

Texas Annual Conference of United Methodist Church *West District News*

March –April 2020

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2020 Texas Annual Conference May 24-27

You may now make hotel reservations for Texas Annual Conference 2020. Here is the information you need to know for that reservation at our conference rate: \$147.00 per night.

Hilton Americas – Houston
1600 Lamar St, Houston 77010
www.americashouston.hilton.com

Reservations By Phone: 1-800-236-2905
Code word: Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Online Reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/go/2020UNITEDMETHODISTCHURCH>

2020 TAC Pre-Registration is now Open

It is time to begin pre-registration for Texas Annual Conference 2020. Churches, please get your delegate information into your district office as soon as it is available.

Your link to register is being delivered by your district. If you have not received information by April 1st, please contact the West District office so we can be sure your information is updated.

Note: A login is NOT required. Simply choose the option to **register as a guest.**

This registration is specifically for clergy, clergy spouses and laity delegates to the Texas Annual Conference. **Guests and laity who are not delegates do not need to register.**

For additional information about this year's event, lodging and relevant forms, please go to <https://www.txcumc.org/tac2020>.

The deadline for pre-registration is May 7th at 12:00 noon (central time). The system will automatically shut down at that time and cannot be turned back on. After this date you will need to register in person at conference.

If you have questions about your registration, please contact the West District Office at 979-690-5627.

The West District Office is looking for a part time Office Assistant. For information and an application, send an email to Debbie Keim at dkeim@txcumc.org.

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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CHILDCARE

MAY 24, 2020—MAY 27, 2020

8:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

It's that time again!

Gear up for another fun year together at the Texas Annual Conference. This year we are 'Focusing on God' in every way. Our activities, games and field trips are all planned to help us build our faith and help us look for God in every little thing!

>>> This year, childcare is organized into 'sessions' (individualized time blocks) for better classroom scheduling/management and are designed to coincide with the existing TAC Main Sessions. <<<

Registration is open and available to all children from birth - entering 6th grade. If your child is currently enrolled in 5th grade classes for the 2019-2020 school year, great news! They are eligible to attend!

[Learn More](#) by Contacting Stephanie Denham at [409-239-3308](tel:409-239-3308)
or tacchildcare@gmail.com

Main Childcare Operating Times

Sunday, May 24th :
Evening Session 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Monday, May 25th :
Morning Session 8:00am - 11:00am
Mid-Day Session 11:00am - 5:00pm
Evening Session 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Tuesday, May 26th :
Morning Session 8:00am - 11:00am
Mid-Day Session 11:00am - 5:00pm
Evening Session 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Wed., May 27th :
Morning Session 8:00am - 12:00pm

FEES: Childcare Sessions are new this year but fear not! You will be able to register for as many or as few of the Childcare Sessions as needed, per child, on the registration form. Every age and every session will have music/Bible story time, themed crafts and activities, games, meals and more! Every session and every age group will have a snack and meal served. The charges to cover our cost of this is \$6 per session your child will attend.

More Information and registration at this link:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/tacchildcare2020>

Texas Annual Conference Hosts First Ever Course on Micromarketing & Social Media to Reach New Members

Micromarketing is one of the best tools for churches to reach new people in their community today. However, very few churches know how to use the data in their MissionInsite* to effectively market the group of people they are trying to reach.

Savvy communicators are successfully targeting a defined audience and reaching them through social media through a concept called micromarketing.

Reserve your spot today and learn how your church can go to the next level by micromarketing your community through social media. Choose the workshop closest to you for hands-on training. Registration is limited! For all the details (cost, times, registration and more), go to www.txcumc.org/micromarketing

March 4th—FUMC Longview 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. MissionInsite 201
12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Using MissionInsite to target new people with social media
\$25 a class, lunch provided for participants attending both classes

OR

March 5th—The Woodlands UMC 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. MissionInsite 201
12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Using MissionInsite to target new people with social media
\$25 a class, lunch provided for participants attending both classes

*MissionInsite is free software to Texas Annual Conference churches that looks demographics, lifestyle, attitudes and spending habits.

MISSIONAL EXCELLENCE GRANTS

District Missions Grants for the spring/summer may be requested to support **new or expanding** ministries of the church, and to assist congregations with mission trips or projects. Grants normally do not exceed \$3000, and may be of a lesser amount. Fill out the application and send to: West District, PO Box 9890, College Station, TX 77842

You can find the application on our website at:

<http://west-district.org/missions.html> .

Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020.

Get to Know Your Delegates as They Prepare for General Conference

The 18 delegates elected for the Texas Annual Conference continue to plan, study, and pray daily for the General Conference, which will be held in Minneapolis May 5-15, 2020. They gather monthly for a meeting to prepare for the big event.

Go to the Texas Annual Conference website to learn more about these delegates.

www.txcumc.org

Moody Permanent Endowment Fund 2020 TAC Grant

The Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF) is accepting online letters of intent for the PEF's 2020 Texas Annual Conference grant cycle **through Monday, March 2, 2020.**

Texas Annual Conference churches and affiliated institutes interested in applying for a grant must submit the official letter of intent form by the deadline using the PEF's online grant application system.

For more information on how to apply, general eligibility requirements, and grant cycle deadlines, please visit the PEF's website at www.moodypef.org and select [How to Apply](#) under the **Applicants** menu or contact pef@moodypef.org or call **409-443-5577**.

Order of Elders and Deacons Retreat

MARCH 25-27, 2020



Tod Bolsinger is the Vice-President & Chief of Leadership Formation, and Associate Professor of Leadership Formation at Fuller Theological Seminary. For seventeen years, he was the Senior Pastor of San Clemente Presbyterian Church in San Clemente, California after serving for ten years on the pastoral staff at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. He earned a Ph.D. in Theology and Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is the author of three books, including the Outreach Magazine Resource of the Year in Pastoral Leadership, *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*, and the Christianity Today Award of Merit recipient, *It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian: How the community of God transforms lives*. He speaks, consults and is an executive coach for corporate, non-profit, educational and church organizations in transformational leadership. Tod's newest book on the formation of resilient change leaders is due out in 2020.

Register at the following link:

<https://lakeviewmcc.org/meetings-events/event-registration/>



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Farris Chapel UMC
Flynn UMC
Friendship UMC
Gause UMC
Giddings First UMC
Kosse UMC
Lexington UMC
Lynn Grove UMC
Marlin First UMC
McKenzie Chapel UMC
Paige UMC
Pleasant Retreat UMC
Richards UMC
Shiro UMC
Yarborough UMC



June 15-27, 2020

Have you ever gotten that feeling that God is calling one of your youth to a path of ministry?

Have you ever been asked by or told by a youth that they may want to go to seminary someday?

NOW is your chance to give that young person the gift to explore more of that call through The Texas Youth Academy.

[NOMINATE YOUR STUDENT NOW - THROUGH MARCH 27, 2020](https://www.txcumc.org/youthacademy)

Texas Youth Academy provides a life-changing experience of intentional Christian community through authentic discipleship. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to encourage and enable young people through their vocational calling of ordained or lay ministry. <https://www.txcumc.org/youthacademy>