can you remember how many different places you got to visit and how fun and enjoyable they were? Did you appreciate the host chapter for a job well done?

In order for this time of learning, worshiping, and fellowshiping to continue we need you. The Executive Committee is here to help you in any way we can and past site-chairs are near-by for valuable insight and encouragement.

2021 & 2022 will be here before you know it, please get your letter of invitation in the mail to Gail Douglas-Boykin ASAP.

PAUMCS 20/20 Annual Conference – April 16-18, 2020 – Kansas City, Missouri

Hotel accommodations will be at the Hilton Kansas City Airport.

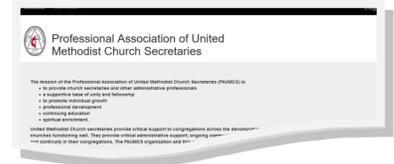
We understand that you may be able to find cheaper rates at nearby hotels, but in order to keep registration fees at a reasonable rate, we need to guarantee the hotel a minimum amount of room nights. If we don't meet our room nights, we will be charged for the meeting rooms and for any hotel rooms that are not booked within our block minimum. I know in the past that there have been issues with getting rooms released, if that happens, please contact me right away.

I look forward to working with our new site-chairs and seeing you all in Kansas City in 2020.

Blessings,  
*Rhonda Ramsey*



## Report of the Membership Chair



I would like to offer a big “thank you” to all the PAUMCS members who have already renewed your membership for 2019 and a big “welcome” to our new members for this year! We ended 2018 with 296 national members. I am hopeful that in 2019 we can top 300. You can help us meet that goal by renewing, if you haven’t already, and by sharing information about PAUMCS with those in your area who may not already be members.

Please be aware that there is now a deadline of **March 31** to renew your membership. If you fail to renew by that date, you will have to start over as a new member and, if you are a certified administrator, you will lose your certification.

I have recently emailed Local Chapter Report forms to all Chapter presidents. If your chapter did not receive this information, please let me know. I would like to get all reports back by Feb. 22 so I can prepare my report for the Annual Business Meeting. For those of you who are not members of a local chapter, I would encourage you to consider joining a chapter, or if there is not a chapter in your area, talk with others around you about possibly starting a chapter. I would be happy to talk with you about that.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the ship for our “Conference at Sea” in just a few weeks. I am so ready for some nice, sunny, warm weather!

*Denise Wilson*  
Membership Chair

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## Certification

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

United Methodist Church Secretaries, Administrative Assistants, General Agency Office Personnel, Episcopal, District and Annual Conference Office Personnel

### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

The PAUMCS Institute provides an advanced continuing education experience and enrichment for United Methodist church office administrators from across the denomination. A participant who completes the program and meets the requirements set forth by the General Council on Finance and Administration is eligible to apply for certification as a professional United Methodist church administrator.

[For more information about the certification program go to:](#)

PAUMCS.org and click on On Line Certification.



## Financial Link

Josie C. Hickom, Treasurer

### Fund Balance (12/31/18)

General Fund	
Undesignated	\$15,241.30
Money Market	\$69,704.65
GCFA Savings Account	\$23,018.45
General Fund Total	\$107,964.40
Scholarship Fund	\$2,837.41
Promotional Fund	\$79.47
Annual Conference Fund	\$22,248.51
Endowment Fund	<u>\$61,005.94</u>
<b>Total Funds Balance</b>	<b>\$194,135.73</b>



### Account Balances (12/31/18)

GCFA Savings Account	\$23,018.45
Administrative Checking Account	\$40,361.69
Administrative Money Market	\$69,704.65
Administrative Savings Account	\$45.00
Endowment Fund at GCFA	<u>\$61,005.94</u>
<b>Total Account Balances</b>	<b>\$194,135.73</b>



## WHAT'S NEW ON THE FINANCIAL FRONT?

The Executive Committee met in Kansas City, Missouri, January 17-19 to discuss details for the 2019 Conference at Sea and to begin looking at details for the 2020 Conference to be held in Kansas City. For this desert rat it was a little cold and snowy but a welcome change.

As Finance Chair I am pleased to announce that the Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure ended the 2018 year on a positive note. We were able to achieve this due to increased revenue from higher membership numbers and the Executive Committee was able to keep expenses down. Our hope is that we will be able to do the same thing in 2019.

The 2020 Budget was presented and after some discussion it was decided to submit the 2020 budget with the same numbers used in 2019. A copy of the 2020 budget is included for your review and will be presented for approval at the Business meeting to be held March 17.

We will not be taking an offering aboard ship for the Leslie Bayles Scholarship Fund due to the logistics of getting the money from the ship to the bank. However, we are asking that the donation you would have made during the conference be sent directly to Josie Hickom or for online donations go to the PAUMCS website, PAUMCS.org. In the same way you can donate to the "Touching Tomorrow Today Endowment Fund".

Remember to shop the PAUMCS online store. Special promotions are made available on a regular basis, so visit the site often. PAUMCS doesn't make any money from your shopping, but we use this as a way of promoting the organization.

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

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## *Prayer Net*

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](mailto:PAUMCSLinkingHands@gmail.com)

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### *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.

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### *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.

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