



Atlantic Central District



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NEWSLETTER

February 2017

I am looking forward to this special event. Dr. Reggie McNeal enjoys helping people enjoy more intentional lives. He is a bestselling author, teacher, and popular speaker for groups who are engaged in community service. My hope is all your leaders will attend and also invite the congregation to attend as well.

Gary



A Special Message from Dr. Reggie McNeal

*Get off Your Donkey ...
Helping Somebody and Help Yourself*

Saturday, February 18th, @ Suntree UMC
9:30AM till 2:00PM (lunch provided)
Special guest, Bishop Carter

Sunday, February 19th, @
UMC of the Palm Beaches
1:30PM till 4:00PM

Reggie McNeal, Author

SAVE the DATE!!

Discipleship Workshops sponsored by the Congregational Vitality Team

Saturday, Apr. 1 in the North District at Wesley UMC, West Melbourne

Saturday, May 6 in the South District at UMC of the Palm Beaches, West Palm Beach

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

PASTORS, STAFF AND LAITY INVITED

Items covered will be Missional Alignment, Door to Core Pathway, Partnership Assimilation, Types of Discipling Groups, Connecting People to Groups, Training Group Leaders, Ongoing Care of Small Group Leaders, and Overseeing the Group System

YEAR END STATISTICAL REPORT

**The deadline for submitting Year End Statistical Tables is February 10, 2017.
Online reporting begins January 3, 2017.**

The information you share gives the GCFA and the conference an opportunity to see how the churches have prospered in the last year.

Go to the [Year-End Statistics Instructions](#) website to get started!

Thank you for your help in telling our churches' stories through statistics

The Fresh Expressions team here in the Florida conference is excited to announce that we will be awarding micro grants in the first quarter of 2017 to both new and existing Fresh Expressions! We are looking for groups that have a clear vision and could use funding to either help get their group off the ground or to help a group continue in their ministry moving forward. Grants will range from \$100 to \$1,500.

Attached to this email is the grant application. Please send all applications to mharrell@flumc.org by January 31st for consideration.

Blessings,
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Files: [freshexpressionsmicrograntapplicationedited.pdf](#)

Several churches are asking how to calculate 2017 clergy *Conference* pension and why the amount billed by Wespath for their clergy's *UMPIP* is different from the amount their clergy contributed.

- For some churches it may be easier to request Wespath to bill personal UMPIP contributions on a **dollar** basis rather than a percentage basis. (*i.e.:* **Clergy**

makes \$500 and wants to contribute 1% to UMPIP. Instead of requesting 1%, have clergy request a \$5 contribution.)

- Pay Wespith online for UMPIP contributions. This is an alternative to paper billing and will reflect a more 'real time' amount. This can be set up by calling Wespith.

The chart below details the difference in what is included and calculated in each of the two (2) clergy pension plans:

Conference Benefits - billed to most churches at 15%

15% Calculated On

- Salary
- Housing Allowance or
- Parsonage - valued at 25% of salary

Excludes – Healthcare Supplement

CLERGY UMPIP PAYROLL

CONTRIBUTION – If on a % basis

% Calculated Includes

- Salary
- Housing Allowance
- Healthcare Supplement

Excludes – a value for the parsonage.

The Florida United Methodist Foundation is now accepting applications from first-year, college-bound United Methodist students for the 2017 Sinclair scholarships, and we need your help to spread the word.

Applicants must be full and active members of a Florida United Methodist church, have a record of church and community service, and have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher or academic performance that indicates ability to succeed in college. They must also be planning to attend a Florida or United Methodist college or university this fall.

Scholarship awards range from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and are renewable for up to three additional years for students who remain in good standing. The deadline to apply is **March 20**.

A [scholarship application](#) and other required forms are available for download on the foundation's website. More information is available by contacting Nadara Brock at nbrock@fumf.org or 866-363-9673, ext. 7113, or visiting www.fumf.org.

Below are several stories related to the scholarship, providing more information about how they benefit and support students:

[Scholarship recipients are driven, thankful](#)

[Sinclair Scholarship recipients offer hope for the future](#)

[Scholarship helps make dream of college a reality](#)

FYI.....[Click here](#) for the new revised I-9 form that everyone needs to start using. Also changing is the minimum wage for the state of Florida effective January 1, 2017. [Click here](#) for the new workplace poster.



"Journeys of Paul" Cruise

In June, 2017, Pastor John Gill (The Open Door, A United Methodist Community) and his wife Terri are leading a pilgrimage cruise across the Mediterranean to visit sites where the

Apostle Paul traveled and ministered. For additional details, contact Pastor Gill @ john.gill@flumc.org.

The Florida United Methodist Connectional FCU is now accepting applications is once again offering scholarships to 17-35 year old college-bound students in our connection. Four winning applicants, one from each of our four conferences - Florida, North Georgia, South Georgia and Alabama-West Florida - will each receive a \$1000 scholarship. and an application can be found on . [CLICK HERE](#) for complete rules, an application, and full essay submission criteria. Deadline for submission is April 28, 2017

Applicants must be a credit union member in good standing. Eligible credit union members are 1) members of the United Methodist Church in this conference, 2) Employees of a United Methodist church or agency, or 3) an immediate family member of a UMC FCU member.

For additional questions, contact the Marietta, GA branch at 800-282-9368 or the Lakeland, FL branch at 866-687-2126.

Calendar 2017

February:

6 - SLT/Cabinet

7-9 - Appointive Cabinet

18 - District Clergy and Laity Training - 9:30 a.m. - at Suntree UMC, Melbourne

19 - District Clergy and Laity Training - 1:30 p.m. - at UMC of the Palm Beaches

March:

1 - Ash Wednesday

13-16 - Appointive Cabinet

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