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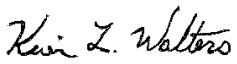

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Mission, Vision, and Priorities

Our Mission

The mission of the people, churches, and support organizations of the Horizon Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church is to **make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**. This mission is our grace-filled response to the reign of God in the world, which is fully embodied in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and experienced today in the ongoing creation of a new people by the Holy Spirit.

Our Vision

We are followers of Jesus seeking the loving, just and free world God imagines for all people.

Our Strategic Priorities

Roll of the Conference

Clergy Members Participating

Last Name	First Name	Desg.	Appointment or Affiliated Charge	Clergy District
Afon	Eno	PL	Everman UMC	Metro West
Akin	Ann	AM	St. John's UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Allen	JD	FE	Chapel Hill UMC	Metro East
Allen	John	FE	Stonebridge UMC	Metro North
Alvarado	Armando	FE	New Riverside UMC	Metro West
Anderson	Lesta	PL	The Woods UMC	Metro East
Anderson	Kevin	FE	First UMC, Alvarado	Mid-Central
Aquino	Mathew	PL	Oakdale UMC	West
Ash	Kay	FD	Kessler Park UMC	Metro East
Atkinson	Shera	FE	First UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Atwood	Roy	FE	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Atwood	William	FL	First UMC, Bells	Mid-North
Bamihe	Rocio	FL	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Bandel	Holly	FE	First UMC, Sachse	Metro North
Barnes	Erin	PL	Open Table UMC Mansfield	Metro West
Barren	Phyllis	FD	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Barrow	Mary Ellen	FE	Genesis UMC	Metro West
Bates	Jennifer	PD	Arapaho UMC	Metro East
Baughman	Michael	FE	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Bazan	Edgar	FE	First UMC, Celina	Metro North
Beghtel Mahle	Pat	RE	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Benson	Ernest	RE	St. James Temple	South
Berg	Anne-Marie	FE	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Bessac	Martha	RE	Wellspring UMC, Georgetown	South
Biggs-Scribner	Glen	FD	First UMC, Bedford	Metro West
Bishara	Mel	RE	First UMC, Bedford	Metro West
Bishop	Cheryl	FL	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Boboltz	Madison	FE	First UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Bontrager	Scot	FE		Metro East
Boone	Mitchell	FE	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Boone	Keith	RE	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Bosworth	Brian	FE	Wesley UMC, Greenville	East
Bowie	Michael	FE	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Boyd	William	RE	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Boyd	Lane	RE	Amarillo UMC	Northwest
Boyette	Sarah	FD	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Braddock	Harrell	FE	First UMC, Olney	West
Brandt	Judith Sarkozy	FE	Forrest Heights UMC, Lubbock	Mid-Central

Last Name	First Name	Desg.	Appointment or Affiliated Charge	Clergy District
Brice	Brian	PL	First UMC, Hamilton	South
Bridges	Elizabeth	FD	First UMC, Burleson	Metro West
Brimmage	Caleb	FD	First UMC, Coppell	Metro North
Bristow	April	FE	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Brittain	Brad	FE	First UMC, Round Rock	South
Brooks Alexander	Brenda	AM	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Brower	Johnny	FE	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Brower	David	FE	Central UMC, Waco	Mid-South
Brown-Trigg	Marianne	FE	Wesley Foundation, Denton	Metro North
Brumett	Tommy	FE	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
Bruster	Tim	RE	Revive UMC	Metro West
Bullock	Matthew	FL	First UMC, Kaufman	East
Bundy Hagler	Anna	FD	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Burdett	Travis	FE	Wesley at ETAMU	East
Butler	Richie	FE	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Butts	Wally	FE	Axe Memorial UMC	Metro East
Byrd	Leslie	FE	New World UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Caldwell	Samuel	FE	Wesley UMC, Greenville	East
Caraway	Mel	RE	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Carlton	Karan	RE	Amarillo UMC	Northwest
Carr	Louis	FE	Harvest Campus	Metro West
Casad	Vic	FE	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Cashion	Terry	FL	St. Andrew's UMC, Killeen	South
Castleman	Julia	PE	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Chambers	Rhonda	FE	Saginaw UMC	Metro West
Chamness	Joe	FE	Edge Park UMC	Metro West
Chandler	Jim	RE	First UMC, Round Rock	Mid-South
Chapman	Debbie	RD	Melissa UMC	Metro North
Chavarria	Jason	PD	Fellowship UMC, Trophy Club	Metro North
Chickering	Jennifer	FD	First UMC, Belton	South
Cho	Jae Jun	PE	Umphress Road UMC	Metro East
Cho	Stella	PE	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Chraska	Karen	FD	Trietsch Memorial UMC	Metro North
Christenberry	Lauren	FE	St. Mark UMC, Cleburne	Mid-Central
Church	Charles	FE	Lake Cities UMC	Metro North
Clark	Joe	PL	Wesley UMC, Sulphur Springs	East
Clark	Craig	FE	First UMC, Granbury	Mid-Central
Clark Gibson	Brooke	PD	Greenland Hills UMC	Metro East
Clifford	Tim	FE	Arlington Heights	Metro West
Clifford	John	RE	First UMC, Round Rock	South
Clough-Hilburn	Rosalyn	PL	Wheatland UMC	Metro East
Coder	Alice	RE	First UMC, Plano	Metro North
Coker	Dana	FE	First UMC, Whitesboro	Mid-North

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Collinsworth	Janet	FD	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Conatser	Dan	PL	First UMC, Saint Jo	Mid-North
Connelly	Beverly	FE	First UMC, Killeen	South
Conner	James	RE	First UMC, Georgetown	Mid-South
Cope	Mary Gean	RE	First UMC, Ferris	Mid-South
Copeland	Stan	RE	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Corazao	Marc	FE	Roxton UMC	East
Cousino	Jay	FE	Ferris Height UMC	Mid-South
Cowley	Edlen	FE	Munger Place Church Inc.	Metro East
Craft	Colin	PE	University Park UMC	Metro East
Craft	Macy	FL	City Point UMC	Metro West
Cramer	Jordan	PE	Hillside UMC	Mid-South
Creagh	Deborah	FE	Ovilla UMC	Mid-South
Cress	Caitlin	PL	New World UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Cromwell	Rich	RE	Little River UMC	South
Crumpton	Debra	RE	Grace Methodist Metroplex	Metro West
Curry	Jerome	PL	St. Paul UMC, Georgetown	South
Danna	Tiffany	FE	First UMC, Jacksboro	Mid-North
David Hensley	Rebecca	FD	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Dawson	Michael	FE	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Delaney-Greenwell	Elizabeth	PL		Metro North
Dickerson	Jake	FL	First UMC, Whitesboro	Mid-North
Dickson	Kenny	FE	Christ UMC, Farmers Branch	Metro East
Dieke	Phillip	FD	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Dierolf	Brian	FE	First UMC, Farmersville	Metro North
Dietz	Dyan	FE	Trinity UMC, Denton	Metro North
Disney	Ben	FE	Trinity UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Dister-Dominguez	Joy	FE	Keller UMC	Metro West
Dittrich	Holly	FE	Couts Memorial UMC	Mid-Central
Dobbins	Kyland	FE	First UMC, Burleson	Metro West
Douglas	Eric	FE	Rockbridge Church	South
Dowd	Chris	FE	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Drenner III	Frank	FE	Spring Valley UMC	Metro East
Duchesne McGill	Terre	PL	First UMC, Springtown	Mid-Central
Dunlap	Barbara	FD	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Durham	Fred	RE	First UMC, Winnsboro	East
Durham	William	FE	St. Mark's UMC, Midland	Northwest
Eason	Bill	FE	Fellowship UMC, Trophy Club	Metro North
Echols	Abbey	FD	First UMC, Sherman	Mid-North
Echols-Richter	Laura	AM	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Echols-Richter	William	FE	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Eck	Kay	FD	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Eckeberger	Laulie	PE	Holy Covenant UMC	Metro East

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Edwards	Richard	RE	Keller West UMC	Metro West
Eiffert	Kimberly	PE	Grace Chapel UMC	Metro North
Englert	Valarie	FE	New World UMC, Garland	Metro East
Escalera	Javier	RE	Agape Memorial UMC	Metro East
Evans	Michael	PL	Windom UMC	East
Evers	Beth	FE	University UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Facen	Lucretia	FE		Metro East
Fade	Reid	RE	College Mound UMC	East
Fields	Margret	FE	First UMC, Burleson	Metro West
Fields	Jacob	FL	First UMC, Gainesville	Mid-North
Finau	Sela	FE	First UMC, Taylor	South
Finley	David	PD	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Fiorella	Sheila	FE	Good Shepherd UMC	Metro West
Fiser	Andrew	FE		Metro East
Fleming	John	FE		Mid-North
Fleming	Sally	FE	Florence UMC	South
Flynn	Mike	FD	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Folkerth	Eric	FE	Kessler Park UMC	Metro East
Ford	Robyn	PL	Bruceville-Eddy UMC	South
Forsythe-Alexander	Amy	FE	First UMC, Crowley	Metro West
Frazier	Monica	PE	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Galloway	Ryan	PE	Wesley UMC, Greenville	East
Gary	Matthew	RE	Lubbock	Northwest
Garza	Sarah	FD	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Gaston	Matt	FE	First UMC, Plano	Metro North
Gaston	Camille	RE	First UMC, Plano	Metro North
Gibson	Carol	FE	St. Andrews UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Gilkey	Stephania	FE	St. James UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Gilliland	Raegan	FE	First UMC, Denton	Metro North
Gilliland	Scott	FE	First UMC, Denton	Metro North
Ginn	Kenneth's Pat	RE	First UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Goforth	Abril	FE	First UMC, Duncanville	Metro East
Goodwin	James	FL	St. Barnabas UMC	Metro West
Grace	Jonathan	FE		Metro East
Graner	Jane	FE	Trinity UMC, Duncanville	Metro East
Green	Tag	PL	First UMC, Archer City	Mid-North
Greene	Jimmy	FE	Faith UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Greenwaldt	Karen	RE	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Greenwood	Lisa	FE	Arapaho UMC	Metro East
Greenwood	Rhonda	RA	First UMC, Merkel	Northwest
Griffin-Allison	Rachel	FE	Oak Lawn UMC	Metro East
Hagan	Martha	FL	Trinity UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Hall	Beate	FE	First UMC, Mineral Wells	West

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Hamann	Sam	FD	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Hamilton	Nicholas	FE	First UMC, Cleburne	Mid-Central
Han	John	FE	First UMC, Mesquite	Metro East
Hancock	Justin	FD	White Rock UMC	Metro East
Hardesty-Crouch	Brian	FE		Metro North
Hardesty-Crouch	Mary Beth	FE	First UMC, Allen	Metro North
Harding	Julie	PD	Northaven UMC	Metro East
Hardy	Christina	PL	Community UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Harris	Todd	FE	First UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Harrison	Georgia	FD	First UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Harrison	Ricky	FE	St. Paul UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Hatch	Melissa	FE	Whaley UMC	Mid-North
Hawkins	Daniel	FE	William C. Martin UMC	Metro West
Hayes	Molly	FE	First UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Hayes Shulman	Allie	FD	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Head	Keith	RE	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Heard	Sandy	FE	Christ UMC, Farmers Branch	Metro East
Hellmers	Andrew	PL	First UMC, Watauga	Metro West
Henderson	Ronald	RE	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Henson	Julie	FE	First UMC, Bonham	East
Heyduck	Steven	FE	First UMC, Woodway	Mid-South
Hildebrand	Christina	FE	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
Hildebrand	Kenneth	RE	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
Hobbs	Jerome	PL	St. Luke UMC, Mexia	Mid-South
Hoffman	Patrick	FE	First UMC, Belton	South
Holder	Larry	RE	Highland Heights UMC, Sweetwater	Northwest
Holder	Larry	RE	Highland Heights UMC, Sweetwater	Northwest
Holmes	Margaret	PL	First UMC, Graford	West
Hong	Sukgyun	FE	Fairview Korean UMC	Metro North
Howard	Clifton	RE	Campus Drive Community Church	Metro West
Hudspeth	Thomas	FE		Metro East
Hughes	Barry	FE	Suncreek UMC	Metro North
Huitt	David	FL	Genesis UMC	Metro West
Humbert	Daniel	FE	Trietsch Memorial UMC	Metro North
Hunt	Dale	RE	First UMC, Richardson	Metro North
Hutchison	Mark	FL	First UMC, Powderly	East
Jackson	Erin	FD	Munger Place Church Inc.	Metro East
Jacob	Sumesh	AM	First UMC, Coppell	Metro North
Jacobs	Derek	FE		Metro East
Jean	Allison	FE	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Jenkins	Pavielle	FD	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Johnson	Jenna	FE	Wylie UMC	Metro North
Johnson	Allie	FE	Keller UMC	Metro West

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Johnson	David	FE	Arborlawn UMC	Metro West
Johnson	Chad	FE	Amarillo UMC	Northwest
Johnston	Jarrod	FE	Community UMC of Krum	Metro North
Jones	Jerry	FE	First UMC, Terrell	East
Jones	Delana	FL	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Jones	Marcus	FL		Metro West
Jones	Bettye	PL	First UMC, Henrietta	Mid-North
Jones	Clinton	FE	First UMC, Stephenville	West
Jones	Marilyn	FE	First UMC, Stephenville	West
Kahler	Eddie	FE	Wesley Foundation, TCU	Metro West
Keck	Will	PE	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Kellner	Beth	FE	Good Shepherd UMC	Metro North
Kennedy	Cindy	FE	First UMC, Pilot Point	Metro North
Kershaw	Kaiya	FE	First UMC, De Leon	West
Kilpatrick	Jennifer	FE	Lakewood UMC	Metro East
Kim	Danielle Buwon	FE	First UMC, Coppell	Metro North
Kim	Daniel	FE	Korean UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Kim	Hyung	FE	Open Door UMC, Clyde	Northwest
King	Cottrell	FE	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
Kirven	Johnnie	PL	Wesley Chapel UMC, Pelham	South
Klein	Shandon	PE		Metro East
Knott	Kory	FE	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Kronk	Shanna	PL	Beverly Drive UMC	Mid-North
Kuykendall	Evve	PE	Wesley Foundation, UTA	Metro West
Kwon	Sung chol	FE	Immanuel Korean Mission Congregation	Metro East
La Bart	Joan	FE	First UMC, Coppell	Metro North
Labrador	Vladimir	FE	San Pablo UMC, Hereford	Northwest
Laguardia	Levy	RE	Axe Memorial UMC	Metro East
Landis	Gayle	RE	First UMC, Plano	Metro North
Landis	Zack	FE	University UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Lane	Billy	PL	Warren UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Larkin	David	PL	First UMC, Sulphur Springs	East
Larkin	Sharon	FL	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Lawson	Rene	FE	St. Philip's UMC, Garland	Metro East
Lawther	Alyssa	PE	St. Barnabas UMC	Metro West
Leddy	Susan	FL	First UMC, Bogata	East
Lee	Ouida	RE	Haven Chapel UMC	Mid-North
Lee	Robert	RE	First UMC, Electra	Mid-North
Lessner	David	FE	First UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Lewis	Andy	FE		Metro North
Liptoi	Macie	FE	Journey of Faith UMC, Round Rock	South
Littlefield	Patrick	FE	Suncreek UMC	Metro North
Logan	Aaron	FE	First UMC, Henrietta	Mid-North

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Long	Tom	FE		West
Long	Katherine	RE	First UMC, De Leon	West
Lopez	Inakis	PL	San Juan UMC, Plainview	Northwest
Love	Michael	RE	First UMC, Watauga	Metro West
Lowe	Deana	PL	First UMC, Wolfe City	East
Lubbers	Adam	PD	First UMC, Allen	Metro East
Lucas	Keri Lynn	FE	McKenzie UMC, Honey Grove	East
Lucas	Randall	FE	St. Stephen UMC	Metro East
Luginbill	Scott	AM	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Lunardon	Jana	FL	Stonebridge UMC	Metro North
Lust	Jeff	FE	First UMC, Mt. Vernon	East
Lyons	Debbie	FL	First UMC, Winnsboro	East
Magallanes	Hugo	FE	Christ's Foundry Fellowship UMC	Metro East
Maletic	Paul	FD	Flower Mound UMC	Metro North
Manning	Joshua	FE	Grace Chapel UMC	Metro North
Marks	Tim	RE	First UMC, Duncanville	Metro East
Marsalis-Luginbill	Sarah	FD	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Marshall	Karan	RD	Northaven UMC	Metro East
Marshall	R. Ben	RE	Northaven UMC	Metro East
Marshall	Lance	FE	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Marshall	Mike	FE	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Martin	Kenneth	PL	Forest Hill UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Martin	Al	FE	Grace UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Martinez	David	FE	New Riverside UMC	Metro West
Marquez	Maria Isabel	FL	Oak Lawn UMC	Metro East
Mason	Debra	RE	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Masters	S Dianna	FE	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Masters, Sr	Henry	FE	Hamilton Park UMC	Metro East
Mauldin	William	FD	First UMC, Cleburne	Mid-Central
Mayberry	Lynda	PL	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
McAfee	Chris	PL	Grace UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
McCain	Steven	FE	First UMC, Round Rock	Mid-South
McConnell	Jason	FE	Prosper UMC	Metro North
McDaniel	Chrischeryl	PD	The Village	Metro East
McDonald	Sean	FE	Munger Place Church Inc.	Metro East
McDonald	Colin	PL	Austin Music Church	South
McDuffee Beal	Melissa	FE	First UMC, Cleburne	Northwest
McGarvey	Paul	FL	Chinn's Chapel UMC	Metro North
McGlothlin	Jaime	PE	First UMC, Mexia	Mid-South
McGrath	Alan	FE	First UMC, Georgetown	South
McKenzie	Alyce	FE	First UMC, Allen	Metro North
McLarty	John	FE	First UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
McMinn	David	FE	Rockbridge Church	South

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McNabb	Rev. Peter	FE	First UMC, Heath	Metro North
McRae	Nick	FE	First UMC, Decatur	Mid-North
McSwain	Chad	FE	Melissa UMC	Metro North
Meek	Katie	FE	Revive UMC	Metro West
Mellette	Jonathan	FE	Oak Park UMC, Temple	South
Melvin	Kristopher	FL	First UMC, Van Alstyne	Mid-North
Middleton	Marsha	FE	First UMC, Grand Prairie	Metro East
Millard	Gracie	FE	Trietsch Memorial UMC	Metro North
Miller	Justin	FE	Waples Memorial UMC	Mid-North
Miller	Michael	PL	Eureka UMC	Mid-South
Miller	John	FE	St. Paul UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Mitchel	Courtney	FE	Buckingham UMC	Metro East
Mojica	Aryn	PL	Lakeview UMC, Waco	Mid-South
Montgomery	Carol	FE	Greenland Hills UMC	Metro East
Moore	Heather	FD	Greenland Hills UMC	Metro East
Moore	Geoffrey	FE	Greenland Hills UMC	Metro East
Moore	Steve	FE	First UMC, Lubbock	Mid-Central
Moore	Don	FE	First UMC, Clifton	Mid-South
Morrison	Tim	FD	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Moseley	Elizabeth	FD	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Moses	Corey	FD	Wesley Foundation, Tarleton	West
Moultrie	Ruby	RA	Christ UMC, Levelland	Northwest
Mukarakate	Ngonidzaishe	FE	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Murphy	Cheryl	FE	Holy Covenant UMC	Metro East
Murphy	James	FL	First UMC, Hico	Mid-South
Murraine	Nelda	FD	First UMC, Kennedale	Metro West
Murray	Cheryl	FE	First UMC, Commerce	East
Mwanjala	Uwezo	PE	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Nassef	Marianne	FE	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Nelms	Andy	FE	First UMC, Rowlett	Metro North
Nelms	Melissa	FE	First UMC, Rowlett	Metro North
Neslony	Lisa	FE	St. John the Apostle	Metro West
Newkirk	Katie	FE	St. Paul UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Newsome	Katie	FE	Union Mission Congregation	Metro East
Nixon	Andy	FE	Ridgewood Park UMC	Metro East
Noll	Caroline	FD	First UMC, Garland	Metro East
Norton	Dana	FE	College Mound UMC	East
O'Connor	Sharon	FE	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Oliphint	Clayton	FE	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
O'Riley	Christopher	FE	Navy Chaplain	Metro North
Orr	Staci	PD	Faith UMC, Corinth	Metro North
Ortiz	Rosedanny	FL	Agape Memorial UMC	Metro East
Owens	Zachary	PL	Central UMC, Waco	Mid-South

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Park	Kyoungwon (Ken)	FE	Umphress Road UMC	Metro East
Parr	Greg	FL	Forestburg UMC	Mid-North
Patredis	Karyl	PE	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Patrick	Bryan	FE	First UMC Graham	West
Patton-Jay	Ramsey	FE	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Payne	Carly	FE	Trinity UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Peckham	Denise	FE	First UMC, Sherman	Mid-North
Pehl	Jeffrey	FE		Metro East
Pelfrey	Robert	FE	St. Luke's UMC, Midland	Northwest
Pellikan	Lydia	FD	Asbury UMC	Metro North
Pellikan	Don	FE	Asbury UMC	Metro North
Perkins Glover	Kristen	PE	First UMC, Gordon	West
Perry	Jonathan	FE	Arapaho UMC	Metro East
Petty	Don	FE	Benbrook UMC	Metro West
Phelps	Bryant	FE	Hamilton Park UMC	Metro East
Phillips	Donald	FE		Northwest
Pick	Jennifer	FE	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Pick	Todd	FE	St. Luke UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Piyakhun	Stacey	FE		Metro North
Porter	Sarah	PE	Annetta UMC	Mid-Central
Prescott-Funaki	Faiana	FE	William C. Martin UMC	Metro West
Presley	Nathan	FL	Caddo Mills UMC	East
Price	Ed	PL	Chambersville UMC	Metro North
Prud'homme	Tommy	FE	Salado UMC	South
Puac-Romero	Julia	FL	Wesley Foundation, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Pyland	Gary Wayne	PL	First UMC, The Colony	Metro North
Rahm	Frank	FE	First UMC, Cedar Hill	Metro East
Rangel	David	FE	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Ray	David	FE	First UMC, McGregor	South
Redmond	James	RE	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Reed	Richard	RE	Revive UMC	Metro West
Reed-Meyer	Stefani	FE	Faith UMC, Corinth	Metro North
Reeves	Daniel	FE	Saginaw UMC	Metro West
Renshaw	Don F.	RE	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
Rentie	Caesar	FL	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Rester	Eddie	FE	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Rhodes	Philip	FE	First UMC, Hurst	Metro North
Richardson	Tomeca	FE	McMillan UMC	Metro West
Rickwartz	Chris	FE	First UMC, Sulphur Springs	East
Roane-Mason	Deniece	FL	Pleasant Valley UMC	Metro North
Robbins	Christie	FE	Arborlawn	Metro West
Robbins	Joel	FE	Aledo UMC	Mid-Central
Roberts	Andy	FE	Lake Highlands UMC	Metro East

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Roberts	LaTasha	PL	Hamilton Park UMC	Metro East
Roberts	Sarah	FD	Aldersgate UMC	Metro North
Roberts	Carol	RE	First UMC, Lake Brownwood	West
Robinson	Charles	FE	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Robinson	Kantrice	PE	St. Paul UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Robinson	Alexandra	FE	Flower Mound UMC	Northwest
Rodriguez	Ramiro	FE	City Point UMC	Metro West
Rodriguez	Aurora	PL	New Riverside UMC	Metro West
Ross	Owen	FE	First UMC, Coppell	Metro North
Rowe	Michael	FL	Grace UMC, Dalhart	Northwest
Saenz III	Ruben	FL	Covenant UMC	Metro West
Salzwedel	Todd	FE	First UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Sanchez	Fernando P.	AM	First UMC, O'Donnell	Northwest
Sanders	James	RE	Millsap UMC	Mid-Central
Scheller	Joel	PL	Cooper Creek UMC	Metro North
Schock	Louise	RD	Wellspring UMC, Georgetown	South
Schoolcraft	Chris	FE	First UMC, Lewisville	Metro North
Schramme	Tina	FE	First UMC, Georgetown	South
Schultz	Courtney	FE	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
Schultz	Kyren	FE	St. Philip's UMC, Round Rock	South
Scott	Nick	FE	Arlington Heights	Metro West
Scruggs	Meredith	FE	Keller UMC	Metro West
Seuser	Kent	RE	First UMC, Oglesby	Mid-South
Sewell	Valleri	FE	First UMC, Nocona	Mid-North
Sherman-Carter	Nancy	FE	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
Shinn	Benjamin	RE	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Shipley	Anna	PD	First UMC, Belton	South
Sipe	Ashley Anne	FE	Vista Ridge UMC	Metro North
Slaten	Charles Bradley	FE	Grace UMC, Copperas Cove	South
Smith	Katrina	FD	First UMC, Paris	East
Smith	Carlene	PL	Mt. Zion UMC, Paris	East
Smith	Abe	FE	Highland Park	Metro East
Smith	Doris	PL	Camp Wisdom UMC	Metro East
Smith	Leslie	FE	Creekwood UMC	Metro North
Smith	Taylor	FE	First UMC, The Colony	Metro North
Smith	Ramon	FE	Saginaw UMC	Metro West
Smith	Tanner	FE	China Spring UMC	Mid-South
Smith	Wendell	PL	Visionary Hollowell Community UMC, Midland	Northwest
Smith	Jeff	FE	Wellspring	South
Somerville	Keith	FE	The Village	Metro East
Sparks	Carol	FE	First UMC, Boyd	Mid-North
Spaur	Amy	FE	Christ's Foundry Fellowship UMC	Metro East
Spencer	Rob	RE		East

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Spletzer	Brandie	FE	Epworth UMC	Metro West
Spore	Roy	RE	Friendship UMC	Mid-North
Spore	Adam	FE	First UMC, Waxahachie	Mid-South
Spradlin	Mary	FE		Mid-South
Stamm	Mark	RE	First UMC, Sachse	Metro North
Steed	Kristin	PE	Trinity UMC, Denton	Metro North
Stevens	Jennifer	FL	Argyle UMC	Metro North
Stevens	Joanie	PL	St. Paul UMC, Pampa	Northwest
Stewart	Valerie	FL	First UMC, Waxahachie	Mid-South
Stobaugh	Joseph	FD	University Park UMC	Metro East
Strempke	Kathryn	FE	First UMC, Paris	East
Strempke	Kevin	FE	Calvary UMC	East
Stubbs-Wood	Michelle	PD	Wesley Foundation, Paris	East
Stueve	Josh	FE	St. John's UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Stuyck	Beth	FD	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Sweeney	Cathy	FD	Arapaho UMC	Metro East
Talbert	Elizabeth	FE	First UMC, Burkburnett	Mid-North
Tampke	Dale	FL	Argyle UMC	Metro North
Tate-Almy	Amy	FD	City Point UMC	Metro West
Tayengo	Al	FE	Oak Haven UMC	Metro East
Taylor	Mayme "Yvonne"	PE	One Fellowship UMC	Mid-South
Teague	Mary	PL	St. Matthew UMC	Metro West
Tenney	Danny	FE	First UMC, Burleson	Metro West
Thompson	Blair	FE	First UMC, Plano	Metro North
Thomson	Luke	FL	First UMC, Frisco	Metro North
Thresher	Patricia	RE		Metro East
Tindall	Maxwell	PL	Waples UMC	Mid-Central
Titus	Beverly	RE	First UMC, Seagraves	Northwest
Titus	Bill	RE	First UMC, Ropesville	Northwest
Treviño-Teddlie	Jeannie	RD	City Point UMC	Metro West
Trigg	Lee	FE	Ash Lane UMC, Euless	Metro West
Tuggle	Matt	FE	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
Tye	Beverly	RE	St. Matthew UMC	Metro West
Valencia	Martha	FE	Elmwood-El Buen Samaritano UMC	Metro East
Valendy	Estee	FE	Keller UMC	Metro West
Valendy	Jason	FE	Keller UMC	Metro West
Van Fleet	Benjamin	FE	St. Paul UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Vaughan	Christopher	FE	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Vaughn	Kissa	FE	St. Barnabas UMC	Metro West
Volfe	Edilson	FE	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
Von Gonten	Kristen	FD	Salado UMC	South
Voss	Brendan	PD	St. John the Apostle	Metro West
Wade	Cassie	FE		East

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Wager	Ryan	FL	Oak Lawn UMC	Metro East
Wallace	John	RE	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Walters	Wayne	FL	Market Street UMC	East
Wang	Silvia	FE		Metro East
Ward	Rodney	PL	Collinsville UMC	Mid-Central
Warden	Patricia	RE	First UMC, Killeen	Mid-South
Watson	Ginger	FE	Meadowbrook-Poly UMC	Metro West
Wear	Jana	FE	Dido UMC	Metro West
Weaver	Preston	RE	Grace UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Welch	Audrua	FL	Plymouth Park UMC	Metro East
Whipple	Ed	FL	First UMC, Allen	Metro North
White	Pam	FE	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
White	Boston	PL	Aldersgate UMC	Metro North
Whitehead	Donna	FE	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Whitehead	Glenda	FE	Journey of Faith UMC, Round Rock	South
Whitfield	Rodney	FE	Aldersgate UMC	Metro North
Whitgrove	Terri	FE	Friberg-Cooper UMC	Mid-North
Wickware	Jackie	FE	Highland Hills UMC	Metro East
Wier	Brenda	RD	First UMC, Gordon	Mid-Central
Willet	Ann	FE	Northaven UMC	Metro East
Williams	Bob	AM	First UMC, Trenton	East
Williams	Emma	FD	University Park UMC	Metro East
Williams	Angela	FE	Life Center UMC	Metro East
Williams	Alex	FE	Creekwood UMC	Metro North
Williamson	Richard	RE	First UMC, Decatur	Mid-North
Wilson	Kevin	FE	First UMC, Red Oak	Mid-South
Wines	Alfie	RE	Revelation UMC	Mid-South
Womack	Marcus	FE	Plymouth Park UMC	Metro East
Woodard	John	FE	First UMC, West	Mid-South
Woods	James	PL	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
Woolard	Kaitlynn	FE	Troy UMC	South
Wright	Stephen	PL	Sulphur Bluff UMC	East
Wright	Jessica	FE	Grace UMC, Sherman	Mid-North
Ybanez	Matt	FD	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Yost	Chris	FE	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
Youngblood	Scott	RE	Western Hills	Metro West
Zarate	Edwin	FE	Northgate UMC	Metro East
Zolczer	Pam	PL	Verona UMC	Metro North

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Anne	Aaron	First UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Courtney	Aberle	Suncreek UMC	Metro North
Larry	Adams	First UMC, Lake Brownwood	West
Esther	Adams	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Elizabeth	Adcock	Trinity UMC, Arlington	Metro West
James	Ahrens	Ovilla UMC	South
Virgil	Aldag	Lake Cities UMC	Metro North
Mae	Alexander	Life Center UMC	Metro East
Amy	Allen	Stonebridge UMC	Metro North
Belinda	Alles	First UMC, Jacksboro	Mid-North
Linda	Allison	First UMC, Trenton	East
Jaxie	Alt	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Rebecca	Altizer	Saginaw UMC	Metro West
Kaia	Anderson	First UMC, Denton	Metro North
Debbie	Anderson	First UMC, Mesquite	Metro East
Cheryl	Anderson	Sadler UMC	Mid-North
Karen	Anderson-Lain	First UMC, Denton	Metro North
Cat	Angeles	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
Jonathan	Angeles	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
D'Lene	Anthony	Keller UMC	Metro West
Madison	Armes	First UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Gloria	Ashby	Prosper UMC	Metro North
Sandy	Athey	St. John the Apostle	Metro West
Marj	Atkinson	Lake Highlands UMC	Metro East
Patsy	Bachman	First UMC, Electra	Mid-North
William	Bachman	First UMC, Electra	Mid-North
Bill	Bailey	City Point UMC	Metro West
Mona	Bailey	City Point UMC	Metro West
Matthew	Bailey	Wesley Foundation, TCU	Metro West
Weldon	Ball	First UMC, Cleburne	Mid-Central
LeAnn	Barbee	First UMC, Paris	East
Lisa	Barela	St. Paul UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Becky	Barnebey	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Jeannie	Barrick	St. John's UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Christopher	Barrios	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Dan	Barrios	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Kasi	Baudo	Faith UMC, Corinth	Metro North
Thomas	Baughman	Oak Lawn UMC	Metro East
Paul	Beck	Trietsch Memorial UMC	Metro North
Marsha	Beckermann	First UMC, Taylor	South
Misti	Bedford	Oak Park UMC, Temple	South
Cathy	Bell	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Katie	Bench	St. Mark UMC, Cleburne	Mid-Central

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Wayne	Bennett	University UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Rodney	Bertram	University UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Laura	Bierck	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Stephen	Biggs	First UMC, Aubrey	Metro North
Elizabeth	Billingsley	First UMC, Lake Brownwood	West
Rachel	Blackwell	St. John's UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Kimberly	Blann	Keller UMC	Metro West
Rita	Bonin	St. Mark UMC, Cleburne	Mid-Central
Bryan	Booker	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Dianne	Boone	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Barbara	Bootman	Stonebridge UMC	Metro North
Brenda	Boss	First UMC, Belton	South
Jeff	Bouis	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
James	Boyett	St. Barnabas UMC	Metro West
Kim	Brannon	University Park UMC	Metro East
Jim	Britton	Aledo UMC	Mid-Central
Tracey	Britton	Aledo UMC	Mid-Central
Terrika	Brooks	Campus Drive Community Church	Metro West
Mary	Brown	Wellspring UMC, Georgetown	South
Cathy	Bryan	Oak Lawn UMC	Metro East
Rocky	Bryan	Trent UMC	Northwest
Teresa	Bryan	Trent UMC	Northwest
Michele	Bryant	Valley View UMC	Mid-North
Alan	Buchanan	Argyle UMC	Metro North
Shelley	Bulls	First UMC, Paris	East
Jillian	Bunn	University Park UMC	Metro East
Doris	Burke	Life Center UMC	Metro East
Tom	Busby	Grace UMC, Sherman	Mid-North
Chris	Buse	Ferris Heights UMC	Mid-South
Matt	Butsch	Keller UMC	Metro West
Salina	Byrd	First UMC, Sherman	Mid-North
Landon	Cain	First UMC, Sherman	Mid-North
Jeri	Calcote	First UMC, Springtown	Mid-Central
David	Cameron	Blum UMC	Mid-South
Kylie	Campbell	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Wendy	Campbell	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Kelly	Carpenter	Union Mission Congregation	Metro East
Jocqueline	Carter	Covenant UMC	Metro West
Lynda	Carter	First UMC, Rowlett	Metro North
Mary Brooke	Casad	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Nikki	Cashion	St. Andrew's UMC, Killeen	South
Sadie	Childress	First UMC, Burleson	Metro West
Pat	Christley	Spring Valley UMC	Metro East
Angie	Christofferen	Vista Ridge UMC	Metro North
August	Church	Wesley Foundation, Denton	Metro North

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Laura	Churchill	Arapaho UMC	Metro East
Kevin	Clanahan	First UMC, Plano	Metro North
Tyrell	Clark	St. John the Apostle	Metro West
Kenneth	Clark	St. Paul UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Amanda	Clark	Wesley UMC, Sulphur Springs	East
Angela	Claycamp	First UMC, Blossom	East
Lorene	Clerihew	Couts Memorial UMC	Mid-Central
Megan	Clifton	Arlington Heights	Metro West
Cliff	Coan	First UMC, De Leon	West
Cathrine	Coberly	Amarillo UMC	Northwest
Jeanne	Cochran	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Lynette	Coleman-Falck	St. Matthew UMC	Metro West
Melissa	Collett	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Sharon	Conger	Meadowbrook-Poly UMC	Metro West
Heidi	Cooper	Journey of Faith UMC, Round Rock	South
Brennan	Coulter	First UMC, Burleson	Metro West
Ben	Covin	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Deborah	Covin	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
David	Cowger	Ovilla UMC	Mid-South
Patrick	Cowlishaw	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
Pam	Cox	First UMC, Rowlett	Metro North
Mindy	Craighead	Wesley UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Terry	Crain	Salado UMC	South
Dave	Crittenden	First UMC, Grand Prairie	Metro East
Lucas	Crossland	McKenzie UMC, Honey Grove	East
Tim	Crouch	First UMC, Denton	Metro North
Greta	Cuellar	First UMC, Gainesville	Mid-North
Cynthia	Cullum	Trinity UMC, Denton	Metro North
Eunice	Currie	McMillan UMC	Metro West
John	Curry	St. Paul UMC, Pampa	Northwest
Sarah J'nelle	Curtis	Wesley Foundation, Paris	East
Sarah	Curtis	Wesley Foundation, Paris	Northwest
Susan	Damron	First UMC, Jacksboro	Mid-North
Ezekial	Daniels	University UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Carolyn	Darden	First UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Danny	Darr	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Margaret	Davis	Arapaho UMC	Metro East
Bill	Davis	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Baylee	Davis	Melissa UMC	Mid-North
Mike	DeFord	Trietsch Memorial UMC	Metro North
Candace	Dempsey	First UMC, Merkel	Northwest
Gregory	Dempsey	First UMC, Merkel	Northwest
Kimberly	Desrosiers	China Spring UMC	Mid-South
Kathy	Dickey	Ovilla UMC	Mid-South
Winston	Dietrick-Kirkpatrick	St. Matthew UMC	Metro West

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Norman	Dolch	First UMC, Clifton	South
Barbara	Dorff	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
James	Dorrell	Arlington Heights	Metro West
Bailey	Dorsey	Hillside UMC	Mid-South
Anastasia	Douglas	Rockbridge Church	South
Duane	Drake	Asbury UMC	Metro North
Kathy	Drake	Asbury UMC	Metro North
John	Drummond	Good Shepherd UMC	Metro North
Ann	Dunkin	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Olivia	Dunlap	Lone Oak UMC	East
Sherry	Dunn	Holy Covenant UMC	Metro East
Terri	Dupree	St. Andrews UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Diana	Eades	St. Matthew UMC	Metro West
Angie	Eads	First UMC, Whitewright	Mid-North
Charles	Eaker	Christ UMC, Farmers Branch	Metro East
Donna	Edwards	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Charla	Edwards	First UMC, Duncanville	Metro East
Charles	Edwards	First UMC, Grand Prairie	Metro East
Chuck	Edwards	First UMC, Grand Prairie	Metro East
Bill	Elliott	Trinity UMC, Duncanville	Metro East
Janis	Elliott	Trinity UMC, Duncanville	Metro East
Kami	Ellis	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Linda	Elms	Amarillo UMC	Northwest
Grace	Erwin	Union Mission Congregation	Metro East
Dale	Evers	First UMC, McGregor	Mid-South
Julienne	Fagan	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Steven	Fagan	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Bob	Fancher	First UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Stephen	Farish	Flower Mound UMC	Metro North
Becky	Felderhoff	Whaley UMC	Mid-North
Kristen	Felix	Grace UMC, Sherman	Mid-North
Greg	Feris	Arborlawn UMC	Metro West
Carla	Fink	Ash Lane UMC	Metro West
Walter	Fish	St. James UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Melissa	Fleming	First UMC, Sachse	Metro North
Bradley	Fletcher	First UMC, Iredell	Mid-South
Linda	Flippin	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Bonnie	Flynt	St. Barnabas UMC	Metro West
Jim	Ford	Lake Cities UMC	Metro North
Ellen	Ford	University Park UMC	Metro East
Mary Gwen	Foust	First Bedford	Metro West
Chuck	Foust	First UMC, Bedford	Metro West
Alishia	Franklin	Union Memorial Mexia	Mid-South
Tonya	Frantz	First UMC, Burleson	Metro West
Emily	Frantz	First UMC, Burleson	Metro West

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Kaitlyn	Frantz		Metro East
Charles	Fulton	First UMC, Ferris	Mid-South
Kacie	Galloway	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
David	Galvan	Argyle UMC	Metro North
Trudy	Gamble	First UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Juanita	Garcia	Highland Heights UMC, Sweetwater	Northwest
Donna	Gaskill	First UMC, Plano	Metro North
Johnnye	Gautier	First UMC, Hamilton	South
William	Gavitt	Arapaho UMC	Metro East
Sandi	Gehrke	First UMC, The Colony	Metro North
Scott	Gigliotti	New World UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Angela	Glenn	St. James UMC, Temple	Mid-South
LaTonya	Glover	One Fellowship UMC	Mid-South
Jim	Goetze	First UMC, Iowa Park	Mid-North
Betsi	Goode	First UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Trisha	Goode	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Deanna	Goodman	First UMC, Coppell	Metro North
Derek	Goodrich	Wesley Foundation, UTA	Metro West
Frances	Goodwin	Trinity UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Tommy	Goodwin	Trinity UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Lynne	Grandstaff	First UMC, Red Oak	Mid-South
David	Grant	Benbrook UMC	Metro West
Anne	Gray	First UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Eva	Green	Wesley UMC, Greenville	East
Barbara	Greene	St. Andrews UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Holden	Greer	University Park UMC	South
Jeff	Grieder	First UMC, McGregor	Mid-South
Mary Ann	Griffeth	First UMC, Mesquite	Metro East
Richard	Griffeth	First UMC, Mesquite	Metro East
Diane	Griffin	Meadowbrook-Poly UMC	Metro West
Miguel	Guimbatan	Umphress Road UMC	Metro East
Janie	Gulley	Waples Memorial UMC	Mid-North
Donna	Hagerty	First UMC, Whitesboro	Mid-North
Peggy	Haggard	Gustine UMC	South
Kara	Halbert	First UMC, Heath	Metro North
Barbara	Hamm	The Woods UMC	Metro East
Gail	Hankinson	St. Luke's UMC, Midland	Northwest
Rickey	Hanning	First UMC, Sulphur Springs	East
Cindy Brown	Harding	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Steve	Harding	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Carol	Harrell	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Kevin	Harrington-Bain	Creekwood UMC	Metro North
Mike	Harris	Plymouth Park UMC	Metro East
Cynthia	Harry	Hamilton Park UMC	Metro East
Linda	Hatchel	First UMC, Woodway	Mid-South

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Steven	Hawley	First UMC, Belton	South
Ann	Haynes	Christ UMC, Farmers Branch	Metro East
Ted	Haynes	First UMC, Winnsboro	East
Robbie	Head	First UMC, Deport	East
Jim	Hecht	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Sheryl	Helt	University UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Saundre’	Henderson	Hamilton Park UMC	Metro East
Betty	Hester	Troy UMC	South
Lindsey	Hester	Troy UMC	South
Georgianne	Hewett	First UMC, Georgetown	South
Jo	Heyduck	First UMC, Crowley	Metro West
Eliza	Heyduck	First UMC, Woodway	Mid-South
Adeline	Hicks	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
William	Hildebrand	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
Jerry	Hill	First UMC, Alvord	Mid-North
Susan	Hill	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Lillian	Hill	Wesley at ETAMU	East
Emily	Hoffman	Whaley UMC	Mid-North
Gloria	Hokett	McKenzie UMC, Honey Grove	East
Bill	Holcomb	Plymouth Park UMC	Metro East
Betsy	Hooks	First UMC, Henrietta	Mid-North
David	Hooks	First UMC, Henrietta	Mid-North
Carolyn	Hooper	St. Luke's UMC, Midland	Northwest
Tim	Hopson	First UMC, Plano	Metro North
Jill	House	First UMC, Cleburne	Mid-Central
Kelli	Howard	First UMC, Commerce	East
Laura	Hudec	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Marion	Hudson	St. Philip's UMC, Round Rock	South
Mary	Hudspeth	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Karie	Huggins	Lakeview UMC, Waco	South
Barbara	Hunsberger	St. Philip's UMC, Round Rock	South
Deborah	Hunte	Grace Methodist Metroplex	Metro West
Phiebie	Hutchins	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Marion	Hutchison	First UMC, Powderly	East
Tamara	Ingram	Martin Memorial UMC	East
Frank	Jacks, Jr	Wellspring UMC, Georgetown	South
Marcia	Jackson	First UMC, Jacksboro	Mid-North
Kay	Jackson	St. John the Apostle	Metro West
Dorothy	James	Warren UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Billy Joe	Jay	First UMC, Roscoe	Northwest
Orville	Jenkins	St. Barnabas UMC	Metro West
Donna	Jensen	First UMC, Belton	South
Lisa	Johnson	First UMC, Paris	East
Mackenzie	Johnson	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Brock	Johnson	Wylie UMC	Metro North

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Leanne	Johnston	Community UMC of Krum	Metro North
Wesley	Johnston	Community UMC of Krum	Metro North
Mike	Jones	Amarillo UMC	Northwest
Jeribeth	Jones	First UMC, Terrell	East
Jeff	Jones	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Brandon	Jones	Wesley Foundation, Tarleton	West
Roselle	Justo-Sales	Umphress Road UMC	Metro East
Susan	Kamath	First McKinney	Metro North
Antonia	Kang	First UMC, Coppell	Metro North
Matthew	Keck	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Mason	Keck	Wesley Foundation, Denton	Metro West
Colleen	Kelley	Kessler Park UMC	Metro East
Ken	Kelley	Kessler Park UMC	Metro East
Nanci	Kelly	First UMC, Bells	Mid-North
Kara	Kennedy	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
Myong	Ketcham	Covington UMC	Mid-South
Larry	Ketcham	Covington UMC	Mid-South
Jackie	Kiebler	Keller UMC	Metro West
Charles	Kilgore	Saginaw UMC	Metro West
Jack	Kilpatrick	Lakewood UMC	Metro East
Terry	Kimbrough	First UMC, Burkburnett	Mid-North
Jeremy	Kincaid	Prosper UMC	Metro North
Michael	Kinser	Couts Memorial UMC	Mid-Central
Brenda	Kirven	Wesley Chapel UMC, Pelham	Mid-South
Timothy	Kronk	Beverly Drive UMC	Mid-North
Laureen	Kuizon	First UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Troy	Lambden	First UMC, Graham	West
Kristen	Lane	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Emery	Lane	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Tonya	Lantrip	First UMC, Gordon	West
Enid	Lattier	First UMC, Lancaster	Metro East
Charla	Leath	Martin Memorial UMC	East
Cindy	Leaverton	First UMC, Henrietta	Mid-North
Renee	Lee	Lone Oak UMC	East
Michael	Lee	Mt. Zion UMC, Paris	East
Carla	Leffert	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
David	Lewis	First UMC, Terrell	East
Erin	Lloyd	First UMC, Olney	West
Geraldine	Lobdell	Rhome UMC	Mid-North
Sally	Loebig	Bethel UMC	Mid-Central
Paul	Loeffler	First UMC, Mexia	South
Abby	Logan	First UMC, Henrietta	Mid-North
Maddy	Logan	First UMC, Henrietta	Mid-North
Dora	Loughan	Good Shepherd UMC	Metro West
Vicki	Lowrey	Hutto Discovery UMC	South

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Nellie	Lucano	New Riverside UMC	Metro West
Brenda	Lunsford	Pleasant Valley UMC	Metro North
Fred	Marsh	Hamilton Park UMC	Metro East
W. Jean	Marsh	St. Paul UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Jodie	Martin	Grace UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Patti	Martin	Plymouth Park UMC	Metro East
Cindy	Martin	St. John's UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Judy	Martin	Wesley Foundation, Paris	East
Joaquin	Martinez	First UMC, Grand Prairie	Metro East
Michael	Mason	Northaven UMC	Metro East
Lori	Massey	First UMC, Bonham	East
Thalia	Matherson	Warren UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Cathy	McAdams	Revive UMC	Metro West
Corliss	McBride	One Fellowship UMC	Mid-South
Rexanne	McCauley	First UMC, Sulphur Springs	East
Elizabeth	McChesney	Rockbridge Church	South
James	McClellen	Wesley UMC, Greenville	East
Brian	McCosky	St. Matthew UMC	Metro West
Steve	McIver	Ferris	Mid-South
Anthony	McKnight	First UMC, Red Oak	Mid-South
Eugene	McNeely	Tolar UMC	Mid-Central
Patricia	McNeely	Tolar UMC	Mid-Central
Sara	Meek-Rogers	Grace Chapel UMC	Metro North
Lisa	Mellott	Dido UMC	Metro West
Brittany	Melrose	Wesley Foundation, Synergy	Metro East
Bob	Menton	Ash Lane UMC, Euless	Metro West
Suzi	Michell	St. Barnabas UMC	Metro West
LeeAnn	Miller	First UMC, Burkburnett	Mid-North
Hannah	Miller	Waples Memorial UMC	Mid-North
Diane	Mims	Greenland Hills UMC	Metro East
Doug	Mochel	Revive UMC	Metro West
January	Moore	First UMC, Waxahachie	Mid-South
Ray	Morgan	Friendship UMC	Mid-North
Cadence	Moses	Wesley Foundation, Belton	South
Paula	Mower	First UMC, Gordon	West
Batsirayi	Mukarakate	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Delores	Murphree	First UMC, Hamilton	South
Ryan	Murphy	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Jazmon	Myers	Lakeview UMC, Waco	South
Hope	Myers	St. Andrew's UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Rebecca	Nalley	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Annaleigh	Nelms	First UMC, Rowlett	Metro North
Natalie	Nenovich	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Hanna	Newcomer Sliva	Wesley Foundation, TCU	Metro West
Janet	Newton	First UMC, Round Rock	South

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Mary	Nickson	Hamilton Park UMC	Metro East
Priscilla	Nino	Oak Lawn UMC	Metro East
Julie	Noel	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
Bennett	Noll	First UMC, Garland	Metro East
Debra	Norvet	First UMC, Pilot Point	Metro North
Michael	Norvet	First UMC, Pilot Point	Metro North
Jill	Novelo	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Tyler	Nutter	St. Paul UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Anita	Oakley	Aldersgate UMC	Metro North
Patrick	O'Connor	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Elise	Odell	Holy Covenant UMC	Metro East
Meli	Ojeda	Grace UMC, Copperas Cove	South
Catherine	Olson	First UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Christopher	Olson	First UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Katherine	Owens	Central UMC, Waco	Mid-South
Paul	Pace	Creekwood UMC	Metro North
Michael	Pak	Bethel UMC	Mid-South
Linda	Parks	First UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Becca	Patton	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Jim	Patton	Hillside UMC	Mid-South
Tracey	Pearce	Trietsch Memorial UMC	Metro North
Yolanda	Pendleton	First UMC, Garland	Metro East
Rosemary	Perkins	Revelation UMC	Mid-South
Pam	Phinney	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
David	Piekarski	Community UMC, Copeville	Metro North
Pamela	Pinkerton	Grace Methodist Metroplex	Metro West
Keith	Piyakhun	Melissa UMC	Metro North
Gina	Pogue	St. Stephen UMC	Metro East
Stephanie	Pond	The Woods UMC	Metro East
Melissa	Potter	Vista Ridge UMC	Metro North
Elizabeth	Potter	Vista Ridge UMC	Metro North
Grace	Potter	Vista Ridge UMC	Metro North
David	Powell	First UMC, Allen	Metro North
Cindy	Powell	Grace UMC, Copperas Cove	South
Catherine	Presley	Caddo Mills UMC	East
Sara	Price	First UMC, Celina	Metro North
Yvette	Pritchett	Hutto Discovery UMC	South
Kathleen	Pryor	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Lee	Putty	First UMC, Hico	Mid-South
Loretta	Ragsdale	St. Paul UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Omega Lee	Ramos	Umphress Road UMC	Metro East
Joyce	Ray	First UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Kevin	Ray	Journey of Faith UMC, Round Rock	South
Julie	Reeves	Northaven UMC	Metro East
Brian	Reilly	Stonebridge UMC	Metro North

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Sherry	Reinwald	St. Andrews UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Cheryl	Renfro	First UMC, Decatur	Mid-North
Fred	Renfro	First UMC, Decatur	Mid-North
Helen	Requilman	Faith UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Alan	Richbourg	Waples UMC	Mid-Central
Charley	Rickett	First UMC, Sachse	Metro North
Lily	Rickwartz	First UMC, Sulphur Springs	East
Sophia	Rickwartz	First UMC, Sulphur Springs	East
Rob	Risko	Market Street UMC	East
Rachel	Risko	Market Street UMC	East
Yolanda	Rivera	St. Luke's UMC, Midland	Northwest
Mike	Roberts	First UMC, Commerce	East
Kent	Roberts	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
Susan	Roberts	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
Christie	Roberts	Waples UMC	Mid-Central
Andrea	Robertson	Creekwood UMC	Metro North
Elizabeth	Robinson	First UMC, Killeen	South
Alara	Robinson	St. Paul UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Natalie	Robinson	St. Paul UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Maggie	Rogers	Forrest Heights UMC, Lubbock	Northwest
Bryon	Romin	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Natalie	Rooney	First UMC, Plano	Metro North
Bob	Roos	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
Sabrina	Rosson	Roxton UMC	East
Mae	Rowlett	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Joylene	Roye	First UMC, O'Donnell	Northwest
Dan	Salzwedel	First UMC, Wichita Falls	Mid-North
Thomas	Sample	First UMC, Mt. Vernon	East
Marshall	Scantlin	First UMC, DeSoto	Metro East
Marye	Scantlin	First UMC, DeSoto	Metro East
Brody	Schabow	Couts Memorial UMC	Mid-Central
Bruce	Schrott	First UMC, Georgetown	South
Debra	Scott	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Raymond	Scott	Christ UMC, Plano	Metro North
Chris	Scrudder	Rockbridge Church	South
Ruth	Sears	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
Mariney	Shackelford	First UMC, Springtown	Mid-Central
Leo	Sharpe	Arapaho UMC	Metro East
Marguerite	Shaw	First UMC, Colony	Metro North
Steve	Sherrill	New World UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Ruth	Shugart	Ferris Heights UMC	Mid-South
Vanessa	Simon	St. Paul UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Kim	Simpson	St. Barnabas UMC	Metro West
Jazzmine	Sims	Wesley Foundation, TCU	Metro West
Stephanie	Sloan	Arborlawn UMC	Metro West

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Lisa	Smant	University UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Jared	Smith	Aldersgate UMC	Metro North
Leigh	Smith	Lake Highlands UMC	Metro East
David	Smith	Spring Valley UMC	Metro East
Vicki	Smith	Trinity UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Marilyn	Souders	First UMC, Duncanville	Metro East
Donna	South	St. Paul UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Anthony	Sowder	Florence UMC	South
Patricia	Sowder	Florence UMC	South
Walter	Spears	First UMC, Jean	West
Gail	Spears	First UMC, Olney	West
Dee-Dee	Spivey	Hamilton Park UMC	Metro East
Debbie	Spoonts	Church of the Good Shepherd UMC	Metro West
Sandra	Stephenson	Christ UMC, Levelland	Northwest
Angela	Stevenson	Grace Chapel UMC	Metro North
Dee Dee	Stewart	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Becky	Stith	Bruceville-Eddy UMC	South
Eleanor	Stobaugh	University Park UMC	Mid-South
Sam	Stole	Arapaho UMC	Metro East
Abby	Strickland	First UMC, Blossom	East
Carolyn	Stroud	First UMC, Graham	West
Gary	Sult	First UMC, Stephenville	West
Jana	Sult	First UMC, Stephenville	West
Mindy	Sutton	Market Street UMC	East
Tyler	Sweatt	Fellowship UMC, Trophy Club	Metro North
Rebecca	Tatsch	Grace Chapel UMC	Metro North
Suzanne	Taylor	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
David	Taylor	Trietsch Memorial UMC	Metro North
John	Teddlie	City Point UMC	Metro West
Laurence	Terrell	First UMC, Round Rock	South
Richard	Thompson	First UMC, Round Rock	South
Elizabeth	Thompson	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Melanie	Thorpe	First UMC, Frisco	Metro North
Margie	Titus	Visionary Hollowell Community UMC, Midland	Northwest
Michele	Townley	Aldersgate UMC	Metro North
Helayna	Trask	Wylie UMC	Metro North
Stacey	Tuck	First UMC, Mineral Wells	West
Velda	Turnley	St. Luke "Community" UMC	Metro East
Teresa	Tysinger	Arborlawn UMC	Metro West
Afu	Uasi	William C. Martin UMC	Metro West
Mele Lupe	Uasi	William C. Martin UMC	Metro West
Arlyn	Unating	Umphress Road UMC	Metro East
Roy	Vandiver	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
Vicky	Vann	Buckingham UMC	Metro East
Roland	Vasquez	Agape Memorial UMC	Metro East

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Deborah	Vela	Elmwood-El Buen Samaritano UMC	Metro East
Cesar	Vélez	First UMC, Colleyville	Metro West
Sally	Vonner	First UMC, Grand Prairie	Metro East
Kelly	Wade	First UMC, Sulphur Springs	East
Charlie	Walden	Northgate UMC	Metro East
Shirley	Waldrum	Friendship UMC	Mid-North
A. Kim	Walker	Calvary UMC	East
Karla	Walker	First UMC, Wolfe City	East
Marlane	Wallace	Custer Road UMC	Metro North
Susie	Wallace	First UMC, Archer City	Mid-North
Beau	Wallace	First UMC, Clifton	Mid-South
Kevin	Walters	First UMC, Fort Worth	Metro West
Jerry	Walters	St. James UMC, Temple	South
Andrew	Walton	St. Andrew's UMC, Arlington	Metro West
Jennifer	Wang	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Lou Ann	Warren	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
Patrick	Warren	First UMC, McKinney	Metro North
Brooks	Washington	First UMC, Nocona	Mid-North
Pamelyn	Washington	First UMC, Nocona	Mid-North
Jessica	Wasson	First UMC, Burleson	Metro West
Katrina	Watland	Grace Avenue UMC	Metro North
Alicia	Watson	First UMC, Rowlett	Metro North
Faye	Watson	Morningside UMC	Metro West
Chad	Watt	First UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Rick	Weaver	William C. Martin UMC	Metro West
Fannette	Welton	First UMC, Hurst	Metro West
Sherry	West	St. Luke UMC, Mexia	Mid-South
Trey	West	Suncreek UMC	Metro North
Jordan	White	Wesley Foundation, Paris	Northwest
Harry	Whitford	First UMC, Richardson	Metro East
David	Whitlark	Grace UMC, Dallas	Metro East
Patricia	Whittingham	St. Andrew's UMC, Killeen	South
Clyde	Whittle	Covenant UMC	Metro West
Don	Wilcox	Highland Park UMC	Metro East
Evelyn	Williams	First UMC, Lewisville	Metro North
Scott	Williams	Lovers Lane UMC	Metro East
Dashe	Williams	Pleasant Valley UMC	Metro North
Steve	Williamson	St. James UMC, Abilene	Northwest
Ann P	Wilson	Arlington Heights	Metro West
Anniel	Winston-Hall	First UMC, Frisco	Metro North
Suzanne	Winter	Epworth UMC	Metro West
Larry	Womack	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
Shirley	Womack	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
Ian	Woodroof	First UMC, Paris	East
Cheryl	Worrell	Custer Road UMC	Metro North

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Paul	Wylie	First UMC, Archer City	Mid-North
Diane	York	First UMC, Rockwall	Metro North
Taylor	Young	Keller UMC	Metro West
Janice Chaarmi	Zarate	Northgate UMC	Metro East

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE HORIZON TEXAS CONFERENCE

Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall at the Wichita Falls Multi-Purpose Event Center Wichita Falls, Texas May 31 - June 3, 2026

The **2026 Annual Conference of the Horizon Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church** began on **Sunday, May 31, 2026**, and extended through midday on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026.** This is the second regular conference session of the Horizon Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church. The conference began Sunday evening with opening worship at 7:00 PM in the Ray Clymer Exhibit Halls A&B, with Laity and Clergy Sessions taking place Monday morning. The Memorial Service followed at 11:00 AM, with the first business session convening at 1:30 PM.

Business Session 1
Monday, June 1, 2026
1:30 PM

Gathering music prior to the session was provided by **Keum Hwang** (Heath: First), **Josh Jacob** (Celina: First)**,** and **Pastor Colin McDonald** (Austin Music Church). Among their inspiring music, they included a song written for this occasion by McDonald, based on the conference theme of "Love Boldly."

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., presiding Bishop of the Horizon Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, welcomed conference members and opened the annual conference in prayer.

Bishop Saenz called the business session to order and introduced those sharing the dais with him. These included young adults **Madison Armes** (Lubbock: First), **Landon Cain** (Sherman: First), and **Co-Conference Lay Leader Mike Jones** (Amarillo UMC).

Rev. John McLarty, Senior Pastor of First Wichita Falls, welcomed members of the conference. He then introduced **Rev. Julia Puac-Romero,** one of the newly approved provisional elders, and director of the Wesley Foundation at Midwestern State University. Romero gave a warm introduction to **Dr. Stacia Haney, president of Midwestern State University.** Dr. Haney addressed the annual conference, expressing gratitude for her home congregation of University UMC in Wichita Falls and for all ministries facilitated by the Horizon Texas Conference.

Bishop Saenz introduced others on the dais with him, including **Assistant Conference Secretary Rev. Marsha Middleton** (Grand Prairie: First), **Parliamentarian Marsha Thornton** (The Village UMC), and **Rev. Andy Lewis, Assistant to the Bishop of the Horizon Texas Conference.**

The bishop recognized **Collins Realtime Reporting,** sponsoring and providing captioning services for this annual conference. **Tess Stevenson, Ashley Trevino, and Donna Collins** are on site to meet this need during this conference session.

Bishop Saenz called on **Rev. Middleton** for the **organization of the conference**. Middleton offered a **report on voting members**, stating that there are **540 clergy members and 616 lay members registered, for a total of 1,156 members entitled to voice and vote. These individuals constitute the official role of the Horizon Texas Conference for 2026. Middleton moved adoption** of the report of voting members. The

motion was seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. Bishop Saenz instructed conference members that we are voting by raising hands so that our siblings that use American Sign Language can fully participate in voting process. Bishop Saenz called for the vote, and the report on voting members was adopted.

Middleton requested that if an **alternate lay member from a local church** is sitting in for a primary lay member, please make sure that the alternate member checks in with their district superintendent or district administrator to ensure that they are properly registered to vote.

Middleton moved that the bar of the conference is set as the main floor of the exhibit hall, except for twelve seats reserved in front of the ASL interpreters, and except for the visitor sections behind the second east-west aisle. The motion was seconded from the floor. The bishop called for the vote, and the motion was adopted.

Members wanting to be recognized by the chair are invited to move to a microphone and wait for the bishop to recognize them. They should then state the reason they wish to speak. If they are making a motion, are encouraged to word the motion according to the pattern that is in the preliminary workbook.

Finally, **Middleton moved for the adoption of the agenda as shown on pages 17 through 20 of the preliminary workbook with flexibility to prioritize items when needed.** The motion was seconded from the floor. Bishop Saenz clarified that there are two microphones on the floor and asked that individuals recognized at a microphone should state their name, their church, their district, and the page number to which they are referring. The bishop called for the vote, and the **procedures and standing rules as presented in the preliminary workbook were adopted**.

Rev. Andy Lewis, **Assistant to the Bishop and Chief of Staff for the Horizon Texas Conference**, rose to present the **consent calendar process** as outlined on page 21 of the Preliminary Workbook, along with the consent calendar items on page 22. Lewis noted that legislative item 2026-05, Minimum Number of Charter Members, had been removed from the consent calendar and will be presented to the body in the regular business session.

Bishop Saenz recognized **Madison "Maddie" Armes** who came forward to present the **Youth Address**. Maddie, laity from the Northwest District, is the current chair of the conference youth leadership committee. She expressed appreciation to the conference for giving space for the voices of you to be heard, as well as three at-large youth conference membership positions per district. She urged the conference to remember youth in the local churches and communities, and to see the potential in students who may be quiet, or who may operate behind-the-scenes, but who are still capable of great things. Armes spoke of her mentor **Denise Rogers** and encouraged members of the conference to "be someone's Denise." Members of the conference received the Youth Address with great enthusiasm.

Bishop Saenz then introduced **Laureen Kuizon** (Arlington: First), a certified candidate for ordination serving First UMC of Arlington, who presented the **Young Adult Address.** Kuizon began her United Methodist journey through the then virtual Zoom doors of the Wesley Foundation at UT Arlington during the COVID pandemic. The Wesley Foundation provided a safe space for learning and fellowship, where "people could wrestle (with) and claim this faith for themselves." As one who had previously had the impression that the church could not handle hard conversations, the witness of the UMC was a welcome change. She went on to describe the calling of young adults into faithfulness within the church and the global community. Members of the conference responded to the young adult address with warm appreciation.

The bishop then recognized **Mike Jones** (Amarillo UMC)**, conference Co-Lay Leader of the Horizon Texas Conference,** who brought the **Laity Address.** Jones began by bringing greetings from the other two

Conference Co-Lay Leaders **Mary Nickson** (Dallas: Hamilton Park) and **Kylie Campbell** (Fort Worth: First)**,** and from lay members of the conference attending the Laity Session that morning. Jones focused on 1 John 3:11, "Love one another, for this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." He went on to discuss the importance of understanding the reality of blessings in the midst of God's people, speaking of his own summer camp experience at the age of twelve, when he first absorbed the concept that "I am a child of God." He discussed the experience he has had conveying this blessing to others over the years and provided several examples in which he has seen God's work through the giving and receiving of blessings. Member of the conference expressed appreciation for Jones' address.

Bishop Saenz called for a recess, announcing that the business session would reconvene at 3:05 PM.

The **musical trio of Hwang, Jacobs, and McDonald** called members of the conference back from the break. **Madison Armes** opened the session in prayer.

Bishop Saenz began the **Report on the Honduras Mission Initiative** by stating that he serves as bishop of this important ministry, as did **Bishop Mike McKee** prior to his retirement. Honduras is the sister conference to the Horizon Texas Conference, and several churches have served the initiative through sponsoring mission trips.

The bishop introduced **Daniel Contreras**, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving the **United Methodist Church in Honduras.** Contreras spoke of meeting a boy named Mario for the first time in January of 2024 at a youth retreat. A few weeks later, the principal of the United Methodist School invited Contreras to meet their new student body president, and it was Mario. Mario has a heart of committed service despite the death of his mother when he was only seven years old. Hard work in school, and development of his faith and leadership skills, have led to him receiving a scholarship from Church of the Resurrection, and he plans to graduate in 2027 with the hope of attending college.

Contreras expressed **appreciation for Bishop Saenz,** whose leadership had helped bring forth the **ordination of the first three elders** in the Honduran Methodist movement. Part of the strategic plan for Honduras is a goal of having ten ordained ministers by 2028. As a missionary and pastor, Contreras equips leaders, builds relationships, assess needs, and plans strategically to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Honduras. The pandemic took a serious toll on the church in Honduras, especially in the areas of worship attendance and lay organizations; however, much rebuilding is taking place. Highlights include the national youth ministry, women's ministry and leadership development, and the Juan Wesley School which provides excellent education for students in elementary grades through high school. Another key ministry is the migrant clinic where, in partnership with the Honduran government, the state provides the facilities and the UMC provides the staff which includes two doctors, two nurses, and one program manager. Since 2023, more than 11,000 people a year receive care at the clinic, coming not only from within Honduras but also from Venezuela, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and Asia. United Methodist volunteers are needed and welcomed, and provide medical, dental, and optical care as well as construction skills, Vacation Bible School, English as a Second Language classes and more. **Bishop Saenz** informed conference members that **Daniel Contreras is also a District Superintendent** and oversees ten of the nation's churches.

Bishop Ruben Saenz presented his **Episcopal Address** to the 2026 Session of the Horizon Texas Conference, beginning with the following statement: "Lay and clergy members of the Horizon Texas Conference, guests, and friends, companions in Christ's mission, I'm honored to stand with you today with a simple conviction in a fearful, divided, suspicious world, (that) **Jesus is calling us to 'Love Boldly.'** Even though we are settling into our new conference, many people are weary and many are grieving. It is important for us to remember that by God's grace, we can do hard things. The theme of "Love Boldly" are not merely a slogan, but rather a "spirit-empowered way of life that forms disciples of Jesus who seek

the loving, just, and freer world God imagines for all people." In many communities, the kind of gospel offered by United Methodists sounds like a minority report. Where people may be accustomed to congregations being judgmental, exclusive, or fear-based, the UMC proclaims something that is truly different and unique. In much the same manner that Jesus represented the "minority report" in his time, up against the majority report of the religious authorities, so must we remember that that loving boldly will "always put us slightly out of step with the loudest voices in our culture." "Against that backdrop, our Horizon Texas churches are offering a different, Christ-centered, invitational gospel – a gospel of radical inclusion – not because we are permissive or "woke," but because we take Jesus and his open communion table seriously." Conservative Christians among our ranks will not be excluded. Nobody gets thrown away, and we refuse to press for making a false choice between conviction and compassion. Our first identity is not left-leaning or right-leaning, but instead the identity of ones who are beloved.

Bishop Saenz offered verbal "snapshots" of this kind of ministry going on right now in HTC congregations. He went on to lovingly challenge every church in the conference to continue the current increase in professions of faith through confirmation and in other ways be focusing on our five strategic priorities: discipleship, children and youth, healing and advocacy, inclusion, and evangelism, "so that more people hear the gospel, claim the faith, and enter the life of the church." He also encouraged us to claim the practice of prayer at every level, not only as a spiritual practice, but also as a critical element of the infrastructure around which our ministry is built. This can take place in many ways, and one of those will be through a new conference ministry, the HTC Intercessory Prayer Team. Additionally, a clergy justice initiative is launching, rooted in both contemplation and action. Our world does not need another majority report. It does need the transformation and faithful gospel – the kind offered by the minority report to which God has called us.

Members of the Horizon Texas Conference received the Episcopal Report with excitement and optimism.

Bishop Saenz recognized **Kim Simpson** (Arlington: St. Barnabas)**, Vice Chair of the Episcopacy Committee**, to present the Episcopacy Committee Report found on page 156 of the preliminary workbook. She began by expressing appreciation to members of the committee. The committee believes that Bishop Saenz is doing an outstanding job leading the HTC, and we are honored that he has been selected to be the president of the Council of Bishops. Simpson recognized **Maye Saenz,** spouse of the bishop, who greeted conference members, and indicated that several family members will be present during this year's conference, including the bishop's father, who will be witnessing the commissioning of Reuben Saenz, III on Tuesday evening. Bishop Saenz and Maye were presented with a gift from the committee, with which they were instructed to "go have some fun." Simpson then prayed for the episcopal family.

Marsha Middleton came forward to present **information and announcements.**

Rev. Jenna Johnson (Wylie) and **Kylie Campbell,** the **HTC "Fun Committee,"** began announcements by encouraging members of the conference to enjoy fun activities during the conference, including completion of the HTC bingo card which can be redeemed for prizes at the "fun table" located by the main entrance. Other opportunities include a photo booth, special HTC coloring pages and crayons, colorful tubes of bubbles, and "bedazzled" tiny Jesus's which are placed throughout the facility. Conference members, guests, and families were especially encouraged to participate in the dessert social, to be held that evening in the hallway, with games set up for the entire family to enjoy. Additionally, members present before and after sessions may find themselves recipients of "extra fun swag," presented by the organizations hosting exhibit tables.

