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PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURE
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From Our President

Jackie Powers, Gainesville, GA

All Things New

We Have a New Name…

Georgia Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure! We are now planning to expand our training events to reach more people in more positions within the United Methodist Connectional Structure. We are very excited about the opportunities this will bring. Read more inside this issue about our new name.

It's a New Year…

Yes, we are now in the year 2018. It's a time to reflect on our blessings of 2017, but also a time to look forward to what is in store for us in 2018. For many, it's a new beginning. New friends, a new job, a new start… What will be new for you? What will be new for GA PAUMCS?

Truth is, as we walk through this life, there will always be new things. As I think of new, I get excited. Mainly because old things need to go and give a chance for new beginnings to take place. Restoration and healing, comfort for those who are hurting. Another day of forgiveness.

Hillsong has a song titled "All Things New" - part of the song says…

The heavens have been opened, I know that I am chosen,
For I am alive in You, I am alive in You
God you are restoring, all things for Your glory
I am alive in You, I am alive in You.

You make all things new, You make all things new
Yesterday and forever, Your love never changing
this hope never fading, Hallelujah

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In these words, I am reminded that God is a God of new beginnings. A God of making things new for us everyday. A God of unchanging love and a hope that never fades away. As we approach a new year, my prayer for GA PAUMCS is that we seek the new and exciting things. That we move forward in ways that bring us new friends and new wisdom in the things needed to help us move forward in ministry.

We are chosen to be in ministry for the Kingdom of God. Let's look together for others we find on our paths, those we can share the hope and love of God. Remember to share our new name with others, and let's get going on this new adventure together.

Facebook

Go "like" our page to receive updated news and events.

1. Go to the search bar and type in "GA-PAUMCS"
2. Click on us and check out our page!
3. Hit the "like" button to like our page and get updates on our activities and programs.

Find Us On the Web: www.ga-paumcs.org

Recap of 2017 Annual Conference

Denise Wilson, LaGrange, GA

As Site Chairperson for the 2017 GA PAUMCS Annual Conference, I would like to thank all those who helped with the planning of the event and especially those who attended. It was a very successful conference! One of the highlights was the day we spent at the Biblical History Center where our tour guide Hannaniah Pinto made the Bible come alive for us with his insights, interesting facts, and history lessons. If you have never had a chance to visit the center, I would encourage you to check it out!

Another highlight of the weekend was the hands-on mission project. We put together packages to be distributed to the homeless population of LaGrange when they come to the Troup County Warming Center. The center opens any night that the temperature is forecast to drop below 37°. Mike Wilson shared with us information on how the center was started and stories about some of the homeless people in LaGrange. Recently, there was a young woman who came to the warming center with nothing but some light clothing and $5. Mike and others spent time with her and provided her with one of our packages along with some clothing that had been donated, and allowed her to take a shower. She was so touched and grateful that she insisted on giving Mike $2 of the $5 that she had with her! The time we spent in fellowship putting together the packages has truly made a difference!

As usual, there was much fellowship and fun times during the weekend as well as a meaningful worship service on Thursday night. Classes were very helpful and beneficial and I am especially grateful to several of our own members for leading workshops, including Lesley Baskette, Georgia Deakin, Kathy Cawthon, Paula Moore, Jackie Powers, and Annette Harmon. Many of us enjoyed spending time together on Friday night at the paint party. It was amazing how everyone started out with the same cross, but in the end they all looked so different! Congratulations to Josie Hickom who was recognized as Secretary of the Year at our Celebration Banquet.

I share all of this information with you to let you know that our Annual Conference weekends are a great time for learning, sharing, worshipping, and fellowshipping together. If you have never attended a conference, please consider attending in 2018 when we will meet in Warner Robins in August (more information provided in this newsletter). I promise you will be glad you did!

