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Welcome to the 39th PAUMCS Annual Conference at beautiful Lake Junaluska!

It is so good to be here in-person with you all. After 4 decades, PAUMCS is thriving and continues to flourish in the ever-changing world of administration. Especially with the major changes that are to come for The United Methodist Church, PAUMCS remains a constant for those who provide ministry support to our devoted parishioners, pastors, bishops, and colleagues. We lead those who lead. It is an honor to work and serve with each of you.

The 2021 Online Certification Class was another great success with 24 participants completing the course. Their group projects included topics such as “How to Increase Diversity in the Church” and “Challenges in the Digital Age”. Personally, I am looking forward to finally celebrating in-person with the 2019, 2020, and 2021 classes and am very grateful for those who are in attendance.

The Advanced Certification Course is back this year in Nashville, Tennessee July 24 – 27. Registration is still open, and the class size is filled on first come first served basis. A better understanding of leadership and connectionalism are needed in this time of uncertainty in the denomination. This is especially true when it comes to issues of ministerial communications, the legal ramifications of the Trust Clause and Disaffiliation, and the maintenance of church safety. These topics will be covered in the sessions. So, register today! The cost is \$300, which includes training materials, all lunches, one dinner, and snacks.

During our time together this week, I pray that you find the peace that can only be provided by God our Father, that you leave here restored in not only your professional lives, but in your personal lives. What you do matters and how you act is the reflection of the goodness in being connected to God’s supernatural love. Friends, may you “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:16).

Be blessed,



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