Next, presenters of Toolbox Sessions gave brief introductions to the topic they would be covering, and where their specific session would take place. **Rev. Corey Moses** (Tarleton State Wesley Foundation), is leading a session on **"Dinner Church." Rev. Beth Evers** (Fort Worth: University), along with **Rev. Alyssa**

Lawther (Arlington: St. Barnabas), are presenting **"Wiggle Church." Emily Frantz** (Burleson: First), HTC program coordinator, will lead **"Bridging the Gaps and Ecosystem for Young Adults and Emerging Leaders." Rev. HiRho Park** (Incoming conference Director of Belonging, Inclusion and Cultural Engagement) will lead the **"Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Ministry Workshop. Rev. Andrew Fiser** (HTC Associate Director of Diversity and Cultural Engagement) will lead a conversation about **the art of developing partnerships and getting to know neighbors and area businesses. Tessa Armes** (HTC Children and Youth Area Coordinator) will present **"Innovative Youth and Children's Ministry Through Listening and Partnership." Rev. Kat Smith** (Paris: First; HTC Children and Youth Area Coordinator), along with **Rev. Jen Chickering** (HTC Children and Youth Area Coordinator)**,** will lead a presentation on **maximizing connection and sharing resources to help connect churches in their ministries.**

Marsha Middleton then made an **announcement on behalf of Parliamentarian Marsha Thorton**, who thanks the authors of petitions and those participating in the legislative working groups this afternoon. She asked that all involved remember that the petitions are aspirational in nature, and should employ nonbinding action verbs such as "affirm," "advocate," and "urge" rather than mandatory language such as "shall" or "will."

Updated registration numbers for the 2026 Horizon Texas Annual Conference are available due to some late registrations, and this impacts the number of voting members. We now have **571 clergy members and 659 lay members of a total of 1230 voting members.**

Offering information from the opening worship service the previous night is now available, all of which goes toward camp scholarships. The fund received $7,667 through the offering during the live service, along with a little more that was given online.

Special thanks goes to our **sponsors for this year's conference session**. These include **Texas Methodist Foundation** contributing at the $5000 level, **Methodist Children's Home** contributing at the $2500 level, **Brite Divinity School** and **"Raise Your Hand, Texas"** both contributing at the $1500 level, and **Wise Dove Investments** contributing at the $750 level. Please visit their tables in the exhibit area and thank them for being a sponsor of annual conference this year.

Middleton also announced several **courtesies** as well as concerns.

Bishop Saenz called upon **Pastor Doris Smith** (Dallas: Camp Wisdom) to offer a closing prayer for the day.

The bishop recessed the session, which will be reconvened the next day at 8:30 AM.

Business Session 2
Tuesday, June 2, 2026
8:30 AM

Gathering music prior to the session was provided by **Hwang, Jacobs, and McDonald**, including "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" which was followed by "How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art."

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., presiding Bishop of the Horizon Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, **called the conference members to order** at **8:33 AM.** He read a portion of Psalm 133.

Bishop Saenz called upon **Rev. Kelly Craig, Director of Leadership Development and Community Engagement at the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women** to open Business Session Two in prayer. She also celebrated 70 years of full clergy rights for women with conference members.

Bishop Saenz called the business session to order and introduced those sharing the dais with him. These included **Eliza Heyduck** (Woodway First**),** a young person**,** and **Rachel Risko** (**Market Street**), a young adult who is a student at Perkins School of Theology and a certified candidate for ministry. He introduced **Dr. Mary Nickson,** one of the three Co-Conference Lay Leaders, as well as **Rev. Sharon Larkin** (**Dallas: St. Luke "Community"),** Assistant Conference Secretary.

Bishop Saenz introduced **Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean of Princeton Theological Seminary** as the presenter for the **first keynote presentation** entitled **"The Good News of Shipwreck."** Basing her message on Acts 27, she raised the question "If God could use Malta to save Paul, what if God is using this time of disorientation to save us as well?" Dr. Dean's message raised much thoughtful insight for conference members.

Next, Bishop Saenz called for a **retiree video** featuring Nancy Sherman, Steve Moore, Alyce McKenzie, Angela Williams, Ann Willet, Daniel Humbert, Deborah J. Creagh; Don Moore; Mark Phillips. This witness was well received by members of the conference.

Bishop Saenz called for the **Board of Ordained Ministry Report. Rev. Beth Evers** (Fort Worth: University), Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, **requested a point of organizational privilege** stating that the BOM is in the process of getting everyone lined up and organized for their report. She requested that the BOM report be postponed until after the break. Andy Lewis mentioned that Jeff Pehl and Gary Sult have a preliminary report from the Conference Committee on Finance and Administration, and Bishop Saenz stated that the conference would hear this report first.

Bishop Saenz recognized **Rev. Marcus Womack** (Irving: Plymouth Park), who rose regarding **a point of inquiry.** Womack asked that a quick acknowledgment of clergy spouses be permitted. Womack expressed thanks to God for all the clergy spouses and the great contributions to clergy families and to the church. He encouraged everyone to locate the Horizon Texas Conference clergy spouses page and prompted all clergy spouses to join the group.

Bishop Saenz called on **Rev. Jeffrey Pehl** and **Gary Sult for the preliminary report from the Council on Finance and Administration.**

Gary Sult, (Stephenville: First) **Chair of the Council on Finance and Administration,** thanked local churches for their hard work in meeting their apportionments/connectional giving responsibilities. Information for the 2027 preliminary budget is listed as legislative **Item 2026-03: 2027 HTC Proposed Budget**. **Rev. Jeffrey Pehl,** elder serving as Treasurer and CFO of the Horizon Texas Conference, presented the remainder of the preliminary budget report, emphasizing that both he and Sult are open

to receiving any questions from conference members, particularly those pertaining to the final budget presentation and subsequent vote taking place on Wednesday.

Bishop Saenz recognized **Beth Evers, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM)**, for the **Board of Ordained Ministry Report.** Members of the BOM Executive Committee joined her on the dais for the report. She recognized BOM members, members of the executive committee, and conference staff who support the work of the BOM. She thanked all of them for their service.

Rev. Ann Willet (Dallas: Northaven), **Chair of Credentialing** for the Board of Ordained Ministry**,** came forward to present those to be commissioned that evening at the Service of Commissioning and Ordination. New **provisional deacons** include **Nolan "Paul" Corder, David Huitt, and Chrischeryl McDaniel.** Those being commissioned as provisional elders include **Eno Afon, Caitlin Cress, Rosedanny Ortiz Hernandez, Julia Puac-Romera, Ruben Saenz, III, Mary Teague, and Luke Thompson.**

Rev. Matt Ybañez (Hurst: First), came forward on behalf of Rev. Maggie Proshek, chair of the Order of Deacons, to introduce those being ordained as **deacons in full connection**. These include **Jenny Bates, David Finley, and Brendan Voss.**

Rev. Josh Stueve (Lubbock: St. John's), **Chair of the Order of Elders,** presented **those being ordained as elders and received into full conference membership: Eunbyul "Stella" Cho, Colin Craft, Kimberly "Kim" Eiffert**, **Monica Frazier**, **Shandon Klein**, **Uwezo Mwanjala**, **Karyl Patredis, Kantrice Robinson, Valleri Sewell**, **Mayme "Yvonne" Taylor**, and **Jamie McGlothlin.**

Pastor Marcus Jones (Austin: St. Peters and Huston-Tillotson University)**, Chair of the Fellowship of Licensed Local Pastors and Associate Members,** presented **Dale Tampke** as a **new Associate Member** of the Horizon Texas Conference.

Rev. Alan McGrath (Georgetown: First), **Chair of Conference Relations**, began the recognition of **those retiring from the Horizon Texas Conference**. This year's retirees represent **755 years of service** to the church in Texas. McGrath led the conference in prayer. The following individuals called forward for recognition by Evers and McGrath:

Licensed Local Pastors:

Betty Brownsted	11 years of service
Margaret Pleasant	33 years of service
Kellie Wilson	4 years of service
James "Jim" Wilkins, Sr.	20 years of service
Pam Zolczer	13.5 years of service

Deacons in Full Connection:

Alan Clark	45 years of service
Nelda Barrett Murraine	13.5 years of service
Michael Greene	17.25 years of service

Elders in Full Connection:

Francisco "Frank" Alegria	39.5 years of service
Hyeongdong Baek	25 years of service
Joe Chamness	28 years of service
Deborah "Debby" Creagh	6 years of service
Michael Dawson	31.5 years of service
Dyan Dietz	24 years of service
Matthew "Matt" Gaston	40 years of service

Daniel Humbert	39 years of service
Timothy Marks	18 years of service
Debra Hobbs Mason	30.75 years of service
Alyce McKenzie	46 years of service
Christopher "Chris" Mesa	30 years of service
Donald Moore, Jr.	22 years of service
Steven Moore	46 years of service
Cheryl Murphy	17 years of service
Ronald Newhouse	36 years of service
Donald "Mark" Phillips	36 years of service
Carol Roberts	22 years of service
Nancy Sherman-Carter	8 years of service
Cassandra "Cassie" Wade	13 years of service
Ann Willet	22 years of service
Angela Williams	11 years of service

Mary Nickson (Dallas: Hamilton Park)**,** one of the Co-Lay Leaders of the Horizon Texas Conference, offered a blessing for the retirees.

Other participants in liturgy included **Rev. Kay Eck** (Dallas: Lovers Lane), Vice Chair of the BOM; **Pastor Marcus Jones,** Chair of the Fellowship of Licensed Local Pastors and Associate Members; **Rev. Edgar Bazan** (Celina: First); **Rev. Alyce McKenzie** (Allen: First) speaking on behalf of the retirees; **Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.; Rev. Joe Chamness** (Edge Park) representing the retirement class in the passing of the mantles/prayer shawls, and **Rev. Jenny Bates** (Arapaho & Denton Wesley Foundation) **and Rev. Shandon Klein** (Appt in MNAC)**,** representing the new ordination class of deacons and elders in the receiving of the mantles/prayer shawls. Bishop Saenz closed the liturgy in prayer.

Rev. Kay Eck presented six scholarships on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry Scholarship and Grants Committee.

- **The Guy E. and Alma L. Perdue Memorial Scholarship** is given to a ministerial student from the conference who is enrolled in a Master of Divinity program. Today it goes to **JinRi Kimn**
- **The Avinelle McWhirter Ogle Memorial Scholarship** is given to a ministerial student from the conference who is enrolled in a Master of Divinity program**.** Today it goes to **Joaquín Martinez.**
- **The Karen Greenwaldt Scholarship** and **the William M. and Laura Jean Greenwaldt Scholarships** are available to a woman in recognition of Karen Greenwaldt, who will be with us at the ordination service tonight. Karen was the first woman ordained in the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. The scholarships are to benefit women from the conference attending Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology and are determined by the Board of Ordained Ministry. These scholarships are awarded to **Ellen Ford.**
- **The Sowell Scholarship** is given to honor the life and ministry of Rev. Dr. Jesse Sowell. The scholarship is to encourage women pursuing seminary education in preparation for ordained ministry through the conference, and it is awarded to **Hannah Newcomer**.
- **The Strayhorn Seminary Scholarship** was established by Rev. Billy Strayhorn in appreciation for the financial assistance he received to attend college and seminary. It was established to pay that gift forward for future seminarians. It is awarded to **Maxwell Tindall.**
- **The Pat Stroman Memorial Scholarship** was established in memory of Pat Stropwman, a lay person and member of Central United Methodist Church in Waco, Texas. The recipient is a certified candidate for ordination in the conference and enrolled in seminary. The scholarship

goes to **Demetria Collins** who is at school today, but it will be accepted by Mrs. Doris Burke on her behalf.

Rev. Beth Evers announced that the UMC provides clergy and laity with certification in specialized ministries. This year, **DeAndre Smith has completed the requirements for certification in youth ministry.**

Evers reminded members of the conference that the **service of commissioning, ordination, and recognition** was coming that evening. 2026 is also an important year of anniversaries as we celebrate the **70th anniversary of full clergy rights for women in the UMC, and the 30th anniversary of the Order of Deacons.**

Bishop Saenz thanked Evers, the executive team, and the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry for their work. He then called for **the second retiree video** to be presented.

Bishop Saenz announced that the session was in **recess and would reconvene at 11:00 AM.**

Music during the break was offered by the **trio of McDonald, Hwang, and Jacob.**

Bishop Saenz expressed appreciation to the musicians as the conference reconvened and invited **Leo Barrios** (Richardson: First) to the dais. Barrios will be attending Oklahoma University, studying religion and philosophy on a track to ministry.

The bishop then spoke about the **upcoming leadership gathering in Calgary, Canada**, which is scheduled for October 20-22. Bishop Saenz is chairing the leadership design gathering team. Each bishop was asked to select three individuals from their conference. In consultation with the cabinet, our representatives our **Rev. Chad Johnson** (Amarillo UMC)**, Rachel Shipley Blackwell (Lubbock: St. John's), and Melissa Clay (Dallas: The Village).** Clay, Blackwell, and Johnson addressed the conference, emphasizing that the theme for the gathering is **"Emboldened by the Spirit – Imagining the Church Yet to Be."** Conference members were asked to pray and to hope as this leadership gathering convenes.

Bishop Saenz recognized **Rev. Katie Meek** (Azle: Revive) to present a **report on the Miracle Offering** to be received at the service of ordination, commissioning, and recognition that evening. **The bishop** stated that this offering is a part of a Council of Bishops' initiative designed to assist seminarians in the Philippines and in Africa who experience incredible economic challenges to pursue a formal theological education. The offering is to help raise money for an endowed fund, the earnings of which would be used to help fund education for individuals seeking to serve these critical areas. **Rev. Meek** explained the importance of this initiative from her perspective as a former Global Ministries General Missionary serving in Sierra Leon, West Africa, and as a lecturer at the Bishop Wenner School of Theology, the school established in 2017 as the United Methodist university of Sierra Leon. She encouraged conference members to prayerfully and generously support this important initiative.

Next, the Bishop called for the **combined report of the Horizon Texas Conference Directors.**

Rev. Stacey Piyakhun (HTC Director of Multiplication) presented initiatives from the **Multiplication Team**, including twenty-three master classes in English and Spanish covering hospitality, evangelism, and bridge events; robust support of Wesley Foundations and related student ministry across the conference; new expressions of faith such as Austin Music Church; new building projects facilitating ministry; and merging congregations that have united to more effectively serve their community.

Christine Peirce (HTC Director of Child and Youth Empowerment) updated the conference on **ministry with children and youth** throughout the conference. She began by stating "what really matters most is what happens to a young person when they discover that they belong to a community, to a calling, and

to a God who knows them by name." Peirce reported on SEEK camp serving individuals with special needs, multiple Bishop's Rallies across the conference, and a new approach to confirmation called "Confirmation United" designed to ensure that no church has to tell a young person that there is no confirmation class for them. Youth events, youth leadership training, and the jurisdictional youth gathering were named.

Rev. Joy Dister-Dominguez (HTC Director of Care & Healing) presented a report from her area reminding the conference that these ministries are not just programs, but that they touch real people, often during their most vulnerable times. Last year, the Center for Care and Healing conducted a comprehensive inventory across all churches, with 352 congregations participating. Many faithful individuals and groups conduct numerous vital ministries; however, gaps exist in mental wellness support, grief support, caregiver support, and justice ministry. As a result, 96 different congregations participated in care training seminars in English and Spanish, and a new cohort-based model was established to empower congregations to better meet their contextual needs. Additionally, conference disaster response ministry has continued as continued long-term recovery work was provided in Valley View, Gordon, across the flood affected areas of southern and western Texas, in tornado recovery efforts provided to Springtown, Runaway Bay and Mineral Wells, and with over $470,000 given within the conference to help fund disaster relief in heavily hit areas.

Rev. Andrew Fiser (HTC Associate Director of Diversity and Cultural Engagement/Care and Healing) **spoke on behalf of the Diversity and Cultural Engagement Team.** He stated that "the work of pursuing and embracing diversity is a posture … a posture we practice in our life every day… It asks us to move through the world and through our churches with eyes wide open to who is missing, who has been excluded, and who God is drawing toward us…" This past year has included development of infrastructure, intentional work of engaging stakeholders, and the introduction of an intercultural development inventory process across the conference as well as planning upcoming events. **Rev. Bryant Phelps** (Dallas: Hamilton Park) spoke in his role as a member of the diversity council, announcing the appointment of **Rev. Dr. HiRho Park** as the new **Director of Belonging, Inclusion, and Cultural Engagement for the Horizon Texas Conference** beginning July 1. Dr. Park comes to us from many distinguished years of service in the UMC, including fifteen years with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Pam Hughes (HTC Director of Communications), spoke on behalf of the **Tell our Story Team.** This year, HTC communications ministry has worked closely with the local churches to tell our stories in a good way. Four newsletters are being published, reaching clergy, laity, and local church staff. A newsletter addressing ministry with children and youth has been launched, and a monthly "lunch and learn" webinar series took place. Our podcast "Strangely Warmed" is growing, and we are reminded that communication within the HTC is a responsibility shared by all of us.

Bishop Saenz asked for the conference staff to line up before the conference so that everyone can be seen by conference members. As they came forward, the bishop reminded us of the five pillars making up our strategic priorities: multiply Jesus' followers, champion children and youth, maximize care and healing, pursue and embrace diversity, and tell our story. So the way we are organized is around the ministry of Jesus. "If we do the things that Jesus did, we are going to be ok."

The bishop then introduced the conference staff, especially lifting up outgoing District Superintendent **Rev. Cassie Wade** who is retiring. Cassie led the church through an incredibly difficult season of disaffiliation. She never abandoned her post, and the conference owes her a debt of gratitude.

Bishop Saenz called for the presentation of the **"Love Boldly" video**, highlighting the **"Open Table" ministry of the Wesley Foundation at Southwestern University.**

Conference Secretary Kevin Walters (Fort Worth: First) presented announcements including lunches and scheduled meals.

Pastor Inakis Lopez (Plainview: San Juan and Tulia: El Buen) offered prayer prior to the lunch break. Bishop Saenz announced that the conference is **in recess until 1:30 PM.**

Business Session 3
Tuesday, June 2, 2026
1:30 PM

The musical trio of **Hwang**, **Jacob, and McDonald** provided gathering music as the conference moved into the afternoon business session. Bishop Saenz introduced these musicians and thanked them for their efforts on behalf of the conference.

Bishop Saenz recognized **Dr. Carla Cardoza, President of Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso,** who offered an update on this long-term ministry of the UMC and **opened the afternoon session with prayer.**

The bishop introduced those sitting with him **on the dais during this session**, including **Beau Wallace** (Clifton: First), **Ellen Ford** (Dallas: University Park), and Co-Conference Lay Leader **Kylie Campbell** (Fort Worth: First).

Bishop Saenz called for those participating in the **Deaconess Commissioning** to come forward. He stated that in the UMC, a deaconess is a lay Christian who is called to a lifetime vocation of love, justice, and service, and living that call full-time under the church's authority. **Barbara Hills** (Waco: Central UMC) will be serving her congregation in care ministry and outreach and will be doing so as a lay volunteer. **Katie Pryor** (Dallas: St. Luke "Community) will be serving as the nurture and development officer for United Women in Faith. Either of these newly commissioned deaconesses are available to talk with anyone interested in further exploring the process of becoming a deaconess or home missioner. The bishop read the charge to Hills and Pryor and commissioned them as deaconesses in the United Methodist Church. He closed with prayer, and the two were recognized with joy by the members of the conference.

Bishop Saenz introduced **Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean** (Princeton Theological Seminary) who presented the **second part of her keynote address**. She asked, "What is your church's banana? Or "What is that thing that your church is hanging onto so tightly that it has them trapped?" She then discussed the power in practicing detachment, encouraging congregations to consider how much of the church as we know it are we willing to let go of in to follow Jesus? Members of the Horizon Texas Conference responded to Dean with a standing ovation.

Bishop Saenz called for a **twenty-minutes recess;** the session will reconvene at 3:05 PM.

Gathering Music was offered by **Hwang**, **Jacob, and McDonald.** The HTC 2026 Annual Conference's theme song, "Love Boldly" was once again included in the set, with appreciation to composer and lyricist **Colin McDonald** from Austin Music Church.

Bishop Saenz called for a **"Love Boldly" video** from **Warren UMC and Pastor Billy Lane** presenting information on the **Warren UMC Clothing Boutique.**

Next, Bishop Saenz invited **Jack Kozack,** and his fellow church siblings from Arlington: First, to come forward as Jack receives a **blessing over his service as a Global Mission Fellow.** Kozack will be working with refugees in Mexico City for two years. The bishop offered the heartfelt blessing used for this special occasion.

The bishop recognized **Rev. Stacey Piyakuhn**, Director of Multiplication, to lead in the **awards presentation**.

Rev. Derek Jacobs (HTC Associate Director of Leadership for the Horizon Texas Conference, **presented the Morris Walker award to Jerry Kleine, longtime member of First UMC Clifton.** Kleine embodies faithful, steady servant leadership as he co-leads confirmation, volunteers at youth events, and serves as a trusted presence for young people and their families.

Piyakhun invited representatives from the four congregations named as **finalists for the "One Matters" award** to come to the state. Piyakhun explained that **the "One Matters Award," presented by Discipleship Ministries,** honors a congregation that moved from zero professions of faith to at least one in the past year. Every person matters, and every story matters. This year, Bishop Saenz and the cabinet looked at all eligible congregations and chose to recognize four finalist congregations for this award whose faithful witness represents the quiet work of disciple making. Each of these congregations receives a certificate and $500 from the Horizon Texas Conference. The finalist congregations include **First UMC Taylor, First UMC Grand Prairie & Ministerios en Español; Vista Ridge UMC, and Warren UMC.**

This year's One Matters Award goes to Hamilton Park UMC. In 2025, Hamilton Park celebrated going from zero to 52 professions of faith. **Rev. Dr. Bryant Phelps** serves as pastor. This is a remarkable witness from a congregation helping people genuinely encounter Jesus through Bible studies, small groups, a new discipleship pathway, and intentional guest follow-up. Hamilton Park UMC receives a plaque and $1,000. From Discipleship Ministries.

Rev. Armando Alvarado (HTC Associate Director of Multiplication) presented the **Multiply Jesus Followers Award** to **El Buen** in Plainview **and San Juan** in Tulia, served by **Pastor Iñakis Lopez.** These are among the oldest Spanish-speaking congregations in Northwest Texas. They are in ministry both within and outside their walls, reaching out to neighbors facing addiction, homelessness, migration struggles, and economic hardship.

Christine Peirce (HTC Director of Children and Youth Empowerment) presented the **Children and Youth Empowerment Award** to **First UMC Henrietta.** The Youth Fellowship Friends gathering on Wednesday nights feeds local middle school students, sends them home with leftovers, and gives them a place to belong amid their rural community.

Rev. Joy Dister-Dominguez (HTC Director of Care and Healing) presented the **Care and Healing Award** to **First UMC Gordon**, served by **Rev. Kristin Glover.** This congregation built a system of care in October of 2024, including the elements of prayer, visitation, hospitality, membership follow-up, and a faith community nursing program. On May 18, 2025, an EF-1 tornado struck Gordon, and the team was ready for immediate action, including checking on community members, mobilizing resources, and working alongside early response teams. They have continued a sustained commitment to community healing.

Rev. Andrew Fiser (HTC Associate Director for the Center of Diversity, Cultural Engagement, and for Care and Healing) presented the **Pursue and Embrace Diversity Award** to **Grace Avenue UMC** in Frisco. When the community experienced anti-Indian rhetoric in public meetings, the congregation knew it was time to increase their witness. In addition to supporting inclusivity at in public forums, Grace Avenue UMC has created safe space for immigrant neighbors and has served as a planning partner and host for the conference-wide immigration advocacy summit. They have also deepened commitment to LGBTQ inclusion across the spectrum of the local church's ministries. Revs. Billy and Laura Echols-Richter serve as lead and executive pastors respectively.

Pam Hughes (HTC Director of Communications) presented the **Tell Your Story Award** to **Oak Lawn UMC in Dallas**. Their rainbow steps in front of their sanctuary, along with their immigrant and refugee-centered nativity display, were natural overflows of a congregation that knows who they are and what they believe. **Rev. Rachel Griffin-Allison** is Lead Pastor.

Rev. Stacey Piyakhun introduced the **Francis Asbury Award**, presented by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and honoring a United Methodist leader who has made a significant contribution to ministry in higher education. The award was presented to **Laureen Kuizon** for her ministry at the University of Texas at Arlington's Wesley Foundation and First UMC Arlington. She also serves as part of the HTC's Young Adult Council.

Bishop Saenz recognized **Thomas Baughman** (Dallas: Oak Lawn), who raised a point of order on behalf of the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women monitors serving the 2026 annual conference. Those addressing the conference are requested by COSROW to provide identifying information at the beginning of their address. Along with your name, church, and conference relationship, you are asked to state your race/ethnicity, and your gender or designated pronouns, and your age group according to the cards that our team has placed at each speaking station. You may also include your (sexual orientation) to further assist in the monitoring efforts.

The bishop called upon **Rev. Fai'ana Prescott-Funaki** (Bedford: Martin) representing the **Inclusion and Diversity Team** which had met to discuss this issue such as this one. Prescott-Funaki stated that some cultural and ethnic groups had provided feedback indicating that they are not comfortable providing pronouns.

Bishop Saenz called on **Baughman**, who clarified on behalf of the COSROW monitors that, considering this information, speakers indicate their gender identity (male, female, nonbinary, etc.), their race/ethnicity, and any other identifying information (could assist the monitoring process).

Bishop Saenz recognized **Andy Lewis** (Assistant to the Bishop). Lewis thanked Baughman for the point of order and Rev. Prescott-Funaki for the clarification. He noted that the conference planning team had discussed this issue. Capturing all the various ways that people show up at these meetings and having this data monitored is important. The planning team's approach was to attempt to capture this demographic and (self-identifying) information through the registration process. If speakers introduce themselves by name and church, then the name and church can unlock the rest of their information. It does not need to be spoken aloud every time a person stands on the stage to speak. There is an intentional approach in place to receive the information that has been designed by the planning team.

Bishop Saenz and HTC Parliamentarian Marsha Thornton conferred at the bishop's table. Baughman clarified that registration and attendance at the conference is not equivalent to representation in the conference. It is not just about representation, but also about identifying who is on stage, who is speaking at a microphone, and where they fall under the (categories) that need to be reported.

The bishop stated that conference members were to take a **two-minute standing pause**, allowing him to consult further.

Bishop Saenz ended the break, stating that **the point of order is taken.** We are being asked to identify ourselves when we come to the microphone first by name, by church, by district, and the if you would like, by race, ethnicity, gender, and age group (youth 12 through 17, young adult 18 to 30, adult 31 to 64, or older adult 65-plus). You can include the later elements, and this helps us record and monitor who speaks at the microphone to ensure that we have a safe place for all persons to speak. When we articulated the guidelines for coming to the microphone, these later categories were not included. Now

we will make these part of our guidelines for speaking at the speaker's discretion. The bishop thanked those who brought this to his attention.

Bishop Saenz called for the **Trustees Report** and recognized **Chair Kelly Wade** (Sulphur Springs: First). Wade directed conference members' attention to **Legislative Item 2026-02** regarding the office location and property. After Wade read the resolution, the bishop called for debate. There being none, he called for the vote. The resolution was adopted.

The bishop called upon **Phil Bush** (Dallas: University Park) to bring the report from the **Board of Pension and Health Benefits**. The items of note are as follows:

- He corrected the published report, clarifying that the **default health plan in 2027** will be the H2000 plan as opposed to the H2500, which will not be offered by Wespath in 2027.
- The Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits brings **Legislative Item #2026-09: Clergy Family Assistance for Healthcare Coverage**.
- The Board brings **proposed Legislative Item #2026-08: De-designating the earnings from the overfunded portion of the retiree medical account for unrestricted use by the conference and to fund family health subsidy.** This is part of the consent calendar.

Bishop Saenz clarified that we are only voting on **Item #2026-09: Clergy Family Assistance for Health Care Coverage** at this time. He called for the vote, and #2026-09 was approved. Bush recognized those serving on the Board of Pension and Health Benefits and those who served on the task force regarding the affordability of health coverage.

Bishop Saenz expressed his appreciation for the diligent work of these groups, as well as for the work of the Board of Trustees and Chair Kelly Wade. He then called for a **"Love Boldly" video vignette from Whitesboro UMC.**

Having arrived at the legislative part of the agenda, Bishop Saenz called on **Rev. Andy Lewis to present the consent calendar,** except for Item 2026-05, which had been previously removed. Lewis moved adoption of these items. The bishop called for the vote, and the consent calendar was adopted.

Next, **Lewis** brought the **report of the conference nominating committee**, and thanked members for their faithful work and commitment. The following changes are to be noted:

- Under the Board of Pension and Health Benefits, remove the name of Rev. Phyllis Barren (this vacancy will be filled by the Conference Nominating Committee)
- Under the Administrative Review Committee, remove the name of Rev. Phyllis Barren (this vacancy will be filled by the Conference Nominating Committee)
- Under the Committee on the Episcopacy, Rev. Tim Bruster is no longer eligible to serve because he is serving on the judicial council. This position will be filled by Rev. Debra Crumpton.
- Under Lay Servant Ministries, the Metro East Director will be Mae Rowlett.
- Under the Board of Ordained Ministry in the Class of 2036, Maggie Proshek is stepping down. That position will be filled by Rev. Abby Echols.

Lewis presented a series of slides depicting the demographic makeup of leaders in the nominations report. Information gleaned from these statistics include:

- Regarding race and ethnicity, representation of individuals nominated for conference leadership who identify as Asian or Pacific Islander, Black or African, Hispanic Latino, and Native American is greater than the percentage of those same groups in our Horizon Texas Conference churches.
- Regarding age of nominated leaders, 7% of conference leaders are youth and 16% are adults.

- Regarding percentages of laity and various categories of clergy, 53% of nominated leaders are laity.
- Regarding district representation, the percentage of nominated leaders from our three metro districts is slightly lower than the percentage of members from those districts. This is to make room for representation from districts outside the metropolitan area.
- And, while the Northwest District makes up 5% of the membership of the Horizon Texas Conference, it has 17% of the nominated leadership slate.
- Regarding gender, conference leadership is made up of male and female in nearly equal measure. While the conference does not currently track data about gender identity or sexual orientation, the nominating committee is intentional about including LGBTQ voices among leadership.

Vacancies do occur among conference leadership. If you would like to be considered for service, the best way to proceed is to **complete the interest form online**. Bishop Saenz called for the vote on **Item 2026-18: Nominations Report**. The legislative item was **adopted.**

Bishop Saenz announced to the conference that the **long-time Conference Chancellor, Wilson Woods (Fort Worth: Arborlawn), is stepping down from his position to take on greater responsibilities in his professional life.** Woods served as Conference Chancelor for twenty years, ten of which were years in which he served full-time. The chancellor must be a licensed attorney and a member of good standing of a UMC in the conference.

Bishop Saenz then called on **Rev. Sam Hamaan** to come forward and introduced him as the **incoming Conference Chancellor.** Not only is he duly competent in civil law, but he is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church. The bishop asked conference members to affirm him as the next Horizon Texas Conference Chancellor. He called for the vote, and **Hamaan was approved.**

Stacey Piyakuhn, speaking on behalf of the Cabinet, was recognized to present **Legislative Item 2026-05: Minimum Number of Charter Members**. *The Book of Discipline* requires that conferences set a minimum number of professing members, along with other criteria, for a church to be chartered, and this was handled differently by the three legacy conferences. This item was removed from the consent calendar to allow for conversation, if needed. Bishop Saenz asked Piyakhun to state the motion again, along with an **amendment** coming from the appointive cabinet, which read as follows: **"The Horizon Texas Conference, in accordance with *Discipline* ¶ 259.4 sets seventy-five as the minimum number of professing members required before a new church may be chartered, or one year of financial sustainability."** The remainder of legislative item would remain as printed. The bishop called for a second, and the motion was seconded. Piyakhun stated that the questions were about whether 75 professing members is attainable in every context; hence, the addition of "one year of financial sustainability." Fruitfulness in ministry does not look identical in every context, and a new faith community may show readiness way before it reaches seventy-five professing members. This legislation seeks to balance accountability with discernment that is fiscally responsible and missionally responsive. Bishop Saenz called for the vote, and the resolution was approved.

Bishop Saenz called on **Rev. Danny Tenney** (Metro West District Superintendent) to present **Legislative Item 2206-22**: **Discontinuance of Everman United Methodist Church** which is **not in the preliminary workbook** because it came to pass after the deadline but still needs to be included this year's conference session. Full wording of the resolution is on the HTC website. The motion was seconded, and the discontinuance of Everman UMC **was approved**. At the bishop's request, **Rev. Clifton Howard** (Fort Worth: Campus Drive) led the conference in prayer celebrating, and giving thanks for, the ministry of the Everman congregation.

Bishop Saenz called for the presentation of **Petition 2026-50: Identifying and Celebrating Encouragers in Christ**. **Rev. Benji VanFleet** (Abilene: St. Paul) offered the **convener report** from the petition working group assigned to this petition. The spirit of the resolution was well-received by the group, with some concern being expressed that the acronym may be offensive to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. There were questions as to whether this was intended to apply to members of the annual conference only, or members of local churches as well. The working group suggested to the author that the language of the resolution be revised and amended to reflect voluntary rather than mandatory participation, and about half of those in the groups recommended that the proposed timeline be revised. The author received this feedback graciously. Bishop Saenz then called for the author of item 2026-50 to present his legislation. **Rev. Jason Valendy** (Keller) indicated that he had submitted changes electronically. The revisions could not be projected, so **Valendy presented his four changes as follows:**

- On page 85 lines 1 and 2, strike through the word "shall" and replace with "may"
- On page 85 line 42, strike through the words "encourager appreciation report (E-A-R) form," and replace with "encourager form"
- On page 86 line 1 and 2, strike through the words "encourager appreciation report form" and replace it with "encourager report"
- On page 86 line 6, strike through the word "E-A-R-S" and replace it with "encourager form"

Bishop Saenz called for a second which was received from the floor. When he called for any discussion, **VanFleet** was recognized and stated that this is intended for members of the conference and is aspirational and voluntary. The bishop recognized **Melissa Potter** (Lewisville: Vista Ridge) asked if the conference staff had been notified or consulted about this item. Valendy responded that he had spoken with Pam Hughes, Joy Dister-Dominguez, Kevin Walters, and Andy Lewis about the proposal, and all spoke favorably to him about it. The bishop called for the vote, and Petition 2026-50 was adopted as amended.

Bishop Saenz called an **order of the day** as it was 4:30 PM. **Kevin Walters presented announcements.** Bishop Saenz read **requests for prayer and sympathy**.

Ellie Ford closed the third business session with prayer, and the **conference was recessed at 4:39 PM**, with reminders to reconvene for the Commissioning, Ordination, and Recognition Service at 7:00 PM, and for the final business session on Wednesday morning at 8:30 AM.

Business Session 4
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
8:30 AM

Gathering music prior to the session was provided by **Keum Hwang**, **Josh Jacob** and **Colin McDonald. Rev. Tom Hudspeth and the ASL interpreters** assisted with teaching signs for a portion of the theme song, **"Love Boldly."**

Bishop Saenz invited Rev. Lisa Greenwood (President of Texas Methodist Foundation) who thanked the conference for its work in ministry and reminded all of the opportunities extended to our congregations by **Texas Methodist Foundation.** She then opened the business session with prayer.

Bishop Saenz then introduced the individuals sitting with him on the dais for this session, including youth member **Becca Patton** (Richardson: First), **Pastor Mathew Aquino** (Stephenville: Oakdale), a young adult, and **Conference Co-Lay Leader Mike Jones** (Amarillo).

The first Ordinand Video was presented featuring Karyl Patredis, Uwezo Mwanjala, Kim Eiffert, David Finley, and Mayme Yvonne Taylor.

Bishop Saenz called on **Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner**, a deacon serving GBGM and GBHEM, for the **General Board of Global Ministries Report.** She presented a brief video, then offered information about ministries like Africa University's malaria research center, now funded by a grant through Global Ministries; the Yambasu agricultural initiative supporting food security in 24 conferences and two universities in Africa while generating income; and more.

Bishop Saenz called for **Legislative Item 2026-03: 2027 Proposed Budget**. **Rev. Jeffrey Pehl** (HTC CFO and Treasurer) began by thanking the 256 churches in the Horizon Texas Conference who made 100% of their apportionment targets last year. Pehl then introduced the **chair of the Conference Council of Finance and Administration (CF&A), Gary Sult** (Stephenville: First) to present the legislation. Sult stated that CF&A is presenting a balanced budget for 2027, with the understanding that meeting this budget depends on 100% payout of our apportionments. The **2027 budget comes in at a total of $16,506,000.** Sult then recognized members of CF&A and the Stewardship Team.

The bishop stated that the motion is to approve the 2027 budget for the Horizon Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He recognized **Liz McChesney** (Rockbridge), who rose requesting information. Throughout conference much emphasis has been placed on supporting children, youth, and young adults. **Why does the proposed 2027 budget include a reduction of approximately 20% for children and youth ministries, including camping ministries and campus ministries?**

Pehl responded that, although the difference appears to be significant, it is less so with additional information. When the 2026 budget was being built, the 2026 amount is what we thought we would spend. It turned out that we spent less than that amount. As we move into the 2027 budget, we now have the benefit of actual expenses from 2025 that we did not have access to when the 2026 budget was set. **Rev. Andy Lewis,** who plays a key role in establishing the conference budget, added a point in reference to funding camps and campus ministries: much **effort is going into helping these ministries be increasingly self-sustaining**. This will result in less reliance on apportionment funding.

The bishop recognized **Rev. Clayton Oliphant** (Richardson: First) who **rose to speak in favor of the budget item.** He also offered a word of caution regarding the use of restricted funds as an ongoing practice for the future.

The bishop recognized **Rev. Scott Gilliland** (Denton: First), **who rose to speak in favor of the item** while expressing concern about the use of such a large amount of restricted funds being released for spending. He suggested that perhaps a portion of those released restricted funds might be invested for long-term use. **Pehl** responded that the $7 million dollars will not likely all be released, since the auditors have expressed reservations. Additionally, the processes in place with CF&A, Conference Trustees, and other groups still provide checks and balances when it comes to using unrestricted funds. The budget presents summary-level information.

Rev. Eric Douglas (Rockbridge) **moved to amend** the budget to restore the campus ministry, as well as the youth and children's funding levels, to the amounts previously provided for in 2026. Bishop Saenz received a second from the floor, and Douglas spoke to the motion. Discussion took place as to the potential budgetary impact for 2027 should the funding be restored. Andy Lewis, Douglas, and Pehl along with the bishop cooperated to produce dollar amount of budgetary impact, and they determined that **the amendment would add $264,000 to the 2027 budget**. This amount would be funded by apportionments. **Karen Anderson-Lain** (Denton: First), board chair of the Denton Wesley Foundation, **rose to speak in favor of the amendment,** noting that most churches do not know that campus ministries are required to do significant fundraising to access their funding provided through apportionments. **Pastor Scott Luginbill** (Richardson: First), **rose to speak against the amendment**, noting that the conference should not pass a non-balanced budget. **Rev. Ashley Anne Sipe** (Lewisville: Vista Ridge) was recognized for a **point of clarification**. **William Gavitt** (Arapaho) **spoke in favor of the amendment**. He believes that

individuals ordained and commissioned the previous night would say that campus ministry and camping were influential in getting them to where they now are in their ministries. **Pastor Nathan Presley** (Caddo Mills and Lone Oak) rose for a **point of inquiry**: considering the sale of property approved at conference last year, were those funds utilized for college ministries as planned? **Pehl** responded that the HTC has followed the policies set in 2025, which included some funds that were sent to an outside entity per last year's vote. The conference does not have access to those funds, so they are not considered in the budget. **Pastor Rhonda Greenwood** (Merkel: First) spoke against the amendment, noting that most line items in the budget have decreased, not just youth. Every expense has been reduced to achieve a balanced budget. The small church she serves has always tried to honor their 100% payout, and now they are struggling to meet expenses. **Brandon Jones** (Tarlton Wesley Foundation) **rose to speak in favor of the motion**. As one originating from another denomination he finds more close-minded, finding the UMC in college was key to his faith development. Cutting funding could limit outreach to students like him who need the UMC. Bishop Saenz noted that there had been three speeches in favor of the amendment and asked if there was a speech against. **Rev. Roy Atwood,** (Dallas, First) **rose to speak against the amendment,** stating that the proposed budget is based on a 100% payout, and this is not going to happen. Reserves will be needed, and any increase in expenditure will increase the amount of reserves we will need. Further, any reserves used in 2027 will not be available in future years. A vote in favor of this motion is a vote in favor of increasing apportionments. Bishop Saenz stated that the conference had heard three speeches both for and against the motion to amend. **Pastor Maxwell Tindall** (Granbury: Waples) **rose for a point of inquiry.** He asked if there would be a response from the committee. **Gary Sult** (CF&A Chair) responded, stated that he feels caught "in the middle" of debate. On one hand, as chair of CF&A, budget requests were submitted along with opportunities to tell the story of what each group's strategic priority is. Much time and effort has gone into this budget. Discussion is important, but discussions should take place prior to getting to annual conference when the budget is on the table. On the other hand, he stated that he also serves as the treasurer of the Tarlton Wesley Foundation, and it is extremely hard for their organization to pay its bills the majority of the time. He expressed appreciation for Rev. Douglas bringing us this issue, but he also knows that the Multiplication leaders have worked hard to determine what funds they need to provide ministry in the upcoming year. What we present today represents the best efforts of the conference office, CF&A, and the stewardship team. **Bishop Saenz** called for the **vote on the Douglas amendment**, and the **amendment failed.**

The bishop then called for the **vote on Item 2026-03: 2027 HTC Proposed Budget. Steve Heyduck** (Woodway: First) **moved to amend the 2027 budget** to leave the CRSP defined benefit as restricted funds. **Pehl offered a point of clarification,** stating that the funds about which he is speaking is supplemental information to show the use of unrestricted cash, and that this information is to communicate that CF&A and the stewardship team are making sure we have available cash. There is a process to access these funds which usually involves the Board of Trustees. **Bishop Saenz stated that the motion was out of order** because it does not have an impact on the budget. The bishop recognized **Brody Schabow** (Weatherford: Couts Memorial) **who offered prayer** prior to the vote.

Bishop Saenz called for the vote on the 2027 budget. **Item 2026-03 was adopted.**

The bishop then turned to **Petition 2026-51: Creating a Creation Care/Justice Task Force**. He asked the author and the petition working group conveners to be ready. **Rev. Mel Caraway** (Frisco: Grace Avenue), Caretaker of God's Creation for the annual conference, **moved the adoption of Petition 2026-51 as amended.** The motion was seconded from the floor. Speaking to the motion, Caraway stated that the purpose of the task force would be to resource local congregations, districts, and annual conference on creation justice issues. The task force would also help us reach across the connection with others doing the same work. **Ted Haynes** (Winnsboro: First) who served as **convener for the working group** along with **Blake Durham,** reported that the group consisted of 25 diverse participants who had lively, constructive conversation with the author, who was accommodating and interested in the group's feedback and who agreed to revise the petition to provide the clarifications requested. The vote of the working group

resulted in 23 voting in favor of the petition and 2 voting against it. Bishop Saenz recognized **Duane Drake** (Denton: Asbury), who rose to **speak against** the amendment. **Rev. Jason Valendy** (Keller) rose to ask whether this resolution is required to create a task force to do this work, or if our current structure permits centers to create task forces on their own? **Andy Lewis responded,** stating that the standing rules and the structure of our conference boards and teams do allow for the creation of task forces as they see fit to accomplish their goals. The Care and Healing Team is already empowered to create a task force like this. **Rev. Allie Johnson** (Keller) rose to clarify for the room that the amended version of this petition is available online, with changes highlighted in yellow. **Lizzie Potter** (Lewisville: Vista Ridge) **rose to speak in favor** of the petition. **Rev. Andy Nelms** (Rowlett: First) **rose to call the question.** Bishop Saenz called for the vote, and the **motion to call the question was adopted.** The bishop called for the vote on the motion, and the **resolution was adopted as amended.**

Rev. Keri Lynn Lucas (Honey Grove: McKenzie) rose with a point of order, requesting a report from the monitoring group after the break, so the conference can be better aware of who is speaking, and more intentional about including the voices of those who are not white.

Bishop Saenz moved to **Petition 2026-52: Safeguarding Creation and Community from Sustainable Data Center Growth.** Author **Rev. Mel Caraway** rose to **present the motion.** The motion was seconded from the floor. **Ted Haynes,** convener of the working group along with Blake Durham, reported that the group had another lively, constructive conversation with Caraway who agreed to provide revisions in several areas. The vote resulted in 24 for the petition, and one against the petition. **Rev. Justin Hancock** (Julian Way) spoke in favor of the petition. **Rev. Roy Atwood** (Dallas: First) spoke against the petition. **Rev. Allie Johnson** (Keller) rose to speak in favor of the petition. **Toby Tackett** (Alvarado: First) spoke in favor of the petition. **Derek Goodrich** (UTA Wesley) **moved to amend the petition** to limit the use of generative AI, and the Horizon Texas Conference's endorsement of generative AI. The amendment received a **second from the floor**. Bishop Saenz called for the debate on the amendment. **Madison Armes** (Lubbock: First) **rose for a question of privilege**, stating that commentary requested from speakers regarding personal information minimizes the sacred worth of individuals. **Rev. Allison Jean** (Richardson: First) offered a point of clarification. She is a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry. She wanted the body to know that policies and procedures are in place that address the usage of generative AI, and that the BOM ensures that paperwork received is the work of the authors. **Hannah Newcomer Sliva** (TCU Wesley) **spoke in support of the amendment**. **Pastor Audrua Welch** (Irving: Plymouth Park) **spoke against the amendment**. Bishop Senz called for the vote on the amendment. The amendment failed. Bishop Saenz **called for the vote on Petition 2026-52, and the resolution was adopted.**

Bishop Saenz called for a **15-minute break,** stating that the conference will reconvene at 10:55 AM.

Gathering music prior to the return of business was provided by **Keum Hwang**, **Josh Jacob** and **Colin McDonald.**

Bishop Saenz reconvened the conference and called for the **monitoring report. Rev. Heather Gottas-Moore** (SMU, Perkins) presenting the monitoring report as the COSROW representative on the Embrace Diversity Team. She briefly explained the history of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, including the work of data collection long undertaken by this discipline-mandated, church wide group, to help ensure just access to full conference participation by conference members. Strengths found by the ten-person monitoring team at this year's conference include intentional, balanced representation of those identifying as both male and female in leadership and worship, the integration of multilingual prayers and songs, some effort at the use of gender-neutral language, recognition of the ministry of the baptized in worship, availability of a gender-neutral bathroom, and the efforts to ensure that hearing assistance devices, live captioning, Spanish, and ASL interpretation are fully utilized to maximize integration of individuals into the work of the conference. Areas of growth include continuing to proactively use broad language that avoids binary language of gender so it becomes the norm, using

intentional language such as "rise in spirit" rather than "stand as you are able," attention to things light lighting and audio volume as seeing and hearing has been difficult during this session for many, and captioning at the bottom of the screen that is more visible than that which has been experienced at this session.

Rev. Benji Van Fleet (Abilene: St. Paul) **moved that debate be limited to one speech in favor and one speech opposed, and that the time of all speeches for all motions be limited to two minutes. Bishop Saenz stated that this is a non-debatable motion.** He called for the vote, and **the motion to limit debate was adopted.**

The bishop called for **another ordinand video,** this time **featuring Stella Cho, Colin Craft, Jenny Bates, Brendan Voss, and Monica Frazier.**

Bishop Saenz recognized **Kent Roberts** (Dallas: Highland Park) for the **presentation of the Kate Warnick Award.** Roberts is the Vice President of the Texas United Methodist Historical Society. He presented the Kate Warnick Award for excellence in local church history to First United Methodist Church, McKinney.

Petition #2026-53: LGBTQ+ Inclusion Taskforce was next of the agenda. Bishop Saenz recognized the author **Rev. Rachel Griffin-Allison** (Dallas: Oaklawn UMC), who acknowledged much progress in the inclusion of LGBTQ+ individuals into the life of the church. At the same time, now clergy and laity are asking "Now What?" The task force is designed to help provide answers to that question.

Sally Vonner (Grand Prairie: First) spoke in her role as **convener for working group three,** which was diverse and involved. The group asked questions for clarification, especially around language of what it means for task force to monitor. There were several additional suggestions for updates, and group members approved of the petition with a vote of 25 in favor, and 1 opposed. **Rev. Justin Hancock** (Julian Way) spoke **in favor** of the petition. **Walter Fish** (Abilene, St. James) spoke **against** the petition. Bishop Saenz recognized **Rev. Michelle Stubbs-Wood** (Paris Wesley Center) **moved to strike out the words "under 35" and insert the words "35 and under" in their place.** This was received as a friendly amendment by the author. **Andy Lewis** reminded the group that the updated version of this petition is found on the conference website. Bishop Saenz asked the conference if there were objections to the acceptance of this amendment since it is typographical in nature. He called for a show of hands, and the **amendment was accepted as friendly.** He then called for the vote on **Petition 2026-53: LGBTQ+ Inclusion Task Force**, and **the petition was adopted.**

The final **ordination video** was presented including **Jaime McLothlin, Kantrice Robinson, Shandon Klein, and Valleri Sewell.**

Kevin Walters presented closing announcements and courtesies. Of particular note, **the Miracle Sunday offering from Tuesday nights service has brought in $9436.**

Rev. Alex Williams (Creekwood UMC), chair of the conference planning team, offered special thanks to all who helped make this year's annual conference successful. This includes the facilities teams who have worked hard to meet the annual conference needs. He encouraged everyone to complete the survey, offering feedback for next year's annual conference.

Bishop Saenz thanks Williams for his hard work, then called for a five-minute break to allow set-up of the space for the fixing of appointments.

Upon reconvening, a closing litany was offered, and the appointments were declared fixed. **Bishop Saenz adjourned** the 2026 Annual Conference Session of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference.

Business of the Annual Conference

The Minutes of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference
Held in Wichita Falls, Texas
From May 31, through June 3, 2026
Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr Presiding
Date When Organized: September 28, 2024 Number of This Session: 2

PART I: ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (¶¶603.7, 619)

   Secretary: Kevin Walters
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2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (¶603.1): Yes
3. Bonding and auditing:

   a. Which officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and indicate amount bonded (¶¶618, 2511)
   The conference maintains a crime insurance policy that extends to all conference employees and officers with $3 million per occurrence coverage.

   b. List the date of the last financial audit of the conference (¶617, 2511):
      - Central Texas Conference: April 11, 2025, for 2024
      - North Texas Conference: July 18, 2025, for 2024
      - Northwest Texas Conference: June 30, 2025, for 2024
      - Horizon Texas Conference: 2025 audit is not yet finalized

4. Assigned or Elected Positions:

   a. Please list the information for elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed below:

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Council on Finance and	Gary Sult	PO Box 50517 Fort	972.526.5000	gsult@bmy-cpa.com

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Administration (¶611)		Worth, TX 76105		
Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (¶634)	Beth Evers	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	bevers@uumcfw.com
Conference Board of Pensions (¶638)	E. Philip Bush	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	epbush@lockelord.com
Conference Board of Trustees (¶640, ¶2512)	Kelly Wade	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	wadekellyd@gmail.com
Conference Committee on Episcopacy (¶636)	Kathi Edwards	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	kathi.smith.edwards@gmail.com
Conference Administrative Review Committee (¶635)	Doug Meyer	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	dmeyer58@gmail.com
United Women in Faith (¶647)	Wendy Campbell	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	wjpc.uwf@gmail.com
United Methodist Men (¶648)	TBD	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Conference Commission on Archives and History (¶641)	Cindy Martin	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	cindylmartin@att.net

b. Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference who is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (¶610.1):

General Agency	Conference Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Board of Church and Society (¶628)	Care & Healing Team	Shera Atkinson	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	satkinson@fumc.com
Conference Board of Discipleship (¶629)	Multiply Jesus Followers Team	Kenneth Wolverton	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	krwolver@gmail.com
Conference Board of Global Ministry (¶632)	Care & Healing Team	Shera Atkinson	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	satkinson@fumc.com
Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry (¶633)	Multiply Jesus Followers Team	Kenneth Wolverton	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	krwolver@gmail.com
Christian Unity and Inter-religious Relationships (¶642)	Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team	Maria Dixon-Hall	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	madixon@mail.smu.edu
Commission on Religion and Race (¶643)	Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team	Maria Dixon-Hall	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	madixon@mail.smu.edu
Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women (¶644)	Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team	Maria Dixon-Hall	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	madixon@mail.smu.edu
Conference Commission on Communications (¶646)	Tell Our Story Team	Beth Stuyck	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	BethStuyck@htcumc.org

c. Indicate the conference agencies/organizations and chairperson(s) or equivalent responsible for the following functions:

General Agency / Organization	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Committee on Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (¶657)	Care & Healing Team	Shera Atkinson	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	satkinson@fumc.com
Committee on Disability Concerns (¶653)	Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team	Maria Dixon-Hall	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	madixon@mail.smu.edu

General Agency / Organization	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Commission on Equitable Compensation (¶624)	Same	Craig Clark	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	cclark@fumcgranbury.org
Conference Board of Laity (¶630)	Multiply Jesus Followers Team	Kenneth Wolverton	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	krwolver@gmail.com
Committee on Native American Ministry (¶654)	Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team	Maria Dixon-Hall	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	madixon@mail.smu.edu
Conference Commission on Small Membership Church (¶645)	Multiply Jesus Followers Team	Kenneth Wolverton	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	krwolver@gmail.com
Conference Council on Youth Ministry (¶649)	Champion Children & Youth	Emma Williams	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	ewilliams@upumc.org
Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶650)	Multiply Jesus Followers Team	Kenneth Wolverton	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	krwolver@gmail.com
Director of Connectional Ministries (¶608)		Andy Lewis	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	andylewis@htcumc.org
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Conference Journal Editor		Kevin Walters	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	kevinwalters@htcumc.org
Conference Communicator		Pam Hughes	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	pamhughes@htcumc.org
The Committee on Investigation (¶2703)			PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	

d. List the chairperson for each of the following district boards and committees:

NOTE: Information on other committee members is not needed.

East District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Kevin Strempke	301 Church St, Ste. B, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482	903-439-1117	kevinstrempke@earthlink.net

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Brian Bosworth	301 Church St, Ste. B, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482	903-439-1117	brianb@wesleyumcgreenville.org
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	Kathryn Strempke	301 Church St, Ste. B, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482	903-439-1117	kathryns@firstmethodistparis.org

Metro East District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Tom Palmer	399 West Campbell Road Suite 200b Richardson, TX 75080	214-941-7712	tpalmer@wrumc.org
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Kerry Smith	399 West Campbell Road Suite 200b Richardson, TX 75080	214-941-7712	ksmith@wrumc.org
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	Carol Montgomery	399 West Campbell Road Suite 200b Richardson, TX 75080	214-941-7712	revcmontgomery13@gmail.com

Metro North District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Kory Knott	3160 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano, TX 75074	469-342-6864	kknott@crumc.org
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	William Echols-Richter	3160 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano, TX 75074	469-342-6864	billy@graceavenue.org
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	William Eason	3160 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano, TX 75074	469-342-6864	bill@fumctc.com

Metro West District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Lisa Neslony	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6508	lisa.neslony@sjaumc.org
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Jason Valendy	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6508	jasonv@kellerumc.org
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	Johnny Brower	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6508	jbrower@fumchurst.org

Mid-Central District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Holly Dittrich	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6544	holly@coutsumc.org
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Craig Clark	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6544	rev.clark@gmail.com
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	Marilyn Jones	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6544	pastor@fumcstephenville.org

Mid-North District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Larry Parks	301 Church St, Ste. B, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482	903-439-1117	lwparks52@aol.com
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Brian Bosworth	301 Church St, Ste. B, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482	903-439-1117	brianb@wesleyumcgreenville.org
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	Georgia Harrison	301 Church St, Ste. B, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482	903-439-1117	gharrison@fumcwf.org

Mid-South District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Jeff Smith	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6509	smithj@wellumc.org
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Kyren Schultz	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6509	kyren@stphilipsumc.org
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	Dave Brower	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6509	dbrower@cumcwaco.com

Northwest District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Holly Dittrich	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6544	holly@coutsumc.org
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Craig Clark	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6544	rev.clark@gmail.com
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	Josh Stueve	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6544	stueve.josh@gmail.com

South District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Jeff Smith	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6509	smithj@wellumc.org
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Kyren Schultz	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6509	kyren@stphilipsumc.org
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	Jonathan Mellette	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6509	jonathan@mellette.net

West District

Boards/Committees	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
District Boards of Church Location & Building (¶2519)	Holly Dittrich	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6544	holly@coutsumc.org
Committees on District Superintendency (¶669)	Craig Clark	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6544	rev.clark@gmail.com
District Committees on Ordained Ministry (¶666)	Marilyn Jones	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	817-945-6544	pastor@fumcstephenville.org

e. List any other councils, boards, commissions, or committees with persons appointed or elected in the annual conference:

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
NONE				

5. Please affirm the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance with the prescribed formats (¶606.8)? **Yes**

6. What is the schedule of base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (¶¶342, 624.3), indicating maximum or minimum compensation:

	Full Members	Associate Members	Provisional Members	Local Pastors	Max/Min
Full Time	$53,357	$49,089	$49,089	$47,116	
¾ Time	$40,018	$36,817	$36,817	$35,337	
½ Time	$26,679	$25,545	$25,545	$23,558	
¼ Time	$13,339	$12,272	$12,272	$11,779	

7. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year (¶614.1a)? **$ 1,677,922**
8. Provide the apportionment values for the pastoral charges and funds listed below:
   a. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the conference for the ensuing year (¶¶614.1d, 638.25, 1507)? **$ 0**

b. What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year

(1) For the World Service Fund	$ 2,007,679
(2) For the Ministerial Education Fund	$ 694,451
(3) For the Black College Fund	$ 277,010
(4) For the Africa University Fund	$ 61,994
(5) For the Episcopal Fund	$ 989,617
(6) For the General Administration Fund	$ 339,312
(7) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	$ 28,738

9. List all conference and district lay leaders (¶¶603.9, 660):

a. Conference lay leader:

Name	Position Title	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Mary Nickson	Co-Lay Leader	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	marynickson@htcumc.org
Kylie Campbell	Co-Lay Leader	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	kyliecampbell@htcumc.org
Mike Jones	Co-Lay Leader	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	mikejones@htcumc.org

b. Associate conference lay leaders:

Name	Position Title	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
NONE				

c. District and associate district lay leaders. Please be sure to add the district name to each:

Name	District	Position Title	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Ted Haynes	East District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	mtedhaynes@gmail.com
Jennifer Wang	Metro East District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	jennifer@wang.net
Tim Hopson	Metro North District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	timhopson.th@gmail.com
Jackie Carter	Metro West District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	jatkinscarter@gmail.com
Jill Burk	Mid-Central District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	jillaburk@gmail.com

Name	District	Position Title	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Anne Aaron	Mid-North District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526. 5000	anne.aaron@ymail.com
Jeff Grieder	Mid-South District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526. 5000	jeffgriederhtcumc@gmail.com
Lisa Peterson	Northwest District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526. 5000	NorthwestLSM@horizontexas.org
Carolyn Dugger	South District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526. 5000	dugger_carolyn@outlook.com
Jill Burk	West District	District L.L.	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526. 5000	jillaburk@gmail.com

PART II: ORGANIZED AND CLOSED CHURCHES

Please provide a summary of the following:

Number of districts:	10
Number of charges/circuits:	343
Number of organized churches:	371
Number of preaching stations:	none

10. List local churches which have been:

a. Organized or continued as New Church Starts (¶259.1). Continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 10. c, d, e, or f. Only add church type if blended congregations, fresh expressions, new faith community, or other established type.

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded	Church Type
141362	Bishop Arts	Metro East	PO Box 50517, Fort Worth, TX. 76105			2026	
731277	Christ's Foundry Fellowship	Metro East	9891 Webb Chapel Road, Dallas, TX 75220	9891 Webb Chapel Road, Dallas, TX 75220		2006	

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded	Church Type
740363	Community Krum	Metro North	1001 E. McCart St., Krum, TX 76249	1001 E. McCart St., Krum, TX 76249		2024	
140400	The Gathering	Metro North	118 West 2nd St., Anna, TX 75409	PO Box 245, Anna, TX 75409		2022	
140978	Open Table	Metro West	c/o Trinity Grace Church, 1200 Clover Hill Rd, Mansfield, TX 76063	c/o Trinity Grace Church, 1200 Clover Hill Rd, Mansfield, TX 76063		2025	
140599	The Seed	Metro East	1700 W Kingsley Rd, Garland, TX 75041	1700 W Kingsley Rd, Garland, TX 75041		2023	
141363	South Carrollton	Metro North	PO Box 50517, Fort Worth, TX. 76105			2026	
140227	Woori	South	4710 E Rancier Ave, Killeen, TX 76543	4710 E Rancier Ave, Killeen, TX 76543		2021	

b. Organized or continued as Mission Congregations (¶259,1a). Continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 10.c, d, e, or f:

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
	French Speaking Church at St. Luke, Ft Worth	Metro West	3200 Denton Hwy., Fort Worth, TX 76117	3200 Denton Hwy., Fort Worth, TX 76117		2014
739318	Immanuel Korean Mission Congregation	Metro East	2536 Valley View, Farmers Branch, TX 75234	2536 Valley View, Farmers Branch, TX 75234		2021

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
738427	Kirkwood Casa De Dios Huerto De Oracion	Metro East	2232 W. 5th St., Irving, TX 75060	2232 W. 5th St., Irving, TX 75060		2019
	Misión Esperanza	Metro West	2201 E Park Row, Arlington, TX 76010	2201 E Park Row, Arlington, TX 76010		2015
739592	Union Mission Congregation	Metro East	3705 Cedar Springs Rd, Dallas, TX 75219	3705 Cedar Springs Rd, Dallas, TX 75219		2021
733298	Wesley	Metro West	2201 E Park Row, Arlington, TX 76010	2201 E Park Row, Arlington, TX 76010		2011

c. Organized or continued Satellite Congregations (¶247.23). Continue to list here until listed in questions 10.a, d, e, or f:

GCNO	Church Name	Parent Church	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Launched
141278	Austin Music Church	Journey of Faith	South	7301 Co Rd 110, Round Rock, TX 78665			2026
738212	Grace Chapel	Grace Avenue	Metro North	300 Denton Way, Prosper, TX 76227	300 Denton Way, Prosper, TX 76227		2010
739717	The Grove	Highland Park	Metro East	4525 Rickover Dr., Dallas, TX 75244	4525 Rickover Dr., Dallas, TX 75244		2017
731255	Melissa	First McKinney	Metro North	3851 McKinney St., Melissa, TX 75454	3851 McKinney St., Melissa, TX 75454		2011

d. Organized as Chartered (¶259.5-10):

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Chartered
None						

e. Organized as Merged (¶¶2546, 2547). Remember to indicate if this is a consolidated or consumed merger type:

United Methodist with United Methodist:

GCNO	Name of First Church	GCNO	Name of Second Church	New GCNO	Name of Merged Church	District	Date Merged	Merger Type
744202	First Henrietta	744348	Petrolia	744202	First Henrietta	Mid-North	2/8/26	Consumed
733106	Trinity	733163	Epworth	733106	Trinity	Metro West	6/30/26	Consumed

United Methodist with Interdenominational. The newly merged church will receive a new GCNO:

GCNO	Name of First Church	Name of Second Church	Denomination	Name of Merged Church	District	Date Merged	Merger Type
NONE							

a. Discontinued, abandoned, withdrawn, separated, exigent circumstances, or financial (¶641). Include the reason for closure for each church listed. Disaffiliation may be listed if action was taken after the 2023 deadline due to pending litigation.

(1) New Church Start (¶259.1)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
NONE					

(2) Mission Congregation (¶259.1a)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
NONE					

(3) Satellite Congregation (¶249.22)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
738848	Walnut Hill	Metro East	LL Walnut Hill	7/1/26	

(4) Chartered Local Church (¶259.5-10)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
740977	Aley UMC	East	Aley	12/30/25	Discontinued
733243	Everman UMC	Metro West	Everman/Forest Hill	5/15/26	Discontinued

b. Readmission of Disaffiliated Church to the UMC (¶2553). Churches will receive a new GCNO for the newly admitted church:

Church Name	District	Old GCNO	Charge	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Date Readmitted
None						

c. Moved physical location and indicate new address:

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Date Relocated
140767	Grace	Northwest	11919 Frankford Ave., Lubbock, TX 79424	11919 Frankford Ave., Lubbock, TX 79424	10/19/26
140769	Open Door	Northwest	PO Box 555, Clyde, TX 79510	808 Clack St, Clyde, TX 79510	2/8/26
740000	Chinn's Chapel	Metro North	1000 Chinn Chapel Rd, Copper Canyon, TX 75077	1000 Chinn Chapel Rd, Copper Canyon, TX 75077	USPS assigned new address/not a physical move 1/1/2026

d. Changed name of church – For example, "First" to "Trinity":

GCNO	Former Name	New Name	Mailing Address	Physical Address	District	Effective Date
733950	Campus Drive UMC	Legacy of Faith UMC at Campus Drive	PO Box 15855, Fort Worth, TX 76119	4301 Campus Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76119	Metro West	8/1/26

e. Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and include membership (¶¶42, 260)

GCNO	Church Name	Membership	Sending Conference
None			

f. What cooperative parishes in structured forms have been established (¶206)

GCFA Parish Number	Local Parish Number	Parish Name	GCNO	Church Name	District
None					

g. Organized or continued as Wesley Foundations:

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
739364	Denton Wesley Foundation	Metro North	1501 Maple St. Denton, TX 76201	1501 Maple St. Denton, TX 76201		
140962	Paris Wesley Foundation	East	1130 24th Street SE Paris, TX 75460	1130 24th Street SE Paris, TX 75460		

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
655710	SMU Wesley Foundation	Metro East	3220 Daniel Ave Dallas, TX 75205	3220 Daniel Ave Dallas, TX 75205		
655708	Synergy Wesley Foundation	Metro East	3000 Northside Blvd, Suite 2-116 Richardson, TX 75080	3000 Northside Blvd, Suite 2-116 Richardson, TX 75080		
122673	Tarleton Wesley Foundation	West	1140 W Tarleton Blvd, Stephenville, TX 76401	1140 W Tarleton Blvd, Stephenville, TX 76401		
122291	TCU Wesley Foundation	Metro West	2750 W Lowden St Fort Worth, TX 76109	2750 W Lowden St Fort Worth, TX 76109		
121357	UTA Wesley Foundation	Metro West	311 UTA Blvd Arlington, TX 76010	311 UTA Blvd Arlington, TX 76010		
739455	Wesley at ETAMU	East	1504 Lee St. Commerce, TX 75428	1504 Lee St. Commerce, TX 75428		
739397	Wesley Foundation at Wichita Falls	Mid-North	3405 Taft Blvd. Wichita Falls, TX 76308	3405 Taft Blvd. Wichita Falls, TX 76308		

11. List all Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the conference (¶¶207, 208)

    a. Federated church

GCNO Number	Name	District	Shared Denomination(s)
NONE			

    b. Union Church

GCNO Number	Name	District	Shared Denomination(s)
NONE			

    c. Merged Church

GCNO Number	Name	District	Shared Denomination(s)
NONE			

    d. Yoked Parish

GCNO Number	Name	District	Shared Denomination(s)
NONE			

12. What changes have been made in districts and charge lines? Please list the GCNO beside each church name.

a. District Move Changes

GCNO Number	Church Name	Old District	New District
NONE			

b. Alignment/Charge Line Changes

GCNO Number	Name	District	Old Charge	New Charge
733983	Arborlawn UMC	Metro West	Arborlawn/River Oaks	Arborlawn
734123	River Oaks UMC	Metro West	Arborlawn/River Oaks	River Oaks
741607	Wilson Chapel UMC	East	Oak Grove Wilson Chapel Charge	Oak Grove Wilson Chapel
741493	First UMC Rosser	East	Oak Grove Wilson Chapel Charge	First Rosser

PART III: PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY

Notes:

- A (v) notation following a question signifies that the action or election requires a majority vote of the clergy session of the annual conference. If an action requires more than a simple majority, the notation (2/3v) or (3/4v) signifies that a two-thirds or three-fourths majority vote is required.
- Please indicate credentials in Part III: FD, FE, PD, PE, and AM, when requested.
- List all individuals alphabetically by last name.

13. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (¶¶604.4, 605.7) **Yes**

14. List information regarding elected members for the Administrative Review Committee, the Conference Relations Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and the Committee on Investigation:

a. Administrative Review Committee:

Member Name	Position	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Bryant Phelps	Chair	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	b.phelps@theparkumc.org
Lane Boyd	Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
TBD	Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Richard Edwards	Alternate	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Ben Shinn	Alternate	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	

Mary Gean Cope	Alternate	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	

b. Conference Relations Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry:

Member Name	Position	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Frank Drenner	Chair	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	fdrenner@svumc.org
Holly Brower	Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Martha Valencia	Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Paul Maletic	Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Ricky Harrison	Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Matt Gaston	Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Felicia Hopkins	Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Kay Eck	Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	

c. Committee on Investigation:

Member Name	Position	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Jennifer Kilpatrick	Clergy Full Connection	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Sela Finau	Clergy Full Connection	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Paul Bauernfeind	Clergy Full Connection	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Silvia Wang	Clergy Full Connection	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Jeff Bouis	Professing Lay Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	

Member Name	Position	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Janie Gully	Professing Lay Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Debbie Peacock	Professing Lay Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Scott Richards	Alternate Clergy Full Connection	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Carol Gibson	Alternate Clergy Full Connection	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Luther Henry	Alternate Clergy Full Connection	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Kim Desrosiers	Alternate Professing Lay Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Ben Davila	Alternate Professing Lay Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Sakari Spivey	Alternate Professing Lay Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Clay Johnson	Alternate Professing Lay Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Linda Strothers	Alternate Professing Lay Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	
Larry Womack	Alternate Professing Lay Member	PO Box 50517 Fort Worth, TX 76105	972.526.5000	

15. All certified candidates (¶¶ 310, 313, 314). List alphabetically

NOTE: Everyone who wants to become an LP, PE, or PD must first become a certified candidate.

a. Individuals currently certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Date Certified	Last Recertification
Adair	Rachel		Metro West	02/05/2026	
Afolabi	Adewole		Metro West	02/05/2026	
Anguiano	Jerry “Frank”	Frank	Northwest	2020	2024
Armes	Tessa		Northwest	2023	
Baker	Amber		Metro North	05/03/2025	04/16/2026
Bond	Courtney		Metro East	10/17/2022	3/1/2025
Bray	Laura		Metro East	3/2/2026	N/A
Bryant	Haley	Dawn	Metro West	5/6/2025	N/A

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Date Certified	Last Recertification
Bybee	Dakota		Northwest	2023	
Campoverde	Jonathan		Metro North	02/09/2023	04/16/2026
Collins	Demetria		Metro East	4/18/2024	4/13/2026
Collins	Tamika	Dawn	Metro West	5/6/2025	
Cutrone	Ethan	Truth Sechler	Metro West	4/3/2025	N/A
Emery	Haven		Metro East	8/12/2024	4/13/2026
Ford	Ellie		Metro East	2/8/2026	N/A
Foster	Allison		Metro East	4/11/2024	4/13/2026
Garner	John “Mike”	Michael	East	09/08/2025	
Garrett	Morgan		South	01/21/2026	
Gebert	Victoria		Mid-South	01/15/2026	
Goldsmith	Candace	Allison	Metro North	12/07/2023	04/16/2026
Goodrich	Derek		Metro West	02/05/2026	
Hampton	Daniel		Metro East	3/2/2026	N/A
Harrington-Bain	Kevin		Metro North	02/05/2026	
Haven	Emery		Metro East		
Howard	Craig		Metro East	4/7/2025	N/A
Ingram	Tamara	Dawn	East	02/23/2026	
Keck	Amanda “Mason”	Cheree	Metro North	09/04/2025	04/16/2026
Kemp	David		East	2019	09/08/2025
Kozack	Jackson		Metro West	02/05/2026	
Labrador	Vladimir		Northwest		
Lopez	Inakis		Northwest		
Marcelino	Laureen	Kuizon	Metro West	5/6/2025	4/30/2026
Martz	Jorden	Leigh	Metro West	5/6/2025	N/A
Nenovich	Natalie		Metro East	4/7/2025	2026
Newcomer Silva	Hanna	Elizabeth	Metro West	5/6/2025	N/A
Nutter	Tyler		Metro West	02/05/2026	
Perez	Carmen		Metro East	7/19/2018	3/1/2025
Peters	Matthew		Metro East	3/2/2026	N/A
Reddoch	Amy		Metro North	08/22/2024	04/16/2026
Reindel	Aaron		Metro East	4/7/2025	4/13/2026
Richard	Allison		Northwest	2025	
Risko	Rachel		East	2023	09/08/2025
Smant	Lisa		Metro West	1/25/2024	N/A
Stouffer	Kennedy		Mid-South	01/15/2026	
Sweatt	Tyler		Metro North	05/11/2023	04/16/2026
Taylor	Suzanne		Metro North	05/03/2025	04/16/2026
Whipple	Edward		Metro North	04/16/2026	

b. Certified candidates have transferred into your Annual Conference from another Annual Conference

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Transferring Conference	Date Certified	Date Accepted in your AC	Last Recertification Date
NONE						

c. Individuals whose candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry has been accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Receiving Conference	Date Originally Certified/Year	Date Accepted by District in Other Conference
Morrow	Jordan		West Ohio	04/2025	01/08/2026
Ondieki	Alice		Oregon-Idaho	10/17/2022	4/22/2026

d. Individuals discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Date Certified	Date Discontinued
Anderson	Felecia		Mid-South	4/8/2024	6/30/2025
Burns	Kevin		Metro East	5/1/2023	4/13/2026
Clifford	Patrick	Andrew	Metro North	02/04/2021	07/01/2026
Cowley	Sara		Metro East	10/17/2022	8/25/2025
Rush	Jermaine		Metro East	3/21/2021	4/13/2026

e. Certified candidates who have been reinstated into your Annual Conference (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Discontinued	District	Date Reinstated
LeBlanc	Darlene	Cain	3/30/2020	Metro East	3/2/2026
Goolsby	Leslie	Fay	2018	Metro North	04/16/2026
Pyland	Gary	Wayne	3/24/2025	Metro East	03/02/2026

16. Individuals who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not currently appointed (¶315). Indicate for each person the year the license was approved: (3/4v).

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Year Licensed Approved	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Bell	George	Randal	Mid-Central	2018	8 courses	
Chapman-Trick	Katy	Amber	Metro West	2021	M. Div, Brite 2025	2025
Christian	Paige		Metro North	2015	Completed Basic COS, 20 of 20	07/01/2026
Davis II	Robert	R.	Metro East	2019	M.Div., Perkins 2005	
Garcia	Miguel		Metro East	2025	Basic COS, 0 of 20	-

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Year Licensed Approved	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Hackler	Jerod	Scott	Metro West	2024	M. Div, Brite In Progress	2026
Holland	Christopher	Lee	Northwest	2013		
Jerue	Roy		Metro East	2015	Basic COS, 13 of 20	2022
Klein	Katrina "Katie"		Metro North	2005	M.Div., Brite 2010	07/01/2026
Malave-Perez	Sylvia	Esther	Northwest	2019		
Nguyen	Phillip	Truong	Metro North	2009	Credit for 18 COS	07/01/2026
Rios	Eliana		Metro East	2019	Basic COS, 1 of 20 (Attending UTA – pursuing undergrad)	2025
Rios	Juan		Metro East	2019	Basic COS, 1 of 20	2025
Russell	Nancy		EAST	2013	Basic COS 10 of 20	2024
Shockley	Kathryn (Katie		Metro North	2012	MCM, Perkins 2009	07/01/2026
Teller	Carrie		Metro East	2022	M.Div., Perkins	2025
Yun	So Young		Metro East	2016	Basic COS, 3 of 20	

17. Approved and appointed as local pastors:

NOTES:

- For each person, indicate the first year the license was awarded and the progress each has made within the Course of Study or the name of the theological school or undergraduate college in which they are enrolled. In addition, indicate with an asterisk those who have completed the five-year Course of Study or the Masters of Divinity (M. Div.) (¶319.4).
- Persons on this list must receive an appointment. (3/4v) List alphabetically.

a. Full-time local pastors (¶318.1)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Alvarez Bencomo	Ruben		Metro East	2020	Basic COS 20 of 20	1/12/2026
Anguiano	*Jerry "Frank"	Frank	Northwest	2020	M.Div., Brite 2020	
Atwood	William*		Mid North	2021	M.Div., Perkins 2021	2025
Bamihe	Juana	Rocio	Metro East	2025	Basic COS 0 of 20	4/13/2026

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Bishop	Cheryl		Metro East	2023	Basic COS 10 of 20	1/12/2026
Bullock	Matthew	Rhea	East	2020	M.Div., from non-University Senate approved seminary	09.08.2025
Cashion	Terry*	Wayne	South	2014	M. Div., Perkins	04/03/2025
Craft	Macy	Karina	Metro West	2025		2025
Fancher	Loni	Dee	Metro West	2026	MAGL Fuller; COS 10 of 20	2026
Fields	*Jacob	Wesley	Mid-North	2024	M.Div. Perkins	2024
Goodwin	James		Metro West	2020	Basic COS 7 of 20	4/30/2026
Hagan	*Martha	Louise	Mid-North	2018	Completed Basic 20 classes	2023
Hardy	Christina*	M.	Metro East	2023	M. Div., Perkins 2022	
Henry	Pauline		Metro North	2025	M.Div., Perkins 2025	07/01/2026
Hutchinson	*William	Mark	East	2021	M. Div Perkins 2000	2024
Jones	DeLana	Lorene	Metro East	2020	Basic COS 20 of 20	2025
Larkin	Sharon	LaJoyce	Metro East	2019	Completed Basic COS 2025	2025
Marquez	Maria Isabel		Metro East	2022	M.Div., Iliff	2025
Martin	Mary		Metro East	2008	M. Div Perkins 2011	07/01/2026
Mason	*Deniece	Roane	Metro North	2012	Basic COS 20 of 20	07/01/2026
McDonald	Colin	Myrl	South	2022	Basic COS 5 of 20	4/30/2026
Melvin	*Kristopher	Michael	Mid-North	2014	Basic COS 20 of 20	2024
Morales	Jana*	Michelle Lunardon	Metro North	2013	Completed Basic COS, 20 classes	2025
Murphy	James	Marcus	South	2024	Basic COS 5 of 20	04/30/2026
Parr	*Greg	Lee	Mid-North	2013	Basic COS 20 of 20	2024
Presley	Nathan*	Charles	East	2015	M. Div., Perkins	09.08.2025

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Priddy	Sheridan	Nicole	West	2021	M.Div, Perkins 2023	
Rentie	Caesar	H.	Metro East	2003	Completed Basic COS, 20 classes, Advanced COS, 12 classes	2025
Rowe	Michael	Dave	Northwest			
Stevens	Jennifer	Tolin	Metro North	2021	Basic COS 14 of 20	07/01/2026
Stewart	Valerie		Mid-South	2018	Basic COS	04/01/2025
Wager	Ryan	Stewart	Metro East	2024	Basic COS 11 of 20	1/12/2026
Walters	Wayne	O'Neal	Metro North	2019	M. Div., Brite 2020	07/01/2026
Welch	Audrua	Lavette	Metro East	2019	Completed Basic COS 2024	2024
Woods II	James	Earl	Metro North	2013	Basic COS Completed	07/01/2026

b. Part-time local pastors (¶318.2), indicating the fraction of time serving:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of time to be served	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Anderson	Lesta	Earl	Metro East	2015	¾	Basic COS, 4 of 20	2023
Aquino	Matthew	Miguel	West	2025	½		
Balch	Alexander "Al ex"	Lewis	Mid-South	2025	½	21 hrs. SMU	4/14/2026
Barnes	Erin	Marie	Metro West	2025	½	MDiv Perkins	4/30/2026
Beltre	Manuel	V.	Metro East	2020	¾	Basic COS, 2 of 20	2022
Brice	Brian	Paul	South	2018	½	Asbury Theological Seminary	4/30/2026
Castle	Colton		Metro East	2025	¼	MDiv Perkins	N/A
Clark	Joseph	Miller	East	2023	¾	Basic COS,- 6 of 20	02.26.2026
Curry	Jerome	Lashon	South	2024	¼	M. Div., Liberty	4/30/2026
Delaney-Greenwell	*Elizabeth "Liz"		Metro North	2007	1/2	Completed Basic COS, 20 classes	07/01/2026

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of time to be served	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Dickerson	Jacob	Zane	Mid North	2022	¾	M. Div., Duke - In progress	2025
Evans	Michael	Scott	East	2021	¼	Basic COS, 4 of 20	02.26.2026
Ford	Robyn	LuAnn	South	2015	½	COS 14 of 20	4/30/2026
French	Natacha “Lucia”	Lucia	Metro East	2012	½	* Basic COS 20 complete, Adv COS 4	N/A
Graham	Michael	Cory	Northwest	2013	¼		
Green	Thomas “Tag”	Andrew	Mid-North	2018	½	COS 20 of 20	4/18/2024
Hall	Joyce	Evelyn	Mid-South	2017	¼	COS 9 of 20	4/14/2026
Hellmers	Andrew	Gregory	Metro West	2023	½	M.Div, Brite In Progress	4/30/2026
Hernandez	Daniel	Joseph	Metro West	2022	¾	Basic COS 7 of 20	4/30/2026
Hilburn	Rosalyn		Metro East	2014	½	Basic COS, 5 of 20	4/13/2026
Hobbs	Jerome	Bernard	Mid-South	2024	¼	COS 3 of 20	4/14/2026
Jones	Bettye	Anne	Mid North	2020	½	Basic COS, 7 of 20	2025
Kirven	Johnnie		Mid-South	2018	¼	COS 8 of 20	4/14/2026
Kronk	Shanna	Lea	Mid North	2020	¾	Basic COS, 2 of 20	2025
Labrador	Vladimir		Northwest	2016	¾		
Lane	Billy		Metro East	2020	½	Basic COS, 5 of 20	1/12/2026
Larkin	David	Howard	East	2024	1/4	Basic COS, 7 of 20	09.08.2025
LeBlanc	Darlene	Cain	East	2014	1/4		
Leddy	Susan	Butler	East	2013	1/2	Basic-COS Complete	2023
Lopez	Inakis		Northwest	2020	3/4		
Lowe	Deana	Beth	East	2016	½	Basic COS, 11 of 20	02.26.2026
Martin	Kenneth	Dwayne	Metro West	2023	¼	Basic COS, 2 of 20	05/01/2026
McAfee	Christopher	John	Metro West	2022	¼	Basic COS, 4 of 20	4/30/2026
McGill	Terre	D.	Mid-Central	2015	¾	Basic COS, 20 of 20	
Mojica	Aryn	Nicole	Mid-South	2017	¾	Basic COS, 18 of 20 MDiv	4/25/2024
Moore	Margo	Lee	Metro East	2025	¼	M.Div.,Perkins 2022	N/A
Moore	Michael*	Dennis	East	2007	½	M. Div., Perkins 20 10	2024
Morgan	Dallen *	Kay	Metro North	2017	3/4	M. Div., Perkins 2017	07/01/2026
Owens	Zachary		Mid-South	2024	½	M. Div.	4/14/2026
Price	Grady	Edwin (Ed)	Metro North	07/01/2020	½	Basic COS, 18 of 20	07/01/2026
Pyland	Gary	Wayne	Metro North		1/2		

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of time to be served	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Roberts	LaTasha	Kayrette	Metro East	2024	1/4	M. Div. Perkins 2020	N/A
Roberts	Jessica	Lynn	Mid-South	2022	½	COS 6 of 20	4/14/2026
Rodriguez	Aurora		Metro West	2025	¾	Basic COS, 3 of 20	4/30/2026
Salas	Lisa	Marie Olivia	Metro West	2025	¼		
Sanchez, Sr.	Jesse	Richard	Metro East	2017	1/2	Basic COS, 4 of 20	1/12/2026
Scheller	Michael	Joel	Metro North	2013	1/2	Completed Basic COS, 20 classes	07/01/2026
Segundo	Martha		Metro North	07/01/2023	1/4	Basic COS 18 or 20	07/01/2026
Smith	Carlene	Taylor	East	2025	½		
Smith	Doris		Metro East	2013	3/4	Basic COS, 20 classes	2024
Smith	Wendell		Northwest	2018	¼		
Stevens	Joanie	Vondel	Northwest	2016	½		
Tindall	Maxwell		South	2024	¼		4/30/2026
White	Boston		Metro North	2020	3/4	M. Div, Brite 2022	07/01/2026
Wright III	Stephen	Holt	East	2024	½	Basic COS 4 of 20	02.26.2026

c. Students from other annual conferences or denominations serving as local pastors and enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (¶318.3, 318.5)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	First Year License Awarded	Enrolled Theological School	Home Conference/ Denomination
NONE					

d. Students who have been certified as candidates in your annual conference and are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (¶318.3)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Serving Conference	Enrolled Theological School	Last Renewal Date
NONE					

e. Local pastors serving on loan in another annual conference of The United Methodist Church while maintaining a candidacy relationship with your annual conference (¶318.4):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment Time	Effective Date of Appointment
Hardy	Christina	M	FL	Minnesota	FT	07/01/2026

f. Local pastors serving on loan in your annual conference while maintaining a candidacy relationship with their home annual conference (¶318.4):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Home Conference	Year When Service in Your Conference Began	Year Approved
Higginbotham	Phillip	Alan	OL	Rio Texas	07/01/2026	2026
Jackson	Johnny	Bell	ROL	OK Indian Mission	2023	2023

g. Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (¶¶366.4, 367, 368, 369.3) (If not in this conference indicate name of conference where serving.)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Serving Conference	Course of Study/Theological School
NONE				

h. Persons approved for an annual extension beyond the prescribed limit of time of completed Course of Study as recommended by District Committee on Ordained Ministry (dCOM) and Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) (¶319.3) (v):

(1) Full-Time

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study/ Courses Completed
NONE				

(2) Part-Time

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study/ Courses Completed
NONE				

i. Retired Local Pastors Under Appointment

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date	Fraction of Time to be Served
Brownsted	Betty*	Jane	Metro North	2024	M. Div., Perkins 2010		Full time
Conatser	Dan*		Mid-North	2013	Completed COS, 20 classes		½
Holmes	Margaret (Margie)*	Anne	West	2001	M. Div., 1986	Retired 2020	¼
Jordan	Juanelle	Brown	Northwest	2009		2022	¼

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/ Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date	Fraction of Time to be Served
Lee	Edward*	Dale	East	2000	M. Div., Perkins 2006	2023	½
Lyons	Debra* "Debbie"	A.	East	2006	Basic COS, 2 of 20	2024	Full time
Mayberry	Lynda*		Metro East	2012	M.Div., Perkins 2012	N/A	¾
McGarvey, Jr.	Donald "Paul"*	Paul	Metro North	2004	M.Div.	2025	Full time
Miller	Michael	William	Mid-South	2023	Basic COS 3 of 20	2026	¼
Moore	Maxie*		Metro North	2002	Completed COS, 20 classes	2025	¼
Orr, Jr.	Freddie	B.	Mid-North	2012	Basic COS 18 of 20		¼
Palmer	Thomas*	Earl		1999	Completed Basic COSS, 20 classes	2025	¼
Pearce	Louis*	Albert	Mid-North	1999	M. Religious Edu from OKC University. Completed COS and Advanced COS	2023	½
Reid	Sharon*		Metro West	2003	Basic COS complete	04/18/2024	¼
Turk	Robert "Bob" *	Arthur	Metro North	2000	Completed Basic COSS, Adv COSS,4 classes	2025	¼
Williams	Louella*		East	2007	Completed COS, 20 classes	2023	¼
Zolczer	Pam	H.	Metro North	2012	Basic COS complete		¼

18. Individuals who are discontinued as local pastors (¶320.1).

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Discontinued
Colgrove	Jerry		02.26.2026
Johnson	Mitchell		4/30/2026

19. Individuals reinstated as local pastors (¶320.4) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Discontinued	Reinstated Effective Date	Course of Study/ Seminary
Anguiano	Jerry "Frank"	Frank	11/29/2023 NW TX	2025	
LeBlanc	Darlene	Cain	3/30/2020	3/2/2026	Basic COS
Pyland	Gary		3/24/2025	3/2/2026	N/A

20. Clergy members (ordained, provisional, and associate members) from other annual conferences or Methodist denominations who are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference, while retaining their conference or denominational membership (¶346.1):

a. Other United Methodist Annual Conferences:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Home Conference	Clergy Status	Year When Service in Your AC began	Year Approved
Basset	Jeremy	Micheal	Oklahoma	ROE	2021	2021
Brewer	Kellie		Rio Texas	OPD	2026	2026
Chapman	Sylvanus	Africanus	Sierra Leone	OE	2021	2021
Christy	Yevette	Marie	Mountain Sky	OE	2026	2026
Dolloff-Holt	Handi	Jo	Mountain Sky	OE	2026	2026
Gonzales, Jr.	Eutimio	S.	Rio Texas	ROE	2014	2014
Kim	Changsu		Great Plains	OE	2025	2025
Kim	Daniel		Great Plains	OE	2014	2014
Lee	Seong Keun		Great Plains	OE	2026	2026
Lowe	Jessica	Ann	Louisiana	OE	2024	2024
McGregor Meek	Annie	Joann	Arkansas	OP	2024	2024
Nassef	Maurine	Kehoe	Virginia	OE	2025	2025
Park	HiRho	Yoon	Washington/ Baltimore	OE	2026	07/01/2026
Petersen	Jessica (3/4 time)	Anne	Rio Texas	OD (¶331.8)	2021	
Rainey	William	Howard Tucker	Mississippi	OP	2025	
Rester Jr	Thomas "Eddie"	Edwin	Mississippi	OE	2025	
Sanchez	Fernando	P.	Rio Texas	OA	2018	
Simpson	Kathryn "Katie"	L. McKay	Louisiana	OE	2026	2026
Somerville	Keith	Lawrence	Texas	OE	2024	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Home Conference	Clergy Status	Year When Service in Your AC began	Year Approved
White	James “Jim”		Cal-Pac	OE	2026	07/01/2026

b. Other Methodist Denominations

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Denomination	Clergy Status	Year When Service in your AC began	Year Approved
Hong	Sukgyun		Korean Mth	OE	2021	
Macias	Samuel		Iglesia Metodista de Mexico A.R.	OM	2022	
Robinson	Don	DuBois	AME	OM	2026	2026
Sanchez	Ernesto		Puerto Rico	OM	2015	
Yenn-Batah	Jackson		CME	ORM	2019	

21. Clergy in full connection appointed to a missionary conference who are considered an affiliated member of the missionary conference while retaining membership in their home conference (¶586.4b):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Missionary Conference	Clergy Status	Year affiliate membership began
NONE					

22. Clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations who have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference, while retaining their denominational affiliation (¶346.2) (v):

NOTE: Designate with an asterisk those who have been accorded voting rights within the annual conference.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Denomination	Year When Service in your AC began
Cook	Steven	B	OF	Baptist	2001
* Jacob	Sumesh		OF	Church of North India	2020

23. Individuals who are affiliate members:

NOTE: Indicate the annual conference or denomination where membership is held.

a. With vote (¶586.4b) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Member Conference/ Denomination	First Year of Affiliation
NONE				

b. Without vote (¶344.4, 347.7, 348) (2/3v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Member Conference/ Denomination	First Year of Affiliation
Garvin	Elisabeth (Lisa)		Mississippi	2021
Keck	Andy		North Carolina	2018
Nelms Chastain	Emily		North Alabama	2025
Recinos	Harold (Hal) J.		Baltimore-Washington	2013
Tang	Katherine		Desert Southwest	2023
Miles	Rebekah		Arkansas	2026

24. Persons elected as associate members (¶322) (3/4v):

NOTE: If persons have been admitted by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, indicate the name of the accepting conference and date of admission if applicable.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
Tampke	Dale	Russell	HTC	07/01/2026

25. Individuals who are newly elected as provisional members and what theological school they are attending, if in school (under ¶¶322.4, 324, 325).

a. Provisional Deacons under the provisions of ¶ 324.4b (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Theological School
Corder	Nolan “Paul”	Paul	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Huitt	David	Raus	Phillips Theological Seminary
McDaniel	Chrischeryl	Demetress	SMU Perkins School of Theology

b. Provisional Elders under the provisions of ¶ 324.4a (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Theological School
Afon	Eno	Edet Adetoye	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Cress	Caitlin	Cheramy	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Ortiz Hernández	Rosedanny		SMU Perkins School of Theology
Puac-Romero	Julia	Lorena	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Saenz III	Ruben		SMU Perkins School of Theology
Teague	Mary	Elizabeth	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Thomson	Luke	Roger	SMU Perkins School of Theology

26. Individuals who are continued as provisional members, and what theological school they are attending, if in school (¶¶326, 327v).

a. In preparation for ordination as a deacon or elder (¶326)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Commission Year	Theological School
Castleman	Julia	Nicole	PE	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Chavarria	Jason		PD	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Cho	Jae Jun (Daniel)		PE	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Clark Gibson	Brooke	Adrianne	PD	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Cramer	Jordan	Lucas	PE	2025	Iliff School of Theology
Eckeberger	Laulie	Dee	PE (From PD to PE)	2026	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Galloway	Ryan		PE	2024	Brite Divinity
Harding	Julie	Renea	PD	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Keck	William	Ross	PE	2024	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Kuykendall	Evve	Dustin	PE	2025	Brite Divinity
Lawther	Alyssa	Coady	PE	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Lubbers	Adam		PD	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Orr	Staci	Marie	PD	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Perkins Glover	Kristen		PE	2025	Brite Divinity
Porter	Sarah	Berniece	PE	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Shipley	Anna	Leone	PD	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Smith	Haley	DeAnna	PD	2024	Ashbury Theological
Spidell	Jennifer “Jenny”	Johnson	PD	2025	Brite Divinity
Steed	Kristin	Nicole	PE	2025	SMU Perkins School of Theology
Wood	Michelle	Marie	PD	2025	Wesley Theological

b. Provisional deacons who became provisional elders, indicating year (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year
Eckeberger	Laulie	Dee	2026

c. Provisional elders who became provisional deacons, indicating year (v):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year
NONE			

d. Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations (¶347.1, 347.2, 347.3) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Commission Year	Theological School	Previous Conference/ Denomination
NONE						

27. Ordained clergy that have been received from other Christian denominations and received into provisional or local pastor membership (¶347.3):

NOTE: If persons have been admitted by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, indicate the name of the accepting conference and date of admission, if applicable.

a. As provisional members (¶347.6a) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Previous Denomination	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
NONE							

b. As local pastors (¶347.3) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Previous Denomination	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
Smith	Carlene	Taylor	LP	7/1/2025	Baptist	HTC	7/1/2025

28. Ordained clergy, from other Christian denominations, who have had their orders recognized and received into full membership (¶347.6a):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Received	Previous Denomination
McGlothlin	Jaime	Lee	Recognition of Orders	7/1/23 (Provisional) 7/01/2026 (Full)	Baptist

29. Individuals elected as members in full connection:

NOTE: List members in full connection that have been admitted by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, indicating the name of the accepting conference and date of admission, if applicable.

a. Deacons (¶330) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
Bates	Jennifer	Lynn		2024

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
Finley	David	Taylor		2018
Voss	Brendan	Carl		2024

b. Elders (¶335) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
Cho	Eunbyul "Stella"			2024
Craft	Colin	Michael		07/01/2024
Eiffert	Kimberly "Kim"	Ann		07/01/2024
Frazier	Monica	Lynn		07/01/2024
Klein	Shandon	Chasity		07/01/2024
Mwanjala	Uwezo	Obed		07/01/2023
Patredis	Karyl	Sibley		07/01/2024
Robinson	Kantrice	Shimon		07/01/2024
Sewell	Valleri	Jean		07/01/2024
Taylor	Mayme "Yvonne"	Yvonne		07/01/2023

30. Individuals ordained as deacons and which theological school awarded their degree:

NOTES:
- If their master's degree is not from a theological school, list where they completed the basic graduate theological studies.
- List those ordained as deacons that have been admitted by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, indicating the name of the accepting conference and date of admission if applicable

a. After provisional membership (¶330) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Theological School	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
Bates	Jennifer "Jenny"	Lynn	Brite Divinity School	HTC	07/01/2026
Finley	David	Taylor	SMU Perkins School	HTC	07/01/2026
Voss	Brendan	Carl	Yale Divinity School	HTC	07/01/2026

b. Transfer from elder (¶309) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Theological School	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
NONE					

31. Individuals who are ordained as elders and theological school awarded their degree:

a. After provisional membership (¶335) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Theological School
Cho	Eunbyul "Stella"		SMU Perkins School
Craft	Colin	Michael	SMU Perkins School

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Theological School
Eiffert	Kimberly "Kim"	Ann	Iliff School of Theology
Frazier	Monica	Lynn	Univ. of Notre Dame
Klein	Shandon	Chasity	SMU Perkins School
Mwanjala	Uwezo	Obed	SMU Perkins School
Patredis	Karyl	Sibley	SMU Perkins School
Robinson	Kantrice	Shimon	SMU Perkins School
Sewell	Valleri	Jean	Brite Divinity School
Taylor	Mayme "Yvonne"	Yvonne	Brite Divinity School

b. Transfer from deacon (¶309) (3/4v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Theological School
NONE			

32. Provisional members, previously discontinued, who are readmitted (¶365):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Prior Clergy Status	Effective Date of Discontinue	¶ or Reason (Note)
NONE					

33. Individuals who are readmitted after honorable location, administrative location or after leaving the ministerial office (¶366-367 [v], 368-369 [2/3v]):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Prior Clergy Status	New Clergy Status	Date Left Conference	Effective Date of Readmission	¶ or Reason (Note)
NONE							

34. Individuals who have returned to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (¶358.7): (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Prior Clergy Status	New Clergy Status	Date Left Conference	Effective Date of Readmission	¶ or Reason (Note)
NONE							

35. Individuals who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (¶347.1, 416.5, 634.2n) (v):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Previous Conference	Date of Transfer
NONE					

36. Individuals who have been received by transfer from other Methodist denominations, including credentials (¶347.2):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Receiving Clergy Status	Previous Methodist Denomination	Date of Transfer
NONE					

37. Individuals who have been ordained as a courtesy to other conferences, after election by the other conference:

NOTE: If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, please list these persons below. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do not require transfer of conference membership.

a. Deacons

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Member Conference	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
NONE					

b. Elders

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Member Conference	Accepting Conference	Date of Admission
NONE					

38. Individuals who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (¶416.5).

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	New Conference	Date of Transfer
Grace	Jonathan	Lee	FE	Northern Illinois	07/01/2026
Jones	Marcus	Montel	FL	Rio	07/01/2026
Maerschel	Kurt	Georg	FE	UM Central & Southern Europe	07/01/2025
Test	Lisa	Dodd	FL	South Carolina	07/01/2026

39. List individuals who are discontinued as provisional members (¶327) (v).

a. By expiration of eight-year time limit (¶ 327.6)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Provisional Clergy Status (PE or PD)	Year Became Provisional
NONE				

b. By voluntary discontinuance (¶ 327.6)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Provisional Clergy Status (PE or PD)	Year Became Provisional
NONE				

c. By involuntary discontinuance (¶ 327.6) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Provisional Clergy Status (PE or PD)	Year Became Provisional
Fisher	Jeffrey “Jeff”	Miles	PE	2025

d. By reaching mandatory retirement age (¶ 327.7)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Provisional Clergy Status (PE or PD)	Year Became Provisional
NONE				

40. Individuals who have had their conference membership terminated.

a. By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (¶361.1, .4)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status	New Reported Denomination
Ingram	Krista	D	08/09/2024	FE	GMC

b. By withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office (¶361.2, .4)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
Bates Jr.	Fred		03/01/2026	FE
Nunley III	Andrew		05/08/2026	FE

c. By withdrawal under complaints or charges (¶¶361.3, .4; 2720.2)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
Jeon	Dae-Woo		10/01/2025	FE
Thomas	Edward	Madoc	08/14/2025	RE

d. By trial (¶2713)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
NONE				

41. Individuals suspended under the provisions of ¶¶363.7, 2704.2c or 2711.3).

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	End Date (if applicable)	Clergy Status
Fiedler	John	F.	05/02/2025		RE
Martin	Montreal		01/10/2025	03/09/2025	OF

42. List members of your annual conference who have passed away during the year:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Clergy Status
Bentley	Joseph	Leroy	04/03/1945	09/08/2025	RL
Birdsong	Fred	Lee	04/28/1929	08/30/2025	RE
Browning	Tommie	Max	03/19/1938	02/06/2026	RE
Crouch Jr.	Herbert	Lee	03/18/1929	10/22/2025	RE
Daves	Don	Michael	03/04/1938	02/06/2026	RE
Grubb	Lawrence	Blair	01/18/1933	05/16/2026	RE
Gutierrez	Raul	R.	04/20/1957	12/07/2025	RE
Hart	Ray	Lee	03/22/1929	03/22/2026	RE

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Clergy Status
Haynes	Lavelle	McClintock	09/17/1941	01/20/2026	RA
Howard Jr.	Wesley	Allen	02/21/1937	06/18/2025	RE
Jarrell	Johnny	Timothy	02/12/1962	10/20/2025	FE
Kreitner-Collins	Janice “Jan”	M.	09/24/1943	07/13/2025	RE
Manney	William “Bill”	Paul	07/06/1939	07/05/2025	RL
Marney	Benjamin	B.	06/06/1931	05/27/2025	RE
Medlock III	Landrum		12/25/1944	04/17/2026	RE
Meredith	Lawrence		08/14/1928	05/29/2025	RE
Meyers	Ouidga	M.	08/21/1944	10/15/2025	RL
Ramirez Sr.	Roberto		8/2/1933	09/09/2025	RL
Reed	Cecil	Duron	02/16/1927	06/24/2025	RE
Robbins Sr.	Thomas	Q.	05/19/1938	01/09/2026	RE
Stevens	Barabara Ann	Livingston	06/30/1938	11/15/2025	RE
Stewart	Montie	Wayne	11/25/1939	05/06/2026	RE
Taylor	John	Earl	10/13/1935	10/24/2025	RE
Weathers	Bob	Frank	09/09/1932	05/10/2025	RE
Wilkinson	Dennis	Alton	06/27/1948	10/16/2025	RE
Yates	George	Riley	04/08/1942	03/22/2026	RE

43. Members who have received appointments in other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this annual conference:

    a. Provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) (¶346.1):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment /Time	Effective Date of Appointment
Bassford	Virginia	O.	RE	Rio Texas	1/4	11/01/2025
Englert-Jessen	Eva	Lorraine	FD	Arkansas	Full Time	07/01/2019
Fleming	John	Stephen	FE	Oregon-Idaho	1/2	07/01/2020
Gonzalez	Joy		FE	Missouri	Full Time	07/01/2026
Ju	Yohan		FE	South Korea	Full Time	07/01/2023
Keck	William	Ross	PE	New York	1/2	07/01/2026
Klein	Shandon	Chasity	FE	Minnesota	Full Time	07/01/2024
Lamoureux	Kathleen	Elizabeth	FE	Mountain Sky	Full Time	07/01/2024
Lee	Jin Hee		FE	New England	Full Time	07/01/2023
McMinn	David	Allab	FE	Rio Texas	Full Time	07/01/2020
Poole	Marsha	Kimberly	RE	Alaska	Full Time	07/01/2022
Tyler	Andrew	Mills	FE	New England	Full Time	07/01/2023
Waldon	Kyle	William	FE	New England	Full Time	07/01/2021

b. Associate Members (¶346.1)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment /Time	Effective Date of Appointment
NONE						

c. Affiliated Members appointed to missionary conference with vote. (¶586.4b, d)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment /Time	Effective Date of Appointment
NONE						

44. Identify provisional, ordained members or associate members on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation (¶354):

NOTE: Indicate credential and record charge conference where membership is held.

a. Voluntary Leave of Absence

(1) 5 years or less (¶3542a-b, 3) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Type of Leave	Charge Conference
Alexander	Creighton	Drew	FE	09/01/2024	Family	
Bontrager	Scot		FE	12/01/2025	Personal	
Chickering	Jennifer	Dianne	FD	4/01/2026	Personal	Belton FUMC
Coon	Yvonne	M.	FE	05/01/2025	Personal	South
Gallaway	Tamara "Tami"	L.	FE	05/01/2024	Personal	Christ UMC Plano
Jones	Clinton "Clint"	Daniel	FE	10/01/2023	Personal	FUMC Stephenville
Long	Kimberly "Kim"	Liane	FE	07/01/2022	Personal	FUMC Cleburne
Silvestri	Lori	Jo	FD	9/1/2024	Personal	
Steiner (Burton)	Dina		FD	07/01/2023	Personal	Stonebridge McKinney
Stoker	Andy	Craig	FE	07/01/2026	Personal	
Watson - Martin	Elizabeth		FE	9/1/2024	Family	
White	Adam		FD	05/01/2024	Personal	FUMC Plano

(2) more than 5 years (¶3543.2a-b, 3) (2/3v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Type of Leave	Charge Conference
Anderson	Gena	S.	FE	07/01/2019	Personal	First UMC, Fort Worth
Bakker	Shawn		FD	05/01/2017	Personal	
Bonnell	David	Charles	FE	07/01/2016	Personal	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Type of Leave	Charge Conference
Farrer	Jonathan	M.	FE	07/01/2021	Personal	
Green	Michael	A.	FE	08/01/2011	Personal	
Joyner	Ashleigh		FE	11/01/2018	Personal	
Rodden	Michael "Mike"	J.	FE	08/01/2018	Personal	In Santa Fe New Mexico
Self-Ransdell	Katherine		FE	10/1/2019	Family	

b. Transitional Leave (¶354.2c)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
David Hensley	Rebecca		FD	7/1/2025	05/31/2026	
Pellikan	Lydia		FD	10/14/2025	04/30/2026	Asbury Denton
Qazilbash	JamesPaul		FD	08/13/2025		
Scott	Jennifer		FD	10/01/2024		University Park UMC

c. Involuntary

(1) Involuntary Leave (¶ 355) (2/3v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
NONE						

(2) Ad Interim Involuntary Leave (JCD 1355) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
NONE						

45. List individuals who are granted sabbatical leave (¶352) (v).

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
NONE						

46. List individuals granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (¶357) (v).

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
Caldwell	Samuel	L.	RE	07/01/2022	6/30/2026	
Colwell	Terry	Lynn	FE	06/01/2004		Unknown
Erwin	John	Drew	FE	01/16/2022		
Garza	Maricela	Iglesias	AM	07/01/2022		FUMC, Merkel
Greanead	Veronica		FE	07/01/2020		Forestburg UMC

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	End Date	Charge Conference
Kirk-Hall	Denise		FE	01/01/1999		Arlington Heights UMC
Lea	Donita	Ruth	LP	07/01/2023		St. James UMC, Abilene
Parson	Samantha		FE	07/01/2021		FUMC Whitewright
Phillips	Donald "Mark"	Mark	RE	6/1/1999	6/30/2026	
Zollinger	Alison	Michelle	FE	05/01/2020		FUMC Waxahachie

47. Members in full connection who have retired (¶358):

NOTE: If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (¶358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement. (Under ¶358.1, no vote required; under ¶358.2, v; under ¶358.3, v 2/3)

a. Deacons

(1) This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Clark	Alan	Wayne	02/01/2026
Greene	Michael		05/01/2026
Murraine	Nelda	Barrett	07/01/2026

(2) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Adair	Sharon		11/01/2005
Anderson	Joy		07/01/2018
Bell	Meredith	Remington	06/01/2025
Bennett	Nancy	L.	06/01/2000
Betz	Katherine		03/01/2016
Biggerstaff	Josephine	M.	06/01/2005
Bridger-Coffman	Bonnie	B.	07/01/2022
Bryan	Susan		07/01/2025
Cameron	David	Lynn	01/01/2014
Cameron	Jimmy	Ralph	7/1/2012
Cate	Suzanne	B.	12/31/2013
Cavalier	Janet		07/01/2023
Chapman	Deborah		06/01/2022
Crowell	Betty	D.	07/01/2012
Dahl	Dorothy		08/31/1997
Davidson	Veronica	G.	07/01/2021
Edwards	Barbara	Jean	06/01/2004
Freeto	Linda	J.	07/01/2014
Froehlich	Patricia		07/01/2022
Froman	Nancy		08/01/2022

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Georg	Miriam	J.	03/01/2020
Grable	Patricia	L.	12/01/2019
Granderson	Sheila	Karen	09/01/2011
Heavner	Betsy	C.	02/01/2015
Heislen	Terrance		07/01/2019
Hill	Marjorie	Bishir	10/01/2024
Hines	Deborah “Page”	Page	01/01/2025
Holloway	Judy	Marie	04/15/2014
Johnson	Gordon	C.	07/01/2016
Johnson	Kathryn	E.	10/01/2011
Jones	Terry		01/01/2017
Lancaster	Kay	L.	07/01/2024
Lyford	Nicki	T.	09/01/2017
Marshall	Karan		07/01/2011
McDermott	Thomas “Tom”	Snyder	05/1/2025
McKay	Paul		07/01/2017
McKee	Donna	D.	07/01/2023
Meyer	Douglas “Doug”	Alan	07/01/2025
Nichols	Melissa	A.	06/01/2008
Phillips	Dawne	Hood	01/01/2018
Roby	Linda		12/01/2017
Rothe	Laura		07/01/2018
Schock	Louise	Kelser	7/1/2000
Shepherd	Gale “Dub”	W.	04/01/2016
Smiley	Diane	E.	06/01/2005
Smith	Marisue	Pounders	03/15/2003
Springer	Beverly	L.	03/31/2019
Squires	Sarah	B.	07/01/2018
Stephens	Joyce	Leslie	01/01/2008
Stevens	Robin	L.	02/10/2014
Trevino-Teddlie	Jeannie		01/01/2014
Wier	Brenda	W.	12/31/2010
Wilson	Phyllis	Clower	09/01/2008
Wolfe	Jayne	Coffman	07/01/2009
Woods	Natalie		11/30/2013

b. Elders

(1) This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Alegria	Francisco “Frank”		07/01/2026
Baek	Hyeongdong		07/01/2026
Caldwell	Samuel	L.	07/01/2026
Chamness	Joe	G.	07/01/2026
Creagh	Deborah “Debby”		07/01/2026
Dawson	Michael	D.	07/01/2026
Dietz	Dyan		07/01/2026

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Gaston	Matthew “Matt”	Blaine	07/01/2026
Humbert	Daniel	Drew	07/01/2026
Marks	Timothy	E.	01/01/2026
Mason	Debra	Hobbs	03/01/2026
McKenzie	Alyce	M.	06/01/2026
Mesa	Christopher “Chris”	J.	07/01/2026
Moore	Steven	Gary	07/01/2026
Moore Jr.	Donald	V.	07/01/2026
Murphy	Cheryl		07/01/2026
Newhouse	Ronald	William	01/01/2026
Phillips	Donald “Mark”	Mark	07/01/2026
Roberts	Carol	M.	05/01/2026
Sherman-Carter	Nancy		07/01/2026
Wade	Cassandra “Cassie”		07/01/2026
Willet	Ann		07/01/2026
Williams	Angela	Rose	07/01/2026

(2) Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Abbott Jr.	Horace	O.	6/5/1986
Abbott	Thomas “Mark”	Mark	08/01/2014
Adamson	Georgia	Lee	07/01/2017
Adkins	Brenda		01/01/2016
Adkins	David	W.	07/01/2016
Adrian	Peter	V.	7/1/2018
Albertson	Ronald “Ron”	Warren	07/01/2014
Alden	Elizabeth “Betsy”	C.	06/01/2007
Alexander	Mark	Linley	7/01/2022
Alexander	Michael “Mike”	K.	02/01/2023
Allen	Christopher	L.	01/01/2022
Allen	Doyle	R.	06/01/2009
Allen	Nancy	E.	06/01/2013
Allsup	Carl “Eddie”	Edward	6/1/2008
Andersen	David	W.	7/01/2022
Andrews	Andy	S.	06/01/2008
Austin	Dara	E.	01/01/2022
Bade	Dennis	Lee	6/1/2004
Bailey	Charles	Ramoth	07/01/2019
Baird	John	Michael	7/1/2011
Ballard	Ronald	Doyle	06/01/2002
Barker	Wilson	Roger	06/01/2006
Barton	Ann		07/01/2013

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Bassford	Virginia 'Ginger"	O.	02/01/2021
Bauernfeind	Paul	Edward	7/01/2019
Bearden	Leighton	H.	07/01/2012
Beavers	Jay	L.	06/01/2008
Beckling, Jr.	John	Martin	01/01/2017
Beckling	Tae Sun		01/01/2017
Beghtel-Mahle	Pat		07/01/2010
Benson	Ernest	Alan	12/31/2014
Benson	Laura	J.S.	07/01/2019
Benson	Lyle		07/01/2018
Benton	Robert	Dan	01/01/2012
Berry	Ava	Burdine	7/1/2011
Berry	John	Kent	01/01/2017
Bessac	Martha	S.	06/01/2010
Bingman	Cathy	Ann	08/01/2019
Bishara	Kamal "Mel"	N.	07/01/2025
Blackmon, Sr.	Darrel	Glen	07/01/2012
Blancett	E. F. "Skip"		10/01/2011
Blanton	Georjean	H.	09/01/2011
Bond	George	Doherty	10/01/2013
Boone	Keith	Payne	07/01/2020
Boren	Kathryn	Diane	7/1/2021
Bowden	James	Bradley	01/01/2021
Bowen	Gary	Starr	07/01/2019
Boyd	Charles	Lane	7/1/2011
Boyd	William "Bill"	P.	09/01/2019
Bradley	Milana	Louise	04/01/2011
Brennan	William "Max"	M.	07/01/2015
Brittain	Grady	B.	06/01/2007
Brooks-Sanford	Shelly	A.	06/01/2025
Brown Jr.	Jim	Kimmel	03/01/2006
Bruff	Rebecca	Frank	07/01/2021
Bruster	Timothy "Tim"	K.	07/01/2022
Burton	Larry	Jack	7/1/2014
Busby	Jack	P.	07/01/1992
Bush	Robert	I.	6/15/1997
Bussey	Tera	Elaine	7/31/2014
Butler	George	Winston	1/1/2008
Caddell	Carroll	A.	6/1/2003
Callahan	Kennon	L.	12/31/1996
Camp	Charles	Dennis	06/01/1996
Campbell	Robert	Louis	06/01/2006

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Caraway	Melton	H.	07/01/2015
Cardwell	Ann		06/15/1998
Carlton	Karan	Ann	7/1/2019
Carmichael	Joe		07/01/2014
Carnahan	Charles	R.	01/01/2016
Carpenter	Bruce	Edwin	07/01/2018
Carr	David	Michael	07/01/2014
Cary	Lee	D.	12/15/1996
Casad	Victor	E.	07/01/2021
Ceballos, Jr.	David	Michael	7/1/2019
Chambers	Jacquetta “Jackie”	D.	02/01/2020
Chamness	Gene	A.	06/01/1991
Chandler	Jim	David	01/01/2013
Chappell	Steven	Thomas	7/1/2022
Choyce	Joan	P.	01/01/2002
Clifford	John	F.	06/01/2013
Coats	Darrell		07/01/2025
Coats	Darrell		07/01/2025
Cobb	Norman	H.	1/27/2007
Coder	Alice	Gant	07/01/2017
Cole	James	Kenneth	6/1/2004
Cole III	John	Wallace	05/01/2021
Colon-Colon	Hector	L.	10/31/2019
Conner	James “Jim”	David	07/01/2019
Connolly	Thomas	Edward	06/01/2012
Cope	Mary Gean	J.	07/01/2022
Copeland	Stanley		07/01/2025
Copeland	Stanley “Stan”		07/01/2025
Cotton	Willard “Will”	N.	07/01/2024
Cox	Charles	E.	06/01/2008
Craig	William	Mark	07/01/2013
Crawford	Annelda	J.	07/01/2019
Cromwell	Richard	Lee	07/01/2013
Crumpton	Debra	M.	07/01/2022
Cupples	Keith	James	12/31/2008
Curry	William	Craig	7/1/2020
Dack	Cindy	T.	06/01/2023
Dalton	Daniel	Frank	06/01/2008
Dangerfield	Harold	G.	07/01/2020
Daniels	Jack	Kyle	06/01/1997
Deane	Edmund	B.	06/15/1996
DeStefano	Nancy	M.	01/01/2017

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Dillard	John	W.	7/1/2013
Dirk	John	Arthur	07/01/2017
Doyle	James “Rick”	Richard	7/1/2014
Dugger	Benjamin	Connally	06/01/2010
Dunagin	Richard	L.	07/01/2014
Durham Jr.	Frederick	L.	7/1/2014
Dyess	Tony	Todd	7/1/2011
Echols	Archie	E.	07/01/2012
Echols	Daniel		05/01/2025
Eckstein	Jon	Michael	07/01/2015
Edwards	Richard	Wayne	7/1/2016
Elledge	Bettye	L.	12/31/2004
Elswick, Jr.	E. B.		10/01/1999
Emerick	Craig	Lewis	07/01/2009
Escalera	Javier	Q.	02/01/2021
Ewing	Robert	F.	03/01/2025
Fade	Reid		7/1/2018
Faile	Thomas	Michael	06/01/2012
Farris	Larry	Don	9/11/2017
Fergeson	David	M.	07/01/2023
Fiedler	John	F.	07/01/2024
Fisk	George	C.	07/01/2014
Flanagan	Nathan	Cleon	06/01/1995
Freeto	Carl	N.	07/01/2014
Fuqua	Robert	Verne	06/01/1994
Gary	Matthew	Sheldon	02/01/2025
Gaston	Leslie “Cammie”	Camille	01/01/2024
George	Larry	Wayne	07/01/2017
Gibson	Jack	Miller	07/01/1995
Gibson, Sr.	Quinton	Jeriel	07/01/2018
Gilliam	Beverly	Delores	07/01/2017
Ginn	Kenneth	Pat	1/1/2002
Godbold	Elizabeth “Betsy”	Spell	07/01/2015
Gondol	John	Dennis	6/1/2007
Goodrich	Paul	Q.	7/1/2017
Goodwin, Jr.	Walter	James	1/1/2011
Goolsby	Joe	Edwin	6/1/2007
Goss	James	Allen	05/31/2009
Gould	Paul	A.	07/01/2023
Graff	Charles “Chuck”	T.	07/01/2019
Grant	Carl	David	07/01/2022
Grant	George	Allen	06/01/2015

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Green	Joel	B.	07/01/2022
Greenwaldt	Karen	A.	12/31/2013
Gregory	Cecil “Marv”	Marvin	7/1/2016
Grisham	William	E.	06/01/1993
Grogan	Rebecca		07/01/2024
Guier III	Marvin	L.	7/1/2019
Gurley, Jr.	Derrel	Gene	07/01/2018
Guttierrez II	Milton	P.	07/01/2011
Hagmann	Ann	A.	08/01/2016
Hall	Matt	W.	07/01/2025
Hamrick	Marty	Joe	7/1/2011
Hannah	Joseph	Michael	08/31/2011
Hardaway	Sara	J.	04/01/2017
Hargrove	Sammy	A.	11/01/2005
Harrington	John	Brooks	11/01/2021
Harris	Dennis		01/01/1997
Hawkins	Rick	L.	07/01/2025
Haynes	Michael	C.	06/01/2001
Head	Keith	L.	07/01/2013
Hedges, Jr.	Howard	P.	07/01/2014
Henderson	Doyle	Steven	7/1/2009
Henderson	Homer	Dimon	06/01/2004
Henderson	Ronald	D.	07/01/2021
Henry, Sr.	Luther	W.	06/01/2006
Hildebrand	Kenneth	D.	2/1/2017
Hippman	Sandra	E.	06/01/2012
Hitt	Lawanda “Ann”	Ann	07/01/2025
Hix	Catherine	L. Peden	06/01/2003
Hodge	Jesse	Lynn	06/01/2005
Hoffman	Cal	Van	07/01/2018
Hoke	Daniel	Leppin	6/1/2008
Holbert	Diana	B.	07/01/2011
Holbert	John	Charles	06/01/2012
Holcomb-McLain	Scott		07/01/2025
Holden, Jr.	Richard	Ellis	06/01/1988
Holder	Larry	Hillman	7/1/2018
Holland, Jr.	Charles	L.	06/01/2001
Holland	Lewis	Cass	10/15/2007
Holloway	Robert “Bob”	W.	07/01/2017
Holmes, Jr	Zan	W.	06/01/2002
Hopkins	Felicia	Pringle	7/1/2024
Horn	Wendell	Lewis	7/1/2021

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Horton	Deborah “Decee”	W.	07/01/2015
Horton	Leslie	Jay	01/01/2010
Hosemann-Butler	Anna		07/01/2017
House	Michael	A.	02/01/2012
Howard	Clifton	O.	10/01/2024
Hubbard	Gary	Lee	07/01/2010
Huber	Ruth		07/01/2012
Hull	Rebecca	Ann Ness	07/01/2019
Humphries	Joan	H.	06/01/2007
Hunt	Dale	C.	06/15/1997
Irish	Johnny	R.	6/1/2004
Jackson	Michael	R.	01/06/2006
James	Larry		07/01/2022
Janovec	Leslie	A.	11/01/2020
Jeane	Marty	K.	07/01/2011
Johnson	Leonard	A.	12/31/2007
Jones	Cheryl	A.	07/01/2022
Judy	Dwight	Henry	07/01/2009
Keith	Sandra	Fay	01/01/2012
Kelley	Robert	Parks	07/01/2011
Kelley	Ronald	Wayne	06/01/2005
Key, Sr.	Sylvester		07/01/2018
Kiesling	Chris	Alan	7/1/2023
Kilbourne	Kent		06/01/2013
Kile	Wanda	G.	06/06/2005
Kirby, Jr.	James	E.	06/15/1996
Koch	Rankin	H.	06/01/2013
Koo	Bon	Woong	06/01/2000
Kotey	Janette	C.	01/01/2019
Kruger	Larry	H.	07/01/2010
Kugel	Elizabeth	E.	06/01/2003
Kuhlbars	Richard	Arden	06/01/2008
La Barr	Joan	Gray	09/01/2010
La Barr	William	E.	07/01/2019
Laguardia	Levy	E.	07/01/2025
Lancaster	Sarah	H.	07/01/2025
Landis	Gayle		9/1/2020
Langford	Alvan “Steve”	Stephen	07/01/2019
Lartey	Kwame	O.	06/01/2002
Latham	Steven	Scott	6/1/2000
Le	Mai	Ngoc	10/01/2020
Leach	David	Douglas	07/01/2022

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Lee	Donald		07/01/2024
Lee	Ouida		7/1/2019
Lee, Jr.	Robert	W.	01/15/2002
Lehman	Pamela	Ann	7/1/2018
Lindh	JoNell		07/01/2013
Lindley	Robert	Myles	1/1/2023
Linnstaedt	Robert	B.	07/01/2024
Loggins	John	Howell	06/01/2012
Long, Jr.	Frank	Gifford	07/01/2015
Long	Katherine “Katie”	F.	06/01/2017
Longsworth	William		09/30/2008
Love	Michael “Mike”	Harry	07/01/2022
Lovett-Porr	Mary Jane	B.	06/01/2001
Lovin	Robin	W.	07/01/2013
Lucas	Barbara	B. Gaugl	06/01/2000
Luper	Denise	A.	10/01/2023
Lydick	Sandra	J.	10/10/2005
Lyle	Katherine	Glaze	07/01/2011
Macalik	Tolli	A.	07/01/2023
Mang	Richard “Rick”	R.	11/01/2022
Marcum	Barbara	Weems	06/01/2017
Marcum	Edwin “Eddie”	Mills	6/1/2012
Marcum	Walt	W.	07/01/2021
Marshall	Benjamin	R.	06/15/2000
Martin	Howard	H.	07/01/2022
Masters, Sr.	Henry	L.	07/01/2014
Masters	S. Dianna		07/01/2020
Masters, Sr.	Henry	L.	07/01/2014
Matsler	Jeff	Scott	9/1/2021
Matthews	John	William	06/15/1997
May	Jeff	Stinson	07/01/2024
McClure	Charles	L.	06/06/2005
McDermott	Linda	F.	05/01/2023
McGaughey	Arthur “Ernie”	Earnest	6/1/1997
McGuire-Fortner	Mary	Esther	07/01/2019
McKiddy	Claude	Anton	07/01/2011
McKinney	John	Eric	01/01/2007
McKnight	Thomas	R.	07/01/2019
McLain	Arville	Eugene	07/01/2015
McLean-Davis	Kathy		7/1/2019
McLemore	Timothy	E.	01/01/2023
McManus	Ronnie		07/01/2017

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McMillan	Bobby	Joe	08/01/2002
McNabb	Jack	D.	06/15/1993
McNeil	Jacklyn	Ann	2/8/2023
McNeir	Marjorie	E.	06/01/2002
McPherson	Brian	Glenn	07/01/2020
McPherson	J. Mac		12/31/1997
Mercer	Philip	D.	06/01/2002
Messer	Robert	E.	06/01/1998
Milam	David	E.	05/28/1975
Milam	Susan “Su”		07/01/2016
Miller	Jannette	A.	01/01/2025
Miller	Jeffrey	A.	09/01/2024
Miller	Johnny	Frank	07/01/2015
Miller	Michael	J.	7/1/2013
Millican	Edgar	B.	06/01/2008
Minor	James	I.	07/01/2019
Minor	Sandra	A.	08/01/2015
Mitchell	Linda	Susan	06/01/2012
Mitchell	Ardith	Marie	07/01/2018
Mitchell	Penny		07/01/2023
Moen	Elizabeth		09/01/2022
Mollet, Jr.	John	Talbot	07/01/2017
Monk	Robert	Clarence	06/01/1995
Moore	Jerry	Lee	12/01/2021
Moore	Lynn	David	06/01/2012
Moore	Mark	Thomas	7/1/2021
Mordecai	Cathy	L.	11/01/2020
Mosser	David	Neil	01/01/2023
Munger	G. Alan		07/01/2019
Na	Jung	Yong	06/01/2007
Nance	Stephen “Steve”	W.	11/01/2022
Neal, Jr.	Charles	A.	06/15/1998
Nealy	Chauncey	S.	07/01/2014
Nelson	Connie	L.	02/01/2025
Newton, Jr.	James “Jim”	Nowell	01/01/2011
Nimocks, IV	Robert	F.	06/01/2013
Noblin	Glenn	Alford	06/01/2006
Norman	James	Neil	07/01/2014
Norman	Wayne	Loyd	06/01/1997
Nunnally	Elnora	M.	10/01/2012
Ochoa	Jorge	Luis	09/01/2024
Odom, Jr.	Elzie	D.	07/01/2023

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Odom	Janet	Bell	07/01/2018
Orman	Susanne	Marie	08/01/2008
Ozier	James	P.	07/01/2017
Ozmer	Harvey	L.	06/01/2011
Pacheco	Beatriz	E.	03/01/2024
Page	Calvin		02/13/2012
Palmer	Thomas “Tom”	O.	07/01/2025
Pankey	Hugh	Arthur	01/01/2009
Patterson	Sheron	C.	07/01/2024
Paxton	Allyson	Louise Dozier	05/01/2019
Payne III	E.C. “Buddy”		7/1/2020
Peel, Jr.	John	J.	07/01/2013
Peterson	Kenneth	Leon	7/1/2019
Pierce	Charles	Nelson	12/31/2014
Pierce	James	Clifton	07/01/2019
Pike	Donald	M.	06/01/1998
Pool	Joe	C.	07/01/2024
Poole	Marsha	Kimberly	01/01/2001
Poole	Morris	Olyn	8/1/2014
Porter	James	R.	06/01/2010
Porter	Paul	E.	07/01/2019
Powell	James	Edward	07/01/2010
Pratt, Jr.	Lewis	Bayard	07/01/2020
Presley	Diane	Stanley	07/01/2017
Proctor-Smith	George	L.	01/01/2006
Puckett	Joyce	Elaine	07/01/2018
Purkey	Walter	Ross	07/01/2009
Rainey	Robert “Bob”		07/01/2023
Ramsdell	Stephen	K.	07/01/2017
Rankin	Stephen		07/01/2021
Ratcliff, Jr.	Eugene “Gene”	Edward	07/01/2023
Redd	Charles “Mike”	Michael	09/01/2018
Redmond	James	Michael	07/01/2019
Reed	Clara	M.	07/01/2018
Reed	Ray	Dean	08/01/2017
Reed	Richard	A.	07/01/2022
Reedy	Judith		07/01/2016
Renshaw, Jr.	Donald	F.	06/15/1999
Richards	Gregory	Scott	07/01/2023
Rider	Dale	W.	06/01/1999
Riggsby	Deborah	A.	07/01/2019
Roark	Marvin	Lee	6/1/1999

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Robb	Susan	G.	07/01/2021
Robertson	Dixie	Lou	7/1/2018
Robertson	Eugene	Barron	06/01/1998
Robertson	Johnny	Terry	7/1/2013
Robertson	Sharon	D.	06/01/2011
Rogers	Steven “Steve”	Lee	6/1/2009
Rosenburg	John	C.	07/01/2011
Rosset	Kristie	Noerrlinger	07/01/2015
Rothe	Eric	V.	07/01/2018
Rudewick	Robert “Rudy”	E.	07/01/2017
Salley	Henry	Lewis	6/1/2002
Sanders, Jr.	James	A.	06/01/2005
Sanders	John	Howard	7/1/2020
Sansom	Jimmy	Carl	07/01/2019
Sawyer	Boyd	Mack	06/01/2007
Schade	Kathye	A.	07/01/2021
Schaefer	Richard	E.	06/01/2001
Schaub	John	Walker	06/01/2001
Schiffman	Marilyn	Ruth	07/01/2015
Schultz	Dale	A.	10/01/2022
Scott	Donald “Don”	F.	07/01/2016
Scrivener	Randall “Randy”	B.	07/01/2023
Scroggs	Donald	Howard	07/01/2018
Seuser	Kent		08/31/2009
Shaddox	Billy	M.	07/01/2016
Sharp	Jarrell	Howard	06/01/1997
Shawver	R.	David	11/01/2001
Shinn, Jr.	Benjamin	J.	07/01/2012
Shipman	Namiqa	Marion Ardhuerumly	07/01/2024
Shuler, Jr.	Philip	L.	06/01/2004
Simmons	Jerry	Matthews	06/01/2008
Smart	Eddie	E.	06/01/2011
Smith	Eric	Earl	03/31/2017
Smith	Jodi		02/01/2021
Somers-Clark	Carole		07/01/2014
Soper	John	B.	07/01/2016
Soper	Martha	Anne	02/01/2021
Sowell	Annette	R.	06/01/2007
Sowell, Jr.	Jesse	J.	06/01/2003
Spencer, Jr.	Robert “Rob”	Lee	09/01/2024
Spore	Roy	Lee	07/01/2015
Stabile	Joseph	B.	07/01/2020

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Stamm	Mark	W.	06/01/2025
Stark	Richard	P.	07/01/2010
Steele	Katherine	Margie	07/01/2020
Stephens, Jr.	Harrell “Steve”	Edward	07/01/2017
Stice	Noah	Lloyd	7/1/2014
Stone	Robert	E.	09/01/2012
Strayhorn	Billy	Dean	07/01/2015
Strickland, II	George	E.	06/01/2005
Sutton	George	Mimms	03/01/2012
Tamkin	Connie	Lynn Millsap	07/01/2019
Thomas	Christy		12/31/2013
Thomas	Nona	Cranfill	07/01/1994
Thomas	Timothy	G.	06/01/2010
Thomson	Thomas	Hubert	06/01/2002
Thorell	Carl	L.	07/01/2012
Thornburg	John	Douglas	07/01/2020
Thornton	John	M.	07/01/2014
Thresher	Patricia	Piron	07/01/2022
Tinsley	Larry	D.	07/01/2017
Titus	Beverly	Jo	07/01/2011
Titus	William	Ray	06/01/2001
Topper	George	G.	07/01/1991
Torpy	Arthur “Art”	A.	02/01/2020
Tran	Sanh	Van	07/01/2016
Treat	David	Ralph	06/01/2001
Tully	Mark “Kevin”	Kevin	07/01/2025
Tull	Justin	Wade	06/01/2006
Turner	Lianne	M.	01/01/2023
Turner	Robert	M.	06/01/1988
Tye	Beverly	S.	02/01/2011
Underwood	Donald “Don”	W.	01/01/2021
VanGiesen	Duane		07/01/2009
Van Zile	Larry	Matthew	06/01/2007
Wade	John	Robert	07/01/2014
Wade	William	Jacob	06/01/2004
Wagner	Ronda	Jean	06/01/1994
Wagoner	John	William	06/01/2004
Walker	Darren		07/01/2024
Walker	Michael	W.	02/15/2002
Walker	Robert	Morgan	12/31/2008
Walker	Timothy	Crawford	03/31/2017
Wallace	John	P.	07/01/2019

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Wallace	Rodney	Carrol	07/01/1995
Walt	Earnest		06/01/2001
Warden	Patricia	G.	07/01/2024
Warden	Robert	Clyde	01/01/2021
Ware	Donna	J.	07/01/2016
Waser	Patricia “Patti”	R.	08/01/2012
Weaver	Preston		01/01/2017
Weber	David	B.	07/01/2017
Weilage	Woodrow	A.	07/01/2011
Whitbeck	Gary	A.	01/01/2008
Whitehead	Donna	Edwards	01/01/2011
Whittemore	Claude	Patrick	12/31/2016
Wiese	Mary	Sharon O’Quinn	07/01/2011
Wild	Randy	Mel	07/01/2018
Williams	Wallace	A.	07/01/2021
Williams	Wilson	Clark	06/01/2007
Williamson	Richard “Rick”		07/01/2025
Wilson	Robert “Ted”	Ted	07/01/2012
Wines	Alphonetta “Alfie”	B.	07/01/2017
Winslow	Fred	A.	11/01/2007
Witmer-Faile	Margaret “Meg”		01/01/2025
Womack	J.	Clay	07/01/2017
Wood	William	Charles	05/15/2015
Woods	Carol		07/01/2016
Woods	Nancy		07/01/2016
Woodward	Jane	Elizabeth	07/01/2018
Yeager	Don	H.	7/1/2019
York	Nancy	Lu	01/01/2008
Young	Brian	Allen	01/01/2018
Youngblood	Scott		07/01/2018
Zinser	Joseph	R.	01/01/2020
Zirkle	Jeffrie	Van	07/01/2017

48. Associate members who have retired (¶358):

NOTE: If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (¶358.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement. (Under ¶358.1, no vote required; under ¶358.2, v; under ¶358.3, v 2/3)

a. This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
NONE			

b. Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Bell Blakely	Althea	Denise	07/01/2020
Campbell	Elwin (Sam)	N.	12/31/2013
Carter	Daniel	Bradley	07/01/2014
Cheshire	Jerry	Don	01/01/2021
Cox	Steven	Derald	01/01/2010
Dorn	John	Melvin	06/01/2005
Gaines	Stephen	Wayne	01/01/2024
Greenwood	Rhonda	Mae	10/01/2024
Guest	James	Alexander	07/01/2013
Haynes	James	L.	05/31/2006
Haynes	Samuel	Thacker	07/01/2022
Hunsaker	Robert	Perry	07/01/2014
Kinder	Don	Stanley	07/01/2014
Modgling	Phyllis		06/01/2009
Moore	Nancy	Sharon	07/01/2012
Moultrie	Ruby	L.	07/01/2024
Reed	Janet	Kay	07/01/2012
Willis	Ted	R.	07/01/2017
Young	Robyn	Sue	07/01/2022

49. Individuals who have been recognized as retired local pastors (¶320.5)

a. This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Anderson	Dawn		07/01/2026
Brownsted	Betty	Jane	07/01/2026
Pleasant	Margaret	Lorine	12/01/2025
Wilkins Sr	James “Jim”	David	07/01/2026
Wilson	Kellie	Lynn	07/01/2026
Zolczer	Pam	H.	01/01/2026

b. Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Bailey	Paul		07/01/2009
Blum	Robert “Rob”	Glenn	7/1/2016
Brannan	Richard		06/01/2003
Burnette	Danny		06/01/2005
Butts	Nancy		08/01/1994
Campbell	Vivian	E.	07/01/2018
Carmicle	Linda		06/01/2007
Cates	Dennis	Lynn	07/01/2013
Cloyd	Jack	Richard	07/01/2021
Coleman	Larry		07/01/2015

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Conatser	Dan		07/01/2023
DeBord	Bert	A.	07/01/2015
Edwards	Janet	Pauline	02/01/2019
Ensor	Virginia	Beth	07/01/2020
Fisher	Albert		07/01/2012
Franck	June		07/01/2019
Goodrich	Gordon	Dave	12/31/2017
Gowling	John		07/01/2012
Grant	Darlene	L.	08/31/2014
Gross	Susan	Jean	07/01/2019
Henderson	Mary	Nell	07/01/2024
Holmes	Margaret “Margie”	Anne	07/01/2020
Hood	Don		07/01/2018
Hord	Kay		07/01/2011
Johnston	Donna		06/01/2008
Jones	LaQuita	K.	01/01/2024
Jordan	Juanelle	Brown	07/01/2022
Knox	Steve		07/01/2021
Lane	Jerry	Ross	07/01/2016
Langdon	Michael		07/01/2018
Lee	Edward	Dale	12/01/2022
Lewis	Bill	A	07/01/2019
Lunde	Walt		07/01/2016
Lunsford	Kenneth	Wayne	07/01/2015
Lyons	Debra “Debbie”	A.	07/01/2025
Marcum	Linda		07/01/2013
May	Debra	R.	07/01/2019
Mayberry	Lynda		07/01/2019
McCracken	Joseph	B.	07/01/2017
McGarvey, Jr.	Donald	Paul	07/01/2019
Millard	Mona		07/01/2016
Miller	Michael	William	07/01/2024
Montoya	David	Keith	10/01/2018
Moore	Maxie		07/01/2020
Morton	Delores		09/01/2021
Morton	Kevin L.	L.	06/30/2021
Mott	Marvin	L.	12/31/2007
Nascimento	Carlos		12/01/2015
Noah, Jr.	Emeral	ODell	09/01/2021
Olsen	Beverly		07/01/2023
Orr Jr.	Freddie		08/01/2023
Palmer	Thomas	Earl	07/01/2022

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Effective Date
Partridge	Cathy		02/01/2020
Pearce	Louis	Albert	07/01/2013
Pitts	Maxyne	Diane	09/12/2022
Rathbun	Larry		07/11/2017
Reid	Sharon		04/01/2023
Reynolds	Eldon	W.	07/01/2017
Richardson	John		07/01/2016
Rodriguez	Patricia	Boone	08/02/2023
Shed	Sylvesta		07/01/2018
Sivils	Bob	R.	07/01/2009
Sorrells	Kermit	Leroy	06/01/2000
Stobaugh	Phillip		07/01/2024
Summers	Nancy	Tribble	06/01/2011
Trimble	Timothy	Lee	07/01/2022
Turk	Robert	Arthur	07/01/2010
Welch	Sharon		07/01/2011
Welch	Stanley		07/01/2011
Williams	Eston		01/01/2019
Williams	Louella		07/01/2023
Wimberly	Linda	Kay	07/01/2023
Yunker	David	A.	07/01/2014

50. What is the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference: (Available after AC26)

    a. By appointment category and conference relationship

NOTES:

- Where applicable, the question numbers on this report form corresponding to each category have been placed in parenthesis following the category title.
- For the three categories of Appointments to Extension Ministries, report as follows:
    - ¶344.1 a, c: the number of clergy members appointed within United Methodist connectional structures, including district superintendents, or to an ecumenical agency.
    - ¶344.1 b: the number of clergy members appointed to extension ministries, under endorsement by the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
    - ¶344.1 d: the number of clergy members appointed to other valid ministries, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.
- Report those in extension ministry in one category only.
- See the *Discipline* paragraphs indicated for more detailed description of these appointment categories.
- Those approved to serve as a local pastor, but not currently under appointment, are not counted as clergy members of the conference.

Categories	Deacons in Full Connection	Elders in Full Connection	Provisional Deacons	Provisional Elders	Associate Members & Affiliate Members With Vote	Full-time Local Pastors	Part-time Local Pastors
Pastors and deacons whose primary appointment is to a Local Church (¶¶331.1a, 339) (q74) (q75)	29	223	7	14	6	30	54
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶317,331.1b; 344.1a, c) (q78a)	13	27	1	2			1
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶317, 331.1b; 344.1b) (q78b)	4	10	1			1	
Appointments to Extension Ministries (¶317.1; 331.1b; 344.1d) (q78c)	10	21	3			3	
Appointments to Attend School (¶331.1d) (q79)				1			
Appointed to Other Annual Conferences (q43)	1	9		1		1	
On Leave of Absence (q44a1, 2) (q44c1,2) Personal	5	12					
On Leave of Absence (q44a1, 2) (q44c1,2) Family		3					
On Sabbatical Leave (q45)							
On Medical Leave (q46)		6			1	1	
On Transitional Leave (q44b)	2						
Retired (q47,48,49,53,56,70)	58	492			19		79
Total Number, Clergy Members	122	803	12	18	26	36	134
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members	**1,151**						

b. By gender and racial/ethnic identification? (NOTE: See the instruction for item 57 for guidelines to assist in the racial/ethnic identification count.)