Shop PAUMCS

Need a T-shirt, shirt, tote bag, etc.? Shop our PAUMCS Promotional Items Online at ga-paumcs.org. Click *Shop Online.* What a great way to introduce your friends and co-workers to PAUMCS. They see the logo on an item you've purchased and they ask you about PAUMCS. You are able to tell them what a great organization you belong to and how wonderful it is to have such a supportive organization that is a part of the United Methodist Church.

PROMOTE PAUMCS

Remember to talk to other church administrators in your area. We want to encourage others to join PAUMCS and to attend our 2018 conference and workshops in Warner Robbins, GA.

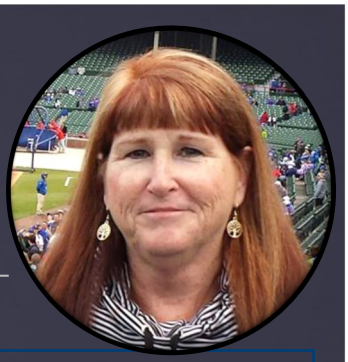
2018 GA-PAUMCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Warner Robbins UMC
August 23 - 26, 2018

"REST"

Renew, Educate, Simplify, Together

Treasurer

Annette Harmon, Covington, GA



January 1 – November 30, 2017

	Actual	Budget
BALANCE AS OF JAN 1, 2017		
Operating Acct.	$ 4,110.21	
Scholarship Fund	$ 2,254.03	
REVENUES		
Membership Dues @ $35.00	$ 1,400.00	$ 1,400.00
Conference Registrations	$ 3,047.00	$ 4,375.00
Commuter Meals	$ 60.00	
Ways and Means	$ 112.00	$ 400.00
TOTAL BUDGETED REV.	**$ 4,619.00**	**$ 6,175.00**
NON-BUDGETED REVENUE		
Interest Income	$ 3.60	
Scholarship Income	$ 243.00	
Total Non-Budgeted Revenue	$ 246.60	
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 4,865.60**	**$ 6,175.00**
Conference Expense:		
Food, Entertainment, Worship	$ 1,182.00	$ 2,700.00
Speaker Expenses	$ 1,220.00	$ 1,000.00
Conference Supplies	$ 663.65	$ 250.00
Secretary of the Year	$ 9.62	$ 100.00
TOTAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE	**$ 3,075.27**	**$ 4,050.00**
Operations:		
Executive/Committee	$ 145.02	$ 450.00
National Meeting	$ 900.00	$ 900.00
Postage: Mailings	$ 71.27	$ 100.00
Card Ministry	$	
Office Supplies	$ 35.29	
Publicity	$ 584.18	$ 300.00
Newsletter	$	$ 75.00
Paypal Fees	$ 18.57	$
Ways and Means	$	$ 200.00
Contingency	$ 103.09	$ 100.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	$ 1,857.42	$ 2,125.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	**$ 4,932.69**	**$ 6,175.00**
NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES		
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	$ 25.00	
NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES	**$ 25.00**	
Balance as of October 31, 2017		
Operating Account	$ 3,773.42	
Scholarship/Mem. Fund	$ 2,523.73	
	$ 6,297.15	

Scholarship

Josie Hickom, Rome, GA

Our 2017 State Conference has come and gone but I am still benefiting from the wealth of information we received at this year's Conference. We had a blast and we missed those who were not able to be there.

I also want to thank everyone who contributed toward the Juanita Brannen Scholarship Fund. Did you know that you can contribute at any time to the Scholarship Fund. You may give "*In Honor Of*" or "*In Memory Of*" someone. All you have to do is send a check to our Treasurer, Annette Harmon, and mark it for "Scholarship Fund".

The Fund was named after one of our founding members of Georgia PAUMCS. This fund benefits those who attend the Certification Class on line, our Local Chapter Conference, and the National Conference. Requirements for these scholarships are listed in the By-Laws and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone at the next Conference.

WHO WE ARE

At the 2017 Annual Business Meeting of the National PAUMCS Annual Conference in Chicago, the body approved a name change for the organization changing the name from Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries to Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure. This change had been discussed for many years, but has finally become a reality. The main purpose behind the name change is an effort to be more inclusive and open up membership to a wider range of employees. While the term "secretary" can be considered misleading and not representative of many of our members, the new name should encompass a much broader base.

