

# West District News

## 2019 All Church Charge Conference

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019 AT 4 PM

CHRIST UMC

4201 STATE HWY 6 SOUTH  
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77845

Rev. Jerry House will be the guest speaker.

Please join us for a meal afterwards that will take place in the Fellowship Hall.



## Report Day

Report Day for 2019 is *Tuesday, January 7, 2020*. All reports will be *due* in the district office before *noon on January 7th*. Auditors will be in the West District Office from 8:30 am to noon.

If a church has not paid their apportionments in full by December 15th, the pastor will need to bring the signature page from the report along with any apportionment payment being made on *Monday January 6th*. You will need to call for an appointment with Debbie. Remember the *last day for payments to be received in the Conference office will be December 15th*. Do not mail payments after that date. Bring them to the district office with your EOY Report signature page.

### Report Day Training

Wednesday, December 4th at 10:30 am.  
All are welcome to attend. Please call the district office and let them know you plan on attending.

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# District Office *CLOSED* November 4 – 7, 2019 for Administrative Assistant Training in Houston



All those who are serving under episcopal appointment within the Texas Annual Conference must attend one of the upcoming Sexual Ethics Trainings in early 2020 to remain in good standing. This includes all clergy serving in extension ministries, retired clergy serving under appointment, all deacons, elders, licensed local pastors (part time

and full time), interim ministers, diaconal ministers, CLMs and lay supply who are assigned to lead a church.

Those on leave or unappointed also need to attend to stay in good standing with the conference. This training is required even if you have recently attended an abbreviated version at Residency Retreats or Licensing Schools since the last quadrennial training in 2015-2016.

The first two trainings will have outside speakers facilitating the sessions. The remaining three trainings will be facilitated by our own TAC clergy.

Presentations will cover the following and more:

- Promoting healthy boundaries in ministerial leadership
- Raising awareness
- Preventing sexual misconduct in our churches
- Proper Social Media responsibilities

Printed certificates showing CEU credits will be provided upon request. The date of attendance will be recorded on your permanent record.

## When & Where

- **Memorial Dr UMC, Houston** - Tuesday Jan. 28, 2020
- **Marvin UMC, Tyler** - Wednesday Jan. 29, 2020
- **St. Paul's UMC, Houston** - Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020.
- **Longview FUMC, Longview** - Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020
- **Conroe FUMC, Conroe** - Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020

*Register at:*

[www.txcumc.org/seboundaries](http://www.txcumc.org/seboundaries)

## Job Opening at Grace UMC

Grace UMC in Hearne is in *need of music for Sunday morning worship.*

We have enjoyed the talents of a young woman who has played piano for us for the past 5 years and she will be getting married next month and departing our area. We are interested in any person(s) able to either lead worship or simply play piano competently. Either traditional or contemporary music is acceptable.

Compensation is currently set at \$150 per week. There is only one worship service at 11:00 am on Sunday. For additional information please contact Pastor Gary Westbrook by email at [wgw12@yahoo.com](mailto:wgw12@yahoo.com), or phone at 979-571-5761.



# Retirees Monthly Lunch

Retirees and spouses of retirees meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at a restaurant the host(s) choose, at 11:50 AM. Golden Corral is casual about reservations, but some other restaurants are not. All will write single and couple receipts. A reply to the host is helpful but if that doesn't work for you, reply to 979 776 0073

- **November 18** - Golden Corral, on University, Host is Shelby Rowan (979-822-2769)
- **December 16** - Johnny Carinos at 620 Harvey Rd., College Station. Hosts are Dan and Joyce Louis (979-776-0073)



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## Beginning Again - Pre-Retirement Seminar

Beginning Again is a pre-retirement seminar designed for clergy and spouses to help you prepare financially, emotionally and spiritually for the 'third part' of your life.

"The more prepared we are to retire, helps us enjoy it all the more."

Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday will include presentations by representatives from the Wespath, Ernst & Young - Group Health Benefits, TAC Retirees, and others. Information will be presented about pensions, taxes, insurance, estate planning, ending well, crucial conversations, and much more. Sign up when you arrive for short private sessions with the reps from Wespath and Ernst & Young, scheduled during free times.