Clergy Demographics									
		Categories							
		Asian	Black	Hispanic	Native American	Pacific Islander	White	Multi-Racial	Total Number Clergy Members
Deacons in Full Connection	Male	1	1	1			29	1	**33**
	Female	1	6	1			81		**89**
	Nonbinary								
Elders in Full Connection	Male	14	38	14	1		467	1	**535**
	Female	6	29	3	1	2	226	1	**268**
	Nonbinary								
Provisional Deacons	Male			1			2	1	**4**
	Female		1				7		**8**
	Nonbinary								
Provisional Elders	Male	1		1			5		**7**
	Female		2	2			7		**11**
	Nonbinary								
Associate Members	Male						15		**15**
	Female		3	1			7		**11**
	Nonbinary								
Affiliate Members with Vote	Male								
	Female								
	Nonbinary								
Full time Local Pastors	Male		4	2			55		**61**
	Female	1	5	2			45		**53**
	Nonbinary			1					**1**
Part–time Local Pastors	Male		8	6	1		16		**31**
	Female		6	4			14		**24**
	Nonbinary								
							Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members*		**1,151**

PART IV: HONORABLE LOCATION

51. List individuals granted honorable location (¶359.1):

a. This year (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Charge Conference Membership	Date Effective
NONE					

b. Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year Originally Granted	Status	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
Acton	Mariana		2010	FD	FUMC Allen	
Ahn	Kyu	Chin	2011	FE	Korean Methodist Church in Korea	
Andrews	Sharon	Williams	1998	FE		
Bell	Sharon	Pauline	2012	FE	Wesley Memorial UMC, Cleburne	2014
Benedicto	Theresa "Teri"	H.	2006	AM	FUMC Bedford/Stonebridge UMC McKinney	2014
Black	John	David	1976	FE	First Dallas	
Bright	Diane	S.	2014	FD	St. Andrews UMC	Has not reported
Chambers	Paula	Ludwig	2019	FD		
Cryan	Charles	Thomas	1980	FE		
Faram	Joseph	Dee	1988	FE	Ridgewood Park UMC	
Flynn	Michael	James	1977	FE		
Galaviz	Sarah	Leach	2013	FD	FUMC Arlington	Has not reported
Holcomb-McLain	Pamela	B.	2005	FE	Christ Farmer's Branch	
Johnson	John	A.	2012	FE	Aldersgate UMC	
Long	Mark	Anthony	2012	FE	FUMC McKinney	
Mahon	Philip	M.	1987	FE	Suncreek UMC	
Martin	James	Doyle	1944	FE	St. James Abilene	
Meyer	Wendy	Curran	2018	FE	Trietsch Memorial	
Moore	Monty	Lyn	2019	FE	Grace Avenue	
Ownbey	Fletcher	J.	1984	FE		
Pan	Pa	Nous	1997	FE	Highland Park UMC	
Parsons	Terry	Thomas	1985	FE	FUMC Richardson	
Rindfuss	Richard		2021	FE	FUMC Richardson	
Roberts	Dan	Wade	2010	FE	Unknown	2010
Seawell	Philip	L.	2013	FD	FUMC Round Rock	Has not reported

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year Originally Granted	Status	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
Smith	Don	C.	2013	FE	Wildwood UMC	Has not reported
Spalding	Michael	E.	1977	FE	Meadowbrook UMC	2012

52. Individuals on honorable location who are appointed ad interim as local pastors (¶359.2):

NOTE: Indicate date and appointment.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Appointment	Year Originally Granted Location
NONE				

53. Individuals granted the status of honorable location–retired (¶359.3):

a. This year (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
NONE					

b. Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
Andersen, Jr.	Carl	Madsinius	FE	6/5/1975	Lubbock, FUMC
Augustine	Louis		FE	6/1/2010	Wesley UMC, Waco
Boeglin	Suzanne		FE	2/9/2010	Arborlawn UMC
Brown	Joseph	Wesley	FE	6/1/2003	
Burris	Sarah	Collins	FE	6/1/2003	FUMC Belton
Downing	Thomas	Whipple	FE	6/1/1985	
Flick	Thomas	L.	FE	6/15/2004	FUMC Franklin, NC
Grigsby	John	R.	FE	6/1/2008	FUMC Fort Worth
Hicks	John	H.	FE	6/15/2001	FUMC Mount Vernon
Jordan	Cheryl	A.	FE	6/15/1998	Northaven UMC
Kelley	Donald	C.	FE	1/1/1979	Wellspring UMC, Georgetown
Kincaid	Gary	Wayne	FE	6/1/1989	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
Kirk	Kenneth	James	FE	6/1/1998	
Love	Stephen	Leroy	FE	6/1/1997	
Moxley, Jr.	Russell	Smith	FE	6/1/1981	West Jefferson UMC, NC
Nevil	William	Randall	FE	6/1/1987	
Peterson-Stellar	Katie		FE	6/1/2012	FUMC Arlington
Schade	Jay		FE	6/1/2001	Journey of Faith, Round Rock
Van Rite	James	W.	FE	6/1/1989	Ash Lane UMC
Venable	Stephen	Fletcher	FE	6/1/2006	
Watkins	Linda	M.	FE	7/1/1994	
Wheeler	Lanny	Joe	FE	4/1/1995	Lubbock, St. John's UMC

54. Individuals granted honorable location whose orders have been terminated (¶359.2) (v):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Status
NONE				

55. Individuals whose status is honorable location and who have passed away during the year:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Status
Black	Clifford	M.	03/06/1942	02/27/2025	HL/FE
Hudson	Phillip "Phil"	Gene	01/26/1945	6/29/2025	HR/PL Retired
Underwood	Ronald	Lee	08/24/1948	02/18/2025	HL/FE
Withrow	Norma	Meyer	07/24/1935	05/17/2024	HR/FE
Woods	Roger	L.	08/14/1928	10/20/2025	HR/FE

PART V: ADMINISTRATIVE LOCATION

56. Individuals placed on administrative location (¶360.2):

a. This year (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership
NONE				

b. Ad Interim Administrative Location (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Charge Conference Membership
NONE				

c. Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Year Originally Placed	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
Johnson	Rezolia	Lashawn	06/14/2021	Unknown	Has not reported
Turner	Gale (Nealy)	M.	02/01/2017	FUMC Cleburne	2023

57. Individuals granted the status of administrative location-retired (¶360.4):

a. This year (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Year Administrative Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
NONE					

b. Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Year Administrative Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
NONE					

58. Individuals granted administrative location whose orders have been terminated (¶360.3) (v):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective	Prior Status
NONE				

59. Individuals granted administrative location who have passed away this year:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Status
NONE					

PART VI: CERTIFICATION IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

NOTES:

- Indicate the credentials of persons in Part VI: FD, FE, PD, PE, AM, FL, PL, and LM.
- List all categories alphabetically by last name.

60. Candidates in process for certification in specialized ministry:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Andrews	Theodora		Lay	Older Adult
Atkins	Stacey		Lay	Spiritual Formation
Balbaugh	Robby		Lay	Youth Ministry
Beggs	Mark	D.	Lay	Church Music
Bell	Matthew		Lay	Youth
Boyle	Chris		Lay	Youth
Britt	Blake		Lay	Youth Ministry
Brown	Diane	P.	Lay	Church Music
Brown	Jennifer		Lay	Children
Burden	Susan	G.	Lay	Children
Castillo	Sharma		Lay	Youth Ministry
Condrey	Claire		Lay	Youth Ministry
Daniel	Amanda		Lay	Youth Ministry
Donato	Dylan		Lay	Youth
Franklin	Michael		Lay	Youth Ministry
Garen	Jennifer		Lay	Spiritual Formation
Givens	Elizabeth		Lay	Children's Ministry
Hodges	Christopher		Lay	Youth
Ketner	Marcia		Lay	Youth
Lawther	Alyssa		PE	Children's Ministry
Lubbers	Adam		PD	Youth
McConnell	Susan		Lay	Youth Ministry
Miler	Timothy		Lay	Youth Ministry
Nelson	Charlene		Lay	Children
Pimentel	Pres	Ida	Lay	Christian Education
Richards Bim	Mara		Lay	Spiritual Formation
Rowan	Sheila		Lay	Older Adult
Smith	D'Andre		Lay	Youth
Trank	Molly		Lay	Christian Education
Welch	Brittani		Lay	Youth

61. Individuals certified in specialized ministry, including the area(s) of specialized ministry.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Albert	Dorian		Lay	Youth
Alexander	Bradley		Lay	Youth Ministry
Ash	Virginia	Kay	FD	Children/Christian Education
Bauman	Ellen		Lay	Christian Education
Biggerstaff	Jo		RD	Christian Education
Birkholz	Kay		Lay	Christian Education
Bolding	Margaret		Lay	Music Ministry
Bouton	Christine		Lay	Church Music
Chapman	Debbie		RD	Church Music
Chraska	Karen		FD	Church Music
Farrar	Carol	R.	Lay	Music Ministry
Frantz	Tonya		Lay	Christian Education
Froman	Nancy		RD	Christian Education
Glass	Evelyn		Lay	Christian Education
Harrison	Georgia		FD	Youth
Jackson	Erin		FD	Youth Ministry
La Barr	Joan	Gray	RE	Christian Communication
Welch	Audrua		FL	Youth Ministry
Marshall	Karan		RD	Christian Education
Marshall	Mary Ann		Lay	Music
McGill	Terre		PL	Christian Education
Miller	William	H.	Lay	Music Ministry
Morrison	Tim		FD	Church Music
Partin	Mary	Nell	Lay	Christian Education
Vaughn	Robert	Douglas	FD	Youth Ministry
Williams	Kelly		Lay	Christian Education
Wooden Painchaud	Laura	Celeste	Lay	Children Min & Edu

62. Individuals who have transferred into your annual conference and are certified in a specialized ministry:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Sending Conference
NONE					

63. Individuals who transferred out as a certified person in specialized ministry

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry	Receiving Conference
NONE					

64. Individuals who have been removed as a certified person in specialized ministry

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
NONE				

PART VII: ASSIGNED LAITY

65. Individuals who are laity serving within your Annual Conference.

a. Certified Lay Ministers (¶ 268, 666.11), grouped by district:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Date of Certification	End Date of Certification	Last Recertification
Massey	Lori		East	2010		2024
Strickland	Abigail		East	2023		2024
Harry, Sr.	Dwight	V.	Metro East	2016		2021
Pierce	Dorothy		Metro East	2014		2021
Aldag	Virgil		Metro North	2010		07/01/2026
Buckrucker, Sr.	Kevin		Metro North	2007		07/01/2026
Peterson	Lisa		Northwest			

b. DS Assigned Lay Supply (SY - SUPPLIED/HIRED/ASSIGNED), grouped by district:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	District	Date Assigned	Fraction of Time to be Served	End Date
Garner	John	Mike	East	10/01/2025	1/4	
Ingram	Tamara		East	09/01/2025	1/4	
Shindler	Shane	Lee	East	07/1/2025	1/4	9/30/2025
St. Clair	Melvin	Howard	East	02/01/2025	1/4	04/10/2026
Marcelino	Laureen	Kuizon	Metro West	07/01/2026	Full Time	
Salas	Lisa Marie	Olivia	Metro West	07/01/2024	1/4	9/1/25 PL
Cain	Landon	Calloway	Mid-North	07/01/2026	1/4	
Gulley	Barney		Mid-North	07/01/2025	1/4	
Morgan	Raymond	Edward	Mid-North	07/01/2026	1/2	
Fletcher	Christopher		Northwest	02/05/2023	1/4	
Russell	Patrick		South	07/01/2022	1/4	Attended OTMS 08/06/2022
Gilkey	Gerald	W.	West	07/01/2026	3/4	

PART VIII: DIACONAL MINISTERS

Paragraph numbers in questions 66-72 refer to the 1992 *The Book of Discipline*.

66. Individuals transferred in as diaconal ministers (¶312)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Previous Annual Conference	Date
None				

67. Individuals who transferred out as diaconal ministers (¶312)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Receiving Annual Conference	Date
NONE				

68. Individuals whose conference relationship as diaconal ministers was terminated by Annual Conference action (¶313.3) (Under ¶313.3a, no vote; under ¶313.3b, v 2/3)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective
NONE			

69. Diaconal ministers granted leaves of absence under ¶313.1a, c, d) (disability, maternity/paternity, study/sabbatical, or personal leave) (v)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Type of Leave	Date Originally Granted
Gilliland	Dawn		Personal	06/01/2011

70. Diaconal ministers granted extended leave (¶313.1e)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Originally Granted
NONE			

71. Diaconal ministers who have returned to active status from extended leave (¶313.1e) (v):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Originally Granted
NONE			

72. Diaconal ministers who have retired (¶313.2) (Under ¶313.2b, 2/3v):

a. This year

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective
NONE			

b. Previously

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective
Ashley	Grace	E.	12/31/2005
Baker	Philip	Eldrige	06/30/1994

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date Effective
Belshe	Carolyn	S.	07/01/2011
Elms	Linda		07/01/2016
Hardaway	Royce		06/30/1994
Love	Ann		06/15/2002
Manning	Doris	V.	06/01/2004
Palmquist	Richard		06/01/1996
Peyron	Opal		07/01/1991
Pittman	Frances “Francie”	Ann	08/01/2009
Wiksten	Jan		07/01/1995
Willis	Joyce	Melinda	07/01/2018

73. Diaconal ministers who have passed away during the year:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Status
NONE					

PART IX: APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

74. List individuals approved for less than full-time service

NOTE: List all categories alphabetically by last name.

a. Associate members and elders (full and provisional) who are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, including the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and fraction of service (in one-quarter, one-half, or three-quarter increments) (¶338.2, 342.2) (2/3v, after 8 years 3/4v):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	Appointment	Total number of years	Start date of First year Appointed	Fraction of Full-Time Service	Requested Leave by (pastor, Bishop, DS)
Corazao	Marc		FE	Roxton & Forest Hill Honey Grove	3	6/1/2025	3/4	
Fleming	John	Stephen	FE	346.1 Oregon-Idaho	3	7/1/2024	1/2	
Keck	William	Ross	PE	346.1 New York	1	7/1/2026	1/2	
Kwon	Sung Chol		FE	Immanuel Korean Mission Congregation	12	12/08/2015	3/4	
Wear	Jana	Dephaun	FE	Dido	11	1/1/2017	3/4	
Whitgrove	Terri	Hale	FE	Friberg-Cooper	4	7/1/2023	1/4	

75. Clergy who have been appointed as interim pastors under the provisions of ¶338.3 since the last session of the annual conference, and for what period:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Appointment	Start Date	End Date
Robinson	Don	DuBois	Quinlan UMC	02/01/2025	

76. Attach your appointment booklet, which should include elders, deacons (full connection and provisional), associate members, local pastors, and lay supply who are appointed to ministry to the local church and where they are appointed for the ensuing year. **See appointment list**

77. Attach an alphabetical listing of interim appointments. This includes all church and extension ministry appointments.

Last Name	First	Middle	Date	District	Leaving	Receiving
Afon	Eno	Edet Adetoye	5/15/2026	Metro West	Everman/Forest Hill	Forest Hill Assoc. 1/2
Armendariz	Amber	Lee	8/1/2025	Mid-North	New Mexico	First Alvord, Senior 1/4 ¶318.4
Armendariz	Amber	Lee	7/1/2026	Mid North	First Alvord Senior ¼ 318.4	Back to home conference New Mexico, no record of appt
Austin	Dara	E.	1/1/2026	Metro East	Lovers Lane Assoc	Back to Retired
Balch	Alexande r	Lewis	9/1/2025	Mid – South	Not appointed	Clifton, Associate PL 1/2
Bamihe	Juana	Rocio	1/1/2026	Metro East	Not appointed	Lovers Lane Assoc FT (FL)
Barrett, Sr.	Daniel	Ray	2/1/2026	East	First Quinlan ROE 346.1	Not appointed in HTC
Barrow	Mary	Ellen	8/1/2025	Metro West	Texas Health Resources (THR), Pastoral Mgr. FT	Genesis UMC Assoc ¼ & Next Chapter Wellness, Counselor 3/4
Barrow	Mary	Ellen	1/1/2026	Metro West	Genesis UMC Assoc 1/4 & Next Chapter Wellness 3/4	Genesis UMC Senior 1/2 & Next Chapter Wellness 1/2
Bassford	Virginia	O.	11/1/2025	Metro West	Retired Elder	¶346.1 Rio Texas 1/4
Bates Jr.	Fred		3/1/2026	Metro West	Grace Metroplex	Withdrawal from Ordained Ministry
Baughman	Michael		1/5/2026	Metro East	VP Social Impact Retail, Bonton Farms Dallas	Exec Dir, Development Operations GCAH
Benson	Ernest	Alan	1/1/2026	South	St. Paul Georgetown, Senior ¼ (RE)	St. James, Temple, Senior ½ (RE)
Bontrager	Scot		12/1/2025	Metro East	FUMC Garland, Senior	Personal leave 354.2a
Boren	Kathryn	Diane	4/1/2026	Northwest	Retired Elder	Chaplain Covenant Hospital, Lubbock

Last Name	First	Middle	Date	District	Leaving	Receiving
Brennan	William	M.	3/19/2026	Metro West	St. Matthew, Fort Worth Senior (RE)	Back to retired not appointed
Carr II	Louis		8/1/2025	Metro West	Harvest UMC/Campus Drive, Full Time	Campus Drive UMC
Castle	Colton		10/1/2025	Metro East	None	Lake Highlands, Assoc ¼ (PL)
Chapman-Trick	Katy		1/1/2026	Metro West	St. Barnabas UMC (PT Local pastor)	LP – Not Appointed
Chickering	Jennifer	D.	4/1/2026	Metro North	Transitional Leave	Personal Leave – Deacon
Clark	Alan	Wayne	2/1/2026	Metro West	First Burleson, Assoc	Retired Deacon, not appointed
Clifford	Patrick	Andrew	7/1/2026	Metro North	Firest McKinney 1/2 Assoc (PL)	Discontinued Local Pastor, not appointed
Coleman	Larry		8/1/2025	Mid-North	First Saint Jo/Montague RL 1/2	Back to Retired Local Pastor – Not appointed
Colgrove	Jerry		12/1/2025	East	Woodland ¼ (RL)	Discontinued Retired Local Pastor
Conatser	Dan		8/1/2025	Mid-North	Retired – unappointed	First Saint Jo/Montague, ½ Senior (RL)
Cook	Steven	Cook	12/1/2025	East	Retired OF – No appointment	Wilson Chapel Senior 1/4
Craft	Macy	Karina	9/1/2025	Metro West	None	City Point, North Richland Hills Assoc ¾ (PL)
Craft	Macy		11/1/2025	Metro West	City Point North Richland Hills, Assoc ¾ (PL)	City Point North Richland Hills Assoc FT, FL
Cramer	Jordan	Lucas	1/1/2026	Mid-South	Cogdell Memorial “Our New Church”	Hillside UMC
Curry	Jerome	Lashon	1/1/2026	South	St. Paul, Georgetown, Assoc 1/4	St. Paul Georgetown, Senior ¼ (PL)
David Hensley	Rebecca		6/1/2026	Metro East	Transitional Leave	Prog. Mgr., Illif School of Theology 1/2
Delaney-Greenwall	Elizabeth		1/1/2026	Metro North	HTC-Crisis Response & Care Ministry, ¼ (PL)	HTC-Crisis Response & Care Ministry ½ (PL)
Doke	Sarah		3/1/2026	East	Tinney Chapel Certified Lay Minister	Discontinued Certified Lay Minister
Finley	David	Taylor	10/01/2025	Metro North	Transitional Leave	Christ Plano Assoc 1/2
Fisher	Jeffrey	Miles	1/1/2026	Northwest	Grace, Lubbock Senior (PE)	Personal Leave
Fisher	Jeffrey	Miles	4/1/2026	Northwest	Personal leave- UM Discipline	HTC Transitions – Active Service
Fisher	Jeffrey	Miles	6/1/2026	Northwest	HTC Transitions-Active Service	Discontinued ¶327.6

Last Name	First	Middle	Date	District	Leaving	Receiving
Freeto	Carl	N.	10/1/2025	Mid-South	Sparks Memorial, Senior ¼ (RE)	Back to retired not appointed
Garner	John	Michael	10/1/2025	East	None	Poetry, Senior ¼ (SY)
Grafenreed	Mark	Casselle	7/1/2026	Metro East	St. Luke "Community" 3/4 Assoc 346.1 (OE)	Back to Texas Conference, no record of appointment
Greene	Michael		5/1/2026	Metro East	Personal Leave	Retired Deacon, not appointed
Gross	Susan	Jean	12/1/2025	East	Wilson Chapel/First Rosser ¼ (RL)	First Rosser ¼ (RL)
Gross	Susan	Jean	1/1/2026	East	First Rosser ¼ (RL)	Retired LP-back to retired
Hackler	Jerod	Scott	8/1/2025	Metro West	New Riverside UMC, PL 1/2	Local Pastor – Approved, but not appointed
Hamann	Samuel "Sam"		6/1/2026	Metro West	Center for Nonprofit Management ¶344.1d	Hamann Law Office, PLLC ¶344.1d
Harding	Julie	Renea	8/1/2025	Metro East	FUMC Grand Prairie, Assoc ½	Northaven UMC, Assoc 3/4
Henderson	Ronald	D.	9/15/2025	Metro East	Retired Elder	First Garland Interim (9/15 to 11/30/25) 1/2
Henderson	Ronald	D.	12/01/2025	Metro East	Intentional Interim First Garland	First Garland, Senior FT (RE)
Henry	Pauline		10/1/2025	Metro North	None	Chaplain, Methodist Health System, Celina FT (FL)
Hoke	Daniel	L.	1/1/2026	East	Old Saltillo ¼ Senior (RE)	Back to retired, not appointed
Hopkins	Felicia	Pringle	01/01/2026	Northwest	Open Door, Clyde Assoc.	Back to RE, not appointed
Hutchinson	William	Mark	09/01/2025	East	North Lamar Parish; Belk, First Powderly, Martin Memorial, FT (FL)	North Lamar Parish; Belk, First Powderly FT (FL)
Ingram	Tamara	Dawn	09/01/2025	East	None	Martin Memorial UMC, Senior ¼ (SY)
Jeon	Dae Woo		10/1/2025	South	Woori UMC, Senior FT (FE)	Surrendered Credentials ¶361.3
Johnson	David	Kenneth	05/01/2026	Metro West	First Round Rock, Assoc	Arborlawn UMC, Assoc FT
Johnson	Mitchell		5/1/2026	Metro West	Grace Metroplex, Assoc ¼ (PL)	Discontinued LP ¶320.1
Jones	Bettye		04/01/2026	Mid-North	Petrolia UMC, Senior 1/2	FUMC Henrietta-Assoc. Pastor 1/4

Last Name	First	Middle	Date	District	Leaving	Receiving
Jones	Shonda	R.	08/01/2025	Metro East	Wake Forest University, NC ¶344.1a(3)	Brite Divinity TCU, Exec. VP/Academic Dean FT
Lake	Sheri	Suzanne	12/15/2025	Metro Easst	Medical City Arlington, Chaplain ¶331.1a FT	Cook Children's, Ft. Worth, Mgr of Spiritual Care FT
Lancaster	Kay	L.	08/01/2025	Metro West	First Arlington Assoc ¾ (RD)	Retired, not appointed
Langford	Alvan "Steve"		11/01/2025	Mid-South	Retired Elder	Sparks Memorial (Supply TBD)
Langford	Alvan "Steve"		1/1/2026	Mid-South	Sparks Memorial (Supply TBD)	Back to retired, not appointed
Leach	David	Douglas	7/1/2025	South	346.1 Rio TX – Kempner (RE)	Back to retired, not appointed
Lee	Donald		1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026	Metro North	Retired Elder, not appointed	Blue Mound ½ Intentional Interim (RE)
Lee	Seong	Keun	1/1/2026	South	Great Plains	Woori UMC, Senior 346.1 FT
Lim	Chansoon		01/01/2026	Metro West	Covenant UMC, Senior Pastor	Covenant UMC, Assoc.
Macias	Samuel		01/01/2026	Metro West	Arborlawn/River Oaks (OM)	River Oaks, Senior (OM)
Marks	Timothy	E.	01/01/2026	Metro East	First Desoto, Senior	Retired Elder, not appointed.
Martin	Albert	Lynn	1/1/2026	Northwest	HTC-Center for Multiplication, Experimentation Catalyst FT	Grace, Lubbock Senior FT
Martin	Kenneth	Dwayne	05/15/2026	Metro West	Everman UMC/Forest Hill UMC ½ (PL)	Forest Hill UMC Senior ¼ (PL)
Matinez	David		1/1/2026	Metro West	GBHEM, Exec. Dir. Contextual Leadership Dev. 344.1a(2)	GBHEM, Sr. Mgr. For Ministry
Mason	Debra	Hobbs	3/1/2026	Metro East	HTC, Assoc. Dir. Strategic Initiatives	Retired Elder, not appointed.
McKenzie	Alyce	M.	6/1/2026	Metro North	SMU Perkins, Professor 344.1a(3)	Retired Elder, not appointed
Mesa	Christopher	J.	01/01/2026	Metro West	Arborlawn/River Oaks Senior	Arborlawn Senior
Miller	James	Michael	01/01/2026	Mid-North	Sadler UMC 1/4 TBS Supply (RE)	Retired Elder No appt.
Minor	James		01/01/2026	Metro East	Retired Elder	FUMC DeSoto, Interim Senior Pastor 1/2
Morgan	Raymond	Edward	01/01/2026	Mid-North	None	Sadler UMC, ¼ (SY)
Newhouse	Ronald	W.	1/1/2026	West	Long Walk Home 344.1d	Retired Elder, not appointed
Noah, Jr.	Emeral "Buster"	O'Dell	1/1/2026	Metro North	Blue Mound, Senior ½ (RLP)	Back to retired, not appointed

Last Name	First	Middle	Date	District	Leaving	Receiving
Nunley III	Andrew		02/01/2026	Metro East	FUMC Cedar Hill, Senior Pastor	FUMC Cedar Hill, Co-Senior
Nunley III	Andrew		03/01/2026	Metro East	FUMC Cedar Hill, Co-Senior Pastor	Medical Leave
Nunley III	Andrew		6/1/2026	Metro East	Medical Leave	Withdrawn 361.2
Orr	Staci		01/01/2026	Metro North	Methodist Medical Cntr Richardson, Chaplain FT 344.1d	Methodist Medical Cntr Dallas, Chaplain FT 344.1b
Pellikan	Lydia		10/14/2025	Metro North	Hospice of Wichita Falls, Chaplain 331.1a	Transitional Leave
Pellikan	Lydia		5/1/2026	Metro North	Transitional Leave	Lifted Hospice, Chaplain ½ 344.1d
Pleasant	Margaret	Lorine	12/01/2025	South	St. James UMC, Temple (FL)	Retired Local Pastor, not appointed
Qazlibash	JamesPaul		8/13/2026	Metro East	Children's Medical Cntr Chaplain	Transitional Leave
Rahm	Frank		2/1/2026	Metro East	First Lancaster ¾ & Alliance of Faith, Ennis ½	First Cedar Hill, Co-Senior Pastor
Rahm	Frank		03/01/2026	Metro East	First Cedar Hill **Co-Senior** Pastor	First Cedar Hil **Senior** Pastor
Rasmussen	Paul	L.	02/01/2026	Metro East	Highland Park UMC, Senior Pastor	Highland Park UMC, Assoc Pastor
Reed	Ray	Dean	8/15/2025	Mid-Central	Tolar 1/4	Back to retired, not appointed
Robbins	Christie		01/01/2026	Metro West	Arborlawn/River Oaks, Assoc. Pastor	Arborlawn UMC, Assoc. Pastor
Robbins	Christie		5/1/2026	Metro West	Arborlawn UMC, Assoc	Arborlawn UMC, Senior
Roberts	Carol	M.	05/01/2026	West	Lake Brownwood UMC	Retried Elder, not appointed
Robinson	Don	DuBois	02/1/2026	East	None	FUMC Quinlan ¼ (OM)
Rodriguez	Aurora		09/01/2025	Metro West	New Riverside Co-Pastor 1/2 (PL)	New Riverside 3/4 Senior Pastor (PL)
Rothe	Laura		11/01/2025	Mid-North	FUMC Jacksboro, Assoc Pastor ½ (RD)	Back to retired, not appointed
Saenz III	Ruben		01/01/2026	Metro West	Genesis UMC, FT Senior (FL)	Covenant UMC Senior FT (FL)
Salas	Lisa Marie	Oliva	09/01/2025	Metro West	Christ UMC Fort Worth, ¼ Senior (SY)	Christ UMC Fort Worth, ¼ Senior (PL)
Schindler	Shane	Lee	10/1/2025	East	Poetry ¼ Senior (SY)	No record of appointment
Shulman	Allison	Anne	11/01/2025	Metro East	HP/The Grove ¾ Assoc (FD)	Lovers Lane, ½ Assoc (FD)

Last Name	First	Middle	Date	District	Leaving	Receiving
Smith	Haley	Deanna	08/01/2025	Northwest	Open Door Clyde ¼ Assoc & Wesley Community Group, Dir. ¾ (PD)	Rural Care Ministries ½, Pastor & Wesley Community Group ½, Dir. (PD)
Spidell	Jennifer	Johnson	1/1/2026	Metro West	Arborlawn/River Oaks Associate (PD)	Arborlawn Associate (PD)
St. Clair	Melvin	Howard	6/1/2026	East	Mulberry ¼ Senior (SY)	No record of appointment
Stephens	Gary	Boyd	10/01/2025	Metro North	Methodist Richardson ½ Chaplain 344.1d	Methodist Richardson FT Chaplain 344.1d
Swinners	Betty		12/30/2025	East	Aley UMC (closed) 1/4 Pastor in charge (Lay Minister)	TBS – No appointment
Tang	Anthony	James	7/1/2026	Metro East	First Dallas Assoc 346.1 (OE)	Return to Desert SW Conference, no record of appointment
Taylor	Anthony	Lee	1/1/2026	South	Woori ¼ Assoc (PL)	Discontinued Local Pastor 320.1
Taylor	Paula	Jean	1/1/2026	South	Woori ¼ Assoc (PL)	Discontinued Local Pastor 320.1
Thomas	Edward	Madoc	08/14/2025	Northwest	Retired Elder, not appointed	Withdrawn under complaint 361.3
Tuggle	Matthew	A.	02/01/2026	Metro East	Highland Park UMC, **Assoc**	Highland Park UMC, **Senior**
Valendy	Estee		3/1/2025	Metro West	Personal Leave	Realize Grace 344.1d
White	Boston		10/1/2025	Metro North	Aldersgate, Carrolton ¾ Assoc (PL)	Aldersgate, Carrolton ¾ Assoc & UM Army, Ntl Prog Dir ¼ 344.1a (FL)
Zolczer	Pam	H.	1/1/2026	Metro North	Verona ¼ Senior (PL)	Verona ¼ Senior (RL) 320.5c

78. Alphabetically list clergy members appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year:

a. Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (¶344.1a, c) **See appointment list**

b. To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (344.1b) **See appointment list**

c. To other valid ministries under the provisions of ¶344.1d (v 2/3) **See appointment list**

79. Individuals who are appointed to attend school (¶416.6):

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Clergy Status	School
Cho	Jae Jun "Daniel"		PE	Vanderbilt

80. Attach a list of diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (¶310, 1992 Discipline). **See appointment list**.

81. List any other personnel notations that should be made:

NOTE: Include such matters as changes in pension credit (¶638.9), legal name changes, and corrections or additions to matters reported in the Business of the Annual Conferences form in previous years.

- **Adams, Frankie Jeanne DR** – HTC 2025 BAC and CTC 2019-2024 BAC Reported as retired relationship to the AC as diaconal minister. Deceased 1/13/2019 DOB 2/10/1931.
- **Black, Clifford M. HL/FE** - HTC 2025 Honorable Location NTC 1990, deceased 02/27/2025 DOB 03/06/1942
- **Boren, Donald Carl, FE** – HTC 2025 (#74) correction to interim changes effective 05/01/2025 Northwest District - from N TX Consultant 344.1d to Withdrawn 361.1 denomination joined unknown.
- **Brandt, Judith, FE** – NWTX 2024 BAC Correction question 71b effective 7/1/2024 Chaplain, Covenant Hospital 3/4 ¶344.1b and Forrest heights Lubbock 1/4. Charge Conference Membership; Forrest Heights Lubbock.
- **Corazao, Marc FE** - HTC 2025 appointment list, correct appointment Roxton 1/2 and Forest Hill Honey Grove < ¼
- **Han, Jangtak FE** – 02/02/2026 Name change from Jang Tak Han to Jangtak Han
- **Jackson, Johnny Bell, ROL** – omitted from HTC 2025 and NTC 2023-2024 BAC question 20 a "other Annual Conferences or Methodist denominations are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational" retired local paster member of Oklahoma Indian Mission
- **Leddy, Susan Butler, PL** -NTC 2024 BAC and HTC 2025 BAC question 17, incorrectly reported a as Full Time Local Pastor, should be Part Time Local Pastor 1/2 time; concurrent appointments to McKenzie Memorial & Shady Grove & Bogata.
- **Nevil, William Randall – HR/FE** - HTC 2025 - Honorable Location Retired HTC 2025 BAC correction Deceased 09/18/2024 DOB 05/01/1936
- **Rivera, Brenda Suzy FE** – HTC 2025 Rivera, Brenda Suzy FE - incorrectly reported HTC 2025 Appointment Pages as 346.1 Connecticut, CORRECT APPOINTMENT "Appointed to Other Valid Ministries" 344.1d Chief Adm. Officer, Friendship Service Center, CT. CTC 2002-2024 BAC and Appointment Pages, question 53 "Appointment in other Annual Conference" CORRECT Appointment 11/1/2001 Appointed to Other Valid Ministries" 344.1d Coordinator, Friendship Service Center, CT
- **Snodgrass, Jr., Clarence, HR/FE** -Honorable Location Retired NTC 2013 - 2024 Deceased 08/23/2012 DOB 03/16/1925
- **Underwood, Ronald L., HL/FE** - Honorable Location NTC 1977, deceased 02/18/2025 DOB 08/24/1948
- **Wilson, Kellie Lynn, RL** – name change from Kellie Lynn Sanford to Kellie Lynn Wilson effective 10/1/2024
- **Zarate, Janice Chaarmi, DC** – 2025 HTC BAC, incorrectly reported as Diaconal Minister "transfer in". Should have been Deaconess transfer received 7/1/2025 from the Philippines.
- **Withrow, Norma Farris, HR/FE** - incorrectly reported in NTC 2024 and HTC 2025 as Honorable Location Retired, deceased 5/17/2024 DOB 7/24/1935

82. List where and when the next Conference Session shall be held (¶603.2, 3, 4):
    - **Denton Convention Center, June 10-13, 2027**

Appointments

AF Affiliate Clergy Member (¶344.4)
AL Administrative Location (¶359)
AM Associate Member (¶¶322, 369.1, 635.2h)
DC Deaconess (¶1913.5)
DM Diaconal Minister (2004 *Discipline;* ¶369.1)
DR Retired Diaconal Minister (consecrated 1992 or earlier) *(*¶357)
FD Deacon in Full Connection (¶330)
FE Elder in Full Connection (¶335)
FL Full-Time Local Pastor (¶318.1)
HL Honorable Location (¶359.1)
HM Home Missioner (¶1913.5)
HR Honorable Location Retired (¶359.3)
LM Certified Lay Minister (¶268)
OA Associate Member of other Annual Conference (¶346.1)
OD Deacon member of other Annual Conference (¶¶331,346.1)
OE Elder Member of other Annual Conference or other Methodist Denomination (¶346.1)
OF Full Member of Other Denomination (¶346.2)
OFD Full Connection Deacon of other Annual Conference
OFE Full Connection Elder of other Annual Conference
OL Local Pastors on Loan (¶318.4)
OM Other Methodist Denominations (¶346.1)
OP Provisional Member of other Annual Conference (¶346.1)
OPD Provisional Deacon of other Annual Conference
OPE Provisional Elder of other Annual Conference
OR Retired Member of other Annual Conference
ORD Retired Deacon of other Annual Conference
ORE Retired Elder of other Annual Conference
ORL Retired Local Pastor of other Annual Conference
PD Provisional Deacon (¶¶324, 325)
PE Provisional Elder (¶¶324, 325)
PL Part-Time Local Pastor (¶318.2)
RA Retired Associate Member (¶357)
RD Retired Deacon in Full Connection (¶357)
RE Retired Full Elder (¶357)
RL Retired Local Pastor (¶320.5, 327.7)
RP Retired Provisional Member (¶357) (prior to January 1, 2013)
SL Student Local Pastor (¶634)
SY Assigned Lay Supply (not a *Disciplinary* code, used by GCFA for assigned people.)

Years at appointment are shown as of 7/1 of the current year. This number may reflect changes in a charge alignment, status (e.g. active to retired), or percentage of appointment. This number is not related to nor affects years of service.

EAST DISTRICT

District Superintendent John McLarty 1*

Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
Birthright	Senior	Wright lll, Stephen Holt	PL	1/4		3
Blossom: First	Senior	Strickland, Abby	LM	1/4		4
Bogata: First	Senior	Leddy, Susan Butler	PL	<1/4		4
Bonham: First	Senior	Henson, Julie Richter	FE	Full		3
Caddo Mills	Senior	Presley, Nathan Charles	FL	3/4		4
Clarksville: McKenzie Memorial	Senior	Leddy, Susan Butler	PL	1/2		4
Clarksville: St. Paul Clarksville	Senior	Jackson, Johnny Bell	ROL	1/4	318.4	4
College Mound	Senior	Norton, Dana	FE	Full		4
Commerce: First	Senior	Murray, Cheryl	FE	Full		5
Crandall	Senior	LeBlanc, Darlene Cain	PL	1/4		1*
Deport: First	Senior	Strickland, Abby	LM	1/2		6
Detroit: Martin Memorial	Senior	Ingram, Tamara Dawn	SY	1/4		2*
Bagwell: Woodland	TBD	TBS, East District	TBS	TBD		2
Ector	Senior	Lowe, Deana Beth	PL	1/4		2
Eustace: Market Street	Senior	White, James Allen	OE	Full	346.1	1*
Greenville: Wesley	Senior	Bosworth, Brian	FE	Full		3
	Associate	Galloway, Ryan	PE	Full		2
Honey Grove: Forest Hill Honey Grove	Senior	Corazao, Marc	FE	<1/4	338.2	2
Honey Grove: Honey Grove McKenzie	Senior	Lucas, Keri Lynn	FE	Full		3
Kaufman: First	Senior	Bullock, Matthew Rhea	FL	Full		5
Ladonia/Pecan Gap	Senior	Lee, Edward Dale	RL	1/2		5
Lone Oak	Senior	Presley, Nathan Charles	FL	1/4		2
Mt. Vernon: First	Senior	Higginbotham, Phillip Alan	OL	Full	318.4	1*
Mulberry	Senior	Massey, Lori	LM	1/4		1*
North Lamar Parish: First Powderly/Belk	Senior	Hutchison, William Mark	FL	Full		23
Oak Grove: Wilson Chapel	Senior	Cook, Steven B.	OF	1/4		2*
Paris: Calvary	Senior	Strempke, Kevin	FE	Full		5
Paris: First Paris	Senior	Strempke, Kathryn Taylor	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Smith, Katrina Marie Culberson	FD	Full		5
Paris: Mt. Zion Paris	Senior	Smith, Carlene Taylor	PL	1/2		2
Pattonville: Shady Grove	Senior	Leddy, Susan Butler	PL	<1/4		9
Poetry	Senior	Garner, John Michael	SY	1/4		2*
Quinlan: First	Interim	Robinson, Don Du Bois	OM	1/4	346.1	2*
Oak Grove: First	TBD	TBS, East District	TBS	TBD		2
Roxton	Senior	Corazao, Marc	FE	1/2	338.2	2
Old Saltillo	TBD	TBS, East District	TBS	TBD		2
Sulphur Bluff/Tira	Senior	Wright lll, Stephen Holt	PL	1/4		4
Sulphur Springs: First	Senior	Rickwartz, Chris	FE	Full		2
	Associate	Larkin, David Howard	PL	1/4	318.2	3
Sulphur Springs: Wesley	Senior	Clark, Joseph Miller	PL	3/4		4
Terrell: First	Senior	Jones, Jerry L.	FE	Full		4
Terrell: Warren Chapel	Senior	Jackson, Johnny Bell	ROL	1/4	318.4	4
Trenton: First	Senior	Williams, Robert Alan	AM	Full		4
Virginia Point	Senior	Williams, Louella	RL	1/4		4

Windom	Senior	Evans, Michael Scott	PL	1/4	8
Winnsboro: First	Senior	Lyons, Debra A.	RL	Full	10
Winnsboro: Tinney Chapel	Senior	Moore, Michael Dennis	PL	1/2	9
Wolfe City: First	Senior	Lowe, Deana Beth	PL	1/4	2

APPOINTMENTS TO EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Burdett, Travis Netherton	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Director, Wesley at ETAMU	2
Lucas, Keri Lynn	FE	N/A	344.1d	Cultiv8 Foundation	3
Wood, Michelle	PD	Full	344.1a(1)	Director Paris Wesley Foundation	2

METRO EAST DISTRICT

District Superintendent Lucretia Facen 2

Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
Carrollton: Holy Covenant	Senior	Harris, Todd	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Eckeberger, Laulie Dee	PE	Full		2*
Cedar Hill: First	Senior	Rahm, Frank	FE	Full		2*
Dallas: Agape Memorial	Senior	Sanchez, Ernesto	OM	Full		1*
Dallas: Bishop Arts	Senior	McDonald, Sean Andrew	FE	Full		1*
Dallas: Camp Wisdom	Senior	Smith, Doris	PL	1/2		1*
Dallas: Casa Emanu-el	Senior	Escalera, Javier Q.	RE	1/2		2
Dallas: Christ's Foundry	Senior	Ortiz, Rosedanny	PE	Full		1*
	Associate	French, Natacha Lucia	PL	1/2		15
Dallas: Cochran Chapel	Senior	Hall, Jeffrey	FE	Full		11
Dallas: Cockrell Hill	Senior	Sanchez Sr., Jesse Richard	PL	1/2		4
Dallas: Community Dallas	TBD	TBS, Metro East District	TBS	TBD		1
Dallas: Elmwood-El Buen Samaritano	Senior	Valencia, Martha	FE	Full		10
Dallas: First	Senior	Boone, Mitchell	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Atwood, Roy	FE	Full		4
	Associate	Hagler, Anna Bundy	FD	Full		6
	Associate	Moseley, Elizabeth	FD	Full		5
Dallas: Glen Oaks	Senior	Crawford, Annelda	RE	1/2		8
Dallas: Grace	Senior	Graner, Jane	FE	Full		1*
Dallas: Greenland Hills	Senior	Moore, Geoffrey	FE	Full		3
Dallas: Hamilton Park	Senior	Phelps, Bryant X.	FE	Full		3
	LM	Harry, Dwight	LM	N/A		11
	Associate	Roberts, LaTasha Kayrette	PL	1/4		3
Dallas: Highland Hills	Senior	Wickware, Jackie	FE	Full		8
Dallas: Highland Park	Senior	Tuggle, Matthew A.	FE	Full		2*
	Associate	King, Cottrell	FE	Full		8
	Associate	Marcum, Walt W.	RE	Full		6
	Associate	May, Camille	FD	Full		9
	Associate	Peddecord, Chelsea P.	FD	Full		7
	Associate	Rainey, William Howard	OP	Full	346.1	2
	Associate	Rasmussen, Paul L.	FE	Full		2*
	Associate	Roby, Linda	RD	1/2		4
	Associate	Smith, James Abram	FE	Full		2
Dallas: HP/The Grove	Associate	Lohoefer, Stephen	FE	Full		11

Dallas: Kessler Park	Senior	Folkerth, Eric	FE	Full		8
	Associate	Ash, Kay	FD	Full		10
Dallas: Lake Highlands	Senior	Roberts, John Andrew	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Castle, Colton	PL	1/4		2*
Dallas: Lakewood	Senior	Kilpatrick, Jennifer	FE	Full		5
Dallas: Lovers Lane	Senior	Rester Jr, Thomas Edwin	OE	Full	346.1	3
	Associate	Bamihe, Juana Rocio	FL	Full		2*
	Associate	Eck, Kay DeBlance	FD	Full		17
	Associate	Jones, DeLana Lorene	FL	Full		3
	Associate	Mukarakate, Ngonidzaishe	FE	Full	347.1	2
	Associate	Mwanjala, Uwezo	FE	Full		3*
	Associate	Robinson, Charles Anthony	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Shulman, Allison Anne	FD	3/4	331.3	1*
	Associate	Whitehead, Donna E.	RE	3/4		12
Dallas: Munger Place	Senior	Cowley, Edlen O.	FE	Full		2
	Associate	Jackson, Erin Sloan	FD	Full		3
Dallas: Northaven	Senior	Frazier, Monica	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Harding, Julie Renea	PD	3/4	331.3	2
	Associate	House, Michael A.	RE	1/4		4
Dallas: Oak Lawn	Senior	Griffin-Allison, Rachel	FE	Full		10
	Associate	Marquez, Maria Isabel	FL	Full		4
	Associate	Wager, Ryan Stewart	FL	Full		1*
Dallas: Preston Hollow	Senior	Waitschies, Thomas W.	FE	Full		9
Dallas: Ridgewood Park	Senior	Nixon, Andrew	FE	Full		2
Dallas: St. Luke "Community"	Senior	Butler, Richie	FE	Full		7
	Associate	Larkin, Sharon LaJoyce	FL	Full		8
	Associate	Mayberry, Lynda	RL	3/4		8
Dallas: St. Paul	Senior	Robinson, Kantrice	FE	Full		2*
Dallas: Spring Valley	Senior	Drenner III, Frank Edward	FE	Full		4
	Associate	Clark Gibson, Brooke Adrianne	PD	Full		1*
Dallas: Umphress Road	Senior	Park, Kenneth Kyoungwon	FE	Full		7
Dallas: Union Mission Congregation	Senior	Newsome, Katie	FE	Full		6
Dallas: University Park	Senior	Stobaugh, Joseph Phillip	FE	Full		7
	Associate	Craft, Colin Michael	FE	Full		3*
	Associate	Williams, Emma	FD	Full		5
Dallas: Warren	Senior	Lane, Billy Burshun	PL	1/2		2
Dallas: Wheatland	Senior	Hilburn, Rosalyn	PL	1/2		6
Dallas: White Rock	Senior	Smith, Kerry	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Moore, Margo Lee	PL	1/4		2
	Associate	Palmer, Thomas Earl	RL	1/4		5
DeSoto: Life Center	Senior	Manning, Joshua	FE	Full		1*
	LM	Pierce, Dorothy	LM	N/A		10
DeSoto: First	Senior	Reeves, Daniel	FE	Full		1*
DeSoto: The Village	Senior	Somerville, Keith Lawrence	OE	Full	346.1	3
	Associate	McDaniel, Chrischeryl	PD	1/2		1*
Duncanville: First	Senior	Goforth, Abril	FE	Full		7
Duncanville: Trinity	Senior	Swinners, Betty	LM	1/2		1*
Farmers Branch: Chapel Hill	Senior	Allen, James David	FE	Full		8
Farmers Branch: Christ	Senior	Heard, Sandra Anne	FE	Full		2
Farmers Branch: Immanuel Korean Mission Congregation	Senior	Kwon, Sung Chol	FE	3/4	338.2	6
Garland: Axe Memorial	Senior	Butts, Walter	FE	Full		2

Garland: AM/The Seed	Associate	Alvarez Bencomo, Ruben	FL	Full		4
Garland: Buckingham	Senior	Mitchell, Courtney Patrick	FE	Full		4
Garland: First	Senior	Lust, Jeff	FE	Full		1*
Garland: New World	Senior	Englert, Valarie	FE	Full		2
Garland: St. Philip's	Senior	Lawson, Rene P.	FE	Full		10
Grand Prairie: First	Senior	Middleton, Marsha Engle	FE	Full		5
Grand Prairie: The Woods	Senior	Anderson, Lesta Earl	PL	3/4		4
Irving: Kirkwood Casa De Dios Huerto De Oracion	Senior	Beltre, Manuel V.	PL	3/4		8
Irving: Northgate	Senior	Zarate, Edwin	FE	Full		5
Irving: Oak Haven	Senior	Tayengo, Albano	FE	Full	347.1	2
Irving: Plymouth Park	Senior	Spaur, Amy	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Welch, Audrua Lavette	FL	Full		8
First Lancaster	Senior	Smith, Doris	PL	1/4		1*
Mesquite: First	Senior	Han, Jangtak	FE	Full		2
	Associate	Chapman, Sylvanus Africanus	OE	1/4	346.1	6
Mesquite: St. Stephen	Senior	Lucas, Randall	FE	Full		3
Richardson: Arapaho	Senior	Perry, Jonathan	FE	Full		3
	Associate	Bates, Jennifer Lynn	FD	1/2		3*
	Associate	Sweeney, Cathy R.	FD	Full		6
Richardson: Faith	Senior	Miriti, Mary Ncurubi	FE	Full		1*
Richardson: First	Senior	Oliphint, Clayton	FE	Full		26
	Associate	Bishop, Cheryl Mickay	FL	Full		4
	Associate	Castleman, Julia	PE	Full		4
	Associate	Jean, Allison	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Jenkins, Pavielle Chriss	FD	Full		10
	Associate	Luginbill, Scott Edward	AM	Full		5
	Associate	Marsalis-Luginbill, Sarah Ann	FD	Full		6
Sunnyvale: New Covenant	Senior	Mitchell, Penny	RE	1/2		4

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Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Bates, Jennifer Lynn	FD	1/2	344.1a(1)	Denton Wesley Foundation-Assoc. Dir.	3
Baughman, Michael	FE	Full	344.1a(2)	Exec Dir, Dev Ops, GCAH	2*
Bowie Jr., Michael L.	FE	Full	344.1a(2)	Director, SBC 21, GBOD	7
Bristow, April Johnson	FE	Full	344.1a(3)	Assoc Dir Interns & Advising, SMU Perkins	4
Cho, Daniel Jae Jun	PE	Full	337.3(b)	Student, Vanderbilt	3
David Hensley, Rebecca	FD	1/2	331.3; 331.4	Prog Mgr, Iliff School of Theology	2*
Dickson, Kenneth R.	FE	Full	344.1c	King of Glory Lutheran Interim	6
Dieke, Phillip	FD	Full	344.1d	Austin Presbyterian Theo Seminary	5
Fadel, Erika	FE	Full	344.1a(3)	Director Career Services, SMU	9
Fiser, Andrew	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Assoc Dir, Care & Healing/Belonging, Inclusion & Cultural Engagement	3
Greenwood, Lisa	FE	Full	344.1d	Texas Methodist Foundation	16
Hall, Maria Dixon	FD	Full	344.1a(3)	Chief Diversity Officer/Sr Adv. SMU	13
Hamrick, Shannon	FD	1/4	331.3; 344.1d	Center for Integrative Counseling	5
Hancock, Justin Michael	FD	Full	344.1d	The Julian Way	3
Hardy, Christina M.	PL	Full	318.4	Minnesota Conference-On Loan	1*
Hudspeth, Tom	FE	Full	344.1d	President, SEEDS	2
Jacobs, Derek	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Assoc. Dir. of Leadership, Multiplication	3
Jones, Evan	FD	Full	344.1d	Hugs Cafe	4
Jones, Shonda	FE	Full	344.1d	Exec VP/Academic Dean, Brite Divinity	2*

King, Cottrell	FE	N/A	344.1d	Austin Street Center	3
Lake, Sheri Suzanne	FD	Full	344.1b	Mgr. of Spiritual Care, Cook Children's Ft. Worth	2*
Lubbers, Adam Stephen	PD	Full	344.1d	Chaplain, Children's Medical Center Dallas	2
Magallanes, Hugo	FE	Full	344.1a(3)	Associate Dean, SMU Perkins	4
Magallanes-Coronado, David	FD	Full	331.1a	Stuff You Can Use	6
Magruder, Wesley	FE	Full	344.1d	Church World Service	4
Martin, Mary	FL	Full	344.1d	Methodist Health System, Chaplain	3
McDaniel, Chrischeryl	PD	1/2	331.4	Dir Young Life DeSoto	1*
Montgomery, Carol	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	President, Congregational Engagement Partners	2
Moore, Heather Gottas	FD	Full	344.1a(3)	Assoc Dir Recruitment & Admissions, SMU Perkins	4
Noll, Caroline	FD	Full	344.1b	Children's Health, Spiritual Care	5
Onuoha, Ugonna	FD	Full	344.1b	Chaplain, Children's Med Ctr, Dallas	17
Park, HiRho Yoon	OE	Full	346.1; 344.1a(1)	HTC Dir of Belonging, Inclusion & Cultural Engagement	1*
Pehl, Jeffrey	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Treasurer-CFO/CBO	4
Proshek, Margaret Kay	FD	1/2	331.7; 344.1d	The Vinery, Prog Dir	4
Rentie, Caesar H.	FL	Full	344.1b	VP Pastoral Care, Meth. Health System	14
Rieger, Joerg	FE	Full	344.1a(3)	Professor, Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN	11
Sobczak, Stephen	FD	Full	344.1b	Cook Children's Med Ctr Chaplain	7
Wright Jr., Harry S.	FE	Full	344.1d	Franke at Seaside, Chaplain	5

METRO NORTH DISTRICT

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Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
Allen: Creekwood	Senior	Williams, Alex	FE	Full		2
	Associate	Smith, Leslie A.	FE	Full		2
Allen: First	Senior	Hardesty-Crouch, Mary Beth	FE	Full		8
	Associate	Moore, Maxie	RL	1/4		7
Allen: Suncreek	Senior	Hughes, Barry	FE	Full		11
	Associate	Guttierrez II, Milton P.	RE	1/2		16
	Associate	Littlefield, Patrick	FE	Full		6
Anna: The Gathering	Senior	Morgan, Dallen Kay	PL	3/4		1*
Argyle	Senior	Tampke, Dale Russell	AM	Full		3*
	Associate	Stevens, Jennifer Tolin	FL	Full		6
Aubrey: First	Senior	White, Boston	PL	1/2		1*
Carrollton: Aldersgate	Senior	Whitfield, Rodney	FE	Full		9
Carrollton: South Carrollton	Senior	Kim, Danielle Buwon	FE	Full		1*
Celina: First	Senior	Bazan-Garza, Edgar	FE	Full		2
Community Copeville	Senior	McGregor Meek, Annie Mary	OP	1/2	346.1	3
Coppell: First	Senior	Ross, Owen	FE	Full		2
	Associate	Brimmage, Caleb Forrest	FD	Full		4
	Associate	Jacob, Sumesh	OF	Full	346.2	7
Corinth: Faith	Senior	Reed-Meyer, Stefani	FE	Full		4
Denton: Asbury	Senior	Pellikan, Donald	FE	Full		2
Denton: Blue Mound	Interim	Henderson, Ronald D.	RE	1/2	338.4	1*

Denton: Cooper Creek	Senior	Scheller, Michael Joel	PL	1/4		10
Denton: First	Senior	Gilliland, Raegan	FE	Full		3
	Senior	Gilliland, Scott	FE	Full		3
	Associate	Segundo, Martha Imelda	PL	1/4		2
Denton: Trinity	Senior	Steed, Kristin Nicole	PE	Full		1*
Fairview Korean	Senior	Hong, Sukgyun	OE	Full	346.1	4
Farmersville: First Farmersville	Senior	Dierolf, Brian	FE	Full		6
Flower Mound: Flower Mound	Senior	Robinson, Alexandra	FE	Full		8
	Associate	Maletic, Paul	FD	Full		5
Flower Mound: Trietsch Memorial	Senior	Hawkins, Daniel Koos	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Chraska, Karen L.	FD	Full		30
	Associate	Millard, Grace	FE	Full		5
Frisco: First	Senior	Thomson, Luke Roger	PE	Full		2*
Frisco: Grace Avenue	Senior	Echols-Richter, William	FE	Full		29
	Associate	Dolloff-Holt, Handi Jo	OE	3/4	346.1	1*
	Associate	Echols-Richter, Laura	AM	Full		21
	Associate	Lowe, Jessica Ann	OE	Full	346.1	3
	Associate	Patredis, Karyl Sibley	FE	Full		3*
	Associate	Vaughan, Christopher	FE	Full		6
Frisco: GA/Grace Chapel	Associate	Eiffert, Kimberly Anne	FE	Full		1*
Heath: First	Senior	McNabb, Peter H.	FE	Full		2
Krum: Community	Senior	Johnston, Jarrod	FE	Full		4
Lake Cities	Senior	Clifford, Timothy Wayne	FE	Full		1*
	LM	Aldag, Virgil	LM	N/A		18
Lewisville: Chinn's Chapel	Senior	McGarvey Jr., Donald Paul	RL	Full		8
Lewisville: First	Senior	Schoolcraft, Chris	FE	Full		7
Lewisville: Vista Ridge	Senior	Sipe, Ashley Anne	FE	Full		6
Lucas: Good Shepherd	TBD	TBS, Metro North District	TBS	TBD		1
McKinney: Chambersville	Senior	Price, Grady Edwin	PL	1/2		7
McKinney/Cottage Hill Celina						
McKinney: First	Senior	Brumett, Thomas O.	FE	Full		20
	Associate	Renshaw Jr., Donald F.	RE	1/4		5
	Associate	Schultz, Courtney	FE	Full		2
	Associate	Volfe, Edilson	FE	Full		8
	Associate	Woods II, James Earl	FL	Full		1*
McKinney: MCK/Melissa	Associate	McSwain, Chad	FE	Full		3
McKinney: Stonebridge	Senior	Allen Jr., John F.	FE	Full		4
	Associate	Morales, Jana Michelle	FL	Full		12
Pilot Point: First	Senior	Kennedy, Cynthia	FE	Full		7
Plano: Christ	Senior	Dowd, Chris	FE	Full		7
	Emeritus	Underwood, Donald W.	RE	Full		7
	Associate	Finley, David Taylor	FD	1/2	331.3	2*
	Associate	Flynn, Michael	FD	Full		10
	Associate	Nassef, Marianne Kehoe	OE	1/4	346.1; 338.2	3
	Associate	Patton, Ramsey	FE	Full		3
Plano: Custer Road	Senior	Knott, Kory	FE	Full		14
	Associate	Gibson, Jack M.	RE	1/2		32
	Associate	Morrison, Timothy	FD	Full		31
	Associate	O'Connor, Sharon E.	FE	Full		14
	Associate	Rangel, David	FE	Full		8
	Associate	Saenz III, Ruben	PE	Full		1*

	Associate	Wallace, John	RE	1/2		7
Plano: First	Senior	Smith Sr., Ramon F.	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Reedy, Judith	RE	1/2		8
Prosper	Senior	McConnell, Jason	FE	Full		14
	Associate	Wang, Silvia	FE	Full		1*
Rockwall: First	Senior	Yost, Christopher	FE	Full		3
	Associate	Hildebrand, Christina	FE	Full		21
	Associate	Sherman-Carter, Nancy	RE	1/2	358.6	1*
Rowlett: First	Co-Senior	Nelms, Andy	FE	Full		2
	Co-Senior	Nelms, Melissa	FE	Full		2
Sachse: First	Senior	Bandel, Holly Gaskill	FE	Full		4
Sachse: Pleasant Valley	Senior	Mason, Deniece Roane	FL	Full		11
Sanger: First	Senior	Morgan, Raymond Edward	SY	1/4		1*
Ponder: Stony	Senior	Scheller, Michael Joel	PL	1/4		14
The Colony: First	Senior	Smith, Taylor	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Pyland, Gary Wayne	PL	1/2		1*
Fellowship Trophy Club	Senior	Eason, William Wayne	FE	Full		6
	Associate	Chavarria, Jason	PD	Full		2
	Associate	Turk, Robert Arthur	RL	1/4		17
Verona	Senior	Zolczer, Pam H.	RL	1/4	320.5c	2*
Wylie	Senior	Johnson, Jenna Morrison	FE	Full		4

APPOINTMENTS TO EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Brownsted, Betty Jane	RL	Full	320.5c	Baylor Scott & White, Plano Chaplain	1*
Brown-Trigg, Marianne	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Denton Wesley Foundation-Exec. Dir.	7
Collinsworth, Janet	FD	Full	331.1b	Agape Resource & Assist. Cntr	14
Delaney-Greenwell, Elizabeth	PL	1/2	318.2	Crisis Response & Care Ministry Coord	2*
Esparza, Joshua	FE	Full	344.1d	Counselor, Threshold Therapy	3
Hardesty-Crouch, Brian L.	FE	Full	344.1d	Holy Moments	3
Henry, Pauline	FL	Full	344.1d	Chaplain, Methodist Health System Celina	2
Lewis, Andrew Joseph	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Asst to the Bishop/Chief of Staff	10
Orr, Staci	PD	Full	344.1b	Chaplain, Meth Med Ctr Dallas	2*
Pellikan, Lydia	FD	1/2	344.1d	Chaplain, Lifted Hospices	2*
Piyakhun, Stacey	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Director of Multiplication	2
Roberts, Sarah	FD	Full	344.1d	Mosaic Realty	3
Stephens, Gary Boyd	FD	Full	344.1d	Chaplain-Methodist Richardson Med Ctr	2*
Sutton, DonnaLea	FE	Full	344.1d	Arcy Healthcare, Flower Mound	9
Thompson, Blair	FE	Full	344.1d	Texas Methodist Foundation	7
White, Boston	PL	1/4	344.1a(1)	National Prog Dir-UM Army	2
White, Pam	FE	Full	344.1a(3)	Director of Intern Prog, SMU Perkins	3

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Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
Arlington: Covenant	Senior	Afon, Eno Edet Adetoye	PE	1/2		1*
Arlington: First	Senior	Lessner, David	FE	Full		2
	Associate	Boboltz, Madison Angeline	FE	Full		4
	Associate	Fancher, Loni Dee	FL	Full		1*
	Associate	Simpson Hayes, Molly	FE	3/4		2
Arlington: Good Shepherd	Senior	Fiorella, Sheila M.	FE	Full		4
Arlington: Mision Esperanza	TBD	TBS, Metro West District	TBS	TBD		3
Arlington: New World	Senior	Byrd, Leslie Kay	FE	Full		8
	Associate	Cress, Caitlin Cheramy	PE	Full		1*
Arlington: St. Andrew's	Senior	Warthen, Kristin	FE	Full		5
Arlington: St. Barnabas	Senior	Vaughn, Kirsten H.	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Goodwin, James Gordon	FL	Full		7
	Associate	Lawther, Alyssa Diane Coady	PE	Full		3
Arlington: St. John the Apostle	Senior	Neslony, Lisa L.	FE	Full		7
	Associate	Voss, Brendan Carl	FD	3/4	331.3	3*
Arlington: Trinity	Senior	Disney, Ben R.	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Payne, Carly	FE	Full		4
	Associate	Reid, Sharon	RL	1/4		5
Arlington: Wesley	Senior	Yenn-Batah, Jackson	ORM	1/2	346.1	5
Azle: Revive	Senior	Meek, Katherine A.	FE	Full		2
Bedford: First	Senior	Bishara, Kamal N.	RE	1/4		2
	Associate	Biggs-Scribner, Glen Lee	FD	1/2		2
Bedford: Wm. C. Martin	Senior	Simpson, Kathryn L McKay	OE	Full	346.1	1*
	Associate	Funaki, Faiana Prescott	FE	Full		8
Benbrook	Senior	Petty, David	FE	Full		9
Burleson: First	Senior	Dobbins, Kyland C.	FE	Full		5
Colleyville: First	Senior	Womack, Marcus	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Berg, Anne-Marie	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Cho, Stella Eunbyul	FE	Full		3*
Crowley: First	Senior	Forsythe, Amy K.	FE	Full		8
Euless: Ash Lane	Senior	Trigg IV, William Lee	FE	Full		7
Forest Hill	Senior	Martin, Kenneth Dwayne	PL	1/4		2*
Fort Worth: Arborlawn	Senior	Robbins, Christie	FE	Full		2*
	Associate	Johnson, David Kenneth	FE	Full		2*
	Associate	Spidell, Jennifer Johnson	PD	Full		2*
Fort Worth: Arlington Heights	Senior	Scott, Nicholas Wade	FE	Full		2
	Associate	Kuizon, Laureen	SY	Full		1*
Fort Worth: Christ	Senior	Salas, Lisa Marie Olivia	PL	1/4		2*
Fort Worth: Dido	Senior	Wear, Jana Dephaun	FE	3/4	338.2	1*
Fort Worth: Edge Park	Senior	Spletzer, Brandie	FE	Full		1*
Fort Worth: First	Senior	Marshall, Lance	FE	Full		12
	Associate	Brooks-Alexander, Brenda	AM	Full		5
	Associate	Kellner, Elizabeth	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Marshall, Michael L.	FE	Full		19
	Associate	Pick, Jennifer Lynne	FE	Full		2
Fort Worth: Genesis	Senior	Barrow, Mary Ellen	FE	1/2		2*
Fort Worth: Grace	Senior	McAfee, Christopher John	PL	1/4		6

Fort Worth: Grace Metroplex	Senior	Christy, Yevette Marie	OE	1/2	346.1	1*
Fort Worth: Campus Drive	Senior	Carr II, Louis C.	FE	Full		2*
Fort Worth: Morningside/McMillan	Senior	Richardson, Tomeca L.	FE	Full		11
Fort Worth: Meadowbrook-Poly	Senior	Watson, Ginger J.	FE	Full		9
Fort Worth: New Riverside	Senior	Rodriguez, Aurora	PL	3/4		2*
Fort Worth: River Oaks	Senior	Macias, Samuel	OM	Full	346.1	2*
Fort Worth: St. Andrews	Senior	Gibson, Carol D.	FE	Full		22
Fort Worth: St. Matthew	Senior	Teague, Mary Elizabeth	PE	Full		1*
Fort Worth: University	Senior	Evers, Beth	FE	Full		16
Fort Worth: Western Hills	Senior	Youngblood, Scott	RE	1/2		3
Haltom City: St. Luke Haltom	Senior	Pick, Todd Raymond	FE	Full		2
Haltom City: French Speaking Church at St. Luke Ft. Worth	TBD	TBS, Metro West District	TBS	TBD		3
Hurst: First	Senior	Brower IV, John Ridge	FE	Full		3
	Associate	Boyette, Sarah Melissa	FD	Full		6
	Associate	Christenberry, Lauren Elizabeth	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Garza, Sarah Jean	FD	3/4	331.3	6
	Associate	Ybanez, Matthew W.	FD	Full		19
Hurst: St. Paul	Senior	Newkirk, Katie Linn Lewis	FE	Full		5
Keller	Senior	Valendy, Jason M.	FE	Full		8
	Associate	Hernandez, Daniel Joseph	PL	3/4		5
	Associate	Scruggs, Meredith	FE	Full		3
Kennedale: First	Senior	Barrett Murraine, Nelda	RD	1/2		1*
Mansfield: Open Table Mansfield	Senior	Barnes, Erin Marie	PL	1/2		3
North Richland Hills: City Point	Senior	Rodriguez, Ramiro	FE	Full		3
	Associate	Craft, Macy Karina	FL	Full		2*
Saginaw	Senior	Coker, Dana	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Chambers, Rhonda Ann	FE	Full		4
Watauga: First	Senior	Hellmers, Andrew Gregory	PL	1/2		3

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Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Afon, Eno Edet Adetoye	PE	1/4	344.1b	Chaplain, TX Health	1*
Alvarado Jr., Armando	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Associate Director of Multiplication	2
Antinone, John Philip	FE	Full	344.1b	Christus Health Children's Hospital, San Antonio	3
Arellano-Davis, Laura M.	FE	Full	344.1b	TIRR Memorial Hermann, Houston	10
Barrow, Mary Ellen	FE	1/2	344.1b	Counselor, Next Chapter Wellness	2*
Baumgartner, Lisa A.	FE	Full	344.1b	Chaplain, Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Louisiana	17
Bridges, Elizabeth Ann	FD	Full	331.1b	Director, Academy 4	3
Childs, Gladys	FE	Full	344.1d	Chaplain-Texas Wesleyan University	4
Christy, Yevette Marie	OE	1/2	346.1	Student, Brite Divinity	1*
Dare, DeAndrea	FE	Full	344.1b	Director, A Memory Grows	12
Dister-Dominguez, Joy	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Director, Care and Healing	3
Dunlap, Barbara	FD	Full	344.1a(4)	Sacred Worth Ministries	6
Fields, Margret L.	FE	Full	344.1d	Director, Project 44	3
Franklin, Lara Whitley	FE	N/A	344.1d	Assoc. Pastor, Asylum Hill Congregational Church (UCC), Hartford, CT	3
Gravley, Paul Nathan	FE	Full	344.1d	Didlake, Manassas VA	4
Gurina-Rodriguez, Evgenia	FE	Full	344.1d	Director of DMin-Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary	2

Hamann, Samuel	FD	Full	344.1d	Hamann Law Office, PLLC	2*
Hanshaw, Mark E.	FE	Full	344.1d	Gen. Counsel & Provost-Cumberland University, TN	5
Hayes, Christopher J.	FE	Full	344.1b	Chaplain, Texas Health Fort Worth	2*
Huitt, David Raus	PD	Full	344.1d	Chaplain, John Peter Smith Hospital Fort Worth	5
Kahler III, Edward Peter	FE	Full	344.1a(1)	Director, Wesley Foundation TCU	7
Kuykendall, Evve Dustin	PE	Full	344.1a(1)	Director, UTA Wesley Foundation	3
Lutes, Allen Charles	FD	Full	331.1a	Minister of Outreach-Univ Christian Church Ft Worth	4
Martinez, David	FE	Full	344.1a(2)	Sr Mgr for Ministry - GBHEM	15
Rivera, Brenda Suzy	FE	Full	344.1d	Chief Adm Off-Friendship Service Center New Britain CT	26
Stuyck, Beth	FD	Full	331.1b	Dir. of Operations, Greater Tarrant Project Transformation	9
Tate-Almy, Amy A.	FD	Full	344.1d	Texas Wesleyan University, Development Officer	5
Valendy, Estee	FE	Full	344.1d	Realize Grace	2*
Vaughn, Robert Douglas	FD	Full	331.1b	Mansfield ISD - Summit High School	5

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Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
Aledo	Senior	Robbins, Joel Mark	FE	Full		7
Alvarado: First	Senior	Anderson, Kevin Dwaine	FE	Full		3
Annetta/Bethel Weatherford	Senior	Porter, Sarah B.	PE	Full		2
Cleburne: First	Senior	McDuffee, Melissa M.	FE	Full		4
	Associate	Mauldin, William	FD	Full		6
Cleburne: St. Mark	Senior	Walters, Wayne ONeal	FL	Full		1*
Cleburne: Wesley Memorial	TBD	TBS, Mid-Central	TBS	TBD		2
Granbury: First	Senior	Clark, Christopher Craig	FE	Full		3
Granbury: Waples	Senior	Tindall, Maxwell Logan	PL	1/4		3
Millsap	Senior	Sanders Jr., James A.	RE	1/2		22
Springtown: First	Senior	McGill, Terre D.	PL	3/4		5
Tolar	TBD	TBS, Mid-Central	TBS	TBD		2
Weatherford: Couts Memorial	Senior	Dittrich, Holly C.	FE	Full		5