The PAUMCS organization has always been open to secretaries, administrative assistants, office managers, financial secretaries and any other administrative professionals at United Methodist Churches, extension ministries, agencies or Annual Conferences and to any retired persons who maintain their PAUMCS certification. The purpose of the organization is to provide members a supportive base for unity and fellowship and to promote individual growth, professional development, continuing education and spiritual enrichment. PAUMCS was first organized in 1982 and falls under the authority of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church.

If you are currently a member of the Georgia Chapter of PAUMCS or of the National PAUMCS, we hope you will renew your membership for 2018, but if you have never participated in either organization, please take a moment and consider joining one or both of these outstanding groups. More information on the Georgia Chapter is available at our website, www.ga-paumcs.org. Additionally, you can get information on the National organization at www.paumcs.org. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the GA PAUMCS Executive Committee with any questions you might have. And please share this information with others that may be interested!

Denise Wilson
GA PAUMCS Finance Chair
National PAUMCS Membership Chair

PAUMCS PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURE

Membership

Kathy Cawthon, Greensboro, GA

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your PAUMCS membership for 2018. If you have not, please accept this invitation to do so. You will find within this newsletter a membership form that you may complete and send your check to Annette Harmon. Her address is on the form.

We closed 2017 with a membership of 48 members. Let's all work together to see if we can increase our membership by 20% in 2018. There are so many benefits to being a member of this organization. Some of those benefits are friendships, prayer partners, and networking among others. Every PAUMCS member is always willing to help one another. This is so valuable in each and every one of our positions.

PAUMCS membership provides you…

- Provides a supportive base for the unity and fellowship of its members, including
  - A community in which to share your knowledge and to learn from others in similar situations, primarily through Linking Hands
  - The Vital Link, a quarterly electronic newsletter to keep informed about the organization
- Promotes individual growth
- Promotes professional development, including
  - Continuing education to enhance your professional leadership, focusing on the total church office
- Promotes continuing education, including
  - Opportunity for certification by the General Council on Finance and Administration as a Professional United Methodist Church Secretary
- Promotes spiritual enrichment

JOIN/RENEW TODAY!

NATIONAL: WWW.PAUMCS.ORG

GA CHAPTER: WWW.GA-PAUMCS.ORG

Georgia Chapter Membership/Renewal Form attached to this email.

Secretary of the Year for 2017-2018

Josie Hickom, Carrollton, GA

I cannot begin to tell you how honored I feel by be selected as the "Secretary of the Year". If just gives me another opportunity to tell people about GA PAUMCS and the friends I have developed in this organization.

I benefit so much by being a part of this loving, caring, and fun group. When you become active in this organization you not only learn from the many workshops we are provided but you develop long lasting friendships with others in the group.

Thank you again for such an honor. I look forward to seeing each of you at our next gathering.

Vice-President

LouAnn McLain, Warner Robins, GA

GA PAUMCS Conference in Warner Robins
August 23-26, 2018
REST...*R*enew, *E*ducate, *S*implify, *T*ogether

REST?? Who has time for rest?! I've got bulletins to do, reports to finish, phones to answer...I don't have time to rest!! How many of you have thought or said this same thing? But rest is important and we *need to make* the time. My boss, The Rev. Dr. Matt Stewart, encourages all his staff to make time for continuing education and he ensures the SPR puts funds in the budget. He knows the importance of time away to rest, renew, and restore. And if that means a week at Nationals or a weekend at a Georgia conference...I am there, with his blessing!

Jesus also stressed the importance of rest to His apostles... (borrowed from Rev. Susan Landry, 2017 GA PAUMCS Conference speaker)

> *The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, "Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while." They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.*
>
> Mark 6:30-32 Common English Bible (CEB)

So, how will this Conference help me to ***REST*...*R*enew, *E*ducate, *S*implify, *T*ogether**?

