

West District News

Report Day

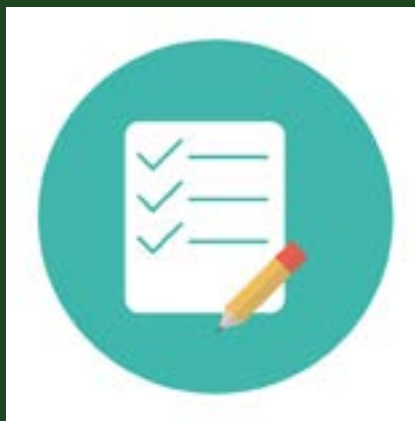
For those churches who paid their apportionments in full by December 13th, Report Day is January 7, 2020 by noon! You will need to have your report finished, printed the signature page, and gotten the Finance Chair and pastor to sign and fax or email the signature page to the district office.

Churches who have not paid their apportionments in full by December 13th, will need to come to the district office on Monday, January 6, 2020 with your report finished, a signed signature page, and bring any apportionment payment for 2019.

The last day for apportionments to be received in the Conference office is December 13, 2019. Do not mail payments after that date. Bring them to the district office with your EOY Report signature page.

The district office will be closed over the Christmas break – December 23 thru January 2, 2020. I will be available by email (most days) if you have questions.

You can go online today and start entering those numbers. Just make sure you update them after your last worship service of the year.



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L.E.A.D. Institute

January 26th, 2020 | FUMC Bryan | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.



Key Speaker - Rev. Allen T. Stanton

Rev. Allen T. Stanton is the Executive Director of the Turner Center at Martin Methodist College, where he focuses on supporting rural churches to become leaders in community transformation. Previously, he served as a pastor of a small-membership church in North Carolina and as the Rural Church Fellow at the NC State University's Institute for Emerging Issues. Allen has written for a variety of publications, including Practical Matters, Faith and Leadership, and Ministry Matters. He is currently completing his first book, available in fall 2020. Allen lives in Pulaski, TN with his wife, Abby, and daughter, Paige.



Community Impact: Share Love, Share Jesus

Galatians 6:9-10

Break-out Groups

- "How Clergy Excellence Supports the Church and Pastor"
- "Youth in the Local Church"
- "Spiritual Engaging in Prayer" - this one is good to go.
- "Changing the Narrative: Thriving Small-Membership Congregations—break down the myths and stereotypes and explore indicators and practices of thriving, community focused, small membership churches. (all one breakout—list this one first.

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:

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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!](#)

Sexual Ethics Boundaries

FOR GREATER THINGS

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

Hearn Lecture Series



Dr. Craig Hill

Moody Methodist Church will host Dr. Craig C. Hill as the featured speaker for the Hearn Lecture Series, January 19-20, 2020.

The two-part lecture series, "Status, Ambition, and the Way of Jesus, Part 1 and Part 2" will explore and discuss the tension that exists between the biblical view of servant leaders and the status that Christian leaders often desire and pursue.

"We are excited to have Dr. Hill as our Hearn Lecture Series speaker this year. Dr. Hill is a renowned scholar with the heart of a pastor, an effective communicator and one of the leading voices of our denomination. We couldn't be happier to have him," said Moody Methodist Senior Pastor, Reverend Dr. Jerry Neff. All clergy and lay leaders from Texas Annual Conference churches are encouraged to attend this free event. For details and registration information, visit moody.org/hearn-lectures.



The Hearn Lecture Series

Bishop J Woodrow Hearn had a vision to create a lecture series that presented relevant topics to local churches. The inaugural series began in 2014 honoring Bishop J. Woodrow and Mrs. Anne Hearn and featuring Dr. Stan Copeland and Rev. Bruce Hearn as speakers. The Hearn Lecture Series is underwritten by the Moody Methodist Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF).



2020 Tax Seminars

Clergy & Church Finance



Rev. David Andersen

Elaine Sommerville

Frank Sommerville

The Texas Methodist Foundation (TMF) is sponsoring seminars for clergy and church staff or laity participating in the financial management of the local church.

February 10, 2020

First UMC Temple
102 N 2nd St.
Temple, TX 76501
with Frank Sommerville

February 11, 2020

Trinity UMC Arlington
1200 W Green Oaks Blvd
Arlington, TX 76013
with Elaine Sommerville, CPA

February 13, 2020

First UMC Huntsville
1016 Sam Houston Ave.
Huntsville, TX 77320
with Rev. David Andersen, CPA

Lunch included!

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE NOW:
tmf-fdn.org/events/tax-seminars

8:45am: Registration Opens

9:15am: Clergy Tax Seminar

12:15pm: Lunch (provided)

12:45pm: Afternoon Registration

1:30pm: Church Finance/Legal Update

Clergy Tax Seminar

Pre-requisites: None
Credit: 3 CPE Credit Hours

Objectives: To gain specific knowledge about relevant changes to current tax laws and learn about payroll issues related to ministers, such as employment status, housing allowances, reimbursable expenses, tax free benefits, retirement plans, and more.

Church Finance / Legal Update Seminar

Pre-requisites: None
Credit: 2.5 CPE Credit Hours

Objectives: To gain specific knowledge about relevant changes to current tax laws and learn more about the basics of general church finance, including how to handle unique issues related to church employees and contractors, reimbursement plans, charitable gifts, tax deductible contributions, expense reimbursement, financial records, reporting, and more.

West District Calendar

Your guide for events in the West District.

Dec 23 - Jan 1, 2020

District Office Closed for the Holidays

Jan 7, 2020 8:30 am

REPORT DAY

Jan 20, 2020

Hearn Lecture Series

Jan 19, 2020

Hearn Lecture Series

Jan 26, 2020

L.E.A.D. Institute

Jan 28, 2020

Sexual Ethics Training
Memorial Dr. UMC

Jan 29, 2020

Sexual Ethics Training
Marvin UMC

Feb 8, 2020 8:30 am

Lay Servant Training

Feb 12, 2020

Sexual Ethics Training
St. Paul UMC (Houston)

Feb 13, 2020

2020 Tax Seminar
FUMC Huntsville

Feb 15, 2020

Sexual Ethics Training
FUMC Longview

Feb 15, 2020 8:30 am

Lay Servant Training

Feb 29, 2020

Sexual Ethics Training
FUMC Conroe

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- A&M UMC
- Aldersgate UMC
- Alexander UMC
- Bay's Chapel UMC
- Bedias UMC
- Bellville UMC
- Blue UMC
- Bremond Grace UMC
- Brenham Pleasant Grove UMC
- Bryan First UMC
- Cameron First UMC
- Christ UMC
- Chriesman UMC
- Caldwell First 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
- 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
- Madisonville First UMC
- Majors Chapel UMC
- Marlin First UMC
- Marquez UMC
- McKenzie Chapel UMC
- Milano UMC
- Millican UMC
- Navasota First UMC
- Normangee First UMC
- Paige UMC
- Pleasant Retreat UMC
- Reagan UMC
- Richards UMC
- Satin UMC
- Shiro UMC
- Sneed Memorial UMC
- Somerville First UMC
- St. James UMC
- St. John's UMC
- St. Lukes UMC
- St. Matthew UMC
- St. Paul UMC
- Stoneham UMC
- Stonehamville UMC
- Tanyard UMC
- Templo Del Espiritu Santo
- Two Mile UMC
- Wesley UMC
- Wheelock UMC
- Yarborough Chapel UMC
- Zion UMC