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Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Bellamy, Bryan	FE	Full	344.1b	Director, Clinical Analytics, New Directions Behavioral Health	6

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Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
Alvord: First Alvord	Senior	Jones, Bettye Anne	PL	1/4		1*
Archer City: First	Senior	Green, Thomas Andrew	PL	1/2	318.2	2
Bells: First	Senior	Atwood, William	FL	1/2		2
Boyd: First Boyd/Rhome	Senior	Sparks, Carol	FE	Full		2
Burkburnett: First	Senior	Talbert, Elizabeth	FE	Full		14
Collinsville	Senior	Alegria, Francisco	RE	1/4		1*
Decatur: First	Senior	McRae, Nicholas Jarome	FE	Full		5
Denison: Harless Memorial	Senior	Alegria, Francisco	RE	<1/4	358.6	1*
Denison: Haven Chapel	Senior	Lee, Ouida	RE	1/4		5
Denison: Waples Memorial	Senior	Miller, Justin A.	FE	Full		7
	Associate	Orr Jr., Freddie B.	RL	1/4		2
Electra: First	Senior	Lee, Robert W.	RE	3/4		26
Forestburg	Senior	Parr, Greg Lee	FL	Full		7
Friberg-Cooper	Senior	Whitgrove, Terri Hale	FE	1/4	338.2	4
Gainesville: First	Senior	Fields, Jacob Wesley	FL	Full		2
Gainesville: Sivells Bend	Senior	Gulley, Barney	SY	1/4		2
Gainesville: Whaley	Senior	Hatch, Melissa	FE	Full		2
Henrietta: First	Senior	Sewell, Valleri Jean	FE	Full		1*
Iowa Park: First	Senior	Kronk, Shanna Lea	PL	3/4		1*
Jacksboro: First	Senior	Danna, Tiffany	FE	Full		2
Nocona: First	Senior	Anguiano, Jerry Frank	FL	Full		1*
Pottsboro: Lakeway	Senior	Durham, William Blake	FE	Full		1*
Sadler	Senior	Cain, Landon Calloway	SY	1/4		1*
Saint Jo: First Saint Jo/Montague	Senior	Conatser, Dan	RL	1/2		2
Sherman: First	Senior	Peckham, Denise	FE	Full		8
	Associate	Echols, Abbey	FD	Full		3
	Associate	Greene, Jimmy	FE	Full		1*
Sherman: Friendship	Senior	Spore, Roy L.	RE	1/2		12
Sherman: Grace	Senior	Wright, Jessica	FE	Full		4
Valley View	Senior	Morgan, Raymond Edward	SY	1/4		1*
Van Alstyne: First	Senior	Melvin, Kristopher Michael	FL	Full		4
Whitesboro: First	Senior	Church, Charles	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Dickerson, Jacob Zane	PL	3/4		5
Whitewright: First	Senior	Atwood, William	FL	1/2		2
Wichita Falls: Beverly Drive	TBD	TBS, Mid-North District	TBS	TBD		1
Wichita Falls: First	Senior	Logan, Aaron	FE	Full		1*
	Associate	Harrison, Georgia	FD	Full		16
Wichita Falls: Mt. Calvary-Falls Chapel	Senior	Pearce, Louis Albert	RL	1/2		12
Wichita Falls: Trinity/Wesley	Senior	Hagan, Martha Louise	FL	Full		2
Wichita Falls: University	Senior	Landis, Zachary Brian	FE	Full		6

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Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Basset, Jeremy Michael	ROE	3/4	344.1a(1)	Disaster Response Coordinator-Care and Healing	2
Cobb, Jennifer Griffith	FE	Full	344.1d	Houston Methodist, Director Spiritual Care	5
Harrison IV, Richard	FE	Full	344.1a(3)	McMurry University Chaplain	4
Puac-Romero, Julia	PE	Full	337.3	Midwestern State Wesley Fndtn Director	5*

MID-SOUTH DISTRICT

District Superintendent Mary Spradlin 2

Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
China Spring	Senior	Smith, Tanner Joseph	FE	Full		3
Clifton/Memorial Walnut Springs	Senior	Cope, Mary Gean J.	RE	Full		1*
	Associate	Balch, Alexander Lewis	PL	1/2		2*
Covington/Blum	Senior	Roberts, Jessica Lynn	PL	1/2		4
Perry Chapel	Senior	Hall, Joyce Evelyn	PL	1/4		13
Ennis: Alliance of Faith	TBD	TBS, Mid-South District	TBS	TBD		2
Eureka	Senior	Miller, Michael William	RL	1/4		4
Ferris: First	TBD	TBS, Mid-South District	TBS	TBD		1
Hico: Hico/Iredell	Senior	Murphy, James Marcus	FL	Full		2
McGregor First/St. Paul Temple	Senior	Ray, David J.	FE	Full		5
Mexia: First	Senior	McGlothlin, Jaime Lee	FE	Full		5*
Mexia: St. Luke	Senior	Hobbs, Jerome Bernard	PL	1/4		3
Mexia: Union Memorial	Senior	Kirven, Johnnie James	PL	1/4		5
Mexia/Wesley Chapel Pelham						
Oglesby: First	Senior	Berry, John Kent	RE	Full		4
Ovilla	Senior	Johnson, Allie Grace	FE	Full		1*
Red Oak/Bristol	Senior	Wilson, Kevin R.	FE	Full		5
Waco: Central	Senior	Brower, Michael David	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Owens, Zachary	PL	1/2		3
Waco: Hillside	Senior	Cramer, Jordan Lucas	PE	Full		2*
Waco: Lakeview/Elm Mott	Senior	Mojica, Aryn Nicole	PL	3/4		11
Waco: One Fellowship	Senior	Taylor, Mayme Yvonne	FE	Full		2*
Waco: Revelation Church	Senior	Wines, Alphonetta B.	RE	1/4		2
Waco: Sparks Memorial	Interim	Langford, Alvan S.	RE	1/4		2
Waxahachie: Ferris Heights	Senior	Cousino, Jay	FE	Full		2
Waxahachie: First	Senior	Spore, Adam	FE	Full		2
	Associate	Stewart, Valerie Ford	FL	Full		9
West: West/Gholson Wesley Chapel, Waco	Senior	Woodard, John W.	FE	Full		5
Woodway: First	Senior	Heyduck, Steven C.	FE	Full		4

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Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Heyduck, Rachel Marie	FD	Full	331.1c	Therapist, Oceans Behavioral Hosp-Waco	2
Simpson, Molly Elizabeth	FE	Full	344.1d	Baylor University	4

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Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
Abilene: St. James	Senior	Gilkey, Stephania Ann	FE	Full		4
Abilene: St. Paul	Senior	Van Fleet, Benjamin Jeffrey	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Miller, John B. Faulkenberry	FE	1/4		11
Amarillo	Senior	Johnson, Chad Taylor	FE	Full		2
Clyde: Open Door	Senior	Kim, Hyung Seop	FE	Full		2
Dalhart: Grace	Senior	Rowe, Michael Dave	FL	Full		3
Eula: First	Senior	Graham, Michael Cory	PL	1/4		9
Fritch: First	Senior	Cheshire, Jerry Don	RA	1/4		3
Hereford: San Pablo	Senior	Labrador, Vladimir	PL	3/4		8
Jayton: First	Senior	Fletcher, Christopher	SY	1/4		5
Levelland: Christ	Senior	Moultrie, Ruby L	RA	1/2		3
Lubbock: First	Senior	Salzwedel, Todd Ryan	FE	Full		7
	Associate	Atkinson, Shera J.	FE	Full		19
Lubbock: Forrest Heights	Senior	Brandt, Judith	FE	1/4		3
Lubbock: Grace	Senior	Martin, Albert Lynn	FE	Full		2*
Lubbock: Korean	Senior	Kim, Daniel	OE	3/4	346.1	7
Lubbock: St. John's	Senior	Stueve, Joshua Glenn	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Akin, Ann Allison	AM	1/4		30
Lubbock: Templo Nazaret	Senior	Gonzales Jr, Eutimio S.	OR	1/4	346.1	7
Merkel: First	Senior	Greenwood, Rhonda Mae	RA	1/2		16
Midland: St. Luke's	Senior	Pelfrey, Robert Christopher	FE	Full		2
Midland: St. Mark's	Senior	Lim, Chansoon	FE	Full		1*
Midland: Visionary Hollowell Community	Senior	Smith, Wendell	PL	1/4		13
O'Donnell/Draw	Senior	Sanchez, Fernando P.	OA	3/4	346.1	9
Pampa: St. Paul	Senior	Stevens, Joanie Vondel	PL	1/2		12
Plainview: San Juan	Senior	Lopez, Inakis	PL	1/2		7
Ropesville: First	Senior	Titus, William Ray	RE	1/2		7
Roscoe: First	Senior	Jordan, Juanelle Brown	RL	1/4		5
Seagraves: First	Senior	Titus, Beverly Jo	RE	1/4		16
Sweetwater: Highland Heights	Senior	Holder, Larry Hillman	RE	1/4		9
Trent	Senior	Peterson, Lisa	LM	1/4		6
Tulia: El Buen	Senior	Lopez, Inakis	PL	1/4		7
Vigo Park: First	Senior	Echols, Archie E	RE	1/4		3

APPOINTMENTS TO EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Akin, Ann Allison	AM	3/4	344.1b	LPC, Prof Counseling Ministries	17
Boren, Kathryn Diane	RE	Full	344.1b	Chaplain, Covenant Hospital Lubbock	2*
Brandt, Judith	FE	3/4	344.1d	Chaplain, Covenant Hospital	3
Hestand, David Lee	FE	Full	344.1b	Chaplain, Corrections Corporation of Amer.	3
Miller, John B. Faulkenberry	FE	3/4	344.1a(3)	Professor of Religion - McMurry University	11
Moore, Steven Gary	RE	Full	344.1d	MJ Murdock Charitable Trust, RE	1*
Rasberry, Todd Wrinkle	FE	Full	344.1d	West Texas A&M Vice President of Institutional Advancement	9
Smith, Haley Deanna	PD	1/2	344.1d	Pastor, Rural Care Ministries	2
Smith, Haley Deanna	PD	1/2	344.1d	Director, Wesley Community Group	2

SOUTH DISTRICT

District Superintendent Mary Spradlin 2

Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
Belton: First	Senior	Hoffman, Patrick	FE	Full		3
Belton: Mt. Zion	Senior	Russell, Patrick	SY	1/4		5
Cedar Park: Rockbridge Church	Senior	Douglas, Eric Scott	FE	Full		5
Copperas Cove: Grace	Senior	Slaten, Charles B.	FE	Full		5
Eddy: Bruceville-Eddy	Senior	Ford, Robyn LuAnn	PL	1/2		9
Florence	Senior	Fleming, Sally A.	FE	Full		4
Georgetown: First	Senior	McGrath, Alan S.	FE	Full		6
	Associate	Brewer, Kellie	OP	Full	346.1	1*
	Associate	Schramme, Tina R.	FE	Full		5
Georgetown: St. Paul	Senior	Curry, Jerome Lashon	PL	1/4		2*
Georgetown: Wellspring	Senior	Smith, Jeffrey A.	FE	Full		15
	Associate	Petersen, Jessica Anne	OD	3/4	346.1	6
Hamilton First/Gustine	Senior	Brice, Brian Paul	PL	1/2		5
Holland/Rosebud	Senior	Shuler Jr., Philip L.	RE	1/2		20
Hutto Discovery	Senior	Kim, Changsu	OE	Full	346.1	2
Killeen: First	Senior	Connelly, Beverly	FE	Full		3
Killeen: St. Andrew Killeen/Nolanville	Senior	Cashion, Terry Wayne	FL	Full		4
Killeen: Woori	Senior	Lee, Seong Keun	OE	Full	346.1	2*
Little River: Little River/First Bartlett	Senior	Cromwell, Richard Lee	RE	1/4		5
Round Rock: First	Senior	Brittain, Bradley Thornton	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Corna, David Alan	FD	1/2	331.3	4
	Associate	McCain, Steven Patrick	FE	Full		9
	Associate	Shipley, Anna Leone	PD	Full		1*
Round Rock: Journey of Faith	Senior	Whitehead, Glenda D.	FE	Full		23
	Associate	Liptoi, Macie A.	FE	Full		2
Round Rock: JOF/Austin Music Church	Associate	McDonald, Colin Myrl	FL	Full		1*
Round Rock: St. Philip's	Senior	Schultz, Kyren Kristina	FE	Full		4
Salado	Senior	Prud'homme, John Tommy	FE	Full		5
	Associate	Corder, Nolan Paul	PD	3/4	331.3	1*
Taylor: First	Senior	Finau, Sela E.	FE	Full		3
Taylor: Tenth Street/Thrall	Senior	Summerlin, Travis L.	FE	Full		22
Temple: Oak Park	Senior	Mellette, Jonathan F.	FE	Full		12
Temple: St. James	Senior	Benson, Ernest Alan	RE	1/2		2*
Troy	Senior	Shannon, Kaitlynn Michelle	FE	Full		5

APPOINTMENTS TO EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Buchele, Steven W.	FE	Full	344.1d	Director, Mission Training International	15
Von Gonten, Kristen Ruth	FD	Full	331.1a	The Wesleyan, Georgetown	3

WEST DISTRICT

District Superintendent Tom Long 3

Appointment	Position	Name	Rel	Time	¶	Yr
Brownwood: First Lake Brownwood	Senior	Gilkey, Gerald W	SY	3/4		1*
DeLeon: De Leon/Morton Chapel	Senior	Kershaw, Kaiya R.	FE	Full		6
Gordon First/Cedar Springs	Senior	Glover, Kristen Perkins	PE	Full		3
Graford: First	Senior	Holmes, Margaret Anne	RL	1/4		4
Graham: First	Senior	Patrick, J Bryan	FE	Full		4
Mineral Wells First/Palo Pinto	Senior	Hall, Beate Jane	FE	Full		2
Olney/Jean	Senior	Braddock Jr., Walter H.	FE	Full		14
Stephenville: First	Senior	Jones, Marilyn L.	FE	Full		4
Stephenville: Oakdale/Hannibal	Senior	Aquino, Mathew Miguel	PL	1/2		2

APPOINTMENTS TO EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Name	Rel	Time	¶	Appointment	Yr
Koch, Spencer Kory	FE	Full	344.1b	CCS Hospice, Dublin	4
Moses, Corey	FD	Full	344.1a(1)	Dir. Wesley Foundation: Tarleton Univ. Stephenville	10
Priddy, Sheridan Nicole	FL	Full	344.1d	Chaplain, Hendrick Medical Center	2

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT TO ANOTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCE (¶346.1)

Bassford, Virginia O.	RE	Full	346.1	Rio TX-Kempner UMC	2*
Englert-Jessen, Eva L.	FD	Full	346.1; 331.1a	Methodist Family Health, AR	6
Fleming, John Stephen	FE	1/2	346.1; 338.2	Oregon-Idaho Conference	3
Gary, Matthew Sheldon	RE	Full	346.1	Oklahoma Conf.-Perry/Morrison	3
Gonzalez, Joy	FE	Full	346.1	Missouri Conference	1*
Ju, Yohan	FE	Full	346.1	South Korea, Chundong Methodist Church Pastor	3
Keck, William Ross	PE	1/2	346.1	New York Conference	1*
Klein, Shandon Chasity	FE	Full	346.1	Minnesota Conference	3*
Lamoureux, Kathleen	FE	Full	346.1	Mountain Sky-Conf CRM & Fruita UMC 346.1	3
Leach, David Douglas	RE	1/4	346.1	Pastor, Kempner UMC, Rio Texas Conference	3
Lee, Jin Hee	FE	Full	346.1	New England Conference	3
McMinn, David Allab	FE	Full	346.1; 344.1a(1)	Rio Texas Conf-Dir. UT Austin Wesley Foundation	7
Poole, Marsha Kimberley	RE	1/2	346.1	Alaska Conference-Douglas Community UMC	3
Tyler, Andrew Mills	FE	Full	346.1	Pastor-North Haverhill, Woodsville & Warren UMC's New England Conf	4
Walden, Kyle William	FE	Full	346.1	New England Conference	6

MILITARY CHAPLAINS

Hamilton, Nicholas	344.1b	US Air Force	MIDC	5
Hayes, Molly Katherine	344.1b	US Air Force	METW	2
O'Riley, Christopher R.	344.1b	US Navy	METN	8

PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE (¶353.2a, 354.2 (2020/2024))

Anderson, Gena S.	FE	METW
Bakker, Shawn	FD	METE
Bonnell, David Charles	FE	NWEST
Bontrager, Scot	FE	METE
Chickering, Jennifer D.	FD	METN
Coon, Yvonne M.	FE	SOUTH
Farrer, Jonathan M.	FE	METW
Gallaway, Tamara L.	FE	METN
Gilliland, Dawn	DM	MIDS
Green, Michael A.	FE	EAST
Jones, Clinton Daniel	FE	SOUTH
Joyner, Ashleigh	FE	METN
Long, Kimberly Liane	FE	MIDC
Rodden, Michael J.	FE	METW
Silvestri, Lori Jo	FD	METW
Steiner, Dina	FD	METN
Stoker, Andrew Craig	FE	METE
White, Adam	FD	METN

FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE (¶353.2b, 354.2b (2020/2024))

Alexander, Creighton Drew		FE NWEST
Ransdell, Kathryn Self	FE	METE
Watson Martin, Elizabeth	FE	METW

TRANSITIONAL LEAVE (¶353.2c, 354.2c (2020/2024))

Qazilbash, JamesPaul	FD	METE
Scott, Jennifer	FD	METE

MEDICAL LEAVE (¶356, 357 (2020/2024))

Colwell, Terry Lynn	FE	MIDS
Erwin, John Drew	FE	NWEST
Garza, Maricela Iglesias	AM	NWEST
Greanead, Veronica	FE	MIDN
Kirk-Hall, Denise	FE	METW
Lea, Donita Ruth	FL	NWEST
Parson, Samantha	FE	MIDN
Zollinger, Alison Michelle	FE	MIDS

CLERGY RETIREMENT (¶357)

Alegria, Francisco	RE	7/1/2026
Baek, Hyeong-Dong	RE	7/1/2026
Barrett Murraine, Nelda	RD	7/1/2026
Caldwell, Samuel L.	RE	7/1/2026
Chamness, Joe G.	RE	7/1/2026
Clark, Alan Wayne	RD	2/1/2026
Creagh, Deborah	RE	7/1/2026

Dawson, Michael D.	RE	7/1/2026
Dietz, Dyan	RE	7/1/2026
Gaston, Matthew Blaine	RE	7/1/2026
Greene, Michael	RD	5/1/2026
Humbert, Daniel Drew	RE	7/1/2026
Marks, Timothy E.	RE	1/1/2026
Mason, Debra Hobbs	RE	3/1/2026
McKenzie, Alyce M.	RE	6/1/2026
Mesa, Christopher J.	RE	7/1/2026
Moore Jr., Donald V.	RE	7/1/2026
Moore, Steven Gary	RE	7/1/2026
Murphy, Cheryl	RE	7/1/2026
Newhouse, Ronald W.	RE	1/1/2026
Phillips, Donald Mark	RE	7/1/2026
Roberts, Carol M.	RE	5/1/2026
Sherman-Carter, Nancy	RE	7/1/2026
Wade, Cassandra	RE	7/1/2026
Willet, Ann	RE	7/1/2026
Williams, Angela Rose	RE	7/1/2026

LOCAL PASTOR RETIREMENT (¶320.5)

Brownsted, Betty Jane	7/1/2026
Pleasant, Margaret Lorine	12/1/2025
Wilkins Sr., James David	7/1/2026
Zolczer, Pam H.	1/1/2026

DIACONAL RETIREMENT

CLERGY TRANSFERS OUT

Grace, Jonathan Lee	FE
Jones, Marcus Montell	FL
Test, Lisa Dodd	FL

DEACONESS AND HOME MISSIONERS

Ballesteros, Jonah	HM	N/A	1913	Personal Leave	3
Frantz, Kaitlyn	DC	N/A	1913	Chaplain, Children's Health Dallas	3
Justo-Sales, Roselle E.	DC	N/A	1913	Deaconess-Inspired Vision Elem.	7
Pryor, Kathleen Rozanne	DC	N/A	1913	Deaconess/United Women in Faith	1*
Ramos, Omega Lee S.	DC	Full	1913	Feliza-Honorio Sagun Groundwork Fdtn	4
Spivey, Rhudene	DC	N/A	1913	Spec. Ed Inclusion Teacher, Garland ISD	2
Zarate, Janice Chaarmi	DC	Full	1913	Deaconess/Admin. Asst.-Fresenius Medical Care	2
Hills, Barbara Ann	DC	N/A	1913	Deaconess/Caring Ministries & Outreach Vol	1*
Edwards, Kathi	DC	N/A	1913	Retired	2

Reports

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LEAD TEAM

REV. ANDY LEWIS, ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

The Unification Plan for the Horizon Texas Conference states that the Lead Team will oversee the implementation of the decisions of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference working through conference teams and departments. The roles of the Lead Team will be accountability, advocacy, goal-setting, planning, coordination, communications and decision-making between annual conference sessions, as permitted by the Discipline.

The Lead Team gathered at the Ft. Worth Conference Center on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. After a time of spiritual centering, the team divided into four sub-groups, focusing on one of the four Lead Team roles: amplify strategic impact, ensure unity and governance, leverage resources, and future-proof the Church. Each sub-group generated one or two recommendations for next steps the conference could take. The full Lead Team reconvened, heard reports from the sub-groups, and discerned the following three recommendations to pursue:

- Create and seize natural opportunities for intentional mixing and building new relationships across the Horizon Texas Conference
- Encourage and facilitate collaboration among local churches
- Provide educational resources for connectional giving and develop positive messaging for the impact of connectional giving

The Lead Team gathered for a virtual check-in on November 12, 2025, to monitor progress on the three efforts listed above.

The Lead Team gathered virtually on February 12, 2026, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. After a progress check on the efforts discerned in September, Bishop Saenz and Rev. Andy Lewis presented the Permanent Strategic Framework, which is guiding the work of the extended cabinet, and Conference-Level Objectives and Key Results for 2026. The Lead Team engaged in a focused conversation on the presentation to reflect on the strategic direction of the Horizon Texas Conference. Then, Rev. Jeffrey Pehl presented 2025 apportionment payout information, and the team discussed implications for 2026 and 2027 to ensure good stewardship of HTC resources. Finally, the Lead Team discussed and approved a proposal to schedule the 2027 meeting of the HTC in Denton at the Denton Convention Center on Thursday, June 10 – Sunday, June 13, 2027. This represents a shift to a Thursday evening through Sunday morning schedule, which is intended to reduce barriers to participation from younger lay members.

The Lead Team gathered virtually once more on April 15, 2026, in preparation for annual conference. The team affirmed Bishop Saenz's designation of Rev. Sam Hamann to serve as conference chancellor. Bishop Saenz and Rev. Andy Lewis shared final grades and reflections on OKRs from quadmester 1 (January – April 2026) and engaged the team in discussion. Then, Rev. Andy Lewis presented the 2027 budget proposal from CFA that will come before the annual conference.

FAQs Regarding Annual Conference 2027 Dates

Why is the conference proposing this schedule change?
The new Thursday-to-Sunday format is an intentional effort to make annual conference participation more accessible to young people, working adults and those who have conflicts during weekday work hours. Under the current Sunday-to-Wednesday format, many lay members of Annual Conference must take multiple days away from work to attend. The new schedule means a lay member could participate fully and only need to request a single weekday off, making attendance a realistic option for more people in our connection.

No schedule will be perfect for everyone. But this change reflects the conference's commitment to an annual conference that is more representative of the full diversity of our membership in age, vocation, and life circumstance.

What about churches whose lay members work weekends?
We know that many of our faithful lay members work in jobs that require weekend availability: healthcare, hospitality, retail, food service, transportation, and other service industries. For these members, a Thursday-to-Sunday format may present different scheduling difficulties.

We know that there is no single schedule that removes barriers for every working person equally. For 2027, this format was chosen because it opens the door more widely for the greatest number of potential lay members. The conference is committed to continued creativity in expanding participation and will pay attention to whether annual conference is growing more representative over time.

Are there other Annual Conferences that meet on Sundays?
Yes. This format is not new to the connection; meeting into Sunday morning is already the established practice for nearly one-fifth of U.S. annual conferences and was the practice in the legacy Northwest Texas Conference. While the adjustment will require planning and preparation for our local churches, we are not charting unknown territory and can learn from the experience of conferences that have navigated this well.

If Annual Conference concludes Sunday at noon, what happens to Sunday morning worship in our local churches?
This is among the most significant pastoral and logistical questions raised by the new format, and the conference takes it seriously. Sunday morning worship will be a feature of annual conference itself under this schedule. The conference will hold a worship service as part of its closing session. For local settings where livestreaming is possible, this is an invitation for the full Horizon Texas Conference to participate in worship together.

Clergy serving local congregations will need to make arrangements for Sunday morning worship at their churches while they fulfill their annual conference obligations. This is consistent with expectations that already exist when clergy attend continuing education events, are on sabbatical or serve in other conference capacities on a Sunday.

This is also a meaningful opportunity for laity to demonstrate their gifts and graces in leading worship. The UMC has long celebrated lay leadership in worship through Laity Sunday and Youth Sunday services. The Sunday of Annual Conference can be another such special Sunday.

Is Annual Conference mandatory for clergy, and does that include Sunday morning?
Under the Book of Discipline ¶602, clergy in full connection are members of the annual conference and should be present to actively participate. This expectation encompasses the full session, including

Sunday morning. Clergy who have questions about their specific obligations or who anticipate a conflict should be in conversation with their district superintendent ahead of Annual Conference 2027.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KEVIN WALTERS, HTC SECRETARY

At our 2027 meeting, the HTC will elect delegates to participate in the 2028 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The Commission on the General Conference determined that the HTC will elect the following:

Clergy	Lay	Type
7	7	**Primary Delegates**: Primary Delegates will be seated at **General Conference** and will have all voting rights, privileges, and responsibilities for the work of General Conference.
7	7	**Alternate Delegates**: Alternate Delegates will serve as a delegate to Regional or **Jurisdictional Conferences**. Additionally, these delegates could be asked to serve (move up) should a Primary Delegate be unable to fulfill their responsibilities (either permanently or periodically during General Conference).
Determined by HTC	Determined by HTC	Reserve Delegates: Reserve Delegates are those who are willing to serve, and will be able to serve should an Alternate Delegate be unable to fulfill their responsibilities (either permanently or periodically during Regional or Jurisdictional Conference)

The election of delegates is governed by ¶ 35, Articles III-V of the *2024 Book of Discipline*.

MULTIPLY JESUS FOLLOWERS TEAM

REV. STACEY PIYAKHUN, DIRECTOR OF MULTIPLICATION

In the summer of 2024, the Center for Multiplication gathered to review the tasks from our legacy conferences. What began as ninety-three inherited tasks from our legacy conferences has now taken new form—some carried forward, some consolidated, and others reimagined—so that our work is aligned, sustainable, and clearly focused on God's future for the Horizon Texas Conference. While there will always be more to do, we are moving with purpose towards God's future, with a focus on the ways we – together – will multiply Jesus followers for the next generation of United Methodists. The dust storms of the pandemic, disaffiliation, and unification have settled enough for us to be prepared for the twists and turns of the first chapter of our Horizon Texas Conference history.

We want to thank you – clergy, laity, and local churches – for your hospitality in welcoming Multiplication Masterclasses, Board of Ordained Ministry, Clergy Retreat and Clergy Covenant Day, Vision Day, and many other gatherings into your local church spaces. Thank you for your invitations to fill a pulpit for your pastor or to provide resources to churches of all sizes across our Horizon Texas geography. Your encouragement to one another across the conference has increased in the past year and is truly inspiring. We have a lot to celebrate as we gather the Annual Conference!

Leadership & Ministry Pathways

The work of the Board of Ordained Ministry has demonstrated our shared commitment to increased diversity and has been strengthened through training, participation in a group IDI, a board retreat, and LGBTQ ally training. While much of the board's work focuses on commissioning, ordination, and

continuation interviews, the board has also provided candidate forums, residency retreats, and ongoing support and training prior to paperwork submission. The use of new tools such as JotForm and Box.com has transformed three conference systems into a streamlined process for candidates.

Here is a list of Horizon Texas Conference firsts in leadership development:

- Ministry Discernment Summit welcoming twenty new candidates
- Licensing School with fourteen individuals certified
- Intentional Interim Training equipping twenty clergy for this work

As we welcome our new provisional members and ordinands, we renew our commitment from the Center for Multiplication to prayerfully walk alongside candidates who continue in this process.

Developing a Transformational Learning Ecosystem

A transformational learning ecosystem provides resources, tools, and training to laity, clergy, and local churches in a timely manner, enabling information to be adapted to a variety of contexts and helping us embrace the changes needed to be the United Methodist Church of our future. The vision for our Horizon Texas Conference learning ecosystem is to combine in-person learning sessions and cohorts with virtual content. There are many components of an ecosystem, so let's talk about a few big ones: masterclasses, online learning, coaching, and cohorts.

The Multiplication Masterclasses held in July and September 2025, and in January 2026, equipped participants with skills in hospitality, evangelism, and bridge events. These classes are intended to be "strength training" in the skills a faith community needs to reach our neighbors and welcome new people. Since we last gathered for Annual Conference, the Center for Multiplication has held twenty-three in-person masterclasses in English and Spanish, and two virtual masterclasses with Spanish translation. We estimate that more than 110 churches (over 600 clergy and laity) within the Horizon Texas Conference have participated in these masterclasses. Thank you to each of the churches that hosted these gatherings, shared these stories, and modeled radical hospitality within our connection.

> *The Center of Multiplication has made a positive impact on Hillside UMC by providing tools, resources, and relationships that have better equipped us to live into the servant leadership modeled by Jesus. Your encouragement has given us the confidence to take more risks through "experiments," trusting that if something doesn't turn out as we hope, it's okay—we can learn from it and try again*.
> Rev. Jordan Cramer, Hillside UMC

Portico is an online learning platform supporting scalable, ever-ready formation opportunities for the Horizon Texas Conference. As each strategic priority center or other conference group creates learning opportunities, we will add them to the Portico dashboard. **You can create your own login to Portico by scanning the QR code to the right or at https://htcumc.myabsorb.com/#/signup-form , using the enrollment key: HTCUMC Sign Up.** You will find *Equipped to Reach, Genesis: for starting new things, and Wesleyan Roots* available on the portal, with more coming soon!

Equipped to Reach exists as both a course on Portico with information about the culture, mission, and strategic priorities of our Horizon Texas Conference, as well as the basics of Wesleyan theology, and a template for exploring a new idea or starting a new ministry that reaches new people. Cohorts will be formed on a revolving basis, specifically for the laity, to receive additional support and resources as these new ideas are launched. Equipped to Reach is accessible today at the QR code above.

Coaching, Onboarding, and Cohorts

The Horizon Texas Conference engages in three types of coaching. *Pastor coaching* is led by clergy and laity trained in the CAST (Coach Approach Skills Training). This coaching is confidential and intended to help the recipient discover what they didn't know they already knew. Through intentional, open-ended questions, these coaches help a clergy person discern direction for the leadership and life. *Growth coaching* is led by experienced clergy or laity with a specific skill set, providing leadership with insight and guidance. *Project coaches* are engaged for clergy and, often, for local church leadership when a church is in a season of rapid change or discernment.

Onboarding is led by trained facilitators who walk with a clergy person, staff, and/or lay leadership in preparation for a new appointment through a series of facilitated conversations. This is a new tool for the Horizon Texas Conference, created by the Candler School of Christian Leadership for the UMC, which was piloted in Spring 2026. With nine trained facilitators, we anticipate that many churches receiving a new pastor in the 2026 appointment season will be invited to participate in an onboarding process this year. Our pastoral transition seminars (*Leaving Well and The First 30 Days*) establish the patterns for saying goodbye and for welcoming a new pastor by providing tools for local church leadership. Onboarding accompanies the pastor, staff, or lay leadership as the church moves into its next season of ministry.

> *This training provides the "missing link" for onboarding. It empowers those dedicated to building strong foundations between pastors and laity by delivering essential information from the start. My hope is that these tools will enable the selected churches to begin their journeys rooted in mutual respect and shared understanding.*
> Sharon Spratt, Certified Onboarding Facilitator, St. Paul UMC, Dallas

> *The benefits of the training were that as facilitators we received a process for onboarding that is proven to work, we gained insight into some of the nuances of onboarding (a.k.a. we got to learn some of the tricks of the trade from experts), and we got to practice in a safe environment where we could practice and receive feedback to help develop our skills. In the business world, I've personally seen the benefits of onboarding for many years, and it is a known and proven fact that if onboarding is done well, the person being onboarded has a better experience and is more likely to have earlier success. I would expect the same to hold true for our efforts in the HTC. My hope for the churches who are selected to be offered onboarding is that they would embrace it as a best practice to help pastors get a jump start in their new appointments as well as reduce the anxiety that comes from change for both the church and the pastors!*
> Tim Hopson, First UMC Plano, Metro North District Lay Leader

> *This training has helped me see how we can help pastors and congregations begin their journeys through open, transparent conversations. It helps congregations and pastors to learn to communicate with one another in healthy ways and to expedite the process for the new pastor to get to know the congregation in meaningful ways.*
> Rev. Danielle Buwon Kim, Certified Onboarding Facilitator, First UMC Coppell

Cohorts are used to gather clergy and laity for shared learning and growth. Thirty-one people attended the Genesis co-creator retreat, with fifteen completing a 6-month cohort focused on the tools and practice of starting a new thing. While it can be difficult to measure the fruitfulness of new initiatives, we estimate that at least four new ministries began as a part of this work. Similarly, the first Equipped to Reach cohort was formed in March 2026 with a committed group of laity meeting weekly to explore new ways to reach new people.

> *The co-creator event helped me to recognize that Jesus is calling me to a new ministry, and the Genesis Cohort gave me the tools to make this ministry a reality. The combination is an amazing mix of inspirational, relational, and practical. The tools and techniques I learned are helping me*

plan enough to be successful while also recognizing when I have planned enough and I am ready to execute. Having the opportunity to speak regularly with Matt throughout the process has been extremely helpful. It is wonderful that the UMC offers such a program to both clergy and members of the laity. I simply cannot recommend Genesis Cohort enough.
Heidi Cooper, Journey of Faith UMC

The Genesis Cohort helped me take Austin Music Church from a vague idea into a movement. It gave me a better framework for clarifying the mission, naming the people I'm trying to reach, and turning big vision into actual next steps. I appreciated that it pushed me to think more specifically and practically about what the new ministry could look like in the real world. The support was the most valuable, it's heartening to know we're not alone out here trying crazy stuff for Jesus!
Pastor Colin McDonald, Austin Music Church

As the Lead Pastor of an established church in the process of starting something new, I was deeply grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Genesis Cohort and Co-Creator event. What stood out most was the powerful combination of collaboration, creativity, and a shared sense of calling that shaped the community. That sense of community took root during the Co-Creator event and continued to grow throughout the cohort experience. In my previous experience planting a new community, much of the emphasis in shared learning spaces centered on the "how" of starting something new. Genesis, however, offered a refreshing and meaningful shift—intentionally grounding us in the "why" and the "with whom." Those questions became an anchor, shaping not just what we did, but how we discerned each step along the way.
Rev. Daniel Hawkins, William C. Martin UMC

Horizon Texas Academy is a cohort of clergy gathered at the bishop's invitation to learn from seasoned clergy within our conference. This cohort was formed with the intention of peer learning for the skills that clergy do not learn in seminary. Twenty-nine clergy have begun in this cohort, which will complete its work at the end of the calendar year, with the intention of beginning a second cohort in 2027 or 2028.

With the recent merger of our three annual conferences, we have many new colleagues and relationships to form. I hope the Horizon Texas Academy will help clergy build lasting connections, engage in meaningful dialogue, and grow together in faith and leadership. My prayer is that this shared learning will equip pastors more effectively and inspire innovation that strengthens our churches as communities of transformation and grace.
Rev. Kantrice Robinson, St. Paul UMC, Dallas

It is exciting to see young pastors who are hungry and motivated to sharpen their skills and grow in their leadership. I have great hopes that this academy will produce fruitful ministry in the Horizon Texas Conference.
Rev. Clayton Oliphint, First UMC Richardson

The Horizon Texas Academy is a meaningful investment in raising up the next generation of clergy leaders by cultivating practical wisdom, adaptive leadership, and life-giving collegial relationships. As a pastor serving in a rapidly growing and changing community, this experience is equipping me with the insight and support I need to lead more faithfully and courageously. I believe the fruit of this investment will be seen not only in stronger local churches but also in a more connected, innovative, and mission driven Horizon Texas Conference.
Rev. Changsu Kim, Hutto Discovery UMC

Leadership Engagement and Discernment (LEAD) is a process for learning about one's leadership gifts, specifically for planting new churches or starting new initiatives. Thirty-six individuals participated in the learning sessions, of whom thirty completed the assessment process.

Collegiate and Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Council (YAC) initiated a gathering of young adults (age 18-35) in Wichita Falls prior to the Annual Conference, beginning Saturday, May 30. Incorporating young adults into all facets of ministry and leadership, especially in the local church, is essential. This group of young adults is passionate about the United Methodist witness and the ways in which our conference is living into the reality of God's kingdom– a Beloved Community woven from the richness of varied cultures, life stages, and lived experiences. **To foster this connection, the YAC is building a database of young adults across the Horizon Texas Conference to connect and share important info– join by scanning this QR code.**

Collegiate ministries and universities have each submitted annual reports for the conference to review. We encourage you to locate the Wesley Foundation or the university nearest to you to see how you can support this important work.

Wesley Foundations function as a ministry of the Horizon Texas Conference, a nonprofit entity, and a university program or outreach. The Center for Multiplication has been working to support Wesley Foundations by connecting executive directors and board chairs and by providing tools and training in board development and fundraising.

- Board Development Day on March 21, 2026, brought together representatives from all 9 Wesley Foundations to connect and learn. Led by the Center for Nonprofit Management, we spent the day talking about strategy and fundraising. Who is God calling each Wesley Foundation to be in the next 5 years? How will we share that vision?
- Participation in the Faith & Fundraising Conference and the Rise of Sustainable Giving Workshop, along with tools such as Bloomerang, has provided our Wesley Foundations with resources for sustainable giving strategies. This is evident in the development of recurring donor programs across many of our Wesley Foundations.

The support from the Center of Multiplication in connecting us with Sustainable Giving has completely shifted how we not only fundraise for Wesley, but even more so how we grow generosity as we fulfill our mission.
Rev. Eddie Kahler, TCU Wesley

Utilizing the shared database allowed the Denton Wesley to more than double our giving in one year without increasing our staff or sacrificing our programs. Our community of donors, volunteers, parents, and churches are more connected to our students, and we are able to make more strategic ministry plans knowing our means of support are organized and integrated to our other systems.
Rev. Marianne Brown-Trigg, Denton Wesley Foundation

A strategic team gathered in the weeks after the 2025 Annual Conference to fulfill our commitment to the exploring reinitiating ministry at Navarro College in Corsicana. This team has been working independently – meeting with stakeholders first – to explore using the existing building and to work with Corsicana stakeholders to create new bylaws, form a new board, develop stakeholder relationships, and connect with Navarro College to launch the ministry beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. This team will bring a resolution for consideration by the Horizon Texas Annual Conference.

Church Development and Vitalization
Churches that connect with the Center for Multiplication for grant funding for innovation, planting, or vitalization engage in a partnership that includes pastor check-in calls, learning tools, and financial reporting, and stakeholder calls. This pattern helps to ensure that apportionment dollars allocated for this work are used with faithful stewardship within our conference geography. The Center for Multiplication is currently engaged with forty-four churches across the conference in this process.

We are celebrating alongside many of these churches that met, exceeded, or nearly met their generosity growth goals in 2025! This growth in generosity and discipleship is evident in the faith formation taking place in our churches and communities. These churches gathered in January for visioning and to set clear, contextually relevant objectives for 2026. This gathering, Vision Day, was held in three languages (Spanish, ASL & English), three locations, including a virtual one, with eighty-five participants and thirty-two churches. By the end of 2026, the Center for Multiplication will be in partnership with fifty churches for church development and vitalization work.

> *En el día de la Visión, fue un momento donde, como lideres, nos unimos no solo para cumplir, sino para crecer y reflexionar en acercarnos más a nuestra comunidad, con el propósito de extender el regalo del amor y gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.*
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> *On Vision Day, it was a moment where, as leaders, we came together not just to fulfill our duties, but to grow and draw closer to our community, with the purpose of extending the gift of the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
> Pastora Aurora Rodríguez, New Riverside UMC

Several churches within the conference had milestone moments this year:

- New Buildings
  - Opening on October 8, 2025: Grace Lubbock (Northwest District)
  - Consecrated on February 8, 2026: Open Door, Clyde (Northwest District)
- Mergers
  - Adoptions
    - Effective June 1, 2025: Button Memorial UMC adopted by Grace Avenue UMC (Metro North District)
    - Effective June 15, 2026: Epworth UMC adopted by Trinity UMC (Metro West District)
    - Effective March 31, 2026: First UMC Petrolia adopted by First UMC Henrietta (Mid-North District)
  - Consolidations
    - Effective July 1, 2025: Cogdell Memorial UMC and Lakeshore UMC merge to form Hillside UMC (Mid-South District)
- Launch/relaunch
  - Effective December 14, 2025: River Oaks UMC has launched as an independent congregation after several years under the care of Arborlawn UMC.

> *The Center for Multiplication has been instrumental in guiding River Oaks UMC toward independence, providing not only financial support but also faithful accompaniment throughout the process. Their partnership has helped us grow into a welcoming and unified bilingual congregation, where both new and long-time members feel valued, resulting in meaningful growth across our Hispanic and Anglo communities.*
> Rev. Sam Macias, River Oaks UMC
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> *The unwavering support of the Center of Multiplication and their commitment to our church and community have been inspiring. Being a listening ear to our unique context has provided us with*

more than just resources; it has given us the encouragement of knowing we are cared for and never alone.
Rev. Hyung Kim, Open Door UMC

Multiplying Diversity
One area of focus and growth for our center is expanding the reach of our conference to populations who have been historically underrepresented, in line with our shared strategic priority to *pursue and embrace diversity*.

AAPI clergy and laity are well organized and working to shift their emphasis from an annual worship service to a conference-wide gathering and retreat. A sacred movement is unfolding among our Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities in the Horizon Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church—one that continues beyond a single gathering, shaped by faith, resilience, and hope. What began three years ago was not just an event; it was a seed planted in good soil.

Last year's gathering, with its focus on children and youth, reminded us that the future of the Church is already among us. In their laughter, courage, and inherited stories, we witnessed God's unfolding promise—and we practiced fellowship and worship in ways that honored young voices.

Now the Spirit is inviting us to widen the circle—to gather not only as AAPI siblings, but alongside minority clergy and laity leaders across the Horizon Texas Conference. This is more than inclusion; it is communion: a deeper wholeness in the Body of Christ when every voice is valued and every story woven into God's grace.

This ongoing ministry is bridge-building—connecting generations, connecting communities across cultures and languages, and connecting our purpose to justice, compassion, and transformative discipleship.

Let us not underestimate what God is doing in these gatherings. Around tables, in prayer, and through shared leadership, the Spirit is cultivating something enduring: a network of leaders who will serve their communities and stand together as witnesses to God's inclusive love.

We are moving forward with intention—not just to meet, but to discern; not just to speak, but to listen; not just to plan, but to be formed. In this sacred work among clergy and laity, especially among those who have known life at the margins, we are rediscovering that the margins are often where God does God's most powerful work. And there, together, we will continue the ministry—multiplying and thriving in our communities. Thanks Be to God!

Korean pastors serving in cross-cultural contexts gather with a shared vision for fellowship, prayer, education, and pastoral consultation—strengthening both Korean-language and English-language ministries. Through these relationships, they share stories of faith and ministry and integrate the gifts of Korean culture into the life of the Horizon Texas Conference. The group also serves as an Ethnic Advocate Group, offering mutual support and guidance during seasons of challenge.

To support this work, the HTCUMC Korean Ministry Team includes Chair Rev. Kenneth Park, Vice Chair Rev. Sukgyun Hong, Secretary Rev. Changsu Kim, and Financial Secretary Rev. Stella Eunbyul Cho. The team meets monthly by Zoom, hosts an annual pastors' retreat, and convenes a joint annual gathering with other ethnic/racial ministries within HTCUMC. These efforts help Korean pastors navigate language and cultural barriers and sustain long-term ministry in their appointed contexts.

This initiative is grounded in the vision of the Korean Ministry Plan[1] (*Advancing United Methodist Ministries Among Koreans*), presented at the 2024 General Conference: "Our vision is to integrate Wesleyan tradition and Korean spirituality to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." The plan advances this vision through five key areas:

1. Congregational Development & New Church Start,
2. Leadership Formation,
3. Next Generation Ministries,
4. Justice-related Ministries, and
5. International Missions.

Creating Momentum with the Black Church Academy by supporting Clarity, Courage, and Strategic Movement Across the Horizon Texas Conference. Since relaunching in July, the Black Church Academy (BCA) has engaged nine churches across the Horizon Texas Annual Conference through a rhythm of gatherings, webinars, and monthly check-ins. These churches represent a wide range of realities—from those experiencing growth to those facing significant challenges—and engagement has varied accordingly. To date, direct strategic work has been conducted with three congregations, including Morningside UMC and McMillan UMC in Fort Worth, where intervention sessions led to a unanimous decision to merge after years of stalled conversation. In Dallas, a strategic planning retreat with St. Paul United Methodist Church yielded three clearly defined priorities that now guide the church's direction, with strong energy and alignment emerging from the process. At the same time, several other churches are in difficult seasons, with plans in place to conduct strategic planning sessions or interventions with five additional churches before the end of the year. A central component of this work has been equipping churches with practical tools and frameworks. Congregational surveys have been widely introduced to gather honest, anonymous feedback and ground decision-making in real data. In addition, the BCA developed both an Advent Toolkit (2025) and an Easter Toolkit (2026), each supported by webinars and focused on invitation, hospitality, and follow-up—helping churches move beyond isolated attendance spikes toward more intentional systems of engagement. Some churches have adopted these tools more fully than others, and early signs of growth are visible in a few congregations, while others continue working to stabilize and clarify their next steps.

In parallel, the BCA has developed a video-based learning series that will be incorporated into the Junius B. Dotson Institute for Music and Worship in the Black Church and Beyond (April 29–May 2, 2026), hosted at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, one of the BCA cohort churches. The series features Disciples Central Community Church (DC3), DeSoto Campus, led by Rev. Marcus King, as a best-practice model with origins that reflect the realities many of our churches share. In addition to documenting current practices across five key areas—hospitality, technology, worship and music, marketing and follow-up, and preaching—the interviews also surface lessons learned, including mistakes and "war stories," offering practical insight for churches navigating similar challenges. Across all this work, there is a consistent emphasis on strengthening data systems and leadership capacity, with the goal of helping each church create momentum appropriate to its context.

Viva La Church and Hispanic Church Multiplication. The Center for Multiplication is engaged with 16 Hispanic or Spanish-language congregations across the conference through masterclasses, 1:1 meetings, cohorts, new expressions, and gatherings. These churches, the laity, and the clergy are excited about connecting with their communities. There seems to be a sense of building relationships and bridging communities. In October, a Horizon Texas Conference group gathered in Henderson, Nevada, at Viva La Church. Cohorts in English and Spanish were formed for continued growth and connection. Through these cohorts, four Spanish-language cohort participants are experimenting with new ideas and ministries in their churches!

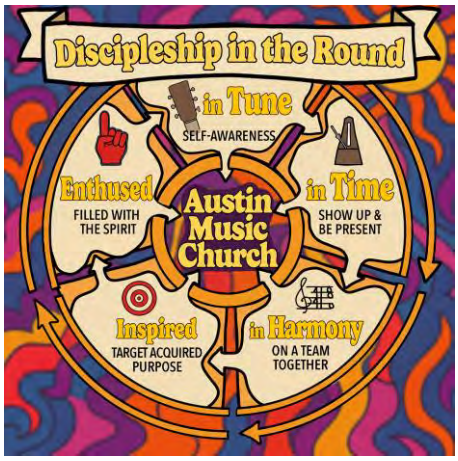
[1] Report On the Korean Ministry Plan, https://umcmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/4.-KOREAN-MINISTRY-PLAN-REPORT-TO-GC24.pdf)

The Viva Las Vegas Conference reshaped my understanding of diversity as intentional belonging, not mere inclusion, leading us to cultivate a multicultural, multigenerational church where every voice—especially youth—is valued and formed through shared practices like music and worship. By reimagining the church as a community bridge and opening our space to diverse organizations, we have embodied a theology of hospitality, justice, and mutual learning. Together, these practices reflect our participation in God's work of reconciliation, transforming the church into a living sign of shared life and grace.
Rev. Isabel Marquez, Oak Lawn UMC

Pioneering: A Hypothesis for Planting
A pioneer is one of the first to research and develop something new. A pioneer learns about the community, engages in genuine relationships to understand its needs and desires, and seeks to allow the Body of Christ to gather in a way that feels right for that context – without a deep commitment to weekly worship gatherings as the primary point of invitation. They may form new expressions or new faith communities. They may grow into full new churches with weekly worship options. They might be fantastic learning opportunities (FLOps) where we learn about the community and discern that the time or the place is not right for faith community development.

The hypothesis for a pioneer ministry project is that creating a one-year experiment for a clergy person to follow God's call to reach a new community creates the space for us to see fruit from the initiative or learn about church development in ministry contexts without a United Methodist presence. Each pioneering project will receive a high level of support through:

- Cohort prayer gatherings and experiences coordinated by the Center for Multiplication.
- Project coaching focused on the growth of the ministry and community.
- Pastor coaching focused on leadership development.
- Generosity growth learning focused on the development of sustainable giving.
- Prayers from across the Horizon Texas Conference that we may be open to reaching new people as we multiply Jesus' followers.



Austin Music Church (AMC), anchored by Journey of Faith, is the first of our pioneering experiments. Pastor Colin McDonald has been engaging the Austin music scene in a way unique to their context and seeks to walk with individuals as they become in tune, in time, in harmony, inspired, and enthused with the love of Christ. **Learn more at austinmusic.church**.

As of the writing of this report, AMC engages in the following discipleship opportunities:

- Over 6,000 people through their Facebook group, where comments often turn into conversations,
- Weekly Open Mic Nights with 20-30 attendees supporting new songwriters,
- Two Target Alignment Teams (TATs) with 5-10 people each meeting at least once a week for encouragement and community centered on scripture, and
- The second gathering of a Bible study and songwriting group that meets for six weeks to develop and share new music based on familiar stories.

This appointment season brings two new pioneer appointments to the Horizon Texas Conference, with Rev. Sean McDonald to Bishop Arts and Rev. Danielle Buwon Kim to the South Carrollton area. These pioneers will learn from the mission field as they follow God's call to form communities of engagement and discipleship – especially among those who feel less connected to the established church but are drawn to Christ as revealed in our United Methodist theology and witness.

For this pioneering work – and for any time we are multiplying Jesus followers – it is important to remember that God has called us to be with those in our communities. Pastor Colin McDonald says it this way: "It's important to serve a community that you are already a part of, where you are not crashing a party. You must be in the community to serve it and build it. Instead of building and conquering, you unite and honor those around you."

Looking Ahead to Next Year
The Center for Multiplication is poised to connect, support, and encourage your local church's efforts to reach new people and multiply Jesus followers. In late April, we returned from a Multiplication Road Trip, and we hope to repeat road trips to visit in your local church contexts at least once or twice each year – in addition to our regular visits for worship, workshops, and conversation. We plan to launch an additional masterclass series on New Expressions, including information about the *Equipped to Reach* program. New classes will be built on Portico for training within your context, including ministry action plan resources and training for the District Board of Church Building and Locations. We are committed to multiplying diversity in our leadership pipelines and in our local churches, recognizing this as a significant area of growth for our conference. The Young Adult Council is set to play a pivotal role in broadening our outreach to young adults both within and beyond traditional church structures. Additionally, the Center will continue to expand our efforts to support and strengthen campus and collegiate ministry, church development and revitalization, and planting and pioneering through connection, resourcing, and tools.

If you are wondering about how to lean into our strategic priority of multiplying Jesus followers, here are a few suggestions for your prayerful consideration:

- Reach out to young adults in your area to listen to their stories. Connect young adults in your church with the HTC young adult database.
- Use the QR code in this report to log in to Portico to explore the Equipped to Reach course and plan a new expression to reach new neighbors in the places where you live, learn, and work.
- Reach out to our Center to learn more about developing a ministry action plan for your local church.
- Locate your nearest campus ministry to learn more about what they do and how you can connect with them.
- Stop by our Annual Conference table to say 'hi,' find some fun fidgets, and let us know what you are celebrating as we gather in Wichita Falls.

Our shared Horizon Texas Conference vision is to *seek the loving, just, and free world which God imagines for all people*. Alongside your ministry, we will continue to take the next faithful step towards this vision as we remember God's promise to Abram that "his descendants would be more numerous than the stars" (Genesis 22:17). Thank you again for the work you are doing to continue welcoming and multiplying Jesus followers – there is much work ahead, and, together, with Christ and one another, we can accomplish extraordinary things!

BOARD OF LAITY

DR. MARY NICKSON, CONFERENCE CO-LAY LEADER

The purpose of the Board of Laity (BOL) is to foster and support the ministry of the laity within the church. This board serves as a bridge between lay members and church leadership, encouraging active participation in church life and mission. BOL responsibilities include promoting leadership development, ensuring effective communication among laypersons, and advocating for the interests and concerns of the laity.

Additionally, the Board of Laity works to equip lay members for service, provide training opportunities, and collaborate with other church entities to advance the church's mission. It plays a key role in empowering laypeople to take on leadership roles both within their local congregations and throughout the broader conference.

The Board of Laity of the Horizon Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church has been meeting over the past year to plan and present training to the lay leadership in local Churches. On February 1, 2026, Laity Training Day more than three hundred lay members joined in to an online seminar presentation that helped to inform and organize leadership in the local church. The training District Lay Leaders Tim Hopson, Ted Haynes, Jackie Carter, and Jennifer Wang presented sessions. Additional session presenters were District Superintendent Cassie Wade, Lay Servant Karen Goodwin, HTC Co-Lay Leader, Mike Jones and Marty James, a lay member of First UMC Plano. Videos from the Laity Training Day 2026 can be viewed on the HTC Website.

Lay Servant Ministry, under the leadership of Director Chris Buse, has provided online courses for laity on preaching and prayer. Lay Servants of the Horizon Texas Conference "conduct, or assist in conducting, services of worship, preach the Word, or give addresses when requested by the pastor, district superintendent or committee on Lay Servant Ministries" (BOD, 20/24, pg. 218).

Additionally, the Board of Laity values the input and active participation of the President of United Women in Faith, Wendy Campbell, United Methodist Men representative, Carl Swanson, II, and youth representative Leo Barrios.

Finally, on behalf of the other HTC Lay Leaders we are working to strengthen the laity's engagement in the Lord's work by "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." As the laity of HTC, we also called to support the five strategic priorities of the conference to:

1. Multiply Followers of Jesus
2. Champion Children and Youth
3. Promote and Embrace Diversity
4. Maximize Care and Healing
5. Tell Our Story

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

CHRIS BUSE, CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) has much to celebrate since last year's annual conference. LSM training equips and empowers laity to serve God and neighbor through effective leadership, authentic caring ministries, and respectful communication. This past year LSM offered seventeen classes using in-person, online, and hybrid formats. In addition to the core classes required for certification as a Certified Lay Servant (CLS) and Certified Lay Speaker (CLSp), LSM offered advanced classes, *Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution and Sacraments: Means of Grace*. As LSM continues to expand its ministry to embrace diversity, the Metro East District offered one of the newest advanced LSM classes, *The Millennial Narrative*, with fifteen participants in attendance.

Each year at charge conference, all lay servants must submit a report with their local church's charge conference to request initial or renewed certification. This past fall we received annual reports from over 150 lay servants. Of these numbers, thirty-three lay servants were requesting new or continued certification as Certified Lay Speakers and sixteen as Certified Lay Ministers.

Through online gatherings, our lay servants can network with other lay servants from around our jurisdiction and across the nation. As we share ideas and celebrate each other's ministries, we continue to expand our borders and increase our abilities for collaborative learning.

In September 2025, the Deaf Mission Church sponsored a delegation of six participants to attend an advanced LSM training in Baltimore. As a result of the connections made during their training, the church was able to secure facilitators who were willing to travel from the Baltimore-Washington Conference to present the LSM Basic Class for a group of twelve deaf and four hearing people. We look forward to seeing this group of lay servants growing and reaching out to disciple others.

Also, with the help of facilitators from the Pacific Conference, the Metro West District hosted its first advanced LSM class in the Tongan language for the twenty-eight participants. The Tongan LSM community has been active for many years, but this was the first time they were able to host an advanced class in our conference. We celebrate the dedication and commitment of our Tongan lay servants.

Looking forward to next year's annual conference, we ask for your continued prayer and support as LSM reaches across borders to empower and equip a growing community of lay servants dedicated to sharing God's love with the world.

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

REV. BETH EVERS, CHAIR

The Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) recruits, trains, mentors, credentials, and equips individuals for fruitful ministry through the United Methodist Church as certified, licensed, and ordained clergy. The work of the Board of Ordained Ministry extends beyond interviewing candidates for commissioning and ordination, and the Horizon Texas Conference BOM has embraced the fullness of their work.

The following are highlights of the HTC Board of Ordained Ministry's Work

Examination and Credentialing of Clergy Candidates
The BOM had three credentialing retreats in February, March, and April 2026. During these retreats, candidates were interviewed on matters related to their submitted paperwork, theology, worship and proclamation, and their call and disciplined lives. The BOM prayerfully discerned candidates for commissioning and association memberships' readiness, continuing candidates' progress in their journey toward ordination, and candidates for ordination and recognition of orders' effectiveness in ministry.

The BOM is delighted to recommend ten individuals for commissioning and provisional membership (three for commissioning as deacons and seven for commissioning as elders), one individual for associate membership, thirteen individuals for ordination and full membership (three for ordination as deacons; ten for ordination as elders), and one individual for recognition of orders.

The candidacy process in the United Methodist Church is detailed and rigorous. It is process that can last up to twelve years. Through the process, the district committees on ministry (committees of the Board or Ordained Ministry) and the BOM guide candidates through a journey that includes a ministry discernment summit, robust theological paperwork, group and individual mentoring, licensing school, a residency program, and interviews. This intentional process is designed to help candidates to continually discern their call and have it reflected upon by the church through the DCOMs and the BOM.

District committees on ministry work closely to discern, credential, and oversee the ministries of Licensed Local Pastors (LLPs). Individuals who are called to ministry in the United Methodist Church are invited to

discern if their calling is to ordained or licensed ministry. LLPs provide fruitful, effective, and essential ministry through their ministries. DCOMs interview and affirm candidates for licensure upon completion of Licensing School and after receiving an appointment to ministry. LLPs remain under the supervisions of DCOMs until they complete the educational requirements for licensed local pastors. This education can be completed by either successfully fulfilling the requirements of the course of study program through the denomination or completing their studies through a seminary approved by the University Senate. We will celebrate those LLPs who have completed their educational requirements this year during Clergy Session.

Functions of the BOM Outside of Examination and Credentialing
The BOM is charged with supporting clergy of our annual conference in areas outside examination and credentialing. The functions of the BOM include administering changes in clergy conference relationships, administering and recommending clergy transfers, providing support services for ministries, administering to the needs for certification in specialized ministries, administering the Ministerial Education Fund, and partnering with the Global Board of Higher Education in Ministry,
This year, we will celebrate that D'Andre Smith will be recommended for certification of youth ministry. Additionally, the BOM is working with Perkins School of Theology to explore ways we can partner to provide additional certification offerings for clergy and lay leaders within the annual conference.

The BOM is responsible for discerning the needs and distribution of the Ministerial Education Fund. These funds provide financial support for clergy and candidates for ministry. Applications for Course of Study reimbursement funds, seminary scholarships, and continuation education funds for clergy are available on the HTC website. This is a powerful resource that all clergy and ministry candidates are encouraged to request. As clergy continue their education and training, they are better prepared to live out their calling in effective and healthy ways.

A Word of Gratitude
The work of the Board of Ordained Ministry is remarkable. It is a great responsibility to walk with people through discernment of their call, to help prepare clergy for the rigors of ministry, and to say with confidence to the bishop, cabinet, and local churches that individuals are prepared for licensed and ordained ministry. We are incredibly aware of the trust that is instilled in the Board of Ordained Ministry. Our work is holy; our task is sacred, and we undertake it prayerfully.

This work cannot be done without the wisdom and talent of an incredible team. Thank you to the lay and clergy members of the BOM. They give hours and days toward this work and take it very seriously. Thank you to Rev. Philip Rhodes for serving as the cabinet representative to the Board of Ordained Ministry. We are grateful for his wisdom, insight, and care for this work.

Thank you to our incredible Executive Committee: Rev. Kay Eck, Dr. Mary Nickson, Rev. Ann Willet, Rev. Alan McGrath, Rev. Kim Long, Rev. Matt Ybañez, Dr. Edgar Bazan, Rev. Marcus Jones, Rev. Maggie Proshek, and Rev. Josh Stueve. They exemplify dedicated service to their individual work with the BOM. They have also modeled tremendous collaboration as we live into our work as the Horizon Texas Conference BOM.

We are incredibly grateful for the staff support of the Center for Multiplication. Rev. Derek Jacobs provides resources and opportunities that continually challenge the BOM to improve its service to the candidates for ministry and the annual conference. Ms. Camale Allen provides tremendous support and leadership to the BOM. She has dedicated herself to the Board of Ordained Ministry with her detailed work, compassionate heart, and creative ideas.

The work of the BOM is inspiring and life-giving. It is a joy to share a brief description of this year's accomplishments of the Horizon Texas Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Thank you.

WESLEY FOUNDATIONS & CAMPUS MINISTRY

BELTON UNITED WESLEY FOUNDATION

BELTON, TEXAS
ANNA SHIPLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Belton United Wesley is an ecumenical campus ministry serving students at the University of Mary Hardin–Baylor. Our mission is to create a nurturing Christ-centered community where students are invited to belong, encouraged to wonder, and empowered to lead with courage and compassion. This year marked an important season of relaunch and rebuilding as we reestablished a visible and relational ministry presence on campus.

Over the past year, our primary focus has been building relationships with students and strengthening connections with our local church partners and community supporters. Through individual coffee meetings, small gatherings, service projects, and campus outreach events, we made eighty-four new student connections and hosted eighteen unique participants in Wesley programming during our relaunch year. These relationships have already begun to form the foundation for a consistent core group of students who participate regularly in our community.

A significant milestone this year was the opening of a newly remodeled student space shared with Belton First United Methodist Church's Family Life Center. The space now serves as a flexible gathering place for conversation, study, fellowship, and ministry programming. We have also made the space available for UMHB students and campus groups in addition to our weekly programming.

This year we launched a new website and refreshed our social media platforms to better tell the story of our ministry and share how God is at work in our community. Alongside this digital relaunch, we developed a new logo, tagline, and organizational values that clearly articulate our mission to be a welcoming spiritual home for students as they grow in faith and community.

Participating in community service opportunities continues to be one of the most meaningful entry points for students. This year students participated in multiple service opportunities including partnerships with local organizations, pop-up service activities on campus, and preparing and serving meals for community members experiencing food insecurity. These projects helped connect Belton United Wesley with students from across the broader campus ministry network. In addition to group programming, pastoral care and relational discipleship have been central to this year's ministry. Regular individual meetings for prayer, conversation, and spiritual support have been an important part of helping students navigate the academic, emotional, and spiritual challenges of college life.

This ministry is sustained through the generous partnership of local churches, donors, and the Horizon Texas Conference. Current partner congregations include Belton First United Methodist Church, St. Cornelius Episcopal Church, Salado First United Methodist Church, and Covenant Lutheran Church in Temple. These partnerships support the ministry through financial contributions, shared leadership, prayer, and collaboration in programming. We are deeply grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and generosity of the many individuals and congregations who make this ministry possible. Together, we are helping create a community where students are welcomed just as they are and invited to grow in faith, belonging, and purpose.

If you would like to learn more visit beltonunitedwesley.org or check us out on Facebook or Instagram.

DENTON WESLEY FOUNDATION

DENTON, TEXAS
MARIANNE BROWN-TRIGG, DIRECTOR

Greetings from the Denton Wesley Foundation! We are a campus ministry that exists to embody Christ's radical love on campus and empower faithful young leaders at University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University, and North Central Texas College. We serve campus through feeding ministries, free groceries, mental health services, public witness, and community care, alongside our weekly programming of worship, Bible study, community groups, and leadership development.

On the Denton campus, our Open Doors program provides free groceries and lunch, as well as opportunities for students to learn about community service partners. Our free mental health program has allowed many under-served students access therapy and spiritual direction, as well as lift the stigma around mental health care through community workshops on topics such as managing boundaries in family relationships and coping with adverse religious experiences. Originally launched through a multi-ministry grant through Texas Methodist Foundation, we have been able to sustain weekly therapy sessions and 'drop in' support for students this school year through other grants and individual donors.

This year, we expanded our ministry to include the Gainesville campus of North Central Texas College. Lions For Christ: Gainesville has made about one hundred outreach connections, served international students needing groceries over school breaks, and helped many students learn about local churches and summer service opportunities.

The board has been exploring opportunities for developing our property as part of a long-term strategic plan. We are excited about the possibilities for the ways we can contribute positively to the campus ecosystem and make our ministry more sustainable for coming generations. We hope to be able to share details about our progress soon.

Regarding the statewide campus ministry fund: every conference in Texas has voted to join the Texas Campus Ministry Fund as partners. Following the Horizon Texas Conference's commitment to support the fund with 5% of the net proceeds from unrestricted church closures, Texas Annual Conference has launched a funding campaign that will match the first $500,000 of gifts from their conference over the next five years. We look forward to this fund being able to support campus ministries across the entire state with one source of predictable annual funding and giving supporters the opportunity to make a gift that is widely impactful. To give to the fund, text **txcampus** to **50155** or give through the Texas Methodist Foundation to ***Account #5043***.

We are so grateful for the local churches and individuals that have supported our ministry this year. You embody Christ's radical love on campus and raise up faithful young leaders when you donate, volunteer, pray, or share about this ministry.

To give, refer a student or see our most current needs for support, visit our website: **thewesley.org**

PARIS WESLEY CENTER

PARIS, TEXAS
MICHELLE STUBBS-WOOD, DIRECTOR

Hello, Annual Conference 2026! Paris Wesley Center is a campus faith community in Paris, TX creating a home away from home for the students of Paris Junior College.

There's some very exciting news coming out of Paris Junior College this year! Starting in August 2026, every high school graduate from Lamar and Red River counties will be eligible to attend PJC and earn their associate's degree completely free of charge. With the poverty rate around the school sitting at twice the national average, this change has the potential to break young people free from the systems of generational poverty. The Paris Wesley Center board is working and discerning all the ways we can best support students through this exciting, shifting landscape!

Paris Wesley Center creates a space where diverse students come together and are transformed by one another and God in their midst. Throughout the week, students are gathering between classes, playing together, encouraging one another, and inviting their friends to join them. Every semester, including summer term, student interns are hired to cultivate and grow their leadership capacity through leading fun events, connecting students with needed resources, and facilitating small group discussions on mental health, world religions, the Bible, and life skills. The Open Table Bible Study has created space for some meaningful conversations, spiritual growth, and collective learning. The Mindful Expressions group meets weekly to learn about a mental health topic, to communally share about their experiences, and then to create a related art project together.

In 2025, the Paris Wesley Center served over 3,300 meals during Thursday free lunches. The number of people attending Free lunch grew from 75 to 90 during the Fall semester of 2025. The Paris Wesley Center also has a food pantry, which is treated as "walking into your home kitchen" to lessen any stigma around using extra support. Shelf stable meals, snacks, drinks, and freezer meals are available for students whenever the building is open. Students are also able to prepare meals in the Paris Wesley Center kitchen.

The Loads of Love Laundry provides a space for the students to wash their clothes free of charge. We've become a part of students' weekly life rhythms in a new way, which provides regular opportunities to build relationships and offer socio-emotional and spiritual support. Approximately 2,000 loads of laundry were washed here in 2025. Local churches have been extremely generous in donating laundry detergent as well, which is one more way that students experience the people of God exuding God's prevenient grace and impacting their lives in tangible ways.

The Wesley Center is an inclusive community of students who gather to support one another through life, and it is growing quickly. We know that God is present and working in the lives of our students and we will continue creating spaces where that is cultivated and celebrated! The Paris Wesley Center cares for Paris Junior College students, through seeking to meet their holistic needs, so that they can be fully equipped to become the strong community leaders our world desperately needs. For more information, contact Rev. Michelle Stubbs-Wood at director@pariswesleycenter.org.

SYNERGY WESLEY FOUNDATION (UTD/DALLAS COLLEGE/COLLIN COLLEGE)

RICHARDSON, TEXAS

BRITTANY MELROSE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Synergy Wesley Foundation provides supportive space for college students to build authentic relationships and community, grow in faith through worship and discussion, discover their gifts, discern their vocational call, develop as Christian leaders, and serve alongside their neighbors to transform the world. Our programming includes weekly worship, Bible study, retreats, praise band, volunteering, fellowship events at the center of campus, free weekly meals, and leadership development programs. Over the past year we served in ministry with more than 200 college students, with about sixty students involved in weekly programs at a deep and consistent level.

Eight years ago, we moved into our current facility – a 900 square foot storefront space directly across from the UT-Dallas campus, and we have been so blessed by this ministry hub. These days, our space is bursting at the seams – students crowd in for worship, meals, and fellowship each week – and it is often standing-room only.

Here is the great news: God has opened the door for us to create a ministry center designed for growth. It is more than a building project: it is about cultivating leaders, nurturing faith, and transforming lives.

In late 2025, we launched our "Growing Together Campaign" and began raising funds to expand our current facility by doubling our footprint, combining our space with the unit directly behind ours, and redesigning the layout to ensure it is a fully-accessible, functional ministry space with room to grow. This includes a large, open worship space and patio for indoor and outdoor programming.

We are so thankful for the support of the Horizon Texas Conference and our partner churches for supporting our Growing Together Building Campaign and sustaining our day-to-day ministry programming with your generous support. To partner with Synergy Wesley Foundation, you can contact Leadership@SynergyWesley.org or visit SynergyWesley.org or @SynergyWesley on social media. We would love to work with you to reach and grow a rising generation of young Christian leaders for the transformation of the world!

WESLEY FOUNDATION AT TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS

COREY MOSES, CAMPUS PASTOR/DIRECTOR

The purpose of the Wesley Foundation is to create a community of faith to develop students of Tarleton State University as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are creating leaders that are desperately needed to transform the Church and the world. We do this by providing a community for the students allowing them to determine their beliefs in a safe space and community so that they can be more like Christ as they love God, serve others and live righteously.