First, we will **RENEW** by beginning the weekend in God's Word through Worship...singing, reading, and communion. Spending time in community worship refreshes our hearts, minds, souls, and allows us to refocus on what is important.

> *For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."*
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> Matthew 18:20 Common English Bible (CEB)
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> *Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is – what is good and pleasing and mature.*
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> Romans 12:2 Common English Bible (CEB)

Second, we will participate in workshops to **EDUCATE** us in our ministry areas that may not always be "cut and dry"...church tax exemption, end of the year reporting, ethics in the workplace, human resources, technology and social media.

Third, we will **SIMPLIFY** by learning how to "bring order to our chaos" or just prioritize our lives a little better with Kim Pittman with ORGANIZE 4U.

Fourth, we will be **TOGETHER** IN MISSION, helping those who don't have the basics needed daily.

> *Like shepherds, tend the flock of God among you. Watch over it. Don't shepherd because you must, but do it voluntarily for God. Don't shepherd greedily, but do it eagerly. Don't shepherd by ruling over those entrusted to your care, but become examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.* 1Peter 5:2-4 Common English Bible (CEB)

It is important we take time for us. And what better way than to gather with our sisters and brothers in Christ at a weekend away to **REST**...for yourself, your family, your church, your ministry and most importantly for Jesus Christ. He loves us and wants us to be the best 'us' we can be...and that requires **REST**!

So when you get the brochure about the upcoming PAUMCS Conference, say YES to **REST**! You'll return home with a little more knowledge, a little more space (courtesy of organizing!), and I know you will be blest beyond measure by the fellowship!

Nominations

Cathy Ivey, Albany, GA

What do I want to write about? Hum...

Well it's certainly a New Year, we have a NEW organizational name that maybe, just maybe, I can learn how to say it this year without looking at my paper; and, I have a NEW position within the organization. Gee whiz that's too many 'NEW' words...yikes! I guess I could keep going...what about NEW goals or a NEW word for the NEW year? A NEW outlook, a NEW way of doing things for the better, or better yet, a NEW way to look at things from Jesus' view. Sounds like it's going cause CHANGE ?!

I went shopping at BAM *(Books A Million)* during the holidays and I saw the saying "*Be the Change that you want to see in the World*" written on a pillow. I stopped and studied those words hard and I also thought to myself, I wonder if sleeping on that pillow would make a change? Nope, I don't think so, unfortunately, it's what you do within yourself to make the CHANGE that counts. No extra sleeping when you have something that needs to be done, huh?! I wonder what *Mahatma Gandhi* was dealing with at the time that was "NEW" to him when he said that quote? Was he going through a CHANGE?

So am I going to come up with a NEW word for 2018? I think I should. For 2017 it was PAUSE. *Pause* to enjoy the little things, *Pause* to savor, *Pause* to really see people, *Pause* to be thankful, *Pause* to understand, *Pause* before reacting, *Pause* before speaking, *Pause* again before speaking, *Pause* to pray, *Pause*...

I did reflect on this poem numerous times because I had it very visible at my 2nd home *(my desk)* in which I feel like I live at more than any other place. I'm sure many of you can relate and agree. So what's going to be my new word for 2018? Looks like from typing this it just may be the word 'NEW'! With that being said, I would like to challenge my Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Church Connectional Structure organization to come up with your own "*NEW*" word for 2018 and display it somewhere at your work place. It's really a interesting thing to have a word for the year. Try creating one that would help you with CHANGE. In the mean time, I'll be working on saying Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Church Connectional Structure without looking it up! Happy "NEW" Year y'all! Looking forward to a great year growing and learning how we can serve our Lord better!

Sunshine

Doris Wyatt, Carrollton, GA

Just a reminder that if you have celebrations or concerns that you would like to share with your fellow Georgia PAUMCS members, you can send them to me at daw6@bellsouth.net. Also, if you did not receive a birthday card last year, please send me your birth date (month/day) and current mailing address.

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2018 PAUMCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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