



# PAUMCS

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**Dear PAUMCS Family,**

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Louisiana Site Committee, it is my absolute joy to welcome you to the 42nd Annual Conference of the Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS)! Whether you're joining us in person or online, we are so grateful to come together as a community, united in purpose and faith.

If this is your first PAUMCS conference, we're thrilled you're here! Get ready for an unforgettable experience filled with new friendships, fresh ideas, and meaningful worship alongside colleagues who share your passion for ministry in administration. And to our returning members — welcome home! We look forward to rekindling friendships and diving into another year of growth, inspiration, and fellowship.

This year's theme, "**Be Still and Know**," is drawn from **Psalm 46:10**: *"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

Amid the beautiful setting of **The Wesley Center in Woodworth, Louisiana**, our hosts and speakers will encourage us to embrace stillness, renew our spirits, and open our hearts to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Let's take this sacred time to pause, reflect, and recharge for the work ahead.

We are also honored to support the **2025 Mission Emphasis: Guiding Children and Families**. This incredible initiative is dedicated to leading children and their families toward a deeper experience of God's love, following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Throughout our time together, we will honor those we have lost, celebrate **Mardi Gras style** with the **Certification Class of 2024**, and recognize the nine certified members who began their **Advanced Certification in Houston** this past February. Our closing worship will be led by the **residential bishop for Louisiana, Bishop Delores Williamston**, who will also install our new PAUMCS officers—marking the beginning of another year filled with exciting growth and new opportunities.

As we part ways at the close of this conference, my hope is that you carry the inspiration, wisdom, and connections made here back into your ministries. Share the energy of PAUMCS with others and let the impact of our time together ripple outward, strengthening the mission we all hold dear.

Welcome to a time of renewal, celebration, and connection. Let's make this a conference to remember!

**With joy and anticipation,**

**Brenda Lockhart**  
**PAUMCS President**