While we do continue to engage with students in our conventional ways of Free Lunch, Bible Study, Dinner-Church, Missions trips, and community building events & activities, we are also working to intentionally expand our reach in more "out of the box" endeavors. Our goal is to work to bridge the gap between the world of Tarleton State University and the church. More times than not, when we meet students for the first time, their response is not the most open to involvement in a faith-based community. This can be the case for several different reasons. As a result, we want to invest in those around us, and work to build an authentic community through the cultivation of meaningful, intentional relationships.

Our Nerd Ministry continues to be a constant thread of engagement and community building for us. Over the past year, we've helped our students navigate major identity crises, various mental health crises, the first time experiencing the grief of a grandparent's death, and loss of a job to name a few. The relationships built over the shared interest of video games is what leads us to be able to walk our students through these (sometimes) tectonic events in their lives.

At the Wesley, we have groups that meet online together to build relationships over gaming together, chat sessions over Discord, movies, anime, tabletop games, and of course… food! Through these endeavors as well as our more conventional methods mentioned above, relationships are not just formed but deepened and community emerges. In fact, we even have had students continuing to engage with us in person as a result of them first meeting us online. This semester we added some time each week to enjoy the popular card game, "Magic the Gathering," and the D&D. What started as Mathew and I hanging out

at the Wesley playing MTG has grown to now multiple groups of students playing their own games of Magic. In fact, several of them are even meeting at the Wesley on their own to gather and play games.

Mathew Aquino continues to utilize his favorite past time of Karaoke to engage with students and help them navigate healthy ways of expressing their emotions. For some, this includes the work of processing some past church hurt in their lives. The relationships built and conversations engaged in through this form of our mental health initiative has been fruitful.

Our mental health initiative's purpose is to equip students with the experiences and coping skills to properly manage the day-to-day stressors of making the transition from young adolescence to adulthood. Every other Monday, we host a specific discussion or event to get the students involved from discussions about setting healthy boundaries to having karaoke nights to overcome our anxieties and getting closer to one another over a meal. This program is meant not to be a replacement for therapy or the services already available to Tarleton students but rather to supplement those services and create a safe space for our students.

WESLEY FOUNDATION AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

FORT WORTH, TEXAS
EDDIE KAHLER, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

We are increasingly aware that today's college students are not only looking for community but are also searching for a faith that can withstand complexity, doubt, and the changing seasons of life. That is why discipleship remains at the center of everything we do.

Each week, students gather for worship. Young adults gather for daily prayer every weekday afternoon. Multiple small groups meet for study throughout the week. Student leaders engage scripture and pray one-on-one every week for an hour with a campus minister to deepen their own faith and they gather as a team monthly to plan events and programs for the Wesley community.

Keeping Christ at the center continues to bear fruit. Since 2020, our graduates report the following outcomes:

- 93% can articulate how Christ has shaped their lives
- 84% describe a meaningful connection with Scripture
- 90% feel confident in their ability to pray
- 96% express a desire to remain engaged in community, service, and justice

This year, we placed particular emphasis on helping students engage the deeper questions of faith. Through teaching series, small groups, and one-on-one discipleship, students wrestled with topics such as doubt, calling, identity, and the nature of prayer.

Rather than avoiding difficult questions, our community has become a place where those questions are expected and where students are equipped to engage them with theological depth and spiritual maturity. Faith is put into action through mission and service opportunities that help us exist beyond ourselves. The result is a more grounded and resilient faith that can carry them well beyond college.

Over the past year, students have served across our conference and beyond by helping lead camps and retreats, offering leadership in local churches, and investing in youth and children. Many have also pursued summer ministry opportunities, further discerning their own sense of calling and vocation.
We are seeing a growing number of students not only participate in our ministry but begin to embrace and live out their own calling from God.

These outcomes point to strong student formation during their years at TCU, but the witness of our alumni shows that campus ministry continues shaping lives long after graduation. One powerful testament to this is that nearly 50% of total alumni giving comes from recent alumni (ages twenty-eight and under).

The continued expansion of Texas Christian University presents both opportunity and urgency for our ministry. With new residential developments surrounding our location and increased student presence in our immediate context, we are actively engaged in strategic planning to ensure we are positioned to meet this moment faithfully. This includes ongoing conversations around program capacity, facility use, and long-term sustainability. Alongside this work, we have strengthened our efforts to reconnect with alumni and cultivate broader support for the future.

Each year, we are reminded that the true measure of this ministry is not only what happens during a student's time at Wesley, but what continues afterward.

As we sent out another graduating class this year, it has been encouraging to see many already connecting with local congregations and seeking transformative ways to live out their faith. Our hope remains the same: that students leave not only with meaningful experiences but with a faith rooted in the life of the Church and sustained over time.

We are deeply grateful for the continued partnership of the Horizon Texas Conference, whose support makes this work possible. Together, we are fulfilling our mission of leading young adults toward lifelong discipleship of Jesus by nurturing their faith development, supporting their vocational exploration, and engaging them in community, service, and justice.

Thank you for your prayers, trust, partnership, and investment in this ministry.

WESLEY FOUNDATION AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

ARLINGTON, TEXAS
EVVE KUYKENDALL, PASTOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I reflect on this year in the life of the UTA Wesley Foundation, I begin with deep gratitude for the continued support of the Horizon Texas Conference. The commitment of our conference to collegiate ministry makes the work we do possible and reminds our students that the wider church is invested in their faith formation and leadership.

Building upon the work of my predecessor, Rev. Marcus Jones, and his Beloved Community Initiative, we have continued to cultivate a community that reflects the radical hospitality at the heart of the Gospel. In a moment when state and federal funding structures have required universities to close or reconfigure many diversity, equity, and inclusion spaces, the Wesely has leaned even more intentionally into our calling to be a Radically Inclusive Community at UTA. Our hope is to ensure every student who walks through our doors encounters the grace of Christ and a community that honors the diversity of God's creation.

LOOKING BACK

Celebrating Community and Cultural Outreach
Led by our Director of Outreach Jesus Canales and our dedicated team of student leaders consisting of Associate Director Laureen Kuizon and Ministry Lead Derek Goodrich, the Wesley hosted several initiatives celebrating the many forms of diversity present at UTA.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, we collaborated with three Hispanic student organizations to host events highlighting the cultural and spiritual contributions of the Hispanic and Latinx communities. The month culminated in our annual *Dia de los Muertos* celebration, which welcomed more than 200 students, faculty, and community members. Mariachi music, traditional dance, and the student-lead building of an *ofrenda* helped shape the evening. While joyful in its celebration of culture, the event also retained its solemn focus—remembering those who have gone before us, honoring the stories that shape the lives of our community.

We also hosted a Suicide Awareness worship, hosted in partnership with the UTA Counseling and Psychological Services office. This training helped equip Wesley leaders and students with practical tools to recognize the signs of mental health crisis and connect those in need with the resources necessary for support and intervention.

Our Black History Month provided space to celebrate the history, resilience, and contributions of people of African descent, both in the US and around the world. Through reflection, discussion, and celebration, students were reminded that the story of faith is deeply intertwined with the story of justice and liberation.

During Women's History Month, working alongside several campus women's organizations, we hosted a Women's Empowerment Panel discussion featuring female students, leaders, and community influencers. Together, they explored the challenges facing women in the 21st century and reflected upon how faith can help shape a path forward.

Through these initiatives and partnerships, the UTA Intercultural Engagement Center recognized the UTA Wesley Foundation for our contributions to campus cultural life, making us the only UTA campus ministry to receive this distinction.

DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

At the heart of our ministry is the work of forming disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Throughout the year, we partnered with churches across the area to ensure 30 Tuesday night worship dinners were provided for our students.

These meals represent far more than hospitality. They are tangible reminders that congregations across North Texas are praying for and supporting these students—communities ready to welcome them as they continue their faith journey.

Beyond worship, students deepen their faith through Bible or devotional book studies. Our sermon "Talk Back" sessions invite students to engage with the message, asking questions and exploring how faith speaks into their daily lives. Additionally, Wesleyan Bands provide the historic small-group discipleship model of faith where students can pray together, wrestle with theological questions, and encourage one another in their walk with Christ.

BUILDING THE FUTURE CHURCH

A major emphasis of this year has been reminding students the UTA Wesley cannot be their only faith community. As students approach graduation, it is important they already have relationships with congregations to continue nurturing their faith.

To help facilitate these connections, we routinely invite local churches and leaders into conversation with our students through panel discussions and events. We also hosted the first annual *ReKindle Young Adult Ministry Summit*, designed to equip local churches in the development of young adult ministries. More than eighty registered for the event whose keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady (the first UMC

President of Brite Divinity School) with breakout sessions led by leaders shaping young adult ministry, including my collegiate ministry colleague Rev. Corey Moses of Tarleton University Wesley. The summit helped create a shared vision for how churches and campus ministries can work together to build the Church of the future.

LOOKING TO THE HORIZON

As I look forward, I am filled with encouragement and hope. Our student membership continues to reflect the remarkable diversity of the UTA student body, creating a community that embodies the richness of God's creation. We remain deeply grateful for the support of the Horizon Texas Conference, whose commitment to collegiate ministry multiplies the impact of what we do every day across our conference. Because of this partnership, UTA students are discovering purpose, call, and community as they grow in their faith and prepare not only to lead the church but be the Christ-led leaders of the future.

WESLEY AT EAST TEXAS A&M

COMMERCE, TEXAS
TRAVIS BURDETT, DIRECTOR

The East Texas Wesley exists to build an open and affirming United Methodist community where students are known, welcomed, and transformed through intentional outreach and discipleship. In a moment when a reconciling Christian witness is urgently needed, our ministry creates sacred space for students to grow in faith, belonging, and purpose. With sustained support we can continue engaging students and ensure a faithful, sustainable ministry for the long term. We appreciate the support of the Annual Conference to ensure a thriving ministry long term at the East Texas Wesley.

Students Numbers
During the 25-26 school year we have celebrated over thirty students who have become or remained involved at the Wesley. This engagement has taken the form of participating in Worship, engaging in small groups, attending on campus meals, and participating in our fun events. Those fun events include Karaoke night, Game night, Bowling night, and more. Our average attendance numbers are below (as of 3/3/26).

Attendance in Worship:	10.5
Small Groups:	5.3
On Campus Meals:	3
Fun Events:	11

The hope is that continued investment will allow us to continue to reach out to new students and engage in ministry long term at Wesley. This is only the beginning!

In worship we have engaged in several subjects and led the students in communion every single week. Those subjects are:

- Abundant Life, Jesus wants us to have Joy!
- Struggles, No matter the issue Christ is with us.
- God Is, Who is God and why does that matter.
- Grace Unending, the threefold Methodist grace
- Spiritual Practices, the practices that can draw you near to God.

In February we took two students on the All-Campus Retreat. It was an exciting time and an engaging time in ministry. We learned about joy and about the power of rejoicing in every circumstance. We hope to bring more next year to this exciting retreat.

Fundraising
When I started at the Wesley there were bare bones fundraising efforts. The Wesley had a total of $30 pledged per month, and we have since increased that number by 3000%. As of today, we have $875 pledged per month to the Wesley. This investment helps us do ministry and engage with students. A number of people both on the board and off the board are part of this giving. As of today, we are starting a new campaign to recruit Wesley Partners. The hope is that this campaign will increase this monthly giving substantially. To do ministry at the Wesley we need regular givers and it is happening as we speak. Please be in prayer for the Wesley and the ministry long term.

Grant Funding
Wesley applies for all grants it encounters. We have applied for several grants and have been approved for three out of the four. The grants are as follows:

Hesta Stuart Grant	$10,000
Holman Foundation	$5,000
Sam Taylor Grant	$9,300

I am in the process of applying for Grants with Young People (UMC) and the Hesta Stuart grant again. It is the hope that these grants will provide regular funding that will help us do ministry at the Wesley.

Building
When coming into the position in the summer of 2025 the building was one of the strengths of the ministry. Past directors had kept up well with the building and maintained necessary systems. We have endeavored to keep this trend going.

We have updated specific rooms, thrown out furniture, and updated areas. This May we will have trustees workday to update lights and clean up rooms.

Future Plans
We are laying a foundation for what is to come. Our plans at the Wesley are to make it into a leadership and ministry training center where all who are engaged at the Wesley feel equipped and empowered to lead in ministry and in life. Our intern's program is a start to this goal, but long-term engaging in leadership training for the whole of Wesley is key. We want all the Wesley to be leaders and be equipped for leadership.

We hope to provide laundry services to serve the community in Commerce. We are applying for grants that will allow the funding to redo the back room at the Wesley into a laundry room. The hope is that laundry services will provide a service to the community and allow the building to become a hangout and engaging place for students everywhere.

Student Stories
"I would say my time at the Wesley so far has been eye opening and transformative, since joining the Wesley I have found more ways to become a better Christian and get deeper in my faith, a deeper understand of the Bible, and I've felt closer to God and to Jesus because of it. Plus, I've made some amazing friends along my journey too." Jake Lee

"Ever since I've gotten to the Wesley I've felt at home, heavily because of your welcoming spirit and your humor. You've given me an opportunity to be more than just a member but a leader and just the community we are building, it makes me love going back every week." Xavier Trent

"My time at the Wesley has been the most eye-opening journey for me. I've learned that I don't have to be perfect at everything, I just have to try my best, and that might be different from day to day but that's ok. Something that you said the first time I went was, "God loves you are you are, but way too much to

leave you that way," and that really stuck with me. Like now I know that I am loved and I can get better at the same time!" Lee Hill

WESLEY FOUNDATION OF WICHITA FALLS
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS
REV. JULIA PUAC-ROMERO, DIRECTOR

The Wichita Falls Wesley (MSU/Mount Vernon College) continued to serve the students of Midwestern State University (MSU TX) and Vernon College in the Wichita Falls surrounding area of the Mid-North District this year.

This school year, the Wesley of WF continued to serve 40-50 unique students from across the MSU TX campus and began discussing potential opportunities for growth and outreach to Vernon College. With our director, Julia Puac-Romero, completing her fourth year, we also graduated ten unique students. We have served students through our weekly Thursday free lunch, Wednesday night Bible study, Movie and discussion nights, partnerships with the Pride Student group of MSU TX, and the Catholic Campus Ministry. This past fall, our intern Cheyenne Brown hosted two events focused on engaging our female students, and one this Spring. We also partnered with our local FCA Chapter on continued worship events and a game night to build camaraderie between our two campus ministries.

This year, we built upon our relationship with the Black Student Union, the Sigma Lambda Alpha Latin Sorority, and our football team. This continued relationship-building has helped regrow Wesley into an even more diverse campus ministry, and our reach across campus has grown. This partnership has also created a space for the Wesley of Wichita Falls to host two cultural graduations at University United Methodist Church, expanding our exploring diversity goal of the Horizon Texas Conference

Our focus theme this year has been "Lakeshore," which centered on four main themes; call stories from the "shoreline," accepting our call as followers of Christ and "getting on the boat," leaning on Christ during "storms and turbulent waters" and concluded with moving from being followers to disciples being sent "out of the boat." Each has encouraged students to express and share their faith stories, grounded in grace and in who Christ is to them.

We were awarded the Hesta Stuart grant, which allowed us to operate on a successful general budget and to continue receiving various support from individuals and Sunday school classes. We were also awarded the Sam Taylor grant for the second year in a row, which is now focused on us continuing to strengthen what it means to be Black & Hispanic/Latin@ in the United Methodist church, with a focus on justice ministries. We were able to take three students to the U.M. Army mission trip, with full funding from private donors who were sponsors to our students.

The Wesley of Wichita Falls has now held two successful golf tournaments, each of which has generated funding to continue our vital work. We have set out the next golf tournament for October 16th, 2026, at Weeks Champions Golf Course in Wichita Falls. We would love to encourage all golfers across our conference to attend and help us reach our $15,000 goal!

For more information about our ministry communities, discipleship model, and ways to support our ministry, email campusministry@wfwesley.org and follow us on Instagram @wesleyofwf.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWFAITH)

WENDY CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT

We believe love in action can change the world. Our faith brings us together, and our spirituality pushes us to do more to advocate for and support ministry with the oppressed and dispossessed, with special attention to the needs of women, children and youth; to build a supportive community among women; and to foster spiritual growth and soul care, mission education and Christian social involvement. **As the Horizon Texas Conference organization of United Women in Faith (UWFaith), we learned that by working together we can make a big impact and change lives!**

The UMC *Book of Discipline* requires that each local church establish an organized unit of UWFaith. The foundation of our organization is the local unit where individual members nurture each other, volunteer, and donate. Local groups have educational programming, mission activities, and budgets that financially support their local missions and a Pledge to Mission sent to District, Conference and National UWFaith. Those without a local church-based unit may gather with another church's unit or a District unit. All members are encouraged to be "All Access" to be part of the national online community supporting our sisterhood. We welcome all women of faith to join us – there are no age or church membership requirements.

Like the UMC, UWFaith is a connectional ministry. Women connect beyond their local group with their District and Conference for mission education, social justice and mission projects, soul care, and spiritual growth programming. Virtual programming is open to everyone. Large in-person Conference events, like Annual Meeting and Racial Justice events, are livestreamed so anyone can participate. Members of our Conference Leadership Team live across our vast conference. We function as eight Districts, all now with programming and leadership teams. As a lay-led ministry we operate on a calendar year basis for our officers, budget, and programming plans.

Programming during the past year included:

- **UWFaith Luncheon at Annual Conference (June 2025 at SMU, Dallas) "Practicing Hope through Social Justice,"** This was a special chance to gather and get to know each other, and welcome guests attending AC without a connection to UWFaith. Sally Vonner, our UWFaith CEO, and HTC member, spoke. We also got an update on our annual mission project.
- **Mission u "Practicing Hope" (July 2025 at McMurry University in Abilene)** We gathered for mission education, fellowship, fun, and inspiration. We had four classes of attendees at the three-day event and two virtual classes later in the summer. Our Study Leaders were all young HTC clergywomen, trained on the national curriculum.
- **HTC UWFaith CELEBRATION! (Nov. 1 -- Virtual)** At this special called session we elected new officers and approved the budget for 2026. It was a powerful, interactive Zoom celebrating with the girls at the Jerri Savuto Girls Center in Kenya. We announced that we surpassed our $20,000 goal by raising $25,664 for a security fence to protect the vulnerable girls!
- **Local Officer Training (January 2026 – Virtual)** Conference officers presented virtual training sessions for each of eleven local UWFaith roles, resulting in more than 400 trainings that day. Women connected with officer counterparts to learn best practices together.
- **Texas UWF Legislative Event (January 2026 - in Austin and Virtual)** - UWFaith from conferences across Texas partnered with Texas Impact for this 38th annual event. Experts informed us about current Texas issues and current public policy affecting Texans. With knowledge and discussion, we prepared to be effective advocates for economic justice, human rights, climate justice, and civic participation for all Texans. Advocacy is important even when the Legislature is not in session and our impact is amplified by sharing accurate information with church groups and others.
- **HTC UWFaith 1st Annual Meeting & Celebration (March 7, 2026, Lovers Lane UMC in Dallas & Livestream)** "Love In Action: Stories, Ideas and Inspiration" with fellowship, mission and UWFaith

resource displays. Our annual meeting featured awards and results of our 2025 Annual Reports. Keynote speaker, Rev. Mara R. Bim, inspired us with "Public Witness Today – God's Call in Troubling Times." After lunch, our Love In Action sessions included Human Trafficking 101, Reproductive Rights Advocacy, A Neighbor Immigrant's Journey and UWFaith resources. Despite heavy morning storms, there were 120+ in attendance and about 100 with us on livestream.

- **Soul Care Mini-Retreats (Virtual on 5th Thursdays throughout the year)** These highlighted the need for and the nature of soul care and how it supports our mission efforts with insight, prayer, group discussion, and individual engagement with the topic. Morning and evening sessions each had optional prayer and contemplation afterwards. These are well attended by HTC and other conference women. uwfaithhtc.org/mini-soul-care
- **Virtual Book Clubs (Monthly at various times, Virtual)** Community is created using books in the UWFaith Reading Program. Both Book Clubs meet monthly. Additional groups that are open to all are welcome. uwfaithhtc.org/book_club

Our 2026 Mission Project is a Creative Arts Studio for the Lydia Patterson Institute (LPI) in El Paso, TX. Our Goal is to raise $20,000 to transform a room into a vibrant, multi-use Creative Arts Studio. We recognize that 7th-12th grade LPI students deal daily with the stress of immigration issues. This will be a space where they can safely explore their God-given gifts through art, music, and dance -- and nurture imagination, build self-worth, and encourage community.

The HTC United Women in Faith budget for the 2026 calendar year is just over $126,000. About $95,000 will go directly to unrestricted mission and supplemental giving that impacts lives locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. The balance of the budget will fund educational programming, member and leadership development, and administration costs.

Plans for the coming year include:

- **Horizon TX Annual Conference (June 2, Wichita Falls)** We are co-sponsoring a social justice lunch with HTC Church & Society.
- **Mission u (July 16-18 at First UMC Hurst) "Experiencing Emmanuel"** Together we'll explore how we experience God in our lives and in community as we work for justice. Once again, we have chosen young clergywomen to be our Study Leaders.
- **Charter for Racial Justice Events (Fall 2026 in Districts)**. Continually reaffirming our commitment to racial justice efforts, the conference team is working with Districts to present meaningful racial justice experiences to impact more women closer to home.
- **Soul Care Retreat (October 2-4, Prothro Center at Lake Texoma)** At this 3-day retreat we'll look closely at the powerful impact of God's grace on our lives. Led by three women who understand the deep meaning of grace, we'll study, contemplate, create, and play together.
- **HTC UWFaith Celebration (Nov. 7, Virtual)** – special called meeting to elect new officers and approve the 2027 budget and celebrate our annual mission project.
- 2027 plans: Officer Training in early January, Texas UWF Legislative Event in late January, and the 2nd Annual Meeting and Celebration in the first quarter.

Our weekly HTC UWFaith newsletter promotes mission and UWFaith events, inspires advocacy, provides programming ideas, mission updates, community building, and two blogs: soul care and member musings. You can learn lots more about us on our robust website with ways to get involved, program information, training resources, advocacy links, up-to-date calendar, our Annual Mission Project details, and more. Keep up with all we have going on by joining our newsletter list at www.UWFaithHTC.org

CHAMPIONING CHILDREN AND YOUTH TEAM

CHRISTINE PEIRCE, DIRECTOR OF CHILD AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

The work of 2025-2026 was building from the legacy projects each conference brought into the unification and building systems, programs, and ministries that enabled children, youth, directors, parents, and camps to connect, with emphasis from our Area Coordinators to consult and coordinate opportunities that empower children and youth. In doing so, we continue to work to foster collaborative ministries that advance the vision of the HTC.

Our biggest task has been building in opportunity for those that need resourcing support, leveraging those who have done excellent work to support those that are building it into their own ministries. Within that, communication became a clear center point of our work, guiding the Children and Youth (C&Y) team to focus with Tell Our Story to provide resources via our monthly emails. In addition, we utilize direct emails as opportunities arise that can support the ministries at the local church level, being able to offer scholarships for youth and children workers to trainings that include Mental Health First Aid, the young adult workshop Rekindle Summit, Games We Play by Group Dynamix, and more.

One evergreen task is making sure we have the correct contacts for churches and whoever is working with children, youth, and parents. This includes those working with the children, youth, and parents both in the church and in the greater community around the church. This includes more than keeping track of names. We want to include if they are clergy or lay, volunteer, parttime, or fulltime, paid or unpaid, how they have participated in the conference camping programs and more. This list helps us when we find new opportunities to share for training, connection, grants and more.

An additional big undertaking was setting the conference children and youth calendar through 2027. The following dates are secured on our calendar:

2026:

- Sept. 18-20 - Bible Camp (Bridgeport)
- Sept. 18-20 – Bible Camp (Glen Lake)
- Sept. 25-27 - Confirmation Camp (Bridgeport)
- Oct. 3 – Conference Youth Leadership (Location TBD)
- Oct. 4 - Bishop's Rally (Metro East, Location TBD)
- Oct. 5-7 – Director Gathering with Leanne Hadley and Tanya Campen
- Oct. 15-17- Children and Youth Leader Pilgrimage – Civil Rights
- Dec. 28-30 – Conference Youth Leadership Christmas Conference

2027:

- Jan. 8-9 – Conference Youth Leadership Midwinter Planning retreat (Bridgeport)
- Jan. 22-24 – Midwinter (Bridgeport)
- January 24 - Bishop's Rally (Mid-South, TBD)
- Feb. 5-7 – Midwinter (Bridgeport)
- Fe. 5-7 – Winter Camp (Glen Lake)
- March 7 - Bishop's Rally (NW, Midland)
- TBD – Children and Youth Workers Gathering Retreat
- April 24 - Youth Leadership in Person Date
- April 25 - Bishop's Rally (NW, Amarillo)
- May 28-30 OR June 4-6 - Youth Leadership AC Camp
- July 11-14 - Youth 2027! (Dallas)
- Sept. 17-19 - Bible Camp (Bridgeport)
- Sept. 24-26 – Confirmation (Bridgeport)
- Sept. 26 - Bishop's Rally (NW, Lubbock)

- Oct. 2 – Conference Youth Leadership (Location TBD)
- Oct. 4-6 - Director Gathering Retreat (Location TBD)
- Nov. 7 - Bishop's Rally (Metro North, TBD) - First UMC Rockwall
- Dec. 28-30 - Youth Christmas Conference

Piloting new things

This year, we began a few new things and expanded a few opportunities:

- Confirmation United – In the South and Mid-South district, a confirmation class alternative is happening. Churches are gathering monthly to ensure a critical mass and build connections beyond the semester. Rev. Jen Chickering, area coordinator in the South and Mid-South districts, pioneered this work, ensuring no matter what size, churches could offer confirmation in their congregations.
- Embodied Exploration – Continuing education is a great way to move ministry forward. In the Fall of 2025, this on-the-road learning opportunity hosted Becky Ghose to speak to best practices for neurodivergent community members and Nicole Melrose to lead work in polyvagal theory and somatic work. Central UMC in Waco hosted this work. In Spring 2026, Ash Lane UMC in Euless hosted Amanda Herridge and discussed Children's Sermons by Children (and Youth). Each of these workshops served to share a needed skill for churches that are working to grow in how to equip workers, volunteers, parents, youth, and children into the community of God.
- Bishop's Rally – previously held in the metroplex area, we have set a schedule to hold one in each district over the next three years, enabling all youth to connect but also meet Bishop Saenz. This year, First UMC Paris (East District) hosted Bishop Saenz in the fall and First UMC Killeen (South District) hosted in the spring. At each of these events, students who provide leadership in the district will determine a service project, fun activities, and how worship builds their community together.
- Partnerships in Ministry – Currently, Mt. Zion UMC in Paris, TX is working to develop a program to equip and train a young person in the best ways to build a children and youth program. This program is intended to benefit churches without paid staff who are working to invest in ministry geared toward young people.

Additional youth leadership opportunities we are working to pilot in youth-led opportunities:

- Our biggest task is to provide an online, always-accessible leadership training program, that no matter their location, youth from across the conference can participate. We aim for four modules to be available this summer with an additional four modules dropping each semester. Each module includes four parts: 1) a short video explaining some aspects with questions to discuss with a mentor, 2) a suggestion of how to live out that skill, characteristic, or a piece of that module for the next 30 days, 3) a reflection of what they learned in the thirty days and what they discussed with their mentor, and 4) a final project that will be shared with other youth and youth groups that showcases their learning. Once a youth has completed ten modules, we are working on a pilgrimage opportunity for them to participate in.
- We are also working and hope to launch summer opportunities for 1-3 youth to help with the social media aspects of sharing their story with their youth group on mission trip, at camp, volunteering at their church, etc. with the whole conference.
- We'd like a team of 5-7 youth that work towards a year-round model for YSF funds that may include shirts and other opportunities. The youth who serve in this group will meet quarterly to determine what things they want to invest their time int offering and ways they can expand their impact in the conference.
- We'd love a team of 5-7 youth to research and select a few recommended mission/service/learning trips for summer 2027. This group would work with current directors and their plans as their selection's purpose would be to help churches with 1-5 youth add into other groups that already have plans, enabling all youth to have the missional experience.
- Our last committee desire is to have a team of 5-7 youth representing camping ministries across the conference and from all conference camps to bring ideas forward and shape how things work. Youth

have a unique voice that we want to make sure and hear when making decisions about 2027 and forward.

Area coordinators
Our area coordinators continued their work of connecting to churches in their areas. While they are spread across the conference and in a specific location, they each have their own area of expertise that is continually developing. In addition to their expertise, they can help share resources we have collected within the conference to help you and your ministry.

- Tessa Armes - expert in children's ministries (including preschool), family faith development, larger church systems, and department alignments with theology.
- Julia Castleman - expert in youth ministries, scaling programs, rural and suburban churches, including multi-staff management, and student leadership development.
- Jen Chickering - expert in children, youth, and families, with additional expertise in camping, confirmation, curriculum, and theology.
- Abigail Harrison - expert in systems development for family ministries, youth, young adult leadership, internships, and missions.
- Bill Mauldin - expert in intergenerational full church discipleship, youth ministries, collaborating projects, and group thinking.
- Kat Smith - expert in youth, navigating dual roles (worship service and ministry), conflict resolution, and can help greatly when consensus is needed.

Camps
Our camps are a big part of our ministry with children and youth. Campers can experience something that cannot be done in our churches or in our homes: community without distraction. In an era where life is busy and notifications are frequent, camp offers a liminal space to find reprieve from all that pulls us from the love and presence of God.

In September of 2025, new legislation following the historical and devastating floods of the summer added a unique challenge to our camps. Each of our summer camps (Bridgeport and Glen Lake) required modifications and consistent discussion with legislators and community leaders.

Much of the time since September was spent on connecting with camping groups, understanding the ramifications of these new rules, and more. Paired with these expectations, the conference invested in training through UMC Retreat Ministries to learn best practices for fundraising and building a sustainable giving campaign with Rev. Mitzie Schafer. As part of the program, both Bridgeport and Glen Lake have been able to attend monthly meetings geared directly to grow their fundraising abilities. In addition, and to build community while navigating the new legislation, the conference invested in sending at least one person per summer camp to a few opportunities. The conference sent Wendy Owens, Glen Lake's program director, and Cassidy Barrett, Glenlake's assistant program director, to the American Camp Association Winter Conference at Mo-Ranch in Hunt, TX. HTC also sent Daran Miller, Glen Lake's executive director, to the Camping Association for Mutual Progress (CAMP) conference in San Antonio, TX. Each opportunity posed additional support in navigating the impact of the new rules.

In addition, Bridgeport and SEEK are also now part of North Texas Giving Day, along with Glen Lake. All three camps can use the platform to collect both one-day funds and sustainable giving. All funds go to support the work of these camps.

Training
In our local churches, we continued to offer the following trainings:

- QPR – Question, Persuade, Refer. - Callie Barbee continues to offer these trainings around the conference for churches looking to ensure their volunteers, staff, and community know how to respond when a student or adult shares about suicide. This past year, she offered two at annual

conference 2025, one with Revive UMC in Azle, one with White Rock UMC in Dallas, and three with First UMC Lubbock. She is available for some in the fall and spring 2027. *As a note: this training is best done before something happens rather than in the wake of something happening.*
- Faith at Home – C&Y staff continues to offer this training about taking best practices in how coaching works, setting a goal but also a cue to build faith in the home. This is best hosted with the pastor and parents when children are cared for in another room.
- Ripple out – C&Y staff can offer this as you evaluate your community to find where their need meets your assets, enabling you to reach beyond your church's walls and share in the ministry God calls your church to.
- Wonderfully Made - This is a tween-geared human sexuality course that is designed to be done in the local church. Our conference currently boasts ten people trained in facilitating this work.

At the conference level, we will continue to offer the following trainings:
- Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) - in person or online, we plan to host a training at the end of August 2026. If you desire sooner, we can help you find a training in your area and match your funding.
- Perkins School of Children and Youth Ministry (PSYCM) - this training, hosted by Perkins will be held in January 2027. This past year, over fifteen conference members attended and we will continue to offer scholarships.
- Wonderfully Made – This is a tween-geared human sexuality course that is designed to be done in the local church. Writer Rev. Dr. Tanya Eustace-Campen trained approximately ten individuals in the curriculum and the various components of the weekend to be a facilitator or host. Our hope is in Fall 2026 that we combine with other churches in Texas to host an in-person training that trains an additional ten people to spread a healthy human sexuality approach within our churches.

Resources
We are continuously reviewing resources that come before us. In January and February, we worked with Dandelion Marketplace and We Who Thirst to offer 50% off selected items for Lent and Easter. We will continue to work with entities to find valuable resources to make ministry choices for curriculum and more as inexpensive as possible.

Current resources provided from this year in our conference children and youth resource folder (Google Drive hosted, email anyone on C&Y staff to get the link) Faith at Home toolkit, Handing over Leadership for Worship resource, a basic third-fifth grade Bible curriculum, and more.

Another resource we are building is with the work of Creation Incubators and Kay Kotan. Her work creating The Table, a Lilly Grant-funded opportunity, gives churches the ability to place faith development of preschoolers in the hands of who is in the home, offering an easy-to-use app for parents to instill the values desired for their young children. In addition, it builds parents into a small group cohort to share their highs and lows with various aspects of imbuing faith into their children.

Thanks to Rev. Jen Chickering, we also now offer a "bare essentials" sixth-tenth grade confirmation curriculum that can be used with other churches or alone. It was used by Confirmation United in the Mid-South and South districts this year, but it is available for all churches to teach their young people the ins and outs of the UMC expression of the Christian faith.

One last resource is a window hanger for drivers to discuss with their riders after church what they heard, what they learned, and more. Based off the four questions "What did I hear?", "How did I feel?", "What have I learned?", and "What do I still have questions about?" adults can converse and learn what thoughts were held and share their own experiences. Adults who answer these questions also model the need for curiosity and can utilize the Wesleyan quadrilateral in thinking.

Conference Youth Leadership

There are three tiers to our leadership program as currently designed:

- Tier One – Entry. Students merely need to fill out the form to be included in the emails and be notified of the opportunities available to them at both the area and conference-wide levels. There is an expectation that they will resubmit their information yearly so we can maintain correct contact information. When their name is submitted, we email directors, pastors, and such asking for feedback. This feedback is to help us shape our goals
    - This year, we had seventy-six youth on our list.
    - A vast majority of the students (79%) were from Metro East, Metro North, and Metro West. We hope to increase participation from the other seven districts in 2026-2027.
    - Launching in summer 2026, we hope to have four online youth modules to develop young leaders in the local church by the local church that can build an online community across the conference for youth.
    - Continuing the work of summer 2024 and 2025, we hope to offer three localized trainings for churches to build their youth into church leaders.
- Tier Two – Area participation. Once students fill out the form in tier one, we send monthly emails sharing the opportunities that students have in youth leadership. This includes connecting students to the ELI (Emerging Leaders Institute) at Glen Lake and the JC (Junior Counselors) at Bridgeport programs, plus district youth committees, as well as planning Midwinter (Bridgeport), serving to plan aspects of Bishop's Rally, and more.
    - 91 percent participated in an opportunity offered via tier two leadership this past year.
    - In 2026-2027, we hope to evaluate how many are participating in some aspect of leadership within their local church community.
- Tier Three – Conference participation. Students here participate as officers on trips to jurisdictional conferences and beyond, and in the annual conference membership.
    - Ten youth went to the Jurisdictional Youth Gathering Labor Day Weekend 2025 in Hinton, OK. Youth from the Arkansas, Great Plains, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma Missionary Conference interacted together.
    - Eight youth attended Veritas, the Arkansas Conference CCYM led retreat weekend in Fort Smith, AR February 27-March 1.
    - Youth elected the following people to these leadership roles for 2026-2027:
        - Maddie Armes, Co-Chair of Conference Youth Leadership
        - Eliza Heyduck, Co-Chair in Training
        - Rebecca Nalley, Chaplain
        - Beau Wallace, Secretary
        - Bella Pluas, YSF Chair

MinistrySafe

As we make disciples of Jesus Christ, we must act very intentionally to protect children and youth from sexual abuse. To do so, the HTC adopted in 2024 the Conference and District Events Children, Youth and Vulnerable Persons Abuse Prevention and Protection Policy as well as the Local Church Policy as the foundational policy for all HTC churches and ministries. The adoption in 2024 set up the HTC for all churches to implement the plans on all spaces no later than January 1, 2025. This abuse prevention system requires screening of employees and volunteers, including an application, interview, reference check, and criminal background check. In addition, the system requires online training to help people better understand how to prevent sexual abuse and provides tools to help churches monitor compliance.

To find information or ask questions:

- The Championing Children and Youth Committee operates as the oversight committee meets to answer questions, clarify policies, and more. Any church with a question for the MinistrySafe Oversight Committee should contact the conference at ministrysafe@htcumc.org.
- To find these policies, resources, and support visit: https://www.htcumc.org/resources.

SEEK

This past summer, SEEK (Summer Events for Exceptional Kampers) hosted four camps between Bridgeport (Youth SEEK) and Prothro (Young Adult SEEK 1, Young Adult SEEK 2, Adult SEEK). The program pairs special campers with a counselor in a 1-to-1 relationship, giving them a camp experience that is unlike any other. The curriculum this summer leaned into superheroes.

Youth Seek (directed by a team that included Chaney Fisher, Dinina Sharber, Abby Flanagan, Trent Flangan, and Brady McQueeney,) hosted forty-four campers and fifty-seven counselors at Bridgeport. One special thing from their week was their talent show, where campers performed and showcased their talents, especially in music and dance.

Young Adults SEEK 1 (directed by Megan Racca,) hosted forty-eight campers and fifty-four counselors at Prothro. One special thing their week is they brought a face painting artist to camp to airbrush the superhero of choice on each camper. However, the highlight of their day was always swim time.

Young Adult SEEK 2 (directed by Kellie Floyd) hosted fifty-four campers and sixty-six counselors at Prothro. Their dance night was epic, bringing in a DJ, especially as the campers formed a soul train that circled the whole conference center.

Adult SEEK (directed by Jerry Jones) hosted fifty-two campers and thirty counselors at Prothro. They brought in a yoga instructor to donate her time to the campers, instructing floor and chair exercises with a focus on breathing, which brought calmness to a day packed with excitement.

Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center

BEAU TAFT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2025 was a very solid year for us all around. Our camping sessions are holding their form for the past few years. We have continued to hover right around the 800 number for attendees over the five weeks of conference camp offerings. We still have room for growth in our conference camps, but we can also provide camping opportunities to other groups that need a space to attend.

In the non conference camp business, we saw a marked increase in both attendees and income. In 2025, we had sixty-eight non conference camp events, up from fifty-four the year before. And we had 3,970 guests join us 2025, up over 500 from the previous year as well. We were blessed to have groups from all over the spectrum of special needs camps, to university students, from a wide variety of Christian organizations and other religious groups. We are very proud that our non conference camp events continue to grow and set new standards almost every year for our facility.

We were happy to have so many of our old friends be able to join us this year and relished the opportunity to make so many more new friends from all our attendees. We hope and pray that all the successes here at Bridgeport Camp continue the kingdom work of the Horizon Texas Conference. For any additional information about bringing your group to Bridgeport Camp for conference camps or for a retreat, please visit our website, www.bridgeportcamp.org, or reach out to us at info@bridgeportcamp.org.

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center

DARAN MILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center has been in ministry since 1939. This sacred space has profoundly impacted countless lives over the years. Many of our pastors experienced their call to ministry at Glen Lake. They have been summer staff, full-time staff, and even campers when they felt God's nudging to take the next steps. Now, those same individuals are leading our congregations and helping to raise the next generations of children and youth by encouraging them to attend camps and create their own meaningful moments. We would love to hear your story or stories from your congregations about how Glen Lake has made a difference in their lives.

Glen Lake's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to create an environment where authentic relationships are formed. In 2025, we had over 115 different retreat groups who brought over 6,170 participants onsite. Glen Lake leads Summer Camp, Bible Camp, and Winter Camp for Children and Youth. In those events, we had over 1,250 students and adults participate. Each summer, we hire about 30-40 college-age students who shepherd campers through experiences that draw them closer to Christ and each other.

Seven years ago, we engaged an organization to develop our Master and Strategic plan. We have been able to accomplish some of these priorities over the years. A pavilion was built on the hill by the cross. Meeting spaces in Siceloff and Turner were updated. Updated A/C units were installed in Vintage Cabins, and bathrooms were remodeled as well. The Master Plan's primary priority hasn't changed in 7 years; a new water park is still needed. A new feasibility plan is needed to reach that goal. If Glen Lake is to offer water activities in the future, a new water park is essential. Summer Camps and Retreat Groups rely on the water activities to allow an enjoyable time in the Texas heat. We cannot reach this goal without the intentional and continual support of the community that loves Glen Lake so dearly. Our "newest" facilities are over 30 years old.

We have been a part of a GBS Fundraising Cohort working with a non-profit consultant and other Camps that are also a part of the United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministries Association (UMCRM) over the past 10 months. We have been learning how to gather and share impact stories that show how Glen Lake Camp has made a huge difference in so many lives each year. Participation with this group is helping us to increase the number of recurring donors and yearly contributions. Prioritization of fundraising has become a necessity. We are looking for churches, donors, and groups that would like to partner with us to make projects like the waterpark and needed improvements possible. We need your help. Every donation is valued and appreciated. Each investment is an endorsement in the future of Glen Lake Camp. Please let us know how you or someone you know can help us.

The legacy of Glen Lake Camp stands as a proud testament to the vision of nurturing believers and making them disciples of Christ. It is our honor to serve your congregation, and we invite you to continue to partner with us as we explore ways to expand your off-site ministry programming by utilizing Glen Lake Camp in an even greater capacity in the years to come.

Prothro Center at Lake Texoma

CLIFF DYER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Prothro Center is a host site for camps, conferences, and personal retreats. We strive to meet each group's unique vision, ensuring every event reflects the needs and spirit of its participants. With 100 acres of deep forest, picturesque lake views, abundant wildlife, inviting beach fronts, towering tree canopies, and remarkable natural beauty, we aim for every guest to feel God's peaceful presence upon arrival.

Throughout the year, we welcomed a diverse range of conferences and retreats, including The Bishop's Cabinet, Clergy Spouse Retreat, 3 Seek Camps, and numerous individual church and youth retreats. Seek camps are a big part of our summer. For 3 weeks, we hosted a total of 154 special needs campers and 150 counselors. We also had a rise in school usage at our facility. Eight districts found their way to Prothro for teacher training, band camps, end of school parties, and team building.

As we look to the future, we will find ways to incorporate our thirty-six additional acres with our mission. We are working closely with cultiv8 community, to provide an outdoor education field trip designed to connect children with nature. We are also exploring the possibility of adding RV pads, to add a way for families to connect in our beautiful environment.

We continue to develop areas around our greatest asset, Lake Texoma. Covered canopies and patios make for more comfortable settings and easier beach access. With two beach areas, in-house guests always have lake access while we reserve the second beach for day use groups.

The Prothro Center proudly represents the Horizon Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support provided on behalf of the conference.

MAXIMIZE CARE AND HEALING TEAM

REV. JOY DISTER-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR OF CARE & HEALING

Overview

When Jesus sent his disciples out into the world, he gave them a clear charge: proclaim the good news, heal the sick, and care for those in need. Care and healing were never an add-on to the gospel; they were the gospel made visible, tangible, personal, and communal. That calling remains at the center of the church's identity and mission. As followers of Jesus seeking the loving, just, and free world God imagines for all people, our strategic priority to "Maximize Care and Healing" embodies this vision in tangible ways. We recognize care ministry not as merely one ministry among many but as the foundational stream, culture, and posture from which all our other work and witness flows. By creating spaces for healing and providing opportunities for people to connect with Christ on their healing journey, we make God's vision for a loving and just world a reality in people's lives.

Jesus exemplified a revolutionary pattern of care that challenged the social norms of his time, consistently valuing those on the margins and showing compassion to the excluded. His approach was holistic, addressing body, mind, heart, and spirit as an interconnected whole, and focused on restoring community and themselves. Following Jesus' example, our approach encompasses the whole person through compassion ministries, justice work, mental wellness initiatives, disaster and crisis response, conflict transformation, prayer initiatives, clergy well-being, and pastoral care support systems. Cultivating a culture of care requires prayerful teamwork and collaboration. Expecting pastors alone to undertake this work is neither biblical nor practical. The laity are gifted and called to lead, just as Jesus sent his followers into communities to proclaim the good news, feed, and heal. This is what it means to love boldly.

This year has been one of significant momentum. Through a comprehensive ministry inventory of 352 churches with a 97% self-reporting rate, we now have a clear, conference-wide picture of care and healing across the Horizon Texas Conference for the first time. That picture reveals 24,047 lay volunteer leaders serving in care-related ministries (some noted below) and 18,722 people served every month, with lives truly being transformed. This also measured honest gaps in areas like mental wellness, grief support, justice work, and caregiver ministry that we are actively working to address. A first response to these findings was to partner with The Caring Congregation to launch care training cohorts for churches

of every size and context, drawing over 200 participants from approximately ninety-six different churches across the fall 2025 and spring 2026 seasons, and received a Sam Taylor grant to help offset these expenses. We released "The Table Extended," a resource equipping clergy and laity to carry Holy Communion beyond the sanctuary to those who are home-centered, incarcerated, or in healthcare facilities. We surveyed 646 clergy to understand their well-being needs, and the results are shaping how we resource and advocate for the people who shepherd our congregations. We hosted authors Dr. Hillary McBride and Joshua Harris for a conversation on spiritual trauma that drew over 150 attendees, launched an online grief group, invested $23,000 in Care and Healing Grants across seven ministries, and continued to fund four legacy community care partners doing vital work in immigration legal services, rural community development, neighboring, and faith-based advocacy. Our disaster response team continued long-term recovery efforts in Valley View, Gordon, and flood-affected communities across western Texas, including the provision of over 100 UMCOR-funded storm shelters. The Crisis Response and Care Ministry Team served fifteen congregations through crisis intervention and advocacy, while the Transform conflict transformation team engaged thirteen churches and conference work areas in the courageous work of loving boldly through difficult conversations. And the fourth annual Altogether Women's Retreat gathered clergy, laity, and their guests at Glen Lake Camp to worship, rest, and discover what it means to be "Altogether Bold."

Across the conference, new care and healing ministries are taking root in beautiful ways. Here are a few we want to share and celebrate:

Arapaho UMC, Dallas — Developed and organized a care team following 2025 training; engaged in community organizing and prophetic witness; established a Faith Community Nurse position.
Christ Foundry, Dallas — Hosted Hispanic care team training, developed a team, and provided excellent outreach to the immigrant population.
Christ UMC, Levelland — Developed and activated a care team after attending care training in 2025.
DFW Clergy — Numerous clergy across the DFW area participated with CLEAR, protested harmful immigration detention, and accompanied immigrants at check-in.
First Clifton/Walnut Springs UMC — Attended two care trainings and grew community outreach.
Friendship UMC, Sherman — Provided extensive community care including prison ministry, veteran care through "Taking it to the Streets," Market Depot food pantry, Operation Gratitude, Meals on Wheels, and FLITE ministry for mentally and emotionally challenged youth.
First UMC Allen — Assembled kits for children at the immigration center in Dallas.
First UMC Celina — Established a community nursing program; provided excellent witness in schools following a crisis situation.
First UMC Cleburne — Developed school partnerships.
First UMC Colleyville — Built excellent community partnerships, including paying off school lunch debt.
First UMC Georgetown — Strengthened care team and outreach; responded to the July 2025 floods.
First UMC Gordon — Formed a care team after fall 2024 training, provided strong community care post-tornado, and pursued mental health wellness partnerships.
First UMC Hurst — Engaged in immigration advocacy work.
First UMC Mexia — Engaged in immigration work.
First UMC Nolanville — Expanded a community health clinic that had been developing over the last few years.
First UMC Winnsboro — Partnered with the local ISD for children's mental health, bringing in speakers to equip children around mental wellness.
Grace Ave, Dallas — Participated in immigration involvement and community witness; hosted an immigration symposium.
Grace UMC, Dalhart — Partnered with community agencies to provide mental health support and addiction recovery.
Henrietta/Petrolia — Merged congregations and maintained food ministry through a food truck.

Keller UMC and Oak Lawn UMC — Created communion bags for lay people to take into their communities.
Millsap UMC — Continued community outreach, drove community engagement, and experienced church growth.
Mt. Vernon UMC — Increased to a 17-member care team with transportation, funeral, meal, card, prayer, and prayer shawl ministries, plus monthly community lunches including "Soup for the Soul."
Oak Lawn UMC, Dallas — Trained and commissioned the conference's first Spanish-speaking care team with eight newly commissioned care ministers serving the church and the community; added a Community Parish Nurse in collaboration with covenantal partner Methodist Health System.
Olney/Jean UMC — Engaged in community recovery work.
Open Door UMC, Clyde — Responded to tragedy in the community.
Open Table UMC, Mansfield — Hosted "Caring for Our Neighbors" training on March 7th; developed outreach in the community.
Wellspring UMC, Georgetown — Hosted 2025 care training; deepened care team, community outreach, and justice ministries.
Wesley Denton — Provided excellent mental health care for students, partially funded by Care and Healing grants.
Wesley UMC, Greenville — Developed partnerships with unhoused persons; attended care training and participated in the spring care cohort.
Whitesboro UMC — Started a day-hab program for adult children with disabilities and developed a worship program for their care; resulted in new members joining the church.

While this list isn't exhaustive, it highlights the wide range and depth of care and healing efforts across our conference, as well as the many ways our churches and extension ministries positively impact their communities this year.

As we look ahead, it is important to name what "maximize" means in the context of care and healing. It does not mean adding more for the sake of “more." It means discerning what is most needed for this season, bringing ineffective ministries to a faithful conclusion, and going deeper where God is already bearing fruit. As Jesus reminded us, "I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it" (Matthew 5:17). In the same way, we are called not simply to do care and healing, but to fulfill it — to deepen and mature our understanding, broaden our reach, and become more inclusive in our holistic response to all of creation, as we love God, love our neighbor, as we love ourselves.

This strategic priority does not stand alone. It naturally intertwines with our overall vision and every other strategic priority. When we cultivate a culture of care and demonstrate genuine, holistic support, we create the conditions for others to experience the loving, just, and free world God imagines for all people. Care and healing is discipleship and multiplies disciples of Jesus. It champions and includes children and youth, recognizing their importance in the kin-dom of God. It actively embraces diversity with inclusion as the goal. And it compels us to share our story of transformation and healing so that others may turn their hearts toward Christ and do likewise.

We give thanks to God for the holy honor of serving in this capacity, walking alongside faithful clergy and laity, and look to the future with hope and excitement about how this ministry will continue to evolve and mature, and impact lives across our conference. We move forward with deep gratitude for all who have contributed their gifts, both clergy and laity, and with full confidence that God walks alongside us, guiding our efforts and empowering our service. Together, under the Holy Spirit's direction, we will keep transforming our churches and communities as we follow Jesus in creating the loving, just, and free world God imagines for all people.

Clergy Wellbeing

We continue the ongoing investment of clergy health and wellbeing, following the generous grant from Golden Cross Division, which funded a Faith Community Nurse from May 2024 through August 2025. While the grant was not renewed, we have continued working with the Faith Community Nursing Program at Methodist Health System to further our partnership and increase the number of Faith Community Nurses in our conference. An example is Oak Lawn UMC added a nurse with the guidance of Methodist Health System to connect the church to the community through heath and wellness, specifically with our unhoused friends.

The Care and Healing team, in consultation with Bishop Saenz Jr., surveyed 646 active and on-leave clergy in July 2026 and received 177 responses, for a 27% response rate. The results reveal a clergy body that is deeply engaged in their calling and attentive to their well-being, with 89.2% maintaining annual wellness checkups and two-thirds participating in some form of wellness programming. Clergy reported their strongest wellness in the spiritual and intellectual dimensions (both averaging above 4.0 on a 5-point scale), reflecting a deep commitment to their relationship with God and to lifelong learning. Sources of recent ministry satisfaction included baptisms and confirmations, impactful preaching and teaching, and the sacred privilege of pastoral presence during moments of crisis and loss. When asked what conference-provided support has been most meaningful, over half of respondents named check-ins from their District Superintendent, underscoring that personal, relational connection from leadership matters.

The survey also highlights areas where our clergy need greater support. Physical well-being scored lowest among all wellness dimensions at 3.45, and the barriers clergy identified tell us why: nearly one-third cited time and schedule constraints as their primary obstacle to wellness, followed by stress and workload pressure (18.8%), health issues (13.9%), and family caregiving responsibilities (12.5%). Financial constraints, church conflict, isolation, and difficulty maintaining boundaries also appeared as significant challenges. Emotional well-being (3.77) and holistic well-being (3.81) round out the lower-scoring dimensions, painting a picture of ministers who pour themselves out in service while struggling to replenish their own reserves.

These findings are an invitation to every congregation and every layperson across the Horizon Texas Conference. Our clergy are showing up faithfully — preaching, teaching, sitting at bedsides, casting vision, and leading through complexity. They need us to show up for them in return. That can look like honoring a pastor's day off, encouraging them to attend a clergy retreat or use their continuing education funds, encouraging renewal leave, asking how they are doing and meaning it, and building church cultures where a pastor's own well-being is treated not as an afterthought but as a shared priority. We recognize that this is a demanding season for ministry, and the Care and Healing team is here to walk alongside both clergy and congregations as needs continue to evolve. We provide resources, guidance, and encouragement for renewal leave, pulpit supply on Sunday mornings, and building support systems for ongoing sustainability and well-being. We encourage clergy to take ownership of their well-being, stay connected, and set healthy boundaries. We also have funding available for mental health support for clergy who serve less than full-time or do not qualify for conference health benefits, and we can offer recommendations for therapists, spiritual directors, and other mental health agencies as needed. As we continue listening and responding to the changing realities of ministry across our conference, we invite congregations to join us in encouraging clergy to model the wellness we hope to see in every community of faith and extension ministries. When we care for the ones who care for us, the whole body of Christ is strengthened.

Cultivating a Culture of Care - Building Systems to be Outward Focused

In July 2025, the Care and Healing team completed a comprehensive ministry inventory across the Horizon Texas Conference, with 352 churches reporting and a 97% self-reporting rate. This inventory gave us something we have never had before: a clear, conference-wide picture of how our churches are

caring for their communities. The data reveals both remarkable strength and important opportunities for growth.

The numbers tell a story of a conference that is actively engaged in the work of care and healing. Across our reporting churches, 24,047 lay volunteer leaders are serving in care-related ministries. Together, these ministries serve 18,722 people every month, a reach that extends well beyond our church membership and into the broader community. Prayer teams are present in 59% of our churches, visitation ministry in 50%, lay care teams in 46%, meal ministries in 43%, and food or clothing pantries in 41%. These five ministries form the backbone of care across the conference and reflect the deep commitment of our clergy and laity to show up for their neighbors.

At the same time, the inventory revealed areas where we have room to evaluate, deepen, and mature. Mental wellness support groups exist in only 10% of our churches. Grief groups are present in 25%, caregiver support in 15%, and recovery ministry in 14%. Ministries addressing domestic violence, divorce and separation, miscarriage and child loss, and foster care and adoption support each appear in fewer than 6% of our churches. These are not rare needs; they are common human experiences that our congregations encounter regularly. The gap between the prevalence of these needs and the availability of ministry to meet them represents one of our most important areas of opportunity.

These data did not sit on a shelf. Every District Superintendent received their district-specific results, and together we identified next steps tailored to each context. Based on the inventory findings, the Care and Healing team partnered with The Caring Congregation (TheCaringCongregation.org) to design training opportunities that directly address the needs revealed in the data. In the fall of 2025, we hosted a two-day basics of care training in Dallas that drew eighty participants, with about forty-two different churches represented. Also, in the fall, we hosted an afternoon kick-off for the online Spanish care training, with forty-seven attendees from six different churches.

In February 2026, trying something new and creative in our training approach, we launched two care training cohorts led by The Caring Congregation, designed to meet churches where they are: one for small and rural congregations and another for medium and large congregations. These spring cohorts, financially offset by a generous Sam Taylor grant, drew ninety-eight registrants from approximately forty-eight churches across ten districts, with seventy-five laity and twenty-three clergy participating side by side. The small and rural cohort drew the larger enrollment with sixty-three registrants, reflecting the deep hunger for support and equipping in communities that often have fewer resources but no less need.

When we asked the spring 2026 cohorts where their church currently stands in developing care and healing ministry, registrants painted a picture that is both honest and hopeful. The largest groups reported that they have informal caring happening but no sustainable, organized system (44 responses) and that they have a team but need help with structure and sustainability (43 responses). Thirty-four indicated they have momentum and want to extend their care ministry beyond the church to impact the community and reach new people, while thirty-two said they have an established team and want to add to it. Sixteen are ready to start but do not know where to begin, eleven are brand new and just exploring the idea, and six have tried before but need a reboot. Most of our churches are not starting from zero. They have caring people doing caring work. What they need, and what these cohorts are designed to provide, is help moving from informal efforts to sustainable, structured systems that can grow, endure, and flourish.

This is the heart of what we are building together. As Rev. Joy Dister-Dominguez has framed it, "A system of care is an interconnected process working together to deepen discipleship and expand your church's reach. This creates sustainable ways to respond to guests and your community, walk alongside members, and support your volunteers for lasting impact in your unique context." That framework guides our work in helping churches move from informal caring to sustainable, structured systems of care.

It is important to name what "maximizing care and healing" can look like. It does not mean that every church needs to have every ministry, or that we should do more just to do more. Maximizing care and healing is about responding faithfully and prayerfully to the needs in your context. It requires honest evaluation: How can we best respond to our community and their emerging needs? What ministries have served their season and need to come to a healthy conclusion? What needs to be organically birthed? What is already happening that needs to be developed and deepened? And how do we grow as mature Christians with more compassion, empathy, and capacity for advocating for all God's people?

These are the kinds of questions we are helping churches explore and prayerfully consider. We are not asking congregations to adopt a one-size-fits-all system. We are walking alongside each church, when they are ready, to help them build a system of care that fits their size, their context, and their community; one that connects the caring impulses already present in their people into something organized, sustainable, and outward-facing. When care becomes a system rather than a reaction, it does more than meet immediate needs. It deepens discipleship, strengthens the congregation from the inside out, and becomes a bridge to the community, creating natural on-ramps for new people to experience the love of Christ. Worship attendance increases. Generosity increases when people feel cared for and feel connected to a church that is doing good in the world and leading people to Christ.

Looking ahead, we will continue to offer unique training cohorts, develop new resources, and work alongside District Superintendents to ensure that every church in the Horizon Texas Conference has a pathway to build and sustain a care ministry and cultivate a culture of care in the church that reflects the unique calling of their community. The care and healing ministry inventory has given us a baseline, a starting point for measuring maturity, celebrating faithfulness, and continuing to equip our churches to be the caring, healing presence of Christ in every community across the Horizon Texas Conference. In the coming year, we will measure lagging metrics: How many care or prayer teams are formed? What systems of care are developed? How are churches reaching into the community as agents of care and healing? How are teams and church cultures maturing in Christ? What ministries have been celebrated and concluded? We look forward to reporting next year on these metrics and the transformation that has taken place; we ask for your prayers in this work.

Support for Local Churches and Communities

The Care and Healing team is committed to equipping congregations to extend the healing presence of Christ into their communities. In the spring of 2026, we hosted an online grief group that drew eighteen participants from five districts. Led by Pastor Dawn Anderson, who brings a depth of wisdom and experience to this work, the group explored the landscape of normal grief, including its emotions and responses, self-care practices, the reality of secondary losses, a theology of grief, and moving forward with hope. This kind of offering reminds us that healing happens in community and that our churches can be safe places for people to bring their whole selves before God. Our hope is that those who have experienced healing will carry this forward and consider starting a grief group in their church or community. Healed people help other people heal. We use the power of our story to share how Christ has been at work mending our broken hearts, in hopes that others may be open to it as well.

Building on that momentum, later in the spring of 2026, we will offer a two-part webinar on discerning, planning, and launching support groups in your local church or surrounding community. Topics will range from grief support and care for the caregiver to groups focused on Alzheimer's, recovery, and cancer support. Hosting a support group is one of the most tangible ways a congregation can love boldly. It is a bridge into the community, an on-ramp into a faith community where people can connect with Christ on a deeper level and be welcomed into a loving communion. We encourage every church to consider how God might be calling them to become a place of care and healing for their neighbors.

The Table Extended: Holy Communion as Care and Healing

In October 2025, the Care and Healing team released a new resource designed to equip clergy and laity for one of the most meaningful expressions of care ministry: extending Holy Communion beyond the sanctuary to those who are home-centered, incarcerated, or in healthcare facilities. Grounded in guidance from Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. and supported by The Book of Discipline (2020/2024), paragraph 340(b)(e), the resource includes a video teaching (https://youtu.be/9tQDlgKkIlU) and an accompanying workbook that walk through the theology, practice, and practical steps for trained lay people to carry consecrated elements to those who cannot be present in worship, under the direction of their clergy person. To further deepen this work, an in-person training event led by Rev. Dr. Mark Stamm brought his expertise in sacramental theology and practical ministry to our conference.

At its heart, this work is built on a conviction central to our care and healing mission: Holy Communion is Christ's invitation to all who love God, and no one should be forgotten or left outside the circle of care simply because they cannot be in the sanctuary on Sunday morning. When lay people extend the table, they carry more than bread and cup. They carry the promise that every person is a valued member of the Body of Christ. The video, workbook, and additional resources are available for use by any church in the conference, and the Care and Healing team is glad to assist with questions or implementation.

Women's Retreat

The Horizon Texas Conference helped to sponsor the fourth annual "Altogether" Women's Retreat at Glen Lake Camp, January 30 through February 1, 2026. Led by volunteer retreat leaders Rev. Faiana Funaki, Rev. Katie Newkirk, Rev. Melissa McDuffee Beal, Rev. Erin Sloan Jackson, and Rev. Joy Dister-Dominguez, the retreat welcomed clergy, laity, and their friends and neighbors for a weekend of worship, rest, and renewal.

We decided on this year's theme, "Altogether Bold," after much prayer and drew inspiration from the Council of Bishops' guiding vision of loving boldly, inviting women to push back against the cultural messages that tell them to calm down, quiet down, and not be "too bold." Through the stories of Rizpah's unwavering protection, Rahab's courageous leap of faith, Mary's brave "yes" in the Magnificat, and the joyful support shared between Mary and Elizabeth, attendees explored how true boldness is not about fearlessness but about faithful obedience even when the path seems uncertain. Rev. Nicole Caldwell-Gross of Noblesville First UMC in Indiana served as the featured preacher and teacher, bringing her gifts as a dynamic storyteller who draws listeners into the biblical narrative and challenges them to be bold in faith.

For two nights and three days, women from across the conference worshiped together, rested in God's presence, and discovered how God plants seeds of bold faith, transformative love, and unshakeable hope within each of us. The gathering continued to strengthen connections across the Horizon Texas Conference and created space for women to embrace the bold woman God has created them to be, returning to their communities with renewed discipleship, courage, and confident expectation.

In the words of those who attended, here is what the gathering meant to them:

> *The retreat is a renewal and refreshment of my spiritually and walk with Jesus. It's one of the highlights of my year! Like most people, I have been through a lot in the last years, and the retreat gives me strength and hope to carry on. I've also met so many wonderful women from other churches in the conference and look forward to seeing them each year. We know that we are all praying for each other, the conference, the clergy, and the bishop. There are not enough words to express what this means to me, and how much it helps me. I always leave feeling closer to the Lord and the other women in the conference. Rating: 1000000 out of 10.* (Christi Summerour, New World UMC)

For someone who lost their way and has been trying to find connection with God, this retreat brought me comfort and hope. The speakers, the other guests and the overall message gave me encouragement to keep searching, keep learning and see the Bible in a way I've never seen before. Curious and willing to learn for the first time in my life. I am forever grateful for this experience. (Kerri Hwang, First UMC Burleson)

As a working mom of two teenagers, I feel like life pulls me in many different directions. The Altogether Women's Retreat is a place where I can intentionally slow down and ground myself in my faith. It's been a place to connect with women of different generations in different phases of their faith walks who have helped me challenge beliefs, or reaffirm gifts, or simply offer their friendship. The Altogether Women's Retreat is a place to take a deep breath in a world that never stops moving. (Melissa Collett, Grace Avenue UMC)

This was my first Altogether Retreat to attend and it was powerful in so many ways. From worship to small group time, it affirmed my call from God to be exactly where I am. I felt seen and heard by women at all stages who shared how God is working in their lives and the lives of those they serve. It reignited a fire in me to continue working for those who don't always have a voice. (Jessica Wasson, Director of Youth Ministry, First UMC Burleson)

Prayer, Mental Health Care, and Trauma-Informed Care

The foundation of our faith includes prayer. We see it modeled for us and taught by Jesus, who followed up with a caring response. The Care and Healing team maintains a prayer and care request form, where clergy, members, and the community can ask for prayer. Personal and on-going follow-up is provided by Rev. Joy Dister-Dominguez and held in confidence when indicated. For those who ask for their requests to be shared, they are lifted in cabinet and staff meetings for prayer. Since the form's creation in November 2024, we have received 178 prayer requests, some of which are requests for care and are connected to local churches for further resources and support. A goal for the coming year is to develop a conference-wide prayer team made up of clergy and laity who actively pray and follow up with needs across the conference. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please reach out (joy@htcumc.org).

The Blue Christmas initiative that began two years ago continues, along with the conference resource OfferHopeNow.com, which serves to engage communities who are hurting and in need of support and healing resources. Mental health concerns remain significant across our conference, especially in rural communities where access to care is limited. A few partnerships with local therapy offices are in the works, and we are prayerful about how we can expand the reach of support to those who need it most.

In the spring of 2026, we hosted a two-part workshop, "Leading with Connection: Practicing Embodied Faith and Trauma-Informed Leadership in Today's Church," led by Nicole Melrose, which was offered both in person and virtually for clergy and laity. Grounded in polyvagal theory and sacred embodiment, the workshop explored how the nervous system, designed by God, plays a direct role in our capacity for spiritual openness, healing, and connection. Participants gained practical tools for understanding their own nervous system responses, recognizing how burnout and secondary trauma affect ministry, and building trauma-informed spaces within their congregations. The sessions cast a vision for the church as a regulating, healing presence in the world, one that creates safety so that people can more fully connect with God, with one another, and with themselves.

We also had the honor of hosting authors Dr. Hillary McBride and Joshua Harris on the book release tour of McBride's book, Holy Hurt: Understanding Spiritual Trauma and the Process of Healing. Hosted at Oak Lawn UMC, over 150 attendees engaged with the premise that all trauma is spiritual trauma because we are spiritual beings. The conversation explored the lasting impact of harm done in the name of God and the intentionality required to create safe spaces where healing can begin and future harm can be

prevented. Joshua Harris also recorded a podcast on our conference show, Pod Strangely Warmed, with Rev. Kristin Warthen and Rev. Joy Dister-Dominguez about the church hurt he caused and the journey of repentance and repair he has been on.

This work matters deeply for who we are trying to become as a conference. If we are genuinely trying to reach new people, we must assume they have experienced trauma in some way, shape, or form, and that framing matters for us as a church. If we are trying to encourage and equip others to multiply Jesus followers, our leaders need to be trauma-informed and trauma-sensitive. Something that does not get named enough: each of us is likely experiencing at least secondary trauma on a daily basis. Turning on the news, absorbing the pain of the people we serve and work with, navigating conflict with angry or hurting people, and carrying our own personal weight all accumulate. We cannot lead others through what we have not begun to acknowledge in ourselves. It is important to continue leaning into this understanding and this work while keeping our eyes open to who we are trying to reach. More resources and opportunities are being planned in the future, and we encourage anyone to reach out with questions or for support.

Care and Healing - Justice and Advocacy
Care and Healing are also reflected in the work of faithful Christians' advocacy for human dignity, embodying mercy, and in bearing witness to the reign of God's righteousness. Our Horizon Texas Annual Conference vision statement supports this dimension of our care and healing work: "We are followers of Jesus seeking the loving, just and free world God imagines for all people." Below are some of the ways The Horizon Texas Conference is living this vision in concrete ways, led by Associate Director, Rev. Andrew Fiser.

Care and Healing Grants
In late 2025, applications for Care and Healing Grants were solicited from churches and ministries across the Conference for up-to $1000 start-up or $5,000 expansion grants. The grant process was designed to *maximize care and healing by emboldening local churches to love their neighbors through practices and relationships that embody a holistic vision of care and healing with compassionate care, community organizing, courageous witness, and anti-racism.*

We are proud to share these seven grant-funded efforts in which $23,000 has been invested into ministry through Horizon Texas leaders and churches:

- **The Julian Way's Spiritual Care and LIFT Fund ($5000)** The expansion of access for those with disabilities to find community and get through asset gaps that are increasingly prevalent in population.
- Loving the Whole Person: Therapy and Spiritual Direction Support through Denton Wesley Foundation ($5000) The expansion of access to counseling or spiritual direction that are inaccessible otherwise.
- **Community Kitchen at Oak Lawn UMC ($5000)** The expansion of capacity for community meals kitchen that serves diverse friends in Oak Lawn.
- **Hearts United/Corazones Unidos a FirstChurch Dallas & La Fundicion De Christo UMM Partnership ($1000)** A luncheon event to celebrate and solidify a one-on-one prayer partnership between FirstChurch Dallas and Christ's Foundry UMM congregants.
- **Prayer Ministry of First UMC Fort Worth ($1000)** An outdoor prayer and outreach ministry to build connections with and among diverse downtown neighbors.
- **Decatur Cares Food Pantry with Decatur First UMC ($5000)** An expansion of food security partnership for increasingly underserved population going hungry in Decatur community.
- **Mission Mobility at First UMC Coppell ($1000)** Start-up of mobility items collection and distribution ministry in Northern Tarrant and Dallas Counties.

Information about forthcoming Care & Healing Grant availability is expected by September 2026.

Community Care Partners
The Care and Healing Team provided budgeted grant funds to four legacy partners who help our churches extend their work into the public sphere through compassion, justice, and relationships:

- **Justice for our Neighbors** – North Central Texas ($20,000) offers free and affordable, high-quality immigration legal services, provides education to the public, and engages in advocacy with and for our immigrant neighbors.
- **Cultiv8 Community** ($15,000) connects neighbors to neighbors, engage people with nature, and restore life-giving habitats. Cultiv8 focuses on nature camps for rural children, respite experiences for clergy and rural leaders, creating affordable rural housing, and helping landowners reclaim their space for native habitat restoration.
- **Good Neighbor Experiment from The Neighboring Movement** ($7,000) A coaching and cohort experience offering practical resources to connect churches with their communities using Asset Based Community Development.
- **Texas Impact** ($2,000) A collaboration to engage United Methodist Texans and other Texans of faith in advocacy for public policies that advance the social principles of the United Methodist Church, particularly related to immigration and public education.

