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Welcome to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS), and welcome to my hometown of Nashville! The Middle Tennessee chapter has put together a joyful time of fellowship and worship for you this week.

Twenty-eight PAUMCS members were certified through the PAUMCS Online Certification program last year. This included two from Liberia and one from Switzerland. Making the online course globally accessible helps our sisters and brothers feel the United Methodist Connection that we are most proud of in this denomination.

We are happy to announce the restoration of the PAUMCS Advanced Certification Course. This three-day workshop will take place at the General Council on Finance & Administration (GCFA) in Nashville from August 26-29, 2018. The course is limited to 30 participants and will take place every other year. Personally, I am looking forward to hosting this class and receiving feedback for the years to come.

The focus at GCFA is to support every level of the Church in making disciples of Jesus Christ. I would like to encourage you to reach out to us when you need resources to assist in your ministry, local church, and annual conference. We are proud to support the PAUMCS association and to continue to watch it flourish into a denominational tool for all administrative professionals.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” – Romans 15:13

I look forward to rejoicing, dancing and worshipping with you.

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