November 12-13,  
2019

[Click here](#) for more information on the schedule and program.

To register, contact Nancy Slade at [nslade@txcumc.org](mailto:nslade@txcumc.org)

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## The Upper Room Soul Reset Retreat

**November 20-21, 2019**

The Upper Room, The Texas Annual Conference, and Rev. Junius Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries, invite you to a retreat based on Rev. Dotson's newly released book, Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and Spiritual Wholeness. The retreat will provide space for clergy and laypersons to move from feeling overwhelmed and depleted toward a life of spiritual well-being. Join us for this meaningful time of worship, centering prayer, and spiritual guidance. Registration includes a complimentary copy of the book. Registrants will receive .5 CEUs.

Registration includes accommodations, snacks, 3 meals, and a copy of the book.

To register - contact Jim Reiter at [jim.reiter@zoe-life.net](mailto:jim.reiter@zoe-life.net)



# 48th Annual Chili Day Fundraiser

Join Wesley United Methodist Church in Bryan for their fundraiser. This is the church's only fundraiser each year that funds all of their missions. Come out and eat a great bowl of chili, bid on some silent and live auction items, and enjoy fellowship.



Sunday November 9 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Wesley UMC

\$8 plates served with your choice of regular or hot & spicy chili, drink and dessert!

A silent auction will take place from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Live auction 2:00 pm

4201 N Texas Ave, Bryan TX

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## African American Church Initiative



Bishop Jones understands there are special challenges and opportunities facing the black community, and is putting in place some steps to help United Methodists receive the Holy Spirit's help in new ways. Bishop Jones is announcing the creation of the "African-American Church Initiative: Transitioning Toward the Future." This initiative will consist of several components with the centerpiece being a local church consultation process and a Lay Academy.

Each district held an informational meeting about the consultation process that is intended for pastors and the lay leadership team from each African American congregation in the district.

On November 9th at Jones Memorial UMC in Houston and on February 8th, 2020 at FUMC Tyler the Bishop's Lay Academy on Evangelism will be held, where Bishop Jones will teach about the many ways God can use your church and you personally to reach your community. This academy is open to all who are able to attend and lunch will be provided to those who register. There is no fee for this academy.

**November 9, 2019**

9:30am-12pm, Lunch provided

Jones Memorial UMC

2504 Almeda Genoa

Houston, Texas 77047

<https://www.txcumc.org/aaci>

For more information -

Contact the Center for Congregational Excellence at 713-521-9383 or [cceoffice@txcumc.org](mailto:cceoffice@txcumc.org)

# Listening Session with Bishop Jones



On October 13, Christ UMC hosted the listening session with Bishop Jones for the West District. We had a great turn out! Important discussions took place. If more information is needed, contact the district office for the handouts and information.

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## Thank You FUMC Somerville

This year's District Charge Conference was hosted by FUMC Somerville. Thank you for the hospitality and kindness. There was a good turnout!



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## Core Leadership Team and District Leadership Teams Meetings

The joint meeting of the Core Leadership Team & District Leadership Teams will be held at First UMC-Livingston, Texas, **Thursday, November 14, 2019, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Please save that date and plan to attend a very important leadership gathering.

### Our day will be devoted to several important tasks:

One of the high priorities is to review and reflect on the information gleaned by the Strategic Mapping Team during the District Listening Sessions with Bishop Jones. From there we will have an opportunity to work in District Teams, so we can identify unique implications for your context ministry. We'll also mix the district groups with others, so we can focus on interactions with people from different regions of the annual conference.

By the end of the day we want to have identified some positive directions for the annual conference, clarified questions needing further explanation, and come away with a sense of how the Proposal from the Strategic Mapping Team will need further development. This will be a challenging time together. There was very good attendance at the District Listening Sessions. Now, we want to maximize those gatherings.

Please RSVP to [jervin@txcumc.org](mailto:jervin@txcumc.org) if you plan to attend the CLT/DLT Joint Meeting so we have an accurate count for our caterer.