Immigration Advocacy
Horizon Texas churches and their people have continued to show solidarity and care for immigrant constituents and neighbors who are increasingly subject to unfair and cruel treatment by the government. A working group planned the Immigration Advocacy Symposium on September 21st, 2025, with approximately three-hundred participants live or via watch parties across the Conference. The event featured updates on the realities facing immigrants, a Know Your Rights training from a respected Immigration Lawyer, and assistance planning how individuals and groups can connect to work already going on in their area. Since that time, participants have been encouraged to take their next steps in offering care to immigrants through planning guides and highlighting how some United Methodists are leading in their contexts. Fifteen Horizon Texas lay people and clergy attended the "Faithful Resistance: A Public Witness for Immigrant Justice" held in Washington, DC by The General Board of Church and Society at partners in February 2026. Participants were energized by worship, and a prayerful procession to Capitol Hill, and made visits to Congressional representatives.

LGBTQ+ Care
An important component of our care is for LGBTQ+ persons post-disaffiliation and in an era in which they are targets for politically-motivated repression or even violence. A working group was convened in Spring 2025 and continued to meet into late that year to resource leaders around supporting transgender persons being targeted in Texas and the United States by laws, policies, and violence. The conversations fostered in this space prompted dialogue and policy analysis among Cabinet members and with the Board of Ordained Ministry. In Fall 2025, Care and Healing plus Diversity and Cultural Engagement staff met with Queer UMC clergy to create space for listening to the stories of queer persons in the Horizon Texas Conference, and to begin a conversation about trust-building and equity. This initial conversation has prompted deeper conversations about appointment equity and LGBTQ+ identity, future programming possibilities around religious trauma, and equipping local churches to better understand and know how to better welcome LGBTQ+ persons newcomers and appointed clergy.

SNAP Disruption Response
The pause of SNAP benefits in Fall 2026 prompted an outpouring of support from local United Methodists in their communities to care for the vulnerable persons put at risk of hunger. A Hunger Roundtable was convened to help church leaders understand the issues facing neighbors and constituents, plus share ways to respond collectively. While the SNAP funding was restored, participants expressed appreciation for the ability to gather and discern ways to respond together. We were also able to support clergy who needed financial support in this season.

Clergy Justice Network
In the wake of the shifting immigration policies in the United States, leaders have expressed a desire for tools for helping congregations grow in their ability to respond faithfully to social issues and their neighbors. Churches in which there are a variety of political viewpoints or theological frameworks can find it difficult to even discuss difficult topics. A small group of clergy came together in Lent at the urging of Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr., led by Rev. Jaime McGlothlin of First UMC Mexia, to prayerfully explore the work of Rev. Dr. Leah Schade in her book Preaching in the Purple Zone: Ministry in the Red-Blue Divide. Schade offers a sermon-dialogue-sermon methodology for preachers that partners them with their congregants to discern God's Word together on any number of issues. Instead of pitting preachers against a congregation or group within a congregation, this model equips the whole church to go deeper into discipleship to discern values and responses in faith. This initial small group will be offering feedback on ways they discern this and other models being of help in a variety of HTC ministry contexts as we navigate polarization and reactivity.

Disaster Response
Under the leadership of Rev. Jeremy Basset, the Horizon Texas Conference continues to strengthen and expand its disaster response ministry. We are in an extended season of extreme weather events in Texas, several of which have required long-term response efforts to be mobilized. With our recently united and geographically enlarged annual conference, we are reshaping, re-energizing, and broadening this work. We are working towards the goal of making disaster response an ongoing ministry of the local church, one that does not simply wait for a disaster to happen. Rather, we will build skills and opportunities to serve as wide a spectrum of people who wish to participate.

In the meantime, there is a need to stay the course for the recovery efforts currently being worked on: in Valley View, Gordon, and the many areas affected by the flooding in July of last year (San Angelo, Menard, San Saba, and Burnet among them).

Our work in the Valley View recovery from their May 2024 tornado has been to support the unmet needs committee of their long-term recovery committee (LTRC). Through the generous giving of our conference churches, we can provide funds for clients' recovery that would not be possible from their own resources. Mike Hupp, the chair of the LTRC, calls the Horizon Texas Conference the "tag-team partner" in the work! A typical comment from a client: "We are so happy and extremely thankful to know we can move on with our lives" in a home that is now safe, sanitary, and secure.

However, our biggest contribution in Valley View has been the UMCOR-sponsored storm shelter program. Many of the homes in Valley View are mobile homes and, thus, vulnerable to future storms. Through UMCOR's grant and a strong partnership with The Salvation Army and the Valley View Long-Term Recovery Committee, we have been able to allocate over $400,000 to provide some one hundred storm shelters for residents in the affected area. This provides both reassurance and resiliency to the community. Several residents spoke of the "peace of mind" the storm shelters offer, with one client expressing that "this storm shelter program is the only reason we feel safe enough to stay in this community for the long-term."

Our work in Gordon focuses on recovery from a tornado in May 2025. While limited in area and size, the tornado still affected over one hundred homes, with precious few resources available for their recovery. UMCOR came to our assistance once again. A grant has enabled us to employ a disaster case manager, Heather Dawes, and support the unmet needs of those whose resources will not enable them to reach full recovery. Several of our conference churches have already sent volunteer teams, doing outstanding work repairing affected homes. Outside of a small initial fund from within the community, the recovery here is driven by the UMCOR grant and UMC churches. Heather notes, "The deep commitment and vast experience of the various UMC teams that have come our way have made such a difference."

The recovery effort that will be in front of us for the foreseeable future is the flood recovery in a widespread area of western Texas. Most of the affected areas are within the Rio Texas Conference – and we are working closely with their recently-appointed Recovery Director, Lamar Davis. Lamar and Rev. Jeremy Basset connect weekly to share updates and information, and to coordinate our activities in the best way possible. HTC raised over $400,000 from the bishop's appeal following the floods. This is being used to support the unmet needs in all the above-mentioned communities.

Volunteer teams are needed in Gordon and in all flood-affected areas. Please go to our conference webpage for the latest information of how to register and volunteer. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these recovery efforts; we are being the hands and feet of Christ as we care for our neighbors and provide healing after difficult disasters.

Crisis Response and Care Ministry Team for Congregational Crisis
The Crisis Response and Care Ministry Team (CRCM), led and coordinated by Rev. Liz Greenwell, is comprised of a specially trained, trauma-ready team of clergy and laity prepared to engage in the work of assessment, intervention, and healing care for congregations and individuals during a misconduct allegation or crisis.

Clergy and laity of the Horizon Texas Conference (HTC) may call upon the Response Team for:
- consultation regarding problematic issues
- one-to-one advocacy and care for aggrieved and accused persons in complaint processes
- SPRC/Leadership training and support, including assistance with policies and procedures
- work with interim ministers and after-pastors following a crisis
- resources in crisis prevention and preparedness
- services for congregational crisis response

Work of the Team:
In 2025, 15 congregations were served and 6 Resource Persons were deployed for one-to-one advocacy and support. Five congregations required full congregational crisis intervention services. Of the fifteen cases, eleven were related to sexual misconduct.
For confidentiality reasons, most names and locations have been removed to share the feedback we received this year:

The staff wishes to make it clear that we are deeply thankful and appreciative of all the support provided by the Crisis and Care Ministry team. The fact that we've been able to put this in the rear-view mirror is due in so small measure to the assistance and loving care provided by you and your team, and we are forever grateful. You have been and continue to be a blessing to the congregation of our church. (staff at an HTC church)

Thank you for… the care and attention everyone continues to give to this process… I am grateful for the clarity provided and reassured… I am especially thankful for you (the Resource Person) and all of your help and support throughout this process… (care recipient of Resource Person)

I cannot express how valuable, caring, and knowledgeable the Crisis Response Ministry Team is. As a District Superintendent, this team and the work it provides is invaluable. This ministry team helps the wounded, not only find a just resolution, but helps them to know they have been heard, have a voice, and find healing. (Rev. Tom Long, North/West District Superintendent)

Resources have been updated for the new HTC website (htcumc.org) and will serve as valuable resources for the laity, clergy, local churches, and district superintendents.

Expansion of the Team:
In 2025, three Team Leaders were trained for the Horizon Texas Conference (HTC) to lead teams in the Northwest Texas Region (Rev. Dr. Shera Atkinson), Central Texas Region (Rev. Barbara Dunlap), and North Texas Region (Doris Smith). Fourteen new team members covering each region have been recruited and vetted. One new Resource Person was recruited and trained. Training for new team members began in February 2026.

CRCM Goals for 2026:
Complete training of new members, continue recruitment and development of regional teams and new Resource Persons, and continued identification and development of prevention and training resources for the Horizon Texas Conference.

Conflict Transformation "Transform" Team
The Horizon Texas Conference's conflict transformation team, called "Transform," is a network of conflict transformation district point persons—gifted laity selected from each district who have received training to support churches during times of tension. Led by volunteer Kim Brannon, these individuals serve as a non-anxious presence in potentially volatile situations, ready to facilitate challenging conversations or provide third-party participation when needed. Through education, accessible resources, and trained local support, the Transform team has created an infrastructure that acknowledges conflict as a natural part of community life while providing tools for transformation. Congregations are discovering that conflict, when approached with proper support, can become an opportunity for growth, creativity, and deeper community.

The easiest thing to do in times of conflict is to ignore it or wish it will go away. To "Love Boldly" requires acting courageously and engaging in the hard conversations necessary to resolve and transform conflict. Thirteen churches or conference work areas have chosen to Love Boldly this year and engage the Transform team in addressing difficult situations. The Transform team has provided mediation, conversation facilitation, skills sharing, teaching, and listening during times of anxiety.

After a recent Transform team facilitated conversation between laity and clergy, the pastor acknowledged: "The work of ministry creation involves messiness and do-overs, but we must keep talking." The Transform team celebrates the courage and love it takes to engage in difficult conversations.

In addition to walking alongside churches in conflict, the Transform team leads workshops and classes to teach skills to others. When the Transform team led a workshop for the UMC's Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry Specialists Association in 2025, one experienced interim pastor reminded the group that, during times of hurt in a church, she responds by simply "loving on the people" – loving boldly to address hurt and grief.

The fourteen members of the Transform Team meet quarterly for training and team updates. Team members represent all three legacy conferences and reside in eight out of the ten Horizon Texas Conference districts.

A resource list of conflict transformation tools is continuously updated and will be available on the Horizon Texas Conference website. This curated collection provides clergy and congregations with access to best practices and intervention strategies.

The 2026 goals for the Transform team include increasing diversity to better address cultural and language differences across the Conference, continuing team training, and increasing speaking/teaching opportunities to raise visibility and share learning.

Care And Healing Committee Report

REV. DR. SHERA ATKINSON, CHAIR

The Care and Healing Team is committed to equipping and supporting congregations and leaders across the Horizon Texas Conference to cultivate holistic care and healing. This work encompasses mental, physical, spiritual, relational, and social well-being, expressed through ministries such as grief care, caregiver support, mental health initiatives, addressing food insecurity, and responding to a wide range of community needs. At its core, this priority seeks to help every church become a place where people experience the healing presence of Christ in tangible and transformative ways.

This commitment reflects the very heart of the gospel. The ministry of Jesus consistently demonstrated that proclaiming good news and offering care are inseparable. As a conference, we are leaning into that same calling by strengthening our capacity to respond to the real needs of people in our churches and communities. Care and healing are not treated as isolated ministries but as a unifying thread that shapes how we engage in discipleship, leadership, and mission.

Over the past year, the Care and Healing Staff led by Rev. Joy Dister -Dominguez have made meaningful strides in clarifying both our strengths and our opportunities. A conference-wide assessment of local church ministries has provided an unprecedented level of insight into how care is currently being expressed. This process not only highlighted the remarkable number of individuals being served and the extensive involvement of lay leadership, but it also revealed important areas where additional focus is needed—particularly in mental health support, grief care, and ministries for caregivers. This clearer understanding has allowed us to move forward with greater intentionality and alignment.

In response, efforts have been directed toward equipping congregations with practical tools and sustainable models for care. Training opportunities have been expanded and tailored to fit a variety of church contexts, helping leaders move from informal, reactive care toward more intentional and organized systems. These systems are designed not only to meet immediate needs but also to foster deeper relationships, strengthen congregational life, and extend the church's presence into the wider community.

A significant area of focus has been the well-being of clergy. Recent engagement with clergy across the conference has provided valuable insight into both their strengths and the pressures they face. In response, the conference continues to strengthen resources, partnerships, and systems that encourage sustainability and renewal among those who serve.

Beyond congregational life, this priority is being lived out through broader efforts that embody care in action. This includes responding to crises within churches, participating in long-term recovery efforts following disasters, supporting community-based initiatives, and engaging in advocacy that reflects a commitment to human dignity and justice. These expressions of care extend the reach of the church and demonstrate the tangible love of Christ in diverse and meaningful ways.

As we continue forward, the work already underway provides a strong foundation for future growth. With clearer insight, expanded training, and a shared commitment among clergy and laity, the Horizon Texas Conference is increasingly positioned to embody a culture of care that is both faithful and transformative. Trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we remain committed to this vital work—believing that as we care for others, we more fully reflect the heart of Christ and participate in God's ongoing work of renewal in the world.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES REPORT

REV. MOLLY HAYES

The United Methodist Church, through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Global Ministries, continues to support holistic mission initiatives around the world. These efforts span disaster response, health and sanitation, agriculture, education, leadership development, and international partnerships. Together, these projects reflect a deep commitment to love, justice, and service in the name of Christ.

It is inspiring to witness the growing impact of the Horizon Texas Conference within our wider United Methodist connection. In 2025, 41 churches and 290 individuals representing 105 different churches generously gave a total of $168,293.83 through Global Ministries and Advance projects to support mission and ministry around the world. Additionally, we gave $140,006.65 to UMCOR.

What follows is a sampling of the global ministries impacted by your generosity, organized according to our conference's missional focus and strategic initiatives:

Global Migration
These ministries respond to the growing challenges of displacement, refugee support, and rebuilding lives with dignity.

- UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery (IDR): Provides emergency assistance, long-term recovery, and support for displaced populations in crisis zones worldwide.
- Latvia In Mission Together / Hope Center of Latvia: Supports vulnerable communities, including those navigating economic hardship and displacement, through outreach, faith formation, and community development.
- English-Speaking United Methodist Church of Prague (ESUMC Prague): Serves as a spiritual home for an international and transient population, including migrants, expatriates, and refugees.
- Congo Restoration (DRC – North Katanga Undesignated): Enables flexible response to instability and displacement in a region facing ongoing conflict.

Maximizing Care and Healing
These programs address physical, emotional, and spiritual health through sustainable, community-based initiatives.

- Lowell and Ruth Gess UMC Eye Hospital: Restores sight and provides critical eye care services in underserved communities.
- John Wesley Medical Boat: Delivers medical care to remote and river-based communities with limited healthcare access.
- Andean Rural Healthcare Program: Expands access to healthcare services in rural South America.
- AIDS Orphans and Community Health – Maua Hospital: Provides comprehensive care, especially for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Abundant Health & WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program): Improves overall health outcomes through clean water access, sanitation, and disease prevention.
- Water for Life / Fresh Water for Central Congo: Expands access to safe drinking water in vulnerable communities.

Championing Children and Youth
Focused on education, safety, and holistic development, these programs invest in the next generation.

- Next Generation Ministries (formerly Haiti Children Project): Provides housing, education, and spiritual formation for vulnerable children.
- Carolyn Belshe Orphanage Center (CBO): Offers care and stability for children in need.
- Southern Philippines Methodist Colleges (Scholarships and Meals): Supports students through education and daily nutrition.

- Bethlehem Bible College: Forms young Christian leaders in a complex and challenging context.
- Camp Wesley: Cultivates faith formation and leadership development among children and youth.

Pursuing and Embracing Diversity
These initiatives lift up the beauty and strength of God's people across cultures, contexts, and lived experiences.

- Susannah Wesley Education and Healthcare Center (Morogoro): Serves diverse community needs through education and healthcare.
- Katanga Methodist University (Professors' Salaries): Strengthens theological and professional education in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Yambasu Agriculture Initiative (YAI): Empowers local communities through sustainable agriculture and economic development.
- Advancing Food Security through Organic Agriculture (Brazil): Supports environmentally sustainable and culturally appropriate farming practices.
- Women's Gardens – DRC: Empowers women to sustain their families and communities during times of instability.

Multiplying Jesus Followers
These efforts support evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, and church growth around the world.

- Give Ye Them to Eat: A holistic ministry that feeds communities while developing leaders and new faith communities.
- Salary Support for Pastors: Sustains clergy leadership in regions where local resources are limited.
- United Methodist Mission in Honduras: Our growing partnership has deepened significantly this year, culminating in their first ordination class in February 2026, a powerful sign of a maturing and multiplying church.
- Global Ministries – Where Most Needed: Enables responsive, Spirit-led mission support wherever needs arise.

Invitations to Serve
As we celebrate the impact of our shared ministry, we are also mindful that this work is sustained not only by generosity—but by leadership.

The Horizon Texas Conference Board of Global Ministries is seeking volunteers to serve as district representatives. These leaders help connect local churches to the broader work of mission by sharing opportunities, encouraging engagement, and serving as a bridge between the conference and congregations.

This role is an opportunity to:

- Deepen your connection to global mission
- Encourage and equip churches in your district
- Help shape the future of our conference's missional impact

If you have a heart for mission and a desire to help others engage in meaningful, connectional ministry, we invite you to prayerfully consider serving.

Invitation to Engage
As we continue to grow in our connection to global mission, there are meaningful ways for every church to participate more deeply.

One such opportunity is to host a missionary when they are traveling through our conference. These visits offer a powerful chance to:

- Hear firsthand stories of transformation and hope
- Build personal connections with those serving around the world
- Inspire your congregation's engagement in mission

Whether through a Sunday morning presentation, small group gathering, or informal meal, hosting a missionary brings the global church into your local context in a tangible and life-giving way.

If your church would be interested in hosting a missionary, we would love to help make that connection. Please contact Rev. Molly Hayes at mhayes@firstumcarlington.org
Each gift from the Horizon Texas Conference extends the hands and feet of Christ to communities around the world. From clean water initiatives in Central Congo to leadership development in Honduras, from healthcare access in remote regions to education for children and young adults—these ministries are tangible expressions of God's love in action.

This is more than charity. It is connectional ministry at its best—an embodiment of our shared calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued commitment to mission. As we look ahead, may we remain faithful to Christ's call—serving boldly, loving deeply, and trusting the Spirit to bring transformation in every place we are sent.

Church and Society and Peace with Justice Report

REV. PHIL DIEKE

This year, the HTC Church and Society Board was intentionally recruited with a focus on broad representation and engagement across the Horizon Texas Annual Conference. As a result, the board includes active participation from six of the ten districts, strengthening our connection to local congregations and fostering collaboration across diverse contexts and communities.

Through the Peace with Justice ministry, the board issued grants to three ministries actively engaged in justice work: Sachse Interfaith Group (submitted by Rev. Holly Bandel), The Julian Way (submitted by Rev. Justin Hancock), and Cloud Covered Streets Ministry (submitted by Rev. Molly Hayes). These grants support ministries that embody the Church's commitment to peace, equity, and advocacy alongside vulnerable neighbors. We are currently accepting additional applications from local churches and partner agencies for remaining Peace with Justice grant funds. Looking ahead, one of our primary goals is to encourage increased participation from Horizon Texas congregations in Peace with Justice Sunday. Funds collected through congregational participation directly support these grants and expand the capacity of local, grassroots justice ministries across our Conference.

In addition to Conference-level work, Rev. Phil Dieke, Chair of Church and Society and Peace with Justice Coordinator, serves as one of two General Board of Church and Society jurisdictional advisors for the South Central Jurisdiction. In partnership with Andrea Paret of the Great Plains Annual Conference, members of the HTC Church and Society Board, and the South Central Jurisdiction Mission Council, a jurisdictional Justice and Peace Gathering was hosted at SMU in May. This gathering brought together clergy and lay leaders from across the jurisdiction for learning, networking, and collaboration. The event featured keynote speaker Rev. William H. Lamar IV, Senior Pastor of Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D.C., along with presenters addressing environmental justice, immigration justice, and the challenges of Christian Nationalism.

The Church and Society Board continues to work closely with partner organizations, including Texas Impact and Church and Society boards from the Texas and Rio Texas Annual Conferences, to build broader coalitions and amplify faithful advocacy across Texas and the region. We are especially committed to coming alongside local churches and community leaders already engaged in justice work,

offering connection, resources, and support rather than duplication. If your congregation is seeking to engage, or to deepen its engagement, in justice ministries within your church or community, we invite you to reach out. Rev. Phil Dieke (phildieke@gmail.com) is available to discuss how the Church and Society Board can collaborate with and support the faithful work already taking place in your context.

CARETAKER OF GOD'S CREATION COORDINATOR

REV. MEL CARAWAY

This has been a busy first year of activity in my role as Caretaker of God's Creation Coordinator for the Horizon Texas Annual Conference. It began at the 2025 AC with the introduction and passage of five pieces of legislation on the topics of church land use, clean energy, green teams, net zero, and solar. All five were approved without debate.

On July 27 I made a presentation to the combined Sunday School at Holy Covenant UMC on eco-theology. Attendance was seventy-five people. During the month of August, I met with Prosper UMC to see their solar installation and with Stonebridge UMC to consult with them on establishing a green team. In September I represented the conference and the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement on the seventh at First UMC Richardson's Creation Care Fair. On the 24th I met with a group from First UMC Keller to help them resource a Green Team. And, on the 27th I trained with ecoAmerica to become a climate ambassador for the United Methodist Church. On October I me with Bishop Saenz and the extended cabinet to help them understand my role in the conference and solicit the cooperation of the district superintendents, the communications office, and the operations team in helping me connect with people throughout the conference as well as fulfilling my role as outlined in the *Book of Discipline*.

In November I met with Dean Bryan Stone of Perkins School of Theology on the fifth to bring him up to date on what we are doing in the arena of creation care in the conference and to ask him to consider creating a concentration in Creation theology at the seminary. On the 9th I presented my program on Eco-Theology to a combined Sunday School class at First UMC Richardson with over sixty persons attending. From the 10th-21st I was part of a delegation of six caretakers from throughout the church who represented the UMC as virtual observers to COP30, the UN climate talks. This was facilitated by the General Board of Church and Society and Texas Impact. In December I met with First UMC Waxahachie to discuss with them their expansion plans and how they might include solar in their planning. In January I visited Cultivat8 in Paris on the 14th to gain an understanding of their work and how they intend to utilize their EarthKeeper training in their ministry. On the 15th I met with Stonebridge UMC to help them in the planning for their green team. And, on the 25th-27th I participated in the United Women in Faith/Texas Impact Legislative Event.

On March 3 I had a Zoom consultation with First UMC Georgetown on establishing and expanding their Green Team. And on the 11th, I participated in a training climate ambassadors on plug-in solar. We are currently working on a grant proposal to enable us to bring this technology to small membership rural churches and small ethnic churches to help them reduce their electricity costs. This will be dependent on the Texas Legislature passing enabling legislation in 2027. On the 29th I presented a webinar for the Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston on "A Faithful and Hopeful Response to Willful Climate Denial Policies." Attendance was from across the nation.

Beginning on Wednesday April 29 and continuing weekly throughout May, I will be leading a Zoom study of "Changing by Choice," a study from Texas Impact of the intersection of faith and the climate crisis based on video and interviews from COP30 in November 2025. Additionally, I have been very active with the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement as a member of their steering committee, advocacy team, solar team, and as co-facilitator of the South Central Jurisdiction cohort. I also participate in a cohort with other annual conference Caretakers of God's Creation Coordinators.

Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team

REV. ANDREW FISER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The work of pursuing and embracing diversity, like that of all the HTC priorities, is shared by all teams and energized and resourced by efforts of the staff and team members. Over the last year the Diversity and Cultural Engagement department has engaged with HTC staff and historically under-represented constituent groups, providing guidance and resources for inclusionary practices and policies. We deeply appreciate the wisdom and experience of Dr. Major Boglin, who served as our initial director. And at the time of this writing, we are anticipating the hiring of a new director soon. A major training event called E.N.O.U.G.H. with diversity expert Amervis Lopez Cobb was planned for February 7th. The diversity council and speaker discerned we should postpone the event until after the new director is on the ground. The postponed event is envisioned as a venue for these underrepresented groups to gather in solidarity and begin producing a collective voice of resilience and resistance. A second goal is to allow our guest speaker, Amervis Lopez-Cobb, to inspire and equip all to increase confidence, resiliency, and self-expression for better outcomes.

Diversity Council Development

In 2025 a diversity council was convened consisting of stakeholders representing groups that have been historically underrepresented and allies with experience in leading the church into diversity and inclusion. Though it was early in its development, the council provided essential feedback and guidance about navigating the leadership transition. The council is also providing participants in the interview team for the hiring process for the new director. And the council will assist with the transition and welcome of the new director.

Intercultural Development Inventory

In 2025, the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) was introduced across conference districts, staff, and teams as a tool for increasing intercultural competency. The IDI is a proven tool for assessing how individuals and groups approach differences that make a difference. We committed to rolling out the assessment and debriefing with a qualified assessor in several districts and, with the help of several assessors, we are honoring that commitment. In addition, the new director will have their own wisdom to share about the usefulness of the IDI assessment tool for our future work, including how best to help individuals use their very useful report to maximize their learning and development.

Tell our Story Team

REV. BETH STUYCK, CHAIR, TELL OUR STORY TEAM
PAMELA HUGHES, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Over the past year, the Tell Our Story department has grown from building a foundation to putting it to work. This has been a year of connecting and equipping — amplifying the remarkable stories emerging from our local churches and investing in the capacity of pastors and church communicators to tell their own. From a child's compassion sparking a new ministry in Amarillo to college students gathering for fellowship in Georgetown, the stories across our connection reflect a conference alive with mission. Our work has been to find those stories, share them widely and give our churches the tools to do the same.

Newsletters and Email Communications

Our email communications continue to be one of the most effective ways we reach the HTC connection. We now engage 3,821 subscribers across four newsletters, and our open rate of 42.6% for the period of July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, continues to exceed industry averages for religious and nonprofit organizations.

New this year, we launched Children & Youth News, a monthly newsletter for church staff and volunteers leading children and youth programming. This addition reflects our commitment to championing children and youth, as well as serving the audiences that matter most to the future of our church.

Our four newsletters now include:
- Notes for a New Day — a daily devotional series nurturing spiritual life across the connection
- On the Horizon — a weekly snapshot of news, events, and opportunities from across the HTC
- District Digest — a monthly collection of stories, updates, and upcoming events from each district, consistently earning open rates above 50% and serving as a vital point of connection
- Children & Youth News — a monthly newsletter serving those who lead children and youth ministries in our local churches (new in 2025–2026)

Lunch & Learns: Equipping Church Communicators
This year, the Tell Our Story department launched a monthly virtual Lunch & Learn seminar series for pastors and church communicators. Designed to deliver practical, actionable training in an accessible format, the series equips those on the front lines of local church communication, including the many pastors wearing that hat alongside all their other responsibilities.

Four sessions have been held to date, covering:
- Canva for Churches
- Digital Media Presence
- Social Media Strategy
- Accessible Translation

The series' fifth session is scheduled for April 16, featuring the team from Shift Worship in a conversation about powerful visuals that add to worship. We look forward to continuing this series as a consistent resource for the connection.

Storytelling Across the Connection
Our hybrid approach to storytelling — combining travel across our geography with a growing network of "local reporters" in local churches — continues to surface stories that reflect the depth and diversity of ministry in the Horizon Texas Conference. This year, stories have reached us through district superintendents, pastor submissions, and our own field visits.

A sampling of stories we are proud to have told this year include:
- "Open Table" Brings College Students Together in Georgetown — a story that began with an offhand comment to a district superintendent and became a window into meaningful intergenerational and campus community
- Child's Heart for the Unhoused Sparks New Ministry at Amarillo UMC — submitted directly by a pastor, this story serves as a testament to the Spirit at work in our youngest members
- Wiggle Church: Worship Designed for Families — featuring two HTC churches and their creative approach to intentionally including the youngest congregants in worship
- Belonging Begins at LPI, Grows at McMurry — a video story produced on location at McMurry University in Abilene, highlighting Lydia Patterson Institute graduates and the bridge between these two vital United Methodist institutions

POD Strangely Warmed Podcast
The POD Strangely Warmed podcast continues to grow as a distinct voice for the Horizon Texas Conference. The podcast garnered 8,652 views and downloads this year, a more than 40% increase over 2024-25. This year, the show also welcomed Rev. Kristin Warthen of St. Andrew's UMC in Arlington as a new co-host, expanding the diversity and energy of the hosting team with additional room to grow.

Standout episodes from this year include:

- An interview with author Josh Harris, conducted in connection with the Holy Hurt event hosted at Oak Lawn UMC
- In-depth conversations with pastors from CLEAR DFW and Grace Avenue UMC around immigration and how United Methodists can love their increasingly diverse neighbors
- A series of Multiplication conversations focused on hospitality practices in our local churches

Social Media and Digital Channels

Our social media channels continue to grow across all platforms. The HTC Facebook page remains our largest channel with more than 2,100 followers. A heightened focus on Instagram and Facebook Reels, as well as YouTube Shorts, has significantly expanded the conference's reach beyond our existing subscriber base, connecting HTC content with new audiences across the conference and beyond.

Looking ahead to 2026-27, the Communications department is partnering with a handful of HTC personalities to bring a fresh, strategic approach to our TikTok channel — an effort designed to reach younger audiences, reflect the full vitality of our connection and speak into the questions that TikTok users are bringing to the platform.

Equipped to Reach: Partnership with the Center for Multiplication

In partnership with the HTC Center for Multiplication, the Communications department contributed to the development of Equipped to Reach — an education initiative designed to equip laity with the tools and confidence to launch something new, whether in their local church or in the broader community.

Our team produced video content for the initiative and helped populate the new Portico e-learning platform, which hosts the curriculum. This work reflects our department's commitment to equipping not only communicators, but the full body of the connection for ministry.

As we look ahead, we are grateful for the trust of our bishop, district superintendents, clergy, and all the laity who continue to share their stories with us. It is truly our privilege to tell them.

COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

CALVIN SCOTT, ARCHIVIST

This year marks my first time managing three separate conference archives: Horizon Texas Conference, Central Texas Conference, and North Texas Conference. The experience has been both challenging and rewarding as I adapt to the increased workload and the unique needs of each archive.

One of the most significant changes I have observed is the substantial rise in processing research requests. The number of requests has more than doubled compared to previous years. Despite this increase, the nature of most requests remains consistent, with most inquiries focused on locating baptism records.

I am actively working toward establishing a shared database to streamline access and management across all three archives. The plan involves utilizing ArchivesSpace as the central platform. This includes migrating the Central Texas Conference (CTC) database to ArchivesSpace and creating new databases for both Horizon Texas Conference (HTC) and North Texas Conference (NTC).

On the North Texas Conference front, we are in the process of transferring records from the conference office to the conference archives located at Southern Methodist University (SMU). Additionally, we are redacting select North Texas journals so they can be made available online, increasing accessibility for researchers and the public.

For the Central Texas Conference, I am continuing to work through records from churches that have disaffiliated. This ongoing project requires careful attention to detail and organization to ensure that all records are properly processed and preserved.

The Horizon Texas Conference has recently received its first records resulting from church closures. These materials are being cataloged and integrated into the archive, marking an important step in the conference's archival history.

Although we are still in a phase of reorganizing the archives, progress is being made on multiple fronts. These initiatives are part of our broader goals to maintain and enhance the archives, ensuring their continued functionality and accessibility for research and historical preservation.

CONNECTIONAL RESOURCES TEAMS (STEWARDSHIP AND OPERATIONS)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

REV. ANDY LEWIS, CHAIR

The Unification Plan for the structure of the Horizon Texas Conference included a personnel committee. The purpose of the personnel committee is as follows:

In partnership with the bishop and chief of staff and with resourcing from GCFA human resources, provide policies, guidance, support, and accountability that creates an environment where conference staff (lay and appointed clergy) can thrive.

Following annual conference in June 2025, the personnel committee gathered on July 9th to share staff changes effective July 1st. The committee also reviewed and considered revisions to the remote work and telecommuting policy in the HTC Employee Policy Manual considering the annual conference's decision to sell the Plano office and ultimately settle in a new yet-to-be-determined location in 2027. The goal was to adopt a policy that allows staff to be effective, supports continuity of staff, and provides flexibility for staff. Then, the committee reviewed a draft end-of-year performance review process and form to be used in December 2025 that aligns with conference staff culture and key objectives. Finally, the committee initiated a project to develop a job satisfaction survey to establish a baseline for the experience of conference staff.

On September 24, 2025, the committee met to review a draft job satisfaction survey with the goal of administering the survey in Q1 2026. The committee affirmed a remote work policy and asked Rev. Andy Lewis, chief of staff, to pilot the policy among conference staff. The committee discussed and perfected its approach to providing support and encouragement to conference staff.

On February 24, 2026, the committee met to discuss the job satisfaction survey results and agreed to offer the survey again in Q1 2027. Then the committee unanimously approved two recommendations to the CF&A for the 2027 budget: 1) funding a 2.5% COLA increase for all conference staff, and 2) establishing a $40,000 budget line for merit increases based on end-of-year reviews. Next, the committee approved a revision to the continuing education policy. Finally, the committee reviewed a draft personal electronic device policy and made some high-level decisions to guide further development of the policy.

On March 23, 2026, the committee finalized the personal electronic device policy and later officially approved it via email vote.

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY

KATHI EDWARDS, CHAIR

Over the course of the past year, members of the Committee on Episcopacy of the Horizon Texas Conference have sought to support Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. in his oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church and to be available to the bishop for counsel. In August of 2025, our committee engaged in a process of conversational review with the bishop to appraise the balance of his relationship and responsibilities to the conference, the jurisdiction, and the general church. We feel that Bishop Saenz is doing an outstanding job of leading the Horizon Texas Conference. He is very involved in every aspect of leading the conference from local church support, clergy and lay leadership development, as well as staff empowerment. His spiritual leadership is having a significant impact across the conference and beyond through his devotional submissions to "Notes for a New Day," his recorded teaching podcasts and videos, his ecumenical relationships, his presence at youth retreats and camps, and his many preaching engagements. His vision in combining the three legacy conferences into one and his caring leadership have been an inspiration to us all. He brings spiritual depth and a realistic, but stretching, vision that empowers both clergy and laity to make a difference in our communities. The committee members support Bishop Saenz by bringing any worthy concerns to him, by lifting him and his family in prayer, and by backing his leadership.

Paragraph 403 of the *Book of Discipline* outlines the disciplines through which a bishop leads and each of these are evident in Bishop Saenz' life:

a) A vital and renewing spirit
b) An enquiring mind and a commitment to the teaching office
c) A vision for the Church
d) A prophetic commitment for the transformation of the Church and the world
e) A passion for the unity of the church
f) The ministry of administration

As Bishop Saenz stated in his year-end report, "2025 Episcopal Reflection and 2026 Vision" which was given to our committee in January of 2026, "I have been given responsibility for resources – human, financial, relational, spiritual – that do not belong to me. My deepest calling is deploying those resources in service of Christ's mission. [We must ask] hard questions: Are we moving toward the future God is calling us toward? Are we making progress or staying busy? Are we aligning words and desires with resource allocations? This is not metrics-driven leadership divorced from spiritual discernment. Rather, it is contemplative accountability. I bring metrics to prayer. I ask the Holy Spirit to interrupt our plans if they stray from genuine missional growth, impact, and purposes. This process creates space for serious collective discernment about whether we are advancing God's mission or perpetuating institutional patterns."

We are honored that in addition to being Bishop of the Horizon Texas Conference and Resident Bishop of the Honduras Mission Initiative, Bishop Saenz will serve as President of the United Methodist Council of Bishops from May 1, 2026, through May 1, 2028. This incredibly sacred calling will require extraordinary focus and high trust and collaboration from those of us on the Episcopacy Committee, as well as from every member of the Horizon Texas Conference. As Bishop Saenz' home conference, we must not neglect to be gracious and thankful that God has called this man with such a servant's heart to shepherd not only those of us in the Horizon Texas Conference, but also "other sheep who are not of this fold." (John 10:16) We ask every member of the Horizon Texas Conference to keep Bishop Saenz, his wife, Maye, and their family in your prayers in the days ahead, bearing in mind the words of Paul's powerful prayer for the church in Ephesus: "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all that we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20)

TREASURER'S REPORT

REV. JEFFREY PEHL

In the Horizon Texas Conference's inaugural year, the Treasurer and the Stewardship Team worked on the following items:

- Changed legal names and moved assets to the new corporation,
- Continued identifying, researching, and combining restricted and designated funds for the new Conference,
- Opening bank and investment accounts at First Financial Bank for HTC, after a proposal process to identify the appropriate banking institution for HTC,
- Finalized the charts of accounts for HTC,
- Verified the net asset balances for newly combined HTC accounting records.
- Transferred funds from the Legacy Conferences to HTC,
- Updated the billing process for apportionments, and
- Preparing for final audits of the three legacy conferences

WESPATH ACCOUNTS

The following Wespath accounts have been identified, researched, and, when possible, consolidated from the legacy conferences. The ongoing responsibility for each account is included.

PENSION PAYMENT ACCOUNT

Formerly known as Deposit Account. The basic "draft" account at Wespath is where pension (non-Pre-82 or CRSP) or benefits obligation funds are accumulated. Wespath then drafts from this account to pay obligations as they become due. Any remaining balance is unrestricted.

	Amount
Balance 1/1/25	$ 7,017,308.92
Net deposits/transfers	13,151,391.33
Settlements and contributions	(15,611,693.79)
Market Gain/(Loss)	384,165.23
Ending Balance 12/31/25	$ 4,941,171.69

These accounts were transferred to HTC and combined into a single account ("01"). HTC has moved the unrestricted balance to HTC's operating reserves.

Ongoing Responsibility: CF&A

PRE-82 ACCOUNT

The Pre-82 account was established to accumulate funds to satisfy claims from the pension plan in place prior to 1982. The Pre-82 account funds and earnings are invested in the Multiple Asset Fund (MAF) and are permanently restricted by Wespath for Pre-82 pension liabilities.

	Amount
Balance 1/1/25	$ 37,909,488.08
Deposits	1,187,552.55
Net payments to claimants	(4,582,682.24
Net other costs	(1,630,681.04)
Market Gain/(Loss)	4,399,911.93
Ending Balance 12/31/25	$ 37,283,589.28

These accounts were transferred to HTC and combined into a single Pre-82 account ("81"), and HTC has confirmed with Wespath the pension obligation requirements for the Pre-82 Plan.
Ongoing Responsibility: Board of Pensions and Health Benefits

Ongoing Responsibility: None

CRSP DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
This is the designated account to accumulate funds for the defined benefit component of the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP). On the last business day of each year, the required dollar amount to fund this component is transferred into the CRSP administered by Wespath. Any remaining balances after the CRSP DB transfer are unrestricted. The CRSP plan contributions ended on December 31, 2025.

	Amount
Balance 1/1/25	$ 6,763,882.01
Deposits and Adjustments	
Monthly Settlement	
Market Gain/(Loss)	659,364.17
Ending Balance 12/31/25	$ 7,423,246.18

After the transfer on December 31, 2025, the remaining funds, which are unrestricted, will be transferred to HTC's operating reserves.
Ongoing Responsibility: Board of Pensions and Health Benefits

HEALTH BENEFITS PAYMENT ACCOUNT
Formerly known as Health Benefits Account. This account was CTC's basic "draft" account at Wespath, where budgeted monies and benefit payment invoice receipts for the HealthFlex active plan were deposited, and transfers from the Retiree Health Benefits account paid the obligations as they came due. Any amounts not needed for payment invoice receipts were unrestricted.

	Amount
Balance 1/1/25	$ 2,952,536.70
Deposits	
HealthFlex Payments	
Market Gain/(Loss)	383,665.13
Ending Balance 12/31/25	$ 3,336,201.83

This account was transferred to HTC ("05"), and the current unrestricted funds in this account moved to operational reserves, less the basic balance required by CF&A to maintain within the account. Amounts for HealthFlex and the Retiree Medical payments will be transferred into this account (from operational reserves and the Retiree Medical account) to pay obligations as they come due.
Ongoing Responsibility: CF&A

RETIREE MEDICAL ACCOUNT

These funds are reserved to fund retiree medical obligations, as estimated by actuarial valuations. Earnings on these funds and excess funds are unrestricted.

	Amount
Balance 1/1/25	$ 48,039,051.02
(Withdrawals)	
Market Gain/(Loss)	6,874,616.46
Ending Balance 12/31/25	$ 54,913,667.48

The HTC commissioned an actuarial valuation report from Willis Towers Watson, which was received in February 2026. HTC's Expected Post-Retirement Benefit Obligations (EPBO) are estimated to be $14,946,695 as of December 31, 2025. [**After reviewing the Willis Towers Watson report, earnings from the funds in excess of the Threshold Earning Amount (approximately $21,000,000) will be available for HTC's operational reserves. for fiscal years 2027-2029, inclusive. See also** Item 2026-08: De-Designating the Earnings from the Overfunded Portion of the Retiree Medical Account for Unrestricted Use by the Conference and to Fund Family Health Subsidy.]

Ongoing Responsibility: Board of Pensions and Health Benefits

SUPERANNUATE FUND

The principal amount of these funds, as set forth below, was the result of the 1939 merger of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, and is permanently restricted. All past and future earnings are unrestricted.

	Amount
Balance 1/1/25	$ 3,007,691.06
Market Gain/(Loss)	431,208.53
Ending Balance 12/31/25	$ 3,438,899.59

	Amount
Restricted Balance	$ 208,159.80
Unrestricted Balance	3,230,739.79
Ending Balance 12/31/25	$ 3,438,899.59

The restricted balances will remain in the Superannuate Account, while unrestricted balances and ongoing earnings will be removed from this account and moved to HTC operating reserves.

Ongoing Responsibility: Board of Pensions and Health Benefits

EPISCOPAL FUND

These funds are designated to support the cost of the Conference-owned episcopal residence. Proper use of these funds includes ongoing maintenance and repairs, and capital replacements.

	Amount
Balance 1/1/25	$ 502,491.76
Market Gain/(Loss)	61,549.65
Ending Balance 12/31/25	$ 571,533.30

This account was transferred to HTC "09." The funds will remain designated for episcopal residence needs.

Ongoing Responsibility: Board of Trustees

BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS

E. PHILIP BUSH, CHAIR

The Horizon Texas Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits (the "Board") is charged, under the Book of Discipline "*with the interests and work of providing for, and contributing to, the support, relief, assistance, and pensioning of the clergy and their families, other church workers, and lay employees of the United Methodist Church, its institutions, organizations, and agencies within the Annual Conference, except as otherwise provided for by Wespath. The Board works closely with Wespath, which offers excellent interpretation and guidance regarding pension, health insurance, and other benefits provided by the Annual Conference*." See, *Book of Discipline*, ¶ 638 Conference Board of Pensions.

During the 2025 Annual Conference, *Item 2025-59: Resolution on Clergy Health Insurance* was presented and passed, directing the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits to form a subcommittee to address the increasing cost of healthcare coverage for smaller congregations, younger clergy, and their families.

The subcommittee met to discuss the issues and potential solutions. Ultimately, the subcommittee recommended to the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits that a pool of $250,000 be earmarked from the earnings of the Retiree Medical Reserve held at Wespath. The earmarked amount would be used to provide financial assistance to clergy families when the clergyperson's compensation is below 125% of the minimum base salary. The funding is for two types of subsidies: 1) approximately $300 per month for *clergy-participant plus one* coverage, and 2) approximately $600 per month for *clergy-participant plus family,* for the cost of insured healthcare through the Conference-sponsored health insurance program.

The health care subsidy initially will be in place for calendar years 2027-2029, inclusive. The Board will continue to monitor the affordability of Conference-sponsored health coverage and make adjustments and recommendations to the subsidy program for future years. The Board believes this proposal is responsive, prudent, and sustainable. Based on the results of the subsidy usage and future information, the Board will look to continue the Family Health Subsidy beyond 2029.

The proposed legislation is Item 2026-XX: Clergy Family Assistance for Healthcare Coverage. The Board recommends passage of this legislation.

REPORT NO. 2
SUMMARY OF PENSION AND BENEFIT ACCOUNTS

The Board of Pensions and Health Benefits maintains oversight of all pension and benefit reserves and funds:

PRE-82 ACCOUNT

The Pre-82 account was established to accumulate funds to satisfy claims from the pension plan in place prior to 1982. The Pre-82 account funds and earnings are invested in the Multiple Asset Fund (MAF) and are permanently restricted by Wespath for Pre-82 pension liabilities.

	Amount
Balance 1/1/25	$ 37,909,488.08
Deposits	1,187,552.55
Net payments to claimants	(4,582,682.24
Net other costs	(1,630,681.04)
Market Gain/(Loss)	4,399,911.93
Ending Balance 12/31/25	$ 37,283,589.28

This account includes the amounts transferred to the Horizon Texas Conference (HTC) from the legacy conferences into a single Pre-82 account (#81). HTC has confirmed with Wespath the pension obligation requirements for the Pre-82 Plan.

The Unifying Conference passed legislation establishing the Pre-82 Past Service Rate (PSR) for the three legacy conferences, equalizing it at $875, effective January 1, 2026. The Board of Pensions and Health Benefits voted to increase the PSR by the recommended 1%, bringing the amount to $884.

CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PROGRAM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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The Unifying Conference passed legislation that the post-retirement medical benefit shall be subsidized at $50 per year of denominational service, up to a maximum of 30 years ($1,500 maximum). Eligible clergy who retire before reaching age 65 and their spouses will not receive the supplement until enrolling in Medicare. Those who have already retired before age 65 will continue to be covered under their existing arrangements.

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2025 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan

The *2020/2024 Book of Discipline* ¶ 1506 requires each annual conference to develop, adopt, and implement a formal, comprehensive funding plan for its benefit obligations. The funding plan shall be submitted annually to Wespath Benefits and Investments (Wespath) for review and approved annually by the annual conference, following the receipt and inclusion of a favorable written opinion from Wespath.

Report No. 3
Overview of Pension and Health Benefit Plans

This report provides an overview of the current Horizon Texas Conference Pension and Health Benefit Plans.

COMPASS RETIREMENT PLAN

Program Overview: In May 2024, the General Conference voted to create a new mandatory account-based retirement plan for U.S. clergy called Compass, which began January 1, 2026, that replaced the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP). Clergy appointed at least ½ time are eligible to participate in Compass. Those appointed ¼ time are ineligible for Compass but can make personal contributions to the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP). With Compass, the church is required to contribute an annual flat contribution based on appointment percentage (Full-time = $1,800, ¾ time = $1,350, ½ time = $900, ¼ time = N/A) and a non-matching annual contribution of 3% of PPC (Pension Plan Compensation). In addition, the church will match personal clergy contributions to Compass up to 4% of PPC. By making personal contributions of at least 4% of PPC, a clergyperson receives the local church's full matching contribution of 4%. So, by making a 4% contribution, clergy will see 8% of their PPC added to their account (clergy contribution 4% + matching church contribution of 4% = 8%). This matching contribution is in addition to the flat dollar amount and the 3% of PPC clergy receive from the church. If clergy contribute less than 4% of PPC to Compass, they will receive only a match of their percentage contributed. If there is no personal contribution, there will be no match. Clergy who do not make a personal contribution election will be enrolled at the default level of 4%. The plan's generosity is intended to make the full 4% available. Regardless of the clergyperson's personal contributions, the church will be billed the full matching annual contribution of 4% of PPC. Surplus matching contributions will be held in a general HTC pension account at Wespath.

Per the provisions of the new Compass Retirement Plan, clergy personal contributions that are salary reductions now stay within the Compass plan. While their UMPIP account still exists, they will no longer be contributing to it, and it will no longer be billed by Wespath. A clergyperson's individual contributions are now billed by the conference as Compass Personal Contributions.

CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PROGRAM (CRSP) DEFINED BENEFIT (DB) and DEFINED CONTRIBUTION (DC)

Program Overview: The Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP), effective January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2025, is an Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) retirement program that provides lifetime income and account flexibility designed for those who serve as clergy of The United Methodist Church. The program is designed to provide participants with a portion of their retirement benefits. CRSP replaced the Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) effective January 1, 2007, which had previously replaced the Pre-82 Plan for service rendered prior to January 1, 1982.

CRSP consists of a defined benefit (DB) plan, which provides a monthly benefit at retirement based upon years of credited service to The United Methodist Church, and a defined contribution (DC) plan, which provides a retirement account balance established and funded by the annual conferences.
CRSP is the pension program for all eligible United Methodist Clergy.
CRSP offers a two (2) component benefit design:

1) **Core Defined Contribution** (DC) – provides a defined amount deposited into an active clergyperson's account with monthly deposits. This benefit distributed at retirement is the accumulated amount plus earnings (losses) in the individual's account.
2) **Core Defined Benefit** (DB) – provides a specific dollar amount at retirement regardless of market conditions or investment performance. The amount is calculated using a formula that determines a monthly retirement benefit to eligible clergy for the remainder of their lives.

Plan provisions effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2025:

- Clergy appointed ¼ time are not eligible to earn CRSP benefits.
- Provides a monthly retirement benefit using 1.25% of the Denominational Average Compensation (DAC) at retirement, multiplied by years of service from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2013. The multiplier is reduced to 1% for years of service beginning January 1, 2014.
- The defined contribution (DC) component of CRSP is 2% of compensation with a match for participant contributions to the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) – up to 1% of compensation. Therefore, if a participant contributes at least 1% of compensation to UMPIP, their CRSP DC contributions will be 3%.
- The initial dollar amount of the benefit paid to a married participant is reduced to offset the value of spousal benefits. Please note: This change only applies to benefits based on service on or after January 1, 2014. Benefits earned under CRSP prior to January 1, 2014, are not affected. Participants may designate a disabled adult child as a secondary contingent annuitant. After the participant and their spouse die, the disabled adult child would continue to receive DB benefits for life. The initial participant benefit would be reduced to pay for this extra benefit.

MINISTERIAL PENSION PLAN (MPP)

Plan Overview: Supplement Three to the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP), also known as the Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP), provides clergy with a pension benefit for their years of ministry with The United Methodist Church from 1982 through 2006. MPP is an Internal Revenue Code section 403(b) retirement plan. MPP requires that exactly 65% of the account balance be annuitized when the funds

are distributed. The remainder may be rolled over to UMPIP, another qualified plan, an IRA, or paid in a lump sum.

PRE-82 PLAN

Plan Overview: Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP), also known as the Pre-82 Plan, provided clergy with a pension benefit for their years of ministry with The United Methodist Church prior to 1982. The Pre-82 Plan was replaced by MPP effective January 1, 1982. If a clergyperson retires within the conference (and does not terminate), the minimum benefit payable is based on two factors:

1) Years of service with pension credit approved by each conference on the recommendation of the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits in accordance with plan provisions and The Book of Discipline.
2) The conference pension rate (past service rate) is the dollar amount chosen by the conference as the amount payable for each approved year of service with pension credit (may change from year to year).

The number of years of service with pension credit is multiplied by the pension rate, and the product is the minimum annual benefit payable to those clergy eligible for Pre-82 Plan benefits. In certain situations, the benefit received from the Pre-82 plan may vary based on the applicability of what is referred to as Defined Benefit Service Money (DBSM), which is the defined contribution feature of the Pre-82 Plan. When a participant retires, the DBSM account is converted to a life-based benefit, and, at that point, the clergy's benefit is the greater of the PSR or DBSM benefit. If the conference increases the PSR, the clergy's benefit is recalculated, but the DBSM-based benefit does not change.

For information about the Past Service Rate recommendations for the new conference, see the Pension and Health Benefits section of the Unification Plan report.

ACTIVE HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAM

The Horizon Texas Conference offers the following active health benefit to its active eligible participants: Self-Funded – HealthFlex.

POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM (PRM)

The Horizon Texas Conference offers eligible clergy a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for Post-Retirement Medical coverage.

COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION PLAN (CPP)

The Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) provides death, long-term disability, and other welfare benefits for eligible clergy of The United Methodist Church and their families. It is an Internal Revenue Code 414(e) "church plan" funded by plan sponsor insurance premiums. CPP is billed to the salary-paying unit of eligible clergy at 3% of plan compensation.

UNITED METHODIST PERSONAL INVESTMENT PLAN (UMPIP) FOR LAY AND CLERGY

The United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) is an Internal Revenue Code section 403(b) defined contribution retirement savings plan for clergy and lay employees of the United Methodist Church and affiliated organizations. Participants may make before-tax, Roth, and/or after-tax contributions through payroll deductions. Participant contributions, various optional plan sponsor contributions, and investment earnings comprise the individual's retirement account balance.

HORIZON TEXAS CONFERENCE 2025 PENSION AND BENEFIT FUNDING PLAN RATIOS SUMMARY

Plan	Funded Ratio
Pre-82	119%
Ministerial Pension (MPP)	107%
Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP DB)	89%
Post-Retiree Medical (PRM)	100%

REPORT NO. 4
PENSION AND BENEFIT ARREARAGE REPORT

The Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits recommends that it continue actively pursuing the issue of pension and benefits in arrears, utilizing a very fair but stringent examination of each situation to determine what steps are needed to ensure the integrity of the affected minister's pension and health benefits. Throughout the year, the Conference Benefits Officer and Benefits Administrator work with churches to bring past due amounts current. This information is shared with the affected church's District Superintendent and District Administrator. Each January, we will review a report of the accounts showing the arrearage for the past year.

Each church that fails to meet its obligation must report this fact to its charge conference and provide an explanation. The district superintendent will keep a record of this action.

The local churches are reminded that pension benefits are, in reality, deferred ministerial compensation and should carry the same urgency of payment as the monthly salary. Failure to pay this pension could result in reduced pension benefits. The board strongly believes that if a local church cannot pay the pension amount due in a timely manner, there is a serious question as to whether that church remains a financially viable congregation. We consider it irresponsible for a congregation to "use" a pastor but be unwilling to assure his or her retirement receipts. ¶638.4 of the *2020/2024 Book of Discipline* requires the conference board to keep a permanent record of defaults of the churches in the conference in paying their benefit amounts in full.

According to our Conference Treasurer and Benefits Administrator, the following churches were in default by more than 60 days at the end of 2025:

District	Bill To	Total
METE	**Axe Memorial**	$ 11,482.77
METE	**Chapel Hill**	$ 10,182.90
METE	**First Lancaster**	$ 15,160.37
METE	**Immanuel Korean Mission**	$ 2,937.50
METE	**Kirkwood**	$ 1,350.00
METE	**Oak Haven**	$ 8,811.36
METE	**St Philip's Garland**	$ 14,441.00
METN	**Community Krum**	$ 5,655.48
METW	**St Andrew's Fort Worth**	$ 16,021.46
NWEST	**San Pablo Hereford**	$ 7,275.12
SOUTH	**St James Temple**	$ 4,293.40
SOUTH	**Woori**	$ 6,161.49
		$ 103,772.85

Death Benefit Amounts for the Plan Year 2026/2027

The following generally describes the death benefit amounts payable under the CPP's terms and conditions to eligible participants and their beneficiaries. If you are unsure of your eligibility to receive these benefits, please call Wespath at 800-851-2201. If there is a discrepancy between the information in this Journal and the CPP Plan Document, the CPP Plan Document always governs.

	2026	2027
Denominational Average Compensation (DAC)	$81,603	$83,235
Active Participant Death Benefits:	$50,000	$50.000
Spouse Death Benefit:		
Active Participant or Retired prior to 01/01/13 (20% of DAC)	$16,320	$16,647
Participant retired on or after 01/01/13	$16,300	$16,300
Surviving Spouse Death Benefit:		
Active Participant or Retired prior to 01/01/13 (15% of DAC)	$12,240	$12,485
Participant retired on or after 01/01/13	$12,200	$12,200
Surviving Child Annual Benefit:		
Younger than 18 years old: (10% of DAC)	$8,160	$8,324
18-24 years old (1/2 applied as education benefit): (20% of DAC)	$16,320	$16,647
Child Death Benefit:		
Active Participant or Retired prior to 01/01/13 (10% of DAC)	$8,160	$8,324
Participant retired on or after 01/01/13	$8,650	$8,650
Retired Participant Death Benefits:		
Prior to 01/01/13 (30% of DAC)	$24,481	$24,971
	$24,450	$24,450

The Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits recommends that every person update their designation of beneficiary form at least every five years, upon a change of appointment for active clergypersons, or any life-changing event (marriage, death of a spouse, divorce, etc.). This can be done online through Wespath's Benefits Access for Participants.

REPORT NO. 6
INFORMATION ABOUT THE CURRENT HORIZON TEXAS CONFERENCE ACTIVE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Horizon Texas Conference continues to utilize Wespath's HealthFlex Exchange from each of the three legacy conferences. HealthFlex Exchange, a private exchange, gave participants greater choice across more HealthFlex plans with varying designs and premium costs. When combined with comprehensive online and telephonic support resources, HealthFlex Exchange provides flexibility to choose coverage that best fits the participant's health needs, financial needs, and financial situation. HealthFlex Exchange encourages greater participant accountability for health care costs and utilization, while retaining the valued HealthFlex benefits and wellness opportunities that participants have come to expect.

The Horizon Texas Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits designated a non-taxable Premium Contribution (PC)—a fixed dollar amount for each HealthFlex participant. Participants used the allocated PC amount to "shop" for a health plan and pay for some or all premiums for the HealthFlex plan of their choice. The PC appeared as a "credit toward purchase" when choosing a HealthFlex plan from all available HealthFlex plan designs. Participants who chose plans costing *less than* their Premium Contribution amount are "banking" the overage. The unspent PC balance is credited by HealthFlex to the participant's health reimbursement account (HRA) or health savings account (HSA), depending on the selected health plan. The annual overage amount (i.e., unspent PC balance) is not credited in a lump

sum; rather, it is available on a *prorated, monthly basis* over the plan year. Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limits for annual HSA contributions apply. Participants who chose plans costing *more than* the Premium Contribution amount are seeing a monthly cost, which may commit them to paycheck deductions from their salary-paying unit (SPU) to cover the cost difference between the PC amount they receive and their higher actual cost for monthly premiums (i.e., the participant's share of the premium cost).

ACTIVE HEALTH PLAN ELIGIBILITY

Our health insurance plan will continue to be a mandatory program administered in accordance with the HealthFlex rules for mandatory conference programs.

2026 Eligibility

Those clergy for whom the program is mandatory are:

- Elders, provisional elders, and associate members appointed full-time to conference responsible agencies.
- Full-time local pastors appointed to conference responsible agencies.
- Full-time student local pastors appointed to conference responsible agencies.
- Deacons and provisional deacons appointed full-time to conference responsible agencies.
- Those in the above categories for whom the conference is the plan sponsor for the pension program, such as district superintendents, conference staff appointees, and campus ministers.

Clergy not included in the plan (and thus not allowed insurance through the Conference):

- Elders, provisional elders, deacons, provisional deacons, and associate members appointed less than full-time.
- Those appointed to extension ministries other than those named above.
- Part-time local pastors.
- Part-time student local pastors.

Medical Reimbursement Accounts (MRA), Dependent Care Reimbursement Accounts (DCA), and Health Savings Accounts (HSA) are offered through HealthFlex. Only those enrolled in the HealthFlex health plans may participate.

2026 VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY LEAVE

Those clergy on Voluntary Leave have the option to remain covered under the active health plan for one year. Then, upon termination, they may elect to remain on the Continuation Plan for eighteen additional months. Those on Involuntary Leave lose eligibility for coverage immediately but may elect to remain in the Continuation Plan for 18 months. Both leave categories will be billed directly to the participant at the full premium rate, and payment will be made to the conference by automatic bank draft from the participant's personal account.

2026 LAY EMPLOYEES

Lay employees normally scheduled to work 30 hours or more per week may be eligible for coverage at the Salary-Paying Unit (local church) level under a Sub-Adoption Agreement if risk pool requirements are met. The risk pool rules apply to lay employees on an employer-by-employer basis. Surviving spouses and dependents of covered lay employees may be eligible for coverage as long as they are covered participants at the time of death. They will be responsible for the entire premium. A new spouse acquired by a surviving spouse, lay or clergy, is not eligible for benefits through the conference.

The 2026 and 2027 Health Plan Rates and Defined Contribution amounts are found in the following charts.

2026 HealthFlex Exchange
Horizon Texas Conference

2026 HealthFlex Rates - Horizon Texas Conference
Effective January 1, 2026

Medical Plans (Monthly Premium Amounts)

Plan Feature	B1000	C2000 "Gold"	C3000 "Silver"	H2000 "Gold"	H2500 "Silver"	H5000 "Bronze"
Participant	$ 1,275.00	$ 1,224.00	$ 1,066.00	$ 1,193.00	$ 1,025.00	$ 962.00
Participant + 1	$ 2,423.00	$ 2,326.00	$ 2,025.00	$ 2,267.00	$ 1,947.00	$ 1,827.00
Participant + Family	$ 3,315.00	$ 3,182.00	$ 2,771.00	$ 3,103.00	$ 2,665.00	$ 2,500.00

Dental Plans (Monthly Premium Amounts)

Plan Feature	Dental HMO	Dental PPO	Passive PPO 2000
Participant	$ 18.00	$ 52.00	$ 63.00
Participant + 1	$ 32.00	$ 104.00	$ 126.00
Participant + Family	$ 56.00	$ 156.00	$ 189.00

Vision Plans (Monthly Premium Amounts)

Plan Feature	Core	Full Service	Premier
Participant	No Cost	$ 9.00	$ 15.00
Participant + 1	No Cost	$ 14.00	$ 25.00
Participant + Family	No Cost	$ 22.00	$ 40.00

2026 Premium Contribution (PC) Amount - No increase from 2025

Category	Monthly	Yearly
Active Clergy	$ 1,075.00	$ 12,900.00
Active Lay	$ 1,075.00	$ 12,900.00
Pre-65 Retiree Clergy & Spouses *	N/A	N/A

*No longer eligible for premium contribution. Those retired prior to 01/01/2025 will continue under their existing arrangement.

2026 Default Plans (For participants who do not make an initial election upon new enrollment only.)

Medical: H2500
Dental: None
Vision: None

2027 HealthFlex Exchange
Horizon Texas Conference

2027 HealthFlex Rates - Horizon Texas Conference
Effective January 1, 2027

Medical Plans (Monthly Premium Amounts)

Plan Feature	B1000	C2000	H2000	H5000
Participant	$ 1,433.00	$ 1,333.00	$ 1,290.00	$ 1,081.00
Participant + 1	$ 2,723.00	$ 2,532.00	$ 2,450.00	$ 2,054.00
Participant + Family	$ 3,726.00	$ 3,465.00	$ 3,353.00	$ 2,810.00

C3000 & H2500 discontinued in 2027

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2027 Premium Contribution (PC) Amount

Category	Monthly	Yearly
Active Clergy	$ 1,204.00	$ 14,448.00
Active Lay	$ 1,204.00	$ 14,448.00

2027 Default Plans (Participants who do not make an initial election upon new enrollment only.)

Medical: H2000
Dental: None
Vision: None

2026 HEALTHFLEX WELL-BEING PROGRAMS

HealthFlex offers your full suite of top-notch well-being programs through Personify Health® (formerly Virgin Pulse®)—giving participants access to everything, all in one place. With one sign-on, take your Health Check, schedule your Blueprint for Wellness, engage with health coaching, accumulate Wellness Credits, and track activity and healthy habits to earn daily points toward Rewards Cash® rewards. Also, experience Personify Health® Journeys—tailored experiences to help you meet personal well-being goals. Earn up to $410 in incentives. This “Rewards Cash” is delivered straight to your Personify Health® account and can be transferred to your checking account or redeemed for gift cards, merchandise, or charitable donations.

Programs include:

Assessing Health Status and Risks:

Blueprint for Wellness® (BFW), a biometric screening that involves a blood draw followed by lab analysis. The screening tests for common health risks. Receive $100 Rewards Cash after you complete it.

Health Check, a digital health assessment with an incentive reward of avoiding a higher HealthFlex deductible.

Support to Improve or Maintain Well-Being:

Chronic Disease Prevention/Diabetes Management Programs can help you reduce your risk for developing type 2 diabetes or heart disease; or help you with optimal diabetes management if diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

Health Coaching through Personify Health offers you guidance from qualified, certified professionals to meet your well-being goals.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides a variety of confidential support services around emotional well-being, including eight free counseling sessions per issue per family or household member per year.

MDLIVE® Behavioral Health allows you to video chat with a licensed therapist or board-certified psychiatrist and reduces wait times.

WeightWatchers® is a nationwide program that supports goals to lose weight and develop healthy habits. Receive 50% off membership fees.

Personify Health gives you the opportunity to earn up to $40 Rewards Cash quarterly (up to $160 annually) by tracking activity, healthy habits, utilizing the sleep and nutrition guides and more

Wellness Credits through Personify Health. Receive $150 Rewards Cash for earning 150 Credits for activities that improve your well-being in all dimensions.

REPORT NO. 7
2026 RETIREE AND MEDICARE ELIGIBLE HEALTH BENEFITS

The Conference shares the funding of the Retiree Health Benefit Program for eligible retired participants with the retired clergy and their spouses. The Conference Retiree Health Benefit Program assumes participation in Medicare Parts A and B and is designed to extend certain benefits beyond what Medicare pays.

Wespath, through Willis Tower Watson (Via Benefits), coordinates the post-retirement medical benefit. There will not be any changes in the post-retirement medical benefits for retirees who retired on or before December 31, 2024, and their spouses/surviving spouses. All changes will be prospective and only apply to those who retire from the Horizon Texas Annual Conference on or after January 1, 2025.

2026 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLERGY RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS

The conference will provide access to coverage to the clergy retiree and his/her eligible spouse if the following service requirements have been met.

At the time of retirement, the clergyperson must:

- Have been working in a full-time appointment as a full member or as a full-time local pastor eligible for retirement per the *Discipline* and the rules of the annual conference.
- Be a member of the Horizon Texas Conference, serving in a local church or one of its conference responsible agencies.
- Have at least five (5) years of ministerial service in one of the three legacy conferences and ten (10) years of service in the United Methodist Church. A waiver of the five (5) year requirement for service may be considered by the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits upon recommendation of the cabinet.
- Be participating in the conference-sponsored health plan (HealthFlex) at the time of retirement.

Surviving spouses of deceased and retired clergy are eligible as long as they are a covered participant at the time of death. A new spouse acquired by a retiree or surviving spouse after retirement is not eligible for retiree benefits through the conference.

2026 RETIREE/MEDICARE ELIGIBLE HEALTH PLAN

The Horizon Texas Conference and Wespath partner with Via Benefits to provide plan advice and enrollment assistance in choosing Medicare supplemental health coverage and prescription drug plans in the open market. Through this arrangement, the participant is responsible for paying premiums, but eligible participants are assisted with premiums and out-of-pocket expenses by the Horizon Texas Annual Conference through a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) funded specifically for the participant. Retirees and spouses must be enrolled in the Conference health plan at retirement to continue receiving conference health benefits after retirement. PLEASE NOTE: Participants must enroll in and remain enrolled in a supplemental health plan through Via Benefits to have access to the HRA. **Enrolling directly with a health plan provider, outside of Via Benefits, will result in the loss of HRA eligibility.**

RETIREE/MEDICARE ELIGIBLE HEALTH PLAN FUNDING 2026

For those eligible clergypersons who retire on or after January 1, 2025, and their eligible spouses, who enroll in their Medicare supplemental coverage through Via Benefits, the conference will fund a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) in the amount of $50 per year of denominational service, up to a maximum of 30 years ($1,500 maximum). Eligible clergy who retire before reaching age 65 and their spouses will not receive any funding until they reach age 65 and enroll with Via Benefits. Those who have already retired prior to January 1, 2025, will continue to be covered under their existing arrangements.

Surviving spouses of deceased clergy are eligible for the HRA as long as they are a covered participant at the time of death. A new spouse acquired by a retiree or surviving spouse after retirement is not eligible for retiree benefits through the conference.

2026 PRE-65 RETIREE FUNDING

For those eligible clergypersons who retire on or after January 1, 2025, who at the time of early or full retirement, or their spouse, is less than 65 years of age and has been covered under HealthFlex for the five consecutive years just prior to retirement, they are eligible to remain on the active plan with the full premium direct billed to the retiree who will make payment to the conference by automatic bank draft from their personal account. Those who have already retired prior to January 1, 2025, will continue to be covered under their existing arrangements.

A new spouse acquired by a retiree or surviving spouse after retirement is not eligible for retiree benefits through the conference.

2026 OPTING OUT AT RETIREMENT

If, at the time of retirement, a retiree has other employer-sponsored group health coverage (e.g., through a spouse's employer), he/she may decline retiree coverage and retain the ability to receive retiree health benefits at a future date. If the retiree loses his or her coverage, it is the retiree's responsibility to notify the conference within thirty-one calendar days of loss of other coverage. If this 31-day requirement is not met, the retiree will forfeit the ability to receive retiree health benefits through the conference at a future date. If an eligible retiree without other employer-sponsored group health coverage declines coverage at retirement, the retiree will forfeit the ability to receive retiree health benefits through the conference at a future date.

2026 LAY RETIREE/MEDICARE ELIGIBLE COVERAGE

Lay employees whose active service has ended and who have completed a minimum of five years of continuous and uninterrupted coverage in HealthFlex immediately preceding the date of retirement, and who are less than 65 years of age at the time of retirement, may continue on the active plan. This will also apply to any eligible family members covered at the time of retirement. The lay employee will be responsible for the entire premium, which will be billed directly to the lay retiree who will make payment to the conference by automatic bank draft from their personal account.

Surviving spouses of retired, deceased lay employees are eligible for coverage as long as they are a covered participant at the time of death and are responsible for the entire premium. A new spouse acquired by a retiree or surviving spouse after retirement is not eligible for benefits through the conference.

Lay retirees/spouses who are 65 years of age or older will have access to Via Benefits to assist with moving into the open market, but they will be responsible for their entire premium. Lay retirees are not eligible for an HRA.

OPTING OUT OF SOCIAL SECURITY

We continue to have concerns for clergy who may have opted out of the Social Security system. It is imperative that those persons be Medicare-eligible when they turn sixty-five, or they likely will not be able to obtain any medical insurance. Some who have opted out may retain this eligibility through a spouse or sufficient prior employment. However, it should also be noted that eligibility for Social Security disability payments differs from the requirements for retirement and Medicare benefits. If a pastor is considering this course, they should investigate these matters very carefully.

RETIREE AND MEDICARE ELIGIBLE HEALTH PLAN WELLNESS PROGRAM
HealthFlex uses incentives as part of its strategy to promote engagement in healthy behaviors and wellness programs. By tracking activity, health habits, and more, continue to earn Personify Health® Rewards up to $40 per calendar quarter.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

KELLY WADE, CHAIR

General Discussion
The work of property and policy management continued this year with the review of the funds transferred from the legacy conferences. The Board of Trustees' recommendations are included in the workbook for you viewing. We appreciate the local churches that have reviewed their documents and provided them to the district superintendents and ask in earnest that the rest of you utilize any resources that may be available to you through the district offices to get your documents updated as the annual conference referenced in your existing documents has changed.

