



Atlantic Central District

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

June 2017



Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. and the appointive cabinet of the Florida Conference The United Methodist Church, in consultation the clergy and authorized lay leaders of the churches, announce full-time appointment changes, to take effect July 1, 2017. This of ministry is in fulfillment of paragraphs 429 of *The Book of Discipline* (2016). For a reflection on the core values employed in the process of clergy appointments to churches, [click here](#).



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I want to welcome the following persons to our District. I ask that you take some time to welcome them also.

First, Okeechobee: Don Hanna
First, Pahokee/Canal Point: Gordon Pike
First, Port St. Lucie (Senior): Brian Carr
First Port St. Lucie (Associate): Evelyn Teran
Mims: John Gill
New Church Start (NCD) (West Palm Bay): Sean Peters
Roseland: Linda Tice
Satellite Beach: Harry Holloman
The Open Door: Kim DuBreuil
UMC of the Palm Beaches: Patti Aupperlee
Christ/Palm Bay: Fenel Conserve

Those leaving our District/moving within the District:

Bruce Simpson - Retiring
Patti Aupperlee - going to UMC of the Palm Beaches
Gary Upleger - going to First, Mt. Dora
Joe Andujar - going to Pine Ridge Fellowship
Denny McCullough - Retiring
Beth Bostrom - going to Ext. Ministries
Joe Jursa - Retiring

John Gill - going to Mims UMC
Kent Crow - going on Leave of Absence
Alex Christian - going to First, Chiefland
Fenel Conserve - going to Christ/Palm Bay
Todd Stube - going on Leave of Absence

Gary

2017 Annual Conference | June 8-10
Buena Vista Palace Hotel, Orlando



175th Session of the Florida Annual Conference
Thursday, June 8 - Saturday, June 10
Gathering Events begin Wednesday, June 7

Buena Vista Palace Hotel
1900 Buena Vista Drive; Orlando, FL 32830

[Click HERE](#) for the AC2017 webpage.

Volunteer Opportunities - AC2017 provides many opportunities for folks from our local congregations to serve as volunteers helping provide radical hospitality throughout the event.

Sign up opportunities are available to volunteer at Guest Services and as Ushers at Daytime Plenary and Evening Worship Sessions. Please be aware that the majority of the Usher positions require standing for portions of the shift time.

[Click HERE](#) to sign up as a volunteer. Questions? Contact Heidi Leab hleab@flumc.org or 863-688-5563 x192.

Note about Clergy Registration at Annual Conference:

Annual Conference 2017 clergy registration will be handled differently this year. The clergy session will be held at St. Luke's on Thursday morning. On Thursday morning you may only register at St. Luke's.

Remember - Clergy MUST be registered prior to being admitted into the clergy session.

Clergy Registration times

Wednesday, June 7 - Buena Vista Palace, Citron Booth- 3pm - 6pm
Thursday, June 8 - St. Luke's - 8:30am - 10am
Thursday, June 8 - Buena Vista Palace, Citron Booth - noon - 5pm
Friday, June 9 - Buena Vista Palace, Citron Booth - 8am - 4:30pm

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY ON A SHOESTRING

This webinar is designed for small membership, rural, and financially strapped churches to help them offer quality older adult ministry to their seniors. Based on requests for resources from Discipleship Ministries and the reporting of creative, unique older adult ministry practice, this webinar focuses on doing a few ministries well. It also concentrates on ways to adapt the practices of larger and better funded churches to the context of the small church. Finally, it offers tools for uncovering hidden assets, and partnerships that will stretch resources much further.

Based upon an oft repeated 2016 live workshop, this webinar provides not only a roadmap for the smaller membership church to follow, but also highlights the advantages of being small and the non-financial resources which are often overlooked.

For more information, [click here](#).

DISASTER RECOVERY

We are at the start of the **2017 Hurricane Season**. With a forecast for above

average number of storms, the District Office would like to remind all churches to begin their preparations for the season. **Pastors** please get with your Trustees and Church Disaster Coordinator to create or update your Church Disaster Plan. **Trustees** should get with your Church Disaster Coordinator to create or update your Church Disaster Plan. Please inform your Pastor of your efforts. If you don't have a plan email our District Disaster Coordinator at patti.aupperlee@flumc.org for assistance in developing your Church Plan.

Join Sandi Bandieri, Adult Ministries Director for First Titusville September 20th - September 30th.



500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation Tour of Germany

Contact Sandi Bandieri at (603) 785-2088 for more information.

Calendar 2017

June

5th - dCOM - First UMC, Vero Beach 9:00
7th-10th - District office closed for Annual Conference
12 - 13th - Full Cabinet
19-21st - Cabinet/SLT Retreat in NC
27th - Moving Day

July

July 4: Independence Day - Conference and District Offices Closed
July 13-16: Mission U; Bethune-Cookman University; Daytona Beach
July 14-15: Candidacy Retreat, Lakeland

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