# Clergy Family Christmas Party

Friday, December 13, 2019  
FUMC Huntsville at 5:30 pm.

The West District invites all clergy  
and their families to a Christmas  
celebration!  
We hope to see you there ~

1016 Sam Houston Ave, Huntsville, TX 77520

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## West District Lay Servant School



Saturday, February 8, 2020  
Saturday, February 15, 2020  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

First UMC, 506 E. 28th St, Bryan, TX 77803



**COST:** \$40 by January 17; \$50 until January 24  
(Register ASAP so you get your book.)

NO Registrations AFTER Jan 24, 2020  
Do NOT show up w/o pre-registering. We cannot get  
materials for you.

Textbooks & lunch included if pre-registered  
Notify us if any food allergies or dietary restrictions.  
Notify us if you need childcare; cost: \$20.

QUESTIONS? Contact:  
Natalie Patterson: [natalie.patterson@fumcbryan.org](mailto:natalie.patterson@fumcbryan.org)  
West District Office: 979.690.5627 or [dkeim@txcumc.org](mailto:dkeim@txcumc.org)

### ***Courses***

- Basic: Lay Servant 101 - God can use ME? Seriously?
- Living Our United Methodist Beliefs
- Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition
- Transforming Evangelism
- Leading Missional Small Groups

***[Register here for Lay Servant School!](#)***

# West District Calendar

Your guide for events in the West District.

**Nov 4-7, 2019**

Office closed due to DAA Training

**Nov 9, 2019 9:30 am**

African American Initiative

**Nov 9, 2019 11 am**

Wesley UMC Chili Fundraiser

**Nov 10, 2019 4 pm**

Church Charge Conference

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Retiree lunch

**Nov 20, 2019**

Soul Reset Retreat

**Nov 21, 2019**

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**Nov 25- 28, 2019**

Thanksgiving  
District Office Closed

**Dec 4, 2019 10:30 pm**

Report Day Training

**Dec 13, 2019 5:30 pm**

District Clergy Christmas Party @ FUMC Huntsville

**Dec 16, 2019 11:30 am**

Retiree lunch

**Dec 23 - Jan 1, 2020**

District Office Closed for the Holidays

**Jan 7, 2020 8:30 am**

REPORT DAY

**Feb 8, 2020 8:30 am**

Lay Servant Training

**Feb 15, 2020 8:30 am**

Lay Servant Training

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## 2019 DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS PAID IN FULL



*Thank You!*

- A&M UMC
- Bay's Chapel UMC
- Bedias UMC
- Bellville UMC
- Blue UMC
- Bremond Grace UMC
- Bremond St. James UMC
- Brenham Pleasant Grove UMC
- Cameron First UMC
- Christ UMC
- Chriesman UMC
- Caldwell UMC
- Centerville First UMC
- Chappell Hill UMC
- College Station First UMC
- Cooks Point UMC
- Davis Chapel UMC
- Dobbin Pleasant Grove UMC
- Evans Chapel UMC
- Farris Chapel UMC
- Flynn UMC
- Franklin UMC
- Friendship UMC
- Gause UMC
- Giddings First UMC
- Hempstead Bethlehem UMC
- Hempstead First UMC
- Hopewell UMC
- Huntsville First UMC
- Huntsville Grace UMC
- Huntsville Pleasant Grove UMC
- Kosse UMC
- Lee Chapel UMC
- Leona UMC
- Lexington UMC
- Lynn Grove UMC
- Majors Chapel UMC
- Marlin First UMC
- McKenzie Chapel UMC
- Millican UMC
- Normangee First UMC
- Paige UMC
- Pleasant Retreat UMC
- Reagan UMC
- Richards UMC
- Satin UMC
- Shiro UMC
- Sneed Memorial UMC
- St. James UMC
- St. Lukes UMC
- St. Matthew UMC
- Stonehamville UMC
- Templo Del Espiritu Santo
- Two Mile UMC
- Wesley UMC
- Wheelock UMC
- Yarborough Chapel UMC
- Zion UMC