

It all began back in 1982--

That's when a group got together in Dallas, Texas to organize the national **Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS)**. It took only a month for the South Georgia Conference to create an affiliate chapter. Four years later, they renamed their group Georgia PAUMCS and invited church secretaries from the North Georgia Conference to join them.

In 2017, at a national conference of PAUMCS, the name was changed to **Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS)**, to reflect that membership consists of not only of church administrators, but of staff from District, Conference, and connectional organizations as well. Georgia followed suit, and the acronym PAUMCS now defines a broad association of UMC-affiliated staff.

The mission of the Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure is to provide administrative professionals a supportive base for unity and fellowship and to promote individual growth, professional development, continuing education, and spiritual enrichment.

“PAUMCS members provide essential administrative support that brings organization and continuity to their ministry. United Methodist church administrators are the critical support throughout the denomination and are the vital link for the connection.”
(www.paumcs.org)

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Georgia Chapter

**Professional
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United
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Georgia PAUMCS Member Benefits:

- ◆ Annual Conferences within the state offer workshops on a variety of topics, including office management, fiscal responsibilities, public relations, communications, sensitivity training, spiritual growth, and more.
- ◆ Members earn continuing education credits through workshops at both the Georgia and National PAUMCs conferences.
- ◆ Networking opportunities create new friendships and resources, as well as provide venues for sharing ideas, experiences, and “best practices.”
- ◆ Members are kept abreast of up-to-date news and important upcoming events in the church and in the lives of their peers through regular e-newsletters from the chapter.
- ◆ Through the Sunshine Committee, members receive personal TLC. Friends from around the state are there to share in their celebrations and to offer prayers and support in difficult times.
- ◆ Annual conferences held in various locations around the state allow members to visit other churches and get to know leaders from both the North and South Georgia Conferences.
- ◆ Certification and Advanced Certification classes are offered through the General Council on Finance and Administration for members of the National PAUMCS. (More information can be found at the national website, www.paumcs.org.)

Smart Investment: Membership dues for GA-PAUMCS are only \$35 per year; Emeritus/retired members - no charge. Membership dues for National PAUMCS are \$50 per year.

Benefits for Your Church: *A GA-PAUMCS member writes, “As an Administrative Assistant in a small church, I was excited by what I learned in a PAUMCS workshop led by a Conference treasurer. I took home information on gifting Required Annual IRA Distributions directly to the church; and as a result, two parishioners are now decreasing their own tax liabilities--to the benefit of the church. I also shared brochures from the Georgia United Methodist Foundation with our Finance Committee, and they decided to move some funds from a low-yield Money Market Account into US Equities through the GUMF. In the first two months, their investment had increased by almost 8%.”*

Join PAUMCS & See the World

(All work and no play makes dull administrators.)

Annual Georgia PAUMCS conferences alternate between North and South Georgia venues. Whether it's on the South Georgia coast, in the North Georgia mountains, or somewhere in between, there's always a built-in opportunity to enjoy local scenery, visit churches, parks, museums, and events--or just enjoy eating in local restaurants and shopping with friends.

Members of National PAUMCS invited friends and family along for their 2019 annual meeting, held aboard a cruise ship to Cozumel, Mexico--where they enjoyed the island and participated in a mission experience. In addition to the annual business meeting, conference training fulfilled 1.0 Continuing Education Unit.



Above: Packing food bags in Cartersville



Above: PAUMCS representatives share information at North and South Georgia Annual Conferences.



Right: Touring the Biblical History Center in LaGrange

All conferences include learning, mission, worship, personal growth, and “just for fun” opportunities.