Highlights from the Past Year:

- Receiving and providing guidance to the Treasurer and HTC officers regarding bequests to the Legacy Conferences and HTC and endowments/grants to HTC
- Working with HTC officers to further define the policy and procedures for listing and selling real property of the Legacy Conferences and HTC, including use of funds received from sale of closed churches and Legacy Conference property
- Working with legal counsel and HTC officers to review Legacy Conference information to confirm the Legacy Conferences' restricted net assets and designated net assets of HTC for use within the HTC budgets
- Working with Multiplication and HTC officers to assist with formation of new churches and plans for the accelerated church expansion (ACE) program, and approving easements and rights of way for real property within the ACE program, including property acquisition for new programs within Multiplication
- Working with legal counsel to work through the process of closing churches under ¶ 2549 of The Discipline
- Working with consultants and HTC officers and members of the Conference Office Location Team to further define the requirements of the new conference center for HTC

Insurance and Annual Conference Offices Update
As requested at last year's meeting of the annual conference, we have reviewed the Disciplinary requirements and talked to several other conferences about how they are managing the cost increases in the local church insurance marketplace. I am sure that each of you are also seeing these increases in your home and auto insurance budgets. We have not found any magic beans or answers for this terrible time for renewals. WE can hope that the underwriters will lower the premiums with a couple of years with fewer claims. Our office sub-committee has determined that we need to rent our next office space for a term of five to seven years to best utilize the funds and get the best handle on ultimate space utilization and needs.

Property Report as of April 22, 2026

Administrative Properties to Hold

Name	Address	County	Description
Mid-South District Parsonage	Woodway	McLennan	Parsonage
Metro East District Parsonage	Richardson	Collin	Parsonage

Name	Address	County	Description
Episcopal Residence	Arlington	Tarrant	Parsonage

New Church Start / Strategic Partnership Properties to Hold

Name	Address	County	Description
Aldersgate Campus	2201 E. Park Row	Tarrant	Active Church (Wesley) & Archives
Anna Land		Collin	ACE Project
Grace Chapel UMC	1998 FM 1385	Denton	ACE Project
Melissa UMC	3851 McKinney St	Collin	ACE Project
Rosedale Lots	3301, 3305, 3309, & 3315 E. Rosedale & 3300, 3306, 3310, & 3314 Ave E	Tarrant	Lots
South Plains Wesley	201 Magnolia	Hockley	Campus Ministry
UCF Navarro	3301 W 7th Ave	Navarro	Campus Ministry
Wichita Falls Wesley	3501 Taft Blvd	Wichita	Land
Woori UMC	4710 E Rancier Ave	Bell	Active Church

Properties Listed for Sale

Name	Address	County	Description
Cumby	102 E Main St	Hopkins	Closed Church
Plano Conference Office	500 Maplelawn	Collin	Office
Lubbock Conference Office	1401 Avenue M	Lubbock	Office
Aley	1215 W Cedar Creek Pkwy	Henderson	Closed Church

Properties Sold/Transferred

Name	Address	County	Description	Date
Brownwood, Central	1501 2nd St	Brown	Closed Church	5/9/25
Oak Grove Land	Oak Grove Ln	Denton	Vacant Land	5/27/25
Corsicana, St. Andrews	2201 E 10th St	Navarro	Closed Church	8/13/25
Dublin, Laurel St.	504 Laurel St	Erath	Closed Church	2/27/26
Mesquite, St. Marks	3117 Motley Drive	Dallas	Closed Church	4/22/26

Local Church Insurance Requirements

The Book of Discipline requires local church trustees to annually review and report on the adequacy of local church property and liability insurance coverage "to ensure that the church, its properties, and its personnel are properly protected against risks." Since 1797, the Book of Discipline has provided that the property and assets of local churches are held in trust for the benefit of the denomination. Inadequate insurance puts local church property and assets at risk, including the denomination's trust interest therein. Therefore, the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church, in representing the denomination's trust interest, the following minimum insurance requirements are adopted for local churches:

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY and LIABILITY PACKAGE POLICY, to include the following minimum limits:

PROPERTY

- Buildings, Organs, and Contents Insured to Replacement Value, "Special Risk" Coverage
- All Church buildings should have an updated replacement cost valuation every five (5) years.
- The replacement cost valuation must be dated within 180 days if additional square footage is added.
- A Church building may be insured on an actual cash value basis where replacement cost valuation is not an option available to the Church. The Church should understand that it is being insured on an actual cash value basis and use its best efforts to complete the necessary upgrades and renovations required to qualify for replacement cost valuation coverage.
- A church building may be insured on a functional replacement valuation basis where it is a desired option on the part of the church or conference. The church should understand it may only do so with the written approval of the conference.

LIABILITY

• Commercial General Liability	Occurrence	$1,000,000	Aggregate	$3,000,000
• Pastoral Counseling Liability	Occurrence	$1,000,000	Aggregate	$3,000,000
• Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability	Occurrence	$1,000,000	Aggregate	$3,000,000
• Employee Benefits Liability (EBL)	Occurrence	$1,000,000	Aggregate	$1,000,000
• Medical Payments	$10,000			
• Sexual Misconduct Liability[2]				
○ Church Membership > 500+	Occurrence	$1,000,000	Aggregate	$1,000,000
○ Church Membership < 500	Occurrence	$250,000	Aggregate	$500,000
• Crime / Employee Dishonesty	Occurrence	$25,000		

DIRECTORS and OFFICERS / EMPOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY, to include the following minimum limits:

- Directors' & Officers $1,000,000
- Employment Practices Liability – Option 1 $1,000,000 (including Sexual Harassment)
  - Required for churches with 500 or more members or any church with a preschool, school, or camp.
- Employment Practices Liability – Option 2 $250,000 (including Sexual Harassment)
  - For churches with fewer than 500 members that <u>do not</u> have a preschool, school, or camp

UMBRELLA / EXCESS LIABILITY – An Umbrella / Excess Liability policy is suggested for all churches and required for those with a membership of five hundred (500) or more.

If applicable, this excess policy must extend over Commercial General Liability, Pastoral Counseling, Employee Benefits Liability, Owned Auto, Hired and Non-Owned Auto and Workers Compensation. A higher per occurrence limit may be appropriate based on specific risk characteristics such as church size and/or scope of operations and ministries.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION / EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY, as required by state law:

- Bodily Injury by Accident Each accident $1,000,000
- Bodily Injury by Disease Policy limit $1,000,000
- Bodily Injury by Disease Each Employee $1,000,000

[2] A lower limit of liability may be selected if a state or other jurisdiction places a legally binding limit on the damage awards for sexual misconduct that is lower than the above referenced per occurrence limit. The limit selected may not be lower than the maximum damage award set by the state or other applicable jurisdiction.

COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY, applicable only if the church owns an automobile; to include the following minimum limits:

- Limit of Liability $1,000,000

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR CONGREGATIONS WITH FEWER THAN 250 MEMBERS

Employee Benefits Liability

This coverage may not be required if any of the following are true:

- The church does not administer any health, life, and accident benefits, or
- The church uses a third party to administer its benefits.

Directors and Officers

Lower limits of coverage may be purchased if the combined value of the church's property value and its annual revenues do not exceed $1,000,000. The limits can be decreased to ($100,000 per occurrence and $300,000 aggregate).

Employment Practices Liability

Lower limits of coverage ($100,000 per occurrence and $300,000 aggregate) may be purchased if:

- The church has fewer than three volunteers or employees,
- Has not terminated an employee in the past year, and
- Has no plans to terminate an employee in the next year.

Conference Electric Program

Electric utilities in areas of Texas were deregulated effective January 1, 2002. Deregulation offered the opportunity for churches to join together to purchase electricity. Both the legacy CTC and legacy NTC established groups to which all churches were invited to participate. The HTC has inherited both groups, and they will continue until the expiration of the previously accepted terms.

	Contract End	Rate per KWH
Central Texas Conference	June 30, 2027	$0.0389
North Texas Conference	June 30, 2027	West Zone: $0.0380 North Zone: $0.0392

Remember there are **two factors** that determine your monthly billing:

1) **Energy Charges**. This charge is the deregulated part of your bill and was negotiated through a competitive bid process. This charge is noted on your bill as "ENERGY" and is calculated by multiplying your kWh usage for a particular month times the Conference contract rate.
2) **Transmission, Distribution, Utility (TDU) charges**. These charges are the regulated part of your bill. These are set by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and are non-negotiable. These charges are referred to as "pass through" charges and are the same no matter the name of your Retail Electric Provider (REP). The conference REP is Reliant Energy. However, they have no control over these regulated charges. Reliant simply passes along the bill that is sent to them by ONCOR who is the TDU company.

   There are many components that make up this TDU part of your bill. However, the one that is by far the largest is the **"DEMAND" charge**. Demand is defined as the total number of watts that hit your meter at any point in time. So, for instance, on Sunday morning to turn on all your lights and air or electric heat at the same time that will be for most the highest demand. This could affect your bill for the next 12 months. Each month you will be billed the higher of your current month's Demand reading or 80% of your highest demand reading over the past 12 months. For example, if you hit 150KW on the hottest Sunday in August and that was the highest Demand reading over the past 12 months then

you will be billed $5.00 times 150 = $750.00. Now suppose that in Jan, Feb, Mar, and Apr you hit between 50 and 75 KW demand each month. For each of those months you will be billed 80% of the last twelve months' peak, which in our example would be 150 X 80% =120. 120X$5.00= $600.00. As you can see if you reduce your peak Demand permanently you can reduce your demand charges for all the remaining months.

The HTC will plan to negotiate a new energy contract before the current groups expire, including whether we can secure energy exclusively from renewable sources. Until then, churches are welcome to join the existing groups. Legacy NWTC churches are welcome to join the existing legacy groups, too, if they are in a service area eligible for the program. If you would like to do so, please email kevinwalters@htcumc.org .

Connectional Reports

Amarillo Wesley Community Center

AMERICA ADAME, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Amarillo Wesley Community Center (AWCC), located in Amarillo, Texas, has faithfully served the community since 1951 as a ministry rooted in the mission of the United Methodist Church and supported by United Women in Faith. Grounded in Christian values and the call of Matthew 25, AWCC is dedicated to serving children, families, youth, and seniors by providing programs that nurture dignity, stability, and opportunity for all.

Over the past year, AWCC has continued to respond to the growing needs of vulnerable and underserved populations in the Amarillo area. A major accomplishment over the past year has been the expansion of our childcare facilities to meet the increasing demand for quality, affordable care. We successfully expanded two existing classrooms and added a new classroom, allowing us to serve more children and support additional working families in our community. These improvements strengthen our ability to provide a safe, nurturing environment where children can grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

We have also recently broken ground on a new community garden, an exciting addition to our programming. This space will provide opportunities for children, families, and seniors to engage in hands-on learning, promote healthy living, and build community connections. The garden will be incorporated into our educational and enrichment programs, helping participants develop life skills while fostering a sense of stewardship and shared purpose.

In addition, AWCC continues to offer senior adult programs that reduce isolation and promote wellness, as well as provide support for individuals and families facing financial hardship. Through direct assistance and community partnerships, we help ensure access to essential needs such as utilities and other critical resources, promoting housing stability and overall well-being.

We invite churches and individuals across the conference to join us through prayer, volunteering, and financial support as we continue to uplift and serve our neighbors.

Dallas Bethlehem Center

ANNETTE CULLORS

It is a joy to say that Dallas Bethlehem Center (DBC) continues to be a strong support filled with love for the families we serve in South Dallas. I have worked for DBC for four and a half years, and as of November 2025 I became Interim Executive Director. Jami Russell set a high standard, and I learned so much from her example. Over the years, I've gained a deeper understanding of both the organization and the community we serve. One thing that has consistently stood out is DBC being the hands and feet on the ground in South Dallas, and the unwavering commitment of UWFaith, UMC, and our volunteers.

DBC's weekly food distribution and family dinner program distributed a monthly average of 30,846+ lbs. of fruits, vegetables, proteins, and grains for over 3,636+ families to prepare nutritious meals.

DBC, in partnership with members of UWFaith units throughout the North Texas Conference, provided hundreds of pounds of non-perishables for DBC families for their throughout the year.

Trenesa is a devoted mother caring for her two sons. Her oldest, nineteen, is battling brain cancer, and youngest, 16, lives with a rare nerve condition and fully depending on his parents. She shares how DBC

has helped provide meals and allow them to save money for urgent needs. Despite her challenges she greets us with a radiant smile. I ask about her son's emotional state knowing how difficult it must be for a teenager who cannot spend time with friends. Moments like these remind us how easily we take life for granted and overlook the burdens others carry quietly.

New adventures for this year:

- Walls Project has reimagined what is possible for South Dallas through resident-centered initiatives that prioritize health & wellness, education, and technology.
- Three-week kids summer camp (three days a week, four hours a day) and engaging in Reading Camp. The children's program is a dynamic kids initiative that will help empower children to dream boldly, to explore life, and celebrate progress and other skills.
- A monthly Grief Session for families dealing with the pain of losing a child.
- Classes where students learn how to make jam, jelly, and pickled foods with Pastor Stan Copeland, now in its third year.
- Host our third Culinary Kids Competition.

About a year and a half three young men—Bryan, Camden, and Faison began visiting the food pantry. Thursdays were our most challenging days with unloading supplies from Crossroad and client-choice shopping. We asked the three gentlemen to help unload the truck and they've faithfully served since.

Marlon joined as a volunteer, He said, "I saw that y'all were doing what the Lord ask us to do." Inspired to support the mission he also purchased a 26-foot truck with a lift to help us pick up supplies.

What began as a visit to receive food for the three men's families and Marlon has turned into a powerful example of service and community. In return, DBC gained faithful, committed volunteers. Blessings are flowing through Dallas Bethlehem Center.

JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

BETHANY E. BRAGG

First, I would like to thank the Horizon Texas Conference for your continued support of JFON. In 2025 you gifted us with $20,000, and we have used that to continue our mission of welcoming the stranger. In 2025 our Board updated our mission and created our vision and values. That follows:

MISSION
Justice for Our Neighbors of North Central Texas is passionately engaged in serving immigrants in the Dallas-Fort Worth area as they seek legal status in the United States by providing free or low-cost expert legal counsel, advocacy, and support services. We pursue justice for those we serve, while offering a sense of safety, trust and belonging.

VISION
A nation where every immigrant has access to justice in an anti-racist immigration system that honors the dignity of all people.

Our Values

- Justice
- Equity
- Professional Excellence
- Courage

Our attorneys provided legal services to 158 adult and family clients as well as 143 Unaccompanied Minors. These youngsters were either in Long Term Foster Care or had been released from custody of The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

We held three free clinics per month at churches in the DFW area. Arapaho UMC, New Riverside UMC, and Genesis UMC. At these clinics individuals and families consult with an immigration attorney about their potential case. We are very grateful to the churches that allow us to use their space at no cost.

We were also invited to several community locations and churches to provide Know Your Rights Trainings and KYR/What to do if approached by ICE.

Our attorneys represented clients from the following countries: Afghanistan, Brazil, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, and Venezuela.

We were served by fifteen program volunteers, two technology volunteers, and eleven volunteer members of our Board of Directors.

We at Justice for Our Neighbors North Central Texas are very appreciative of all the support from the church communities and the Horizon Texas Conference.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

TREY OAKLEY, PRESIDENT

Greetings from Methodist Children's Home (MCH) and the thousands of children, youth, and families we serve each year. As an independent 501(c)(3) organization, your continued voluntary support of our vision to empower all we serve to experience life to the fullest is as important as ever. I invite each of you to visit our website at MCH.org to learn more about how to refer a child for placement or ways to join our ministry.

Your support provides the resources needed to offer the care, programs, and talented individuals necessary to positively impact the lives of those we serve through residential care on the Waco campus and Boys Ranch and through MCH Family Outreach offices across Texas and New Mexico, including Abilene, the Permian Basin, Lubbock, DFW, Waco, and Killeen.

We are now in our 136th year of ministry. Here are some highlights of the past year:

We are now in the third year of our five-year strategic plan, Imagine 2028, which continues to guide MCH's growth, innovation, and commitment to excellence in serving children and families.

The MCH Boys Ranch has expanded its capacity to serve young men with higher and more complex needs. The opening of the Marek Home and the Knight Home marks a significant step forward in our ability to provide specialized residential care in a structured, therapeutic environment. These homes allow us to extend Christ-centered care to youth who require a higher level of support and supervision.

Our foster care program continues to grow and now includes kinship care services, providing additional support for children being raised by relatives or close family friends. This expansion strengthens families, preserves important connections, and broadens the continuum of care available through MCH. Foster and Kinship Care is offered through our Abilene, DFW, Waco and Tyler MCH Family Outreach locations.

The counseling program at MCH experienced continued growth this year, increasing access to trauma-informed mental health services for children, youth, and families across our service areas. As the need for high-quality counseling services rises, MCH remains committed to meeting that need with excellence and compassion.

For youth on the Waco campus, we increased career training opportunities through the Embry Vocational Building, where students learn skills in woodworking, machinery operation, and other skilled trades that prepare them for meaningful employment.

MCH once again achieved a Charity Navigator Four-Star Rating and Candid Platinum Status, reflecting our continued commitment to financial transparency and stewardship.

Our commitment to community collaboration remains strong. As a Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) Ambassador Organization, MCH staff continues to train other like-minded organizations across the nation in TBRI, equipping professionals with trauma-informed care practices.

In October, MCH revived the historic Willson-Johnson Lecture Series, welcoming Dr. Robert Anda, co-principal investigator of the landmark Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, as part of hosting the 2025 CORE National Conference, creating a meaningful opportunity to share expertise and advance best practices in trauma-informed care with professionals from across the country.

Leadership and staff continued to sharpen professional skills and share expertise at key industry conferences, ensuring MCH remains a leader in providing high-quality care for children, youth, and families.

Our achievements in the past and those yet to come are directly related to the many individuals and congregations throughout our service area, including the Horizon Texas Annual Conference, who support our work and ministry through financial gifts, prayers, advocacy, and service on the Board of Directors. We look forward to continued partnership with you for many years to come.

Thank you for supporting our vision to empower all we serve to experience life to the fullest.

SEEDS (Serving Educating Evangelizing Deaf Seekers)

REV. TOM HUDSPETH, PRESIDENT & PASTOR

On July 1, 2025, SEEDS (Serving Educating Evangelizing Deaf Seekers), a 501c3 Impact Ministry of Lovers Lane UMC, began as a new ministry and new appointment for Rev. Tom Hudspeth, who had served Lovers Lane UMC for the previous 24 years. In 2008 SEEDS was known as Serving and Educating Exceptional Deaf Students, a Deaf school based at Lovers Lane. When the school closed in 2016, SEEDS continued as a ministry of scholarship for Deaf students, including Collins Prempeh, the first Deaf theology student at Africa University, Zimbabwe (2019-2023). In May 2025, the Lovers Lane charge conference voted to graft the Deaf Ministry of Lovers Lane into SEEDS, changing its name and beginning a Deaf Mission Church. On July 6, 2026, 75 people came to celebrate the start of the only UMC related Deaf Mission Church west of Maryland.

Today, SEEDS serves on behalf of the Horizon Texas Conference, living Christ's love in the diverse Deaf community in Dallas and in twenty-four surrounding communities, and in other states and countries, such as Tanzania and Zambia, through its live stream worship services. Currently, SEEDS averages forty-one participants in person and online worship. In the past 11 months, the Deaf Mission Church has received fifteen new members, of which six have been baptized. In 2025 we had 193 unique participants

and in the first three months of 2026, we had 113 unique participants. According to estimates from other denominations, Deaf churches tend to range in membership from 4 to 40 Deaf people.

Only 2% of Deaf people claim a relationship with Jesus Christ. To meet the challenge of creating ministry that is with, by, for and of the Deaf, SEEDS has aggressively trained lay Deaf people for ministry. In September 2025, SEEDS sent six people to Baltimore, Maryland for an advanced CLS class led by Rev. Dr. Leo Yates, Jr and Alma Andrews, a Deacon and lay member, respectively, of the Baltimore-Washington Conference and of Magothy Church of the Deaf UMC, Maryland. After completion of the class, the two leaders graciously offered to return to Dallas to complete the first half of the CLS training, which was held March 27-28, 2026, at the former Walnut Hill UMC site. The class was attended by fourteen members of the SEEDS Board and Deaf Mission Church, and greeted by Sharon Spratt, representing the Certified Lay Ministries of the Horizon Texas Conference. Nine Deaf and two hearing people completed the class.

Through SEEDS, Deaf and Hard of Hearing people have received training in accessibility and self-advocacy in the Americans with Disabilities Act; provided support to Deaf families in emergencies, schools, counseling, or seeking effective communication in medical settings.

SEEDS is YOUR Deaf ministry for HTC. We are a self-funded ministry and receives critical matching grant support from the HTC Ministry of Multiplication, grants from foundations, the Texas Methodist Foundation, and other donors.

For more information about partnering with SEEDS/Deaf Mission Church UMC, please contact Rev. Hudspeth at 469 708 5593 or videophone 469 522 2974. Thudspeth@seedsdeaf.org .

TEXAS METHODIST FOUNDATION

REV. LISA GREENWOOD, PRESIDENT AND CEO

We at Texas Methodist Foundation give thanks for you — for the ways you are loving boldly and bearing witness to the loving, free, and just world God imagines. We are grateful for the privilege of walking alongside you as partners — trusting that together, through the Spirit's leading, new expressions of hope and belonging are taking root for the sake of the world.

At Texas Methodist Foundation, our calling is to help congregations and ministries align all their resources — including financial resources, property assets, leadership giftedness, generosity, and even their yet-to-be-realized potential — with God's mission.

Through nationally recognized Learning and Innovation initiatives, combined with expertise in investing, lending, and charitable giving, we seek to strengthen the financial and spiritual foundations that allow the church to flourish. Together, we are tending what is rooted in tradition while courageously making space for new expressions of leadership and ministry — so that congregations thrive and communities are transformed by God's love.

At the close of 2025:

- TMF's loans to churches in the Horizon Texas Annual Conference totaled $82.9 million.
- Churches and agencies in the Conference invested $48.2 million in Impact Certificates.
- Over the past 5 years, TMF has distributed $29.5 million in charitable services and grants and invested $14.9 million in learning and innovation initiatives into churches and nonprofits across Texas and New Mexico.

These numbers represent sanctuaries renovated and community spaces reimagined. They represent leaders empowered and ministries strengthened. They represent new possibilities taking root.

Our work supports a Spirit-led cycle of generosity. When individuals, congregations, and conferences open investment accounts with TMF, not only do they receive competitive returns, but their investments become a blessing to other churches and ministries through affordable loans and ministry support. We then invest all our net revenue in learning and innovation initiatives, grants, and charitable services that help strengthen the future church.

We know that each congregation's context is unique. That is why we strive to offer flexibility, affordability, and expertise tailored to churches' needs. We are here to listen, to discern alongside you, and to help you steward your resources with clarity and confidence.

Every leader we engage, every project we finance, and every investment we steward reflects a shared trust in God's future for the church. It is an honor to serve beside you.

The Horizon Texas Annual Conference's Team at Texas Methodist Foundation
The Texas Methodist Foundation team is honored to work with churches, nonprofits, and leaders across the Horizon Texas Annual Conference, providing services and support that are vital to thriving ministries and communities across Texas. Please contact any one of us at any time.

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TEXAS UNITED METHODIST COLLEGE MINISTRY FUND

REV. ERIC DOUGLAS

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Texas United Methodist College Ministry Fund. The fund was established in 2025 with the goal of building a meaningful path towards sustainable funding of United Methodist campus ministries in the state of Texas. We endeavor to achieve this with as little impact on the current operational funding of our partner annual conferences.

In 2025, each of the three annual conferences in Texas generously helped fund the fund's initial corpus with individual contributions of $50,000 per conference. Following the initial round of funding, the Horizon Texas Conference approved a change to its dispensation policy that would allow 5% of the net total of unrestricted, non-urban-area closed-church assets to be given to the fund. While discussions are ongoing with the other partner conferences regarding their dispensation policies, the Texas Annual Conference will consider a resolution in the 2026 conference season to offer a matching grant for donations from their conference up to $500,000 over the next 5 years. We're excited to see how each partner's annual conference is stepping up in its own way to help create sustainable funding for campus ministry in the future.

Beyond United Methodist institutional giving, representatives of both the Fund Trustees and Development Team met with senior leaders of the Texas Methodist Foundation this last fall to develop plans for a coordinated fundraising campaign. This would focus beyond our institution partners and lean on the generosity of individuals passionate about helping not just one campus ministry but all of them. We further began the formal development of our communications structures with the launch of a new website, the creation of social media accounts, and the ongoing training of campus ministry leaders to speak to local churches about the fund.

Finally, I want to close by thanking our original launch team, who have been working tirelessly on the fund's development since 2023, and our new Trustees and Development Team for carrying on the fund's work. The original launch team members include:

Rev. Marianne Brown-Trigg, Denton Wesley Foundation
Rev. Corey Moses, Tarleton Wesley Foundation
Rev. David McMinn, Texas Wesley Foundation
Rev. Dr. Todd Salmi, United Campus Ministry of Texas State
Rev. Eric Douglas, Rockbridge Church

Trustees:

Rev. Marianne Brown-Trigg, Denton Wesley Foundation
Rev. Dr. Todd Salmi, United Campus Ministry of Texas State

Rev. Tom Teekell, Stephen F. Austin Wesley Foundation

Development Team:

Rev. Eric Douglas, Rockbridge Church
Rev. Todd Jones, United Methodist Campus Ministry of the Rio Grande Valley
Rev. David McMinn, Texas Wesley Foundation

If you would like to help support the ongoing efforts to fund not just today's college students, but those who come after them, please stop by our table in the exhibition hall. You can also contribute directly to the fund by texting txcampus to 50155 or by giving to the Texas Methodist Foundation, account #5043.

UNITED COMMUNITY CENTERS

CELIA ESPARZA, PRESIDENT AND CEO

Mission: *Guided by Christian Principles, we empower and strengthen those in need.*

United Community Centers, Inc. has its roots in Fort Worth, dating back to 1909. A courageous group of women from the First Methodist Church downtown crossed the railroad tracks, stepping into the unknown with faith in their hands and love in their hearts. Little did they realize that what began as a prayer and hope would evolve into a beacon of hope for thousands of families who have walked through our doors.

Today, we proudly operate three community centers: Bethlehem at 951 Evans Avenue, Polytechnic Center at 3100 Avenue I, and Wesley Center at 3600 N. Crump. In the fall of 2026, we will celebrate the opening of our fourth site, the Maren Grove Center, dedicated exclusively to an academic program for 3- and 4-year-olds. Our administration office is located within Meadowbrook-Poly United Methodist Church.

For over 116 years, we have made a profound impact on underserved communities through our vibrant, diverse year-round programs. Our offerings include a well-stocked food pantry that addresses hunger, a clothing room that supplies essential attire, and an afternoon Education Literacy Program designed to empower individuals with vital reading and writing skills.

Our agency has not only transformed families but has uplifted entire communities. We work closely with the Fort Worth Police Department on crime prevention, hosting evening programs that engage young adults in enriching activities. We also partner with the City of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth ISD. Additionally, we offer specialized programs for senior citizens to help them stay active and connected.

We are excited about the many collaborations we've built to enhance our communities. These partnerships include local libraries, a mobile food pantry, Tarrant County College's mobile computer labs, and Texas Health Resources, which provides essential health services, including mobile units for women's health, men's prostate screening, and childhood immunizations. Together, these initiatives foster a holistic approach to community well-being and development.

We invite volunteers to join us at any time, creating abundant opportunities for individuals to engage and make a meaningful impact. Join us in our mission to serve and uplift our community. Visit our website's volunteer section, sign up for opportunities, and join the journey to transform lives.

WESLEY-RANKIN COMMUNITY CENTER
SHELLIE ROSS, CEO

In collaboration with our neighbors, Wesley-Rankin Community Center expands access to resources and designs tailored pathways for all ages to achieve educational success, unlock economic opportunity, and to thrive. This 124-year-old nonprofit has a menu of services addressing needs as learning difference remediation, youth college and career training, older adult socialization and nutrition, and adult financial literacy and property tax support. Wesley-Rankin's impressive data collecting and innovation process has documented impact year over year for residents in West Dallas. In 2025, Wesley-Rankin served 965 individuals through eleven programs. 97% of Afterschool students increased in reading with an average of thirty-four points on DIBELS assessments. 100% of graduates in the youth college & career program report earning a higher living wage. 73% of adults in the financial literacy courses report a reduction of debt. Through exemption filings over $182,000 has been returned to homeowners in the form of tax savings and refunds.

Wesley-Rankin depends on donors and volunteers to fuel its mission and impact. An array of volunteer experiences, from one-time to ongoing, are available. Please see our website at www.wesleyrankin.org for volunteer and donation details. In addition, in-kind donations such as Afterschool snacks and older adult food donations provide additional support for participants. For more details, please contact the Volunteer and Advancement Manager, Becky Stegmann, at becky@wesleyrankin.org.

COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

AFRICA UNIVERSITY
JAMES H. SALLEY, PRESIDENT

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to the congregations of the Horizon Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church for your steady support of Africa University. In 2025, Horizon Texas Conference congregations generously invested in the Africa University Fund at 73.27 percent. The ongoing faithfulness of the Horizon Texas United Methodists makes a real difference in forming disciples who love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously across Africa and around the world.

2025 was a year of strong growth and momentum for Africa University (AU). In June, AU graduated its largest class ever—622 students from 20 African countries. In August, the university welcomed its most diverse incoming class, with students from thirty nations. They study in four colleges, a law school, and two institutes on a modern, fully debt-free campus built for learning and community.

2025 highlights:
- A self-funded solar power plant now supplies 100 percent of AU campus electricity, easing pressure on Zimbabwe's national grid and benefiting nearby communities.
- A new collaboration with the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health advances research in food security, sustainable agriculture, and environmental resilience. Faculty and graduate researchers are developing evidence-based responses to climate stress, water insecurity, and agricultural vulnerability—equipping communities to adapt and thrive.
- An expanded partnership supporting applied research with The United Methodist Church's Global Ministries agency focuses on at-risk agriculture and malaria prevention, strengthening rural communities.

- In partnership with United Methodist Communications, AU is training African church communicators in digital engagement and media strategy—strengthening the Church's witness across diverse contexts.
- AU's School of Law moot court team earned the honor of representing Africa at the World Round of the Price Media Law Moot Court Competition in the United Kingdom in 2026.

Africa University's impact is directly connected to your generosity. As this quadrennium continues, Africa University urges every congregation in the Horizon Texas Conference to maintain AUF support at the 2016 budget level and to continue striving to achieve 100 percent funding each year. AU also encourages churches to consider becoming a "Keystone Congregation" by committing $7,000 annually in scholarship support for one undergraduate student—and walking alongside that student with prayer and encouragement throughout their degree journey.

Africa University remains a living expression of our worldwide connection. Because you give, research advances. Because you pray, leaders are called and formed. Because you believe in Africa University, hope expands across nations.

Thank you for standing with AU in 2025. Together, we are shaping a generation equipped to lead Africa—and the Church—into a resilient and faithful future.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS
LAURA E. SKANDERA TROMBLEY, PRESIDENT

Throughout 2025, Southwestern University continued to shine as a leader among the nation's top liberal arts institutions. We earned our second-highest ranking in over a decade in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best National Liberal Arts Colleges" list, #2 in Texas and #84 nationally. Additionally, Southwestern's award-winning Center for Career and Professional Development once again earned national recognition, ranking #19 on The Princeton Review's "Best Career Services" list — the only university in Texas to be included.

Southwestern posted one of the most selective classes in our 186-year history with nearly 5,900 applications, resulting in a 43% acceptance rate. A total of 368 first-year students and thirty-eight transfer students joined Southwestern in the Fall, bringing total enrollment to 1,434. For the sixth year in a row, over 25% of incoming students identified as Hispanic. Almost 24% identified as first-generation students.

The impact of Southwestern's world-class faculty was felt far beyond the confines of our Georgetown campus. Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Maha Zewail-Foote authored a landmark publication detailing a breakthrough in cancer research. Assistant Professor of Education Alicia Moore received a federal appointment to the Board of Visitors for the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Most recently, Professor of Spanish Katy Ross had her second book, *Narrating Infertility in Spain*, published on December 9.

Southwestern students also displayed their talents on the biggest stages in 2025. A team of eight students participated in the National Collegiate Digital Marketing Championships. Another team of eight students represented Southwestern at the 2025 HSI Battle of the Brains, a premier national competition. Three computer science majors earned first place at the Consortium for Computer Sciences in Colleges: South Central Region Conference.

Southwestern student-athletes continued to make history in 2025. The men's soccer, women's soccer, and volleyball teams all earned spots in their respective Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) tournaments. Volleyball was also ranked in the top twenty-five nationally. Men's soccer rose as high as #18 nationally, the first time in school history for the program to be ranked in the top twenty-five. Men's lacrosse made the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) semifinals for the first time in program history. In total, Pirates combined for sixty-six conference honors for the 2024-2025 season.

As part of Southwestern's commitment to advancing the liberal arts in the 21st century, the University announced new certificate programs and affiliation agreements. SU launched certificate programs in Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and 3D Printing, Legal Studies, and Spanish for Healthcare Professions. Southwestern also partnered with several peer universities across Texas to provide accelerated pathways for baccalaureate and master's degrees.

Our ambitious fundraising campaign, *Thrive*, reached completion and raised over $160 million. The *Thrive* campaign transformed Southwestern both in the classroom and on campus. A new welcome center and two new residence halls opened, and renovations to the historic Mood-Bridwell Hall and A. Frank Smith, Jr. Library Center were completed. Work recently began on a new multi-purpose sports complex that will bring football back to Southwestern's campus for the first time since 1950.

Ratification of Trustees
As stated in the University By-Laws, "Conference trustees are nominated by the University's board of trustees, upon recommendation from the board's Trusteeship Committee, and elected by their respective conferences."

The following names are submitted to the Horizon Texas Conference for election or re-election:

- Dr. Claire Peel, nominated by the Board of Trustees for election to a three-year term concluding 2029.

Conclusion
I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to visit Southwestern and experience, in person, our vibrant intellectual community.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

DALLAS, TEXAS
JAY C. HARTZELL, PRESIDENT

Southern Methodist University (SMU) has served as a nonsectarian institution of higher learning since its founding in 1911. Guided by a mission to expand knowledge through research and teaching, SMU educates students with ambition and integrity, advances discovery that matters, and serves as a catalyst for positive impact in Dallas, Texas, and beyond.

With continued Methodist representation on the Board of Trustees and a longstanding commitment to welcoming students of all faiths, SMU honors its Wesleyan heritage while advancing as a nationally recognized private research university. Consistent with this heritage and tradition, SMU submits this report to the Horizon Texas Annual Conference.

Institutional momentum and leadership transition
I was honored to begin my service as President of SMU on June 1, 2025. My first months have focused on listening, learning, and building relationships with students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and civic and community partners.

Even after a few short months, I can clearly see the distinctive qualities that define SMU: academic excellence, a vibrant campus culture, deeply engaged alumni, and an attractive position as a private research university rooted in one of the nation's most dynamic metropolitan regions.

During this period, we welcomed new academic leadership. Rachel Davis Mersey joined as Executive Vice President and Provost. Bryan P. Stone was appointed Leighton K. Farrell Dean of Perkins School of Theology. Additional leaders include Janan Jayawickramarajah, dean of the Dedman School of Humanities and Social Sciences; Todd Milbourn, dean of the Cox School of Business; Michael Harris, interim dean of the Simmons School of Education and Human Development; and Damon Evans, director of Athletics.

Strategic planning and institutional priorities
This fall, we launched a university-wide strategic planning process to guide SMU through its next phase of growth, drawing input from nearly 9,000 community members. The plan will strengthen academic distinction and student success, expand interdisciplinary research, and prepare principled leaders. Completion is expected in Spring 2026.

Students, faculty, and staff
SMU continues to attract diverse students. For the 2024–25 academic year, the University enrolled approximately 12,500 undergraduate and graduate students representing all fifty states and more than ninety countries. A majority of undergraduates come from outside Texas.

Faculty and students are advancing research addressing complex challenges in energy, health, education, public policy, and the arts, often in collaboration with industry, government, and nonprofit partners.

Research, philanthropy, and national standing
The University completed its SMU Ignited campaign three years ahead of schedule, raising $1.64 billion in private support to strengthen academic programs, research, and facilities.

In 2025, SMU was designated a Research One (R1) institution by the Carnegie Classification, reflecting growth in research activity, faculty scholarship, and external funding.

Perkins School of Theology
Perkins School of Theology remains central to SMU's mission. Perkins formalized a partnership with Methodist Theological University in Seoul, launched an accelerated program with McMurry University, and established a teach-out agreement with Memphis Theological Seminary to support students.

We remain grateful for Perkins School of Theology's contributions to theological education and the life of the Church. As we move forward, we do so with gratitude for the past and confidence in the future.

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY – DALLAS, TEXAS
BRYAN P. STONE, LEIGHTON K. FARRELL ENDOWED DEAN

Perkins School of Theology celebrates its vital connection with the Horizon Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Through theological education, ministerial formation, and vocational discernment, Perkins supports leaders called to faithful service in a changing church and society.

Twenty-nine (29) students affiliated with the Horizon Texas Annual Conference are enrolled at Perkins across multiple degree programs. During 2025–2026, twenty-five (25) students received PACE funding, averaging $3,982, and seven (7) students are participating in internships.

Enrollment Update
Enrollment totals 274 students, including seventy-three incoming students, forty-four of whom are in the hybrid/online program representing twenty-seven states, reflecting continued growth in accessible theological education.

Institutional Highlights
In October 2025, Dr. Bryan P. Stone was installed as the Leighton K. Farrell Endowed Dean. An elder in the New England Annual Conference, Dean Stone strengthens Perkins' connection to the United Methodist Church.

Faculty leadership updates include Rev. Dr. Pamela White as Director of the Intern Program and Assistant Dean for Contextual Education; Rev. Dr. Emily Nelms Chastain as assistant professor of Christian History and Methodist Studies; Dr. James K. Lee as Professor of Early Christianity; Dr. Marcell Silva Steuernagel as Associate Professor of Church Music; and Dr. Ashley Boggan as Affiliate Assistant Research Professor of Methodist Studies. Rev. Dr. Kate Hanch was appointed Director of the Baptist House of Studies, and Dr. Rebekah Miles to the Albert C. Outler Chair of Wesley Studies.

In 2025, faculty received major recognition. At the American Theological Society, Dr. Frederick Aquino was elected to membership, Dr. Karen Baker-Fletcher presented research, and Dr. Ruben L. F. Habito delivered the Presidential Address. Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles received a Louisville Institute Grant, Dr. Jack Levison received a Humboldt Foundation renewal grant, and Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Dean Bryan P. Stone contributed to national media, and Rev. Dr. Harold Recinos was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

Perkins expanded partnerships with Methodist Theological University in Seoul, McMurry University, and Memphis Theological Seminary. The Fall Convocation and Youth and Children's Ministry event continued leadership development, and the Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning was held March 20–21, 2026.

Renovations to Kirby Commons enhanced shared space. The Eula Mae and John Baugh Foundation awarded $1.8 million to the Baptist House of Studies. Gifts totaling $3 million from the Permanent Endowment Fund of Galveston Moody Memorial UMC and the Houston Methodist Hospital and Foundation established the Reverend Charles R. Millikan, DMin. Endowed Chair in Spiritual Care.

In 2026, Perkins will celebrate the retirements of Dr. Bruce Marshall, Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie, Christopher S. Anderson, Pam Goolsby, and Dr. John Martin.

Perkins remains grateful for its partnership with the Horizon Texas Annual Conference and for the shared work of forming leaders who serve with faith, wisdom, and love.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
G. SUJIN PAK, DEAN

Your partnership, prayers, and support are a cherished gift as BUSTH seeks to serve the church and the world! In a year like 2025, BUSTH's commitments to equip transformational leaders for peace and justice are more necessary and significant. We are hopeful and vigilant in our continued partnership with you.

NEWS:

- **Students**: The academic year 2025-26 entering class was among our most diverse, with 106 new students, 40% of whom are international students from seventeen different countries.
- **Faculty**: In July, Rebecca Copeland and Luis Menéndez-Antuña were promoted to Associate Professor. In September, Nicolette Manglos-Weber became Associate Dean of Students & Community Life, and Rady Roldán-Figueroa ('05) started as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Timothy Adkins-Jones ('09,'21) joined as Assistant Professor of Homiletics.
- **Expanding Online/Hybrid Programming**: BUSTH launched a fully Online Master of Divinity (OMDiv) program in November and the first cohort is planned for Fall 2026. Learn more at bu.edu/sth/omdiv. In May, the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program graduated its largest class ever, 18.
- **Faculty Research**: Professor Steven Sandage is a co-principal investigator for "Training and Treatment Integration Research for Virtue and Flourishing in Mental Healthcare: A Team Science Project," which received a $5.2 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation to address a growing need among therapists for training on how to integrate relational virtues and human flourishing in clinical practice. Faculty published more than 130 books, scholarly articles, op-eds, presentations, and book reviews during 2025. Many were interviewed by media publications or featured on podcasts for their scholarship in topics such as trauma-informed care, humility among religious leaders, and biblical agriculture. Selected stories: bu.edu/sth/research/faculty-research/.
- **Scholarships**: BUSTH continues to benefit from nearly 125 scholarships overall, donated to by school alumni, other BU alumni, and friends of BU including more than twenty named scholarships from living alumni and/or their family members.
- **Contextual Education**: Funded by the Lilly Endowment, Director of Contextual Education Anastasia Kidd and Director of Enrollment Chad Moore will lead "The New Wineskins Network" $1 million initiative to build sustainable, collaborative infrastructure for student and clergy formation across the Boston region.
- **Online Lifelong Learning**: BUSTH offers online courses for professional and spiritual enrichment of religious leaders. Recent offerings include "Digital Ministry as Contemplative Practice." Learn more at bu.edu/sth/oll.
- **Development**: Recent accomplishments include a generous pledge to endow a Praise & Worship Fund as well as some new operating funds including the Manoog C. Peters Chaplaincy Fund to further support the school's chaplaincy curriculum, and the Center for Global Christianity and Mission Film Project Fund to promote the Center's ministry.

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE and COMPASSION:

- BUSTH's inaugural Fr. Vincent Machozi ('15) Colloquium will be held in February to honor the life's work of our alumnus, martyred in the DRC for his work advocating for civilian victims of political violence. "Ecologies of Peacemaking" will bring together scholars in the areas of social conflict, economic inequalities, and environmental degradation. Register at bu.edu/sth/machozi-colloquium.
- Our Fall 2025 Lowell Lecture presented the work of Rev. Dr. Micah L. McCreary, whose topic "Leading Through and Beyond our Wounds" focused on becoming trauma-responsive leaders.
- Work continues to improve accessibility, sustainability, and responsible investing as written in our 2030 Strategic Plan. BUSTH is the first certified Green School at BU.

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

As **Candler School of Theology at Emory University** continues in its second century of educating faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries throughout the world, we are heartened by the work and witness of The United Methodist Church and look forward to our enduring partnership as the denomination moves into its next chapter with a vision to **love boldly, serve joyfully**, and **lead courageously**.

An official seminary of The United Methodist Church, Candler has a strong Methodist presence among our students, faculty, and staff, while holding true to the Wesleyan value of ecumenical openness. Our student body reflects the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful, with an enrollment of 507 from eleven countries, forty-two states, forty-five denominations, 34 UM annual conferences, and 50% persons of color. We see this diversity as a blessing, enriching our life together and providing the perfect context for training for relevant ministry in the 21st century—ministry that cultivates community across difference, welcomes all to contribute and belong, and embodies Christ's love in and among us.

Last fall Candler welcomed its largest incoming class in over a decade. This strong enrollment reflects years of intentional work to reimagine programs, continue to invest in faculty excellence, and offer robust scholarship support through the generosity of alumni and friends. And even more importantly, it reflects that God is still calling people to join the holy work of transforming the world in Jesus' name.

Candler offers six degrees, most of which are available in hybrid or online formats. Nearly a quarter of MDiv students participate in Candler's Teaching Parish program, earning course credit by serving as student pastors in local churches. And our proven DMin program—with a remarkably high 94% completion rate—is 90% online. These flexible options along with Candler's recognized academic excellence and hands-on learning opportunities are opening possibilities for more people to follow God's call to ministry.

Reducing financial barriers to high-quality theological education remains a top priority at Candler. This year, we are on track to award nearly $8.5 million in scholarship support across degree programs. All MDiv students receive scholarships, with those who are certified candidates for ordained ministry in the UMC receiving full tuition.

When we talk to Candler alumni and students about their call, one thing becomes clear: The specifics may be different, shaped by their unique gifts, contexts, and life experiences, but their drive to join God's work of transforming lives and the world is a constant. We recently launched a series called "Candler Changemakers" highlighting the range of fascinating ways our alumni are leading change as they fulfill their call. Follow along on our website (candler.emory.edu) and social media to see how God is working through them. You'll be inspired!

DREW UNIVERSITY THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

MADISON, NEW JERSEY

REV. EDWIN DAVID APONTE, DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF RELIGION & CULTURE

Drew University Theological School is a global seminary with a global student population serving the worldwide church. Drew Theological School educates and mentors pastors, preachers, deacons, activists, teachers, thought leaders, and change agents for ministry and service in the church, society, and the wider world. Building upon its Wesleyan and Methodist foundations, Drew Theological School is diverse in theology, vocations, age, as well as racial, ethnic, national, and international identities of its faculty, students, and staff. Many Drew students are just beginning their ministry, while others come to graduate theological education with prior ministry experience, reflecting an ongoing trend among theological schools in the United States and Canada. In providing theological education to the world, Drew holds in-person classes in Madison, New Jersey, classes that meet exclusively online, while others meet in hybrid fashion, i.e., partially online, partially in-person, as well as in-person Doctor of Ministry program in South Korea. Regular chapel services are offered in a hybrid way on Tuesdays and Thursdays with people participating from Seminary Hall as well as online. Chapel worship is live streamed so that students, alumni, and friends around the world can participate.

In Fall 2025 Drew Theological School welcomed eighty-eight new students in all degree programs, with total student enrollment (by headcount) in Fall 2025 semester being 365. Enrollment of international students at Drew is very strong at 140 students in Fall 2025. This number includes students who are studying full-time in the U.S.A. on a student Visa, students who are studying online from their home country, and students in the South Korean Cohort of the Doctor of Ministry program.

Drew's interdisciplinary degree programs provide real-world apprenticeships, promote adaptive leadership skills, and encourage innovation through team-taught core courses as well as a variety of electives that integrate theological disciplines and faith practices. The Drew faculty's shared values are infused across in the teaching, learning, and the formation of students. These values are: 1) a commitment to anti-racism; 2) gender and sexual-identity equality; 3) eco-sustainability and environmental justice; and 4) interfaith understanding and cooperation. Drew Theological School continues to experience an increase in United Methodist students, including United Methodist Global Fellows pursuing further education for ministry. UMC graduates are serving in conferences of The United Methodist Church across the United States, and especially within nearby regional episcopal areas of Greater New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Susquehanna, Upper New York, New York, and New England.

DUKE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
EDGARDO COLÓN-EMERIC, DEAN

English:
Duke Divinity School celebrated its 99th Opening Convocation in August 2025 with a sermon from Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric to begin the Nicene Creed Preaching Series at Duke Divinity School. He emphasized that the Nicene Creed is both a Pentecost profession and a peace proclamation:
Perhaps this is the season for untangling the Nicene Creed from state theology and church theology. Perhaps this is a task for a divinity school whose mission claims to 'engage in spiritually disciplined and academically rigorous education, in service and witness to the Triune God in the midst of the church, the academy, and the world.' … Christ did not preach peace looking for recognition or awards. His life is a single extended sermon on peace. Peace is believing that our lowest point does not limit our highest hope, because we acknowledge the power of baptism, the possibility of repentance, and the forgiveness of sin. We believe. We believe. This is a Pentecost profession, a peace proclamation, and also a praise pronouncement.

This year we have joined with Christians around the world to commemorate the 17th centennial of the Council of Nicaea and the Nicene Creed. Duke Divinity scholars and ministry leaders published the book Trinitarian Matters: 1700 Years of Shaping Christian Identity and Practice. The school hosted two events to explore and learn from Nicaea: Convocation & Pastors' School, focused for those in church and vocational ministry; and "Visible and Invisible: Surprising Encounters in Theology and the Arts," with musical performances, poetry, and artistic expressions informed by the richness of the Nicene Creed.

Through God's sustaining grace, we continue to welcome students from across the nation and around the world to be trained for faithful ministries serving God. In 2025, we were joined by 219 students. The Master of Divinity program gained 120 new students in residential and hybrid programs, a 10 percent growth over last year. The Master of Arts in Christian Practice enrolled six new students; the Doctor of Ministry, 34; Master of Theology, seven; Master of Theological Studies, 32; the Doctor of Theology five; the Certificate in Theology and Health Care 14.

Duke Divinity is committed to facilitating clear and supportive pathways into theological education. We confirmed an MOU with Huntingdon College, reaffirming our mutual dedication to nurturing vocations, strengthening the United Methodist tradition, and investing in the next generation of Christian leaders.

We welcomed four new faculty this year: Jonathan Tran, professor of theological ethics; Natalie Carnes, professor of theology; Matthew Whelan, associate research professor of theology; and Nina Balmaceda, Irene and William McCutchen Associate Professor of the Practice of Reconciliation and director of the Center for Reconciliation.

Duke Divinity School continues to be grateful for our ongoing participation in The United Methodist Church and partnership with this annual conference. We look forward to our work with you as we join in the task of preparing people for Christian ministry. To learn more about Duke Divinity School, please visit our website at www.divinity.duke.edu.

Español:
La Escuela de Divinidad de Duke celebró su nonagésima novena Convocatoria de Apertura en agosto de 2025 con un sermón del decano Edgardo Colón-Emeric, dando así inicio a la Serie de Predicación del Credo Niceno. Colón-Emeric enfatizó que el Credo Niceno es tanto una profesión de Pentecostés como una proclamación de paz:

Quizás esta sea la temporada para desenredar el Credo Niceno de la teología estatal y eclesiástica. Quizás esta sea una tarea para una escuela de teología cuya misión afirma 'participar en una educación espiritualmente disciplinada y académicamente rigurosa, en servicio y testimonio del Dios Trino en medio de la iglesia, la academia y el mundo'. … Cristo no predicó la paz buscando reconocimiento ni premios. Su vida es un extenso sermón sobre la paz. La paz es creer que nuestro punto más bajo no limita nuestra mayor esperanza, porque reconocemos el poder del bautismo, la posibilidad del arrepentimiento y el perdón de los pecados. Creemos. Creemos. Esta es una profesión de Pentecostés, una proclamación de paz y también un pronunciamiento de alabanza.

Este año nos hemos unido a cristianos de todo el mundo para conmemorar el decimo séptimo centenario del Concilio de Nicea y el Credo Niceno. Los académicos y líderes ministeriales de la Escuela de Divinidad de Duke publicaron el libro "Asuntos Trinitarios: 1700 años moldeando la identidad y la práctica cristiana". La escuela organizó dos conferencias para explorar y aprender de Nicea: la Convocatoria y Escuela de Pastores, dirigida a quienes trabajan en la iglesia y en el ministerio vocacional; y "Visible e Invisible: Encuentros Sorprendentes en la Teología y las Artes", con presentaciones musicales, poesía y expresiones artísticas informadas por la riqueza del Credo Niceno.

Gracias a la gracia sustentadora de Dios, seguimos recibiendo estudiantes de todo el país y del mundo para capacitarles en ministerios fieles al servicio de Dios. En 2025, se nos unieron 219 estudiantes. El programa de Maestría en Divinidad incorporó a 120 nuevos estudiantes, tanto en el programa residencial como en el híbrido, lo que representa un crecimiento del 10 % respecto al año anterior. La Maestría en Artes en Práctica Cristiana inscribió a seis nuevos estudiantes; el Doctorado en Ministerio, a 34; la Maestría en Teología, a siete; la Maestría en Estudios Teológicos, a 32; el Doctorado en Teología a cinco; y el Certificado en Teología y Salud a 14.

La Escuela de Divinidad de Duke se compromete a facilitar caminos claros y de apoyo hacia la educación teológica. Confirmamos un memorando de entendimiento con Huntingdon College, reafirmando nuestra dedicación mutua a fomentar vocaciones, fortalecer la tradición metodista unida e invertir en la próxima generación de líderes cristianos.

Este año dimos la bienvenida a cuatro nuevos profesores: Jonathan Tran, profesor de ética teológica; Natalie Carnes, profesora de teología; Matthew Whelan, profesor asociado de investigación en teología; y Nina Balmaceda, profesora asociada de la práctica de la reconciliación y directora del Centro para la Reconciliación.

La Escuela de Divinidad de Duke continúa agradecida por su participación constante en la Iglesia Metodista Unida y por su colaboración con esta conferencia anual. Esperamos con ansias continuar trabajando con ustedes en la tarea de preparar personas para el ministerio cristiano. Para obtener más información sobre la Escuela de Divinidad de Duke, visite nuestro sitio web: www.divinity.duke.edu.

GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
JAVIER A. VIERA, PRESIDENT

Garrett Seminary continues to embody a trajectory of growth, innovation, and deepening partnership across the connection. Rooted in its Wesleyan heritage and animated by its mission to form courageous leaders in the way of Jesus, the seminary looks toward the future with confidence and hope.

For the fifth consecutive year, Garrett welcomed an entering class that reflects sustained enrollment growth. This steady expansion signals renewed confidence in our approach to theological education and in Garrett's distinctive role within The United Methodist Church and the global Christian community. The newest students represent geographic and cultural breadth, coming from across the United States and more than twenty countries throughout the worldwide connection. They prepare for ministry in congregations, chaplaincy settings, nonprofit leadership, academia, and mission contexts, reflecting the increasingly diverse and global nature of the Church's leadership needs.

In response to the evolving realities of ministry and lifelong learning, Garrett launched The Garrett Collective, a comprehensive digital platform offering theological resources, courses, learning experiences, and stackable microcredentials. Designed to serve laity and clergy alike, The Garrett Collective expands access to high-quality theological education in multiple languages and modalities. Content is curated and developed in partnership with annual conferences, congregations, and mission-driven organizations to address expressed needs across the connection. This initiative strengthens ongoing professional development for clergy, equips lay leaders for faithful witness, and extends Garrett's reach to communities that may not otherwise have access to formal theological study. The Garrett Collective represents a significant step toward greater accessibility, affordability, and contextual responsiveness in theological education.

The seminary also announced a historic agreement with its long-standing campus partner, Northwestern University. Through this agreement, Garrett will relocate to newly designed, state-of-the-art facilities on the southern end of campus. These buildings will support the seminary's increasingly multi-modal student body—those studying on campus, in hybrid formats, and in fully immersive online programs from across the nation and around the world. The new facilities will allow Garrett to invest more fully in vibrant residential theological formation while simultaneously expanding global access through digital and hybrid degree offerings. This agreement reflects a deep and mutual commitment between the seminary and the university, positioning both institutions for a strong and collaborative future. Most importantly, it enables Garrett to remain focused on mission-driven initiatives for generations to come.

Garrett Seminary remains deeply committed to the vitality of The United Methodist Church. Through enrollment growth, digital innovation, historic institutional partnerships, and expanding grant-supported initiatives, the seminary is strengthening its capacity to serve the Church in a season of significant transition and opportunity. Guided by the conviction that God continues to call and equip leaders for this moment, Garrett looks forward to continued partnership with annual conferences, congregations, and ministries across the connection.

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

LEAWOOD, KANSAS & OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
JAY K. SIMMONS, PRESIDENT

What does God require of us? To act justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly with God. At Saint Paul School of Theology, this call from Micah 6:8 shapes everything we do—from preparing pastors to serve rural communities to fostering a beloved community where all belong. Centered in Christ and rooted in the Wesleyan tradition, we are committed to forming innovative leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

A Year of Growth and Vitality

2025 has been marked by remarkable momentum. Our Course of Study School educated 248 students—a 6% increase—with 628 course registrations, representing a 14% growth. These servant leaders are making a tangible difference: 42% serve rural communities with populations under 2,500, and twenty-two students serve as pastors of three or more churches. We celebrated twenty-one students completing the 20-course program, equipping them for licensed ministry.

Seminary enrollment grew by 9%, with a 33% increase in new students for Fall 2025. Our commitment to diversity is bearing fruit, with 29% racial diversity among students and almost even gender distribution. Students from thirty-one states and 220 cities connect with us through flexible online and hybrid learning options, while sixteen graduates of the Course of Study School have transitioned into our degree programs.

Living Our Strategic Vision

Our Board of Trustees has recently endorsed a strategic plan that reflects our values and responds to the changing contexts of the church and the world. We are striving to become a beloved community that embodies belonging, justice, equity, and inclusion. Our new Doctor of Ministry track in Spirituality, Innovation, and Adaptive Leadership exemplifies this vision, developing change agents grounded in contemplative spirituality and equipped with emotional intelligence and intercultural competence. These same principles permeate our Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Ministry programs.

Saint Paul remains financially healthy, operating with a balanced budget, no debt, and an endowment ten times our annual expenses. This sustainability, rooted in community donations, enables us to invest in scholarships, technology, and evolving academic programs that serve our students and the church.

Looking Ahead

In 2026, we are strengthening our foundation and expanding our horizons by cultivating a vibrant alum network—a lifelong professional and spiritual home. Through mentorship, resource sharing, and collaborative ministry, we are building a dynamic ecosystem that empowers graduates from their first day of classes through retirement and beyond.

Saint Paul School of Theology invites you to join us in this journey of formation, innovation, and transformation. Together, we are preparing leaders who embody justice, mercy, and humility as they serve Christ and His church.

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

DAYTON, OHIO
KENT MILLARD, PRESIDENT

Since 1871, United Theological Seminary has prepared faithful and fruitful Christian leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ. In the 2024-25 fiscal year, the seminary served 642 graduate students, 275

doctoral and 375 masters,* reflecting approximately 30 percent enrollment growth since 2021 and placing United among the largest United Methodist seminaries in the United States.

A diverse community of many denominations, races and nationalities, United welcomed students from thirty-eight states, twenty-four nations, and fifty-four denominations, with United Methodists representing the largest denominational group within the student body.

Academics
United's academic programs remain grounded in the historic Christian faith, scriptural holiness, and a commitment to the renewal of the church, preparing graduates to serve with wisdom, integrity, and hope.

United introduced a Doctor of Theology in 2024 to support pastor-scholars called to ministry at the intersection of the church and academy. The new degree program welcomed thirteen students in its first year.

The seminary's Doctor of Ministry program continues to attract experienced ministry leaders seeking advanced professional education focused on faithful leadership. In the 2024-25 school year, 262 students participated in the mentor-led program.

Master's programs include eight houses of study, serving nearly 200 students in the United States and around the world, with programs offered in English, Spanish and Korean. In July 2025, 11 students attended the first Contextual Ministry Retreat for the African House of Study, held at the Kenya Methodist Conference Center in Nairobi. The Hispanic House of Study will celebrate its first class of graduates in May 2026, with candidates from across the United States, Mexico, Colombia, and Peru.

Through rigorous scholarship, intentional mentoring, worship, and community life, as well as practical engagement with the church's needs, academic life at United advances the seminary's vision of Spirit-led leaders, a Christ-like Church, and a transformed world.

Finances
United continues to focus on reducing the educational debt of its students. The Fresh Wind Campaign to raise $10 million for the endowment is expanding scholarship opportunities for current and future students. The campaign has raised more than $9 million toward this goal, by the grace of God and through the generosity of alumni/ae, churches, and friends of the seminary.

Looking Ahead
United enters the coming years with gratitude for God's faithfulness and confidence in God's future. Several senior leaders have answered new calls, and President Dr. Kent Millard has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2026, concluding ten years of service marked by encouragement, vision, and stability. A Presidential Search Committee is at work to identify United's next president, who will begin service on July 1, 2026.

Trusting God's promise spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "I am about to do a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19), United remains committed to preparing Christian leaders who boldly proclaim the gospel and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

WASHINGTON, DC
REV. DR. DAVID MCALLISTER-WILSON, PRESIDENT

Wesley Theological Seminary (Wesley DC) remains steadfast in its mission to equip persons for Christian ministry and leadership in the church and the world, to advance theological scholarship, and to model a prophetic voice in the public square. In a season marked by institutional change, civic uncertainty, and renewed hope for the United Methodist Church, Wesley DC actively forms leaders who are spiritually grounded, intellectually rigorous, and engaged with the world God loves through the following programs.

Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Theological Studies Degrees: Wesley DC offers Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, and Master of Theological Studies degrees through residential, hybrid, and fully online formats. Our programs serve a diverse student body representing a wide range of denominations, cultural contexts, and vocational callings. https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/study/

Doctor of Ministry Degree: Wesley DC remains one of the largest Doctor of Ministry programs in the United States and serves experienced ministerial leaders from across the world. In May 2025, ten chaplains from southern Africa graduated through a landmark partnership with Africa University, reflecting Wesley DC's growing global reach. New tracks in Church Leadership Excellence, Soul Care, Global Church Leadership, and others begin in 2027. Learn more about how you can grow in wisdom and leadership at: https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctorofministry/program/.

Ministry Certificates and Lifelong Learning: Wesley Pathways for Ministry offers online courses and certificates to help you discover your passion for ministry and strengthen your leadership skills, whether you are a layperson or a pastor. Courses and certificates help people gain ministry and leadership skills for church, community, and specialized ministry settings. https://www.wesleypathways.com/

The Hub for (Re)imagining Ministry: Is your church ready to engage new generations or journey toward thriving in new ways? The Hub is currently accepting applications for its Engaging Young Adults nationwide, virtual cohort for congregations beginning August 2026, and will be recruiting new cohorts of congregations for Bringing Church Home (helping churches better accompany and support parents/caregivers in sharing their faith) and Children of Faith (helping churches center children in worship and formation) in fall 2026. The Hub is also entering into partnerships with UMC districts and annual conferences, equipping leaders to experiment, learn, and adapt faithfully in their local contexts. https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/wesley-innovation-hub/

The Lewis Center for Church Leadership: The Lewis Center welcomed Rev. Dr. Jonathan Page as its new Director in 2025. Dr. Page brings deep experience in leadership development across ecclesial and secular contexts and is guiding the Center into its next chapter of service to the Church. Through its widely read Leading Ideas newsletter and the Leading Ideas Talks podcast, the Lewis Center reaches thousands of leaders across the denomination. https://www.churchleadership.com/

Wesley Theological Seminary remains deeply committed to the United Methodist Church and to the formation of leaders who serve with humility, imagination, and courage. As the Church continues to discern its future, Wesley stands ready—faithful to its mission, responsive to the moment, and hopeful in God's ongoing work. For the Church. For the world. For such a time as this.

Legislation

General Items

ITEM 2026-01: LOCATION OF 2027 MEETING OF THE HTC

From: Lead Team

Action: Ratify Lead Team preliminary decision to hold the 2027 meeting of the HTC in Denton at the Denton Convention Center on Thursday, June 10 – Sunday, June 13, 2027.

ITEM 2026-02: OFFICE LOCATION AND PROPERTY

From: Board of Trustees

Action: Approve resolution

RESOLUTION REGARDING OFFICE LOCATION AND PROPERTY

Affirmed by vote of the Horizon Texas Conference Board of Trustees on February 19, 2026

Whereas, the Horizon Texas Annual Conference has previously authorized the sale of legacy Northwest Texas Annual Conference and North Texas Annual Conference office spaces; and

Whereas, the Property Location Committee of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference Board of Trustees studied the needs of current staff of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference and reviewed the availability of commercial office space; and

Whereas, based on its work, the Property Location Committee has made recommendations for the acquisition of new office space for the Horizon Texas Annual Conference; and

Whereas, the Horizon Texas Annual Conference Board of Trustees, the Bishop, and the Cabinet of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference have reviewed and approved the recommendations proposed by the Property Location Committee; it is therefore,

Resolved That the Horizon Texas Annual Conference directs and authorizes the Board of Trustees to act as follows:

1. The Horizon Texas Annual Conference Board of Trustees and the corporate officers of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized under Book of Discipline ¶ 2515 to act in all manner as may be reasonably necessary to lease office space meeting the criteria described herein. This authority shall include, but not be limited to, engaging a broker to assist in the location of a suitable office space, execution of a property lease, and execution of any other documentation to support the execution of the property lease.
2. The leased space shall meet the following criteria pursuant to the recommendations of the Property Location Committee:
    a. The space shall be within a range of 5,000 to 15,000 square feet in size.
    b. The base rental cost shall not exceed $40 per square foot per year (excluding electricity and other utilities).

c. The preferred lease term will be from 5 to 7 years, and in no event shall the lease term exceed 7 years.
d. The recommended location of the space is within a 30-minute drive of the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.

ITEM 2026-03: 2027 HTC PROPOSED BUDGET

From: Council on Finance and Administration

Action: Approve the 2027 budget for the Horizon Texas Annual Conference of the UMC:

The Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A) recommends that the Annual Conference approve the following 2027 budget. Comparisons to the 2026 budget are included. Since HTC officially began operations on January 1, 2025, actual amounts are not yet available. Supplemental information is included to communicate how funds will be spent in 2027.

Budget Highlights
A key to the successful launch of the Horizon Texas Conference is a bold plan to be Christ in the world and focus on local church growth. After the initial HTC budget was passed at the Unifying Conference, the Conference staff committed to presenting a balanced budget for the 2027 year. Significant progress toward this goal was made in 2026, and we bring forth a balanced budget for 2027. Our budget assumes a 100% payout from the local churches to achieve this goal.

Apportionments and Connectional Giving. We also acknowledge the significant financial pressures in our local churches from higher property insurance rates and churches departing the legacy conferences. The 2026 budget eliminated capped reductions, and the 2027 budget continues to follow this approach. Approximately 48% of our churches will see a reduction in apportionments for 2027, compared with 70% in 2026. Any increases to a local church's apportionments from 2026 to 2027 are limited to 25%. Approximately 11.3% of our churches experienced an increase in apportionment of greater than 25%.

The apportionment formula multiplies the reported local church giving through ACStats (Lines 52a, 52b, 52c, and 52h) by the apportionment factor, which remains unchanged at 7.5% from 2025.

Non-apportioned Revenue. The Conference staff identified three outside sources of income: grant funding, fundraising, and earnings on funds. HTC began applying for grants to help accomplish the mission while using some of these grant funds to offset costs, such as salaries. Our camps and campus ministries continue to pursue fundraising activities to increase revenue. As presented in the 2026 Budget, the Conference identified earnings from restricted funds as available for the general (unrestricted) use of the Conference.

Expenses. The proposed budget's expenses increased by $189K (thousand), or1.28%, from the 2026 budget, driven by three primary factors. First, the Conference is introducing the Family Health Subsidy, which adds $250K to the budget. Second, Conference staff salaries and benefits added $483K, primarily due to a 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment and 12% increase in healthcare premiums. Third, the General Church apportionments set by the General Council on Finance and Administration increased by $364K. While this seems like a large increase, GCFA lowered the 2026 target amount. These increases were largely offset by 1) "surgical" reductions in planned expenses for the Strategic Priority Centers, and 2) continued use of restricted and designated funds. Also note that the General Church and Jurisdictional targets are paid at the same percentage rate as the local churches remit to the Conference.

Proposed Budget

The simplified budget is presented below. While payout rates of 100%, 95%, and 90% are shown, the vote is for the budget amounts at the 100% payout rate. The other rates are shown for illustrative purposes only, to indicate potential outcomes. Also note an adjustment to the General Church and Jurisdictional payouts to reflect potential lower apportionment payments received from the local churches.

Income (in 000s)			
Source	**100%**	**95%**	**90%**
Connectional Giving/Apportionments	$ 12,482	$ 11,858	$ 11,234
Restricted/Designated Funds	1,472	1,472	1,472
Grants/Fundraising	-	-	-
Earnings from Assets	2,552	2,552	2,552
Total Income	$ 16,506	$ 15,882	$ 15,258

Expenses (in 000s)				
	Full 2027	**Net 2027**	**2026**	**Change**
Strategic Priorities Total	$ 6,057	$ 4,977	$ 5,221	$ (244)
District Operations	2,113	2,053	2,129	(76)
Conference HQ	3,762	3,430	3,283	147
Gen Conf/SCJ Targets	4,571	4,571	4,208	363
Total Expenses	$ 16,503	$ 15,031	$ 14,841	$ 190

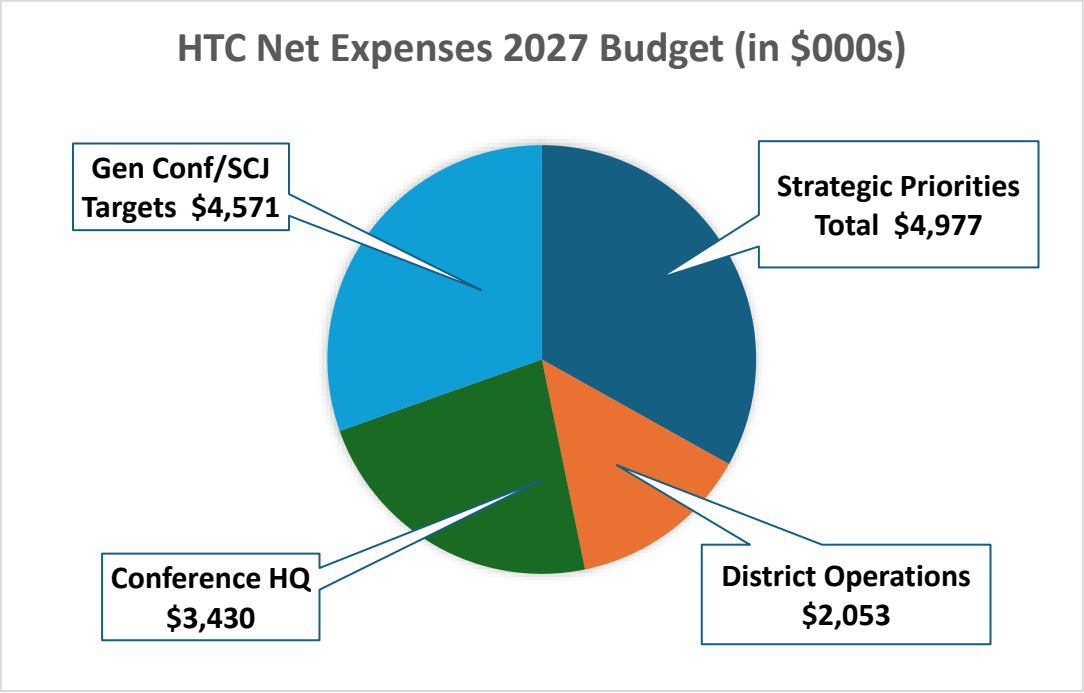
Note: the "Full 2027" expenses are the entire projected expenses for the year. The "Net 2027" amount shows the total expenses after accounting for the use of restricted and designated funds. Hence, the use of restricted and designated funds for 2027 is $1,472K.

Projected Gain or (Deficit) (in 000s)			
	100%	**95%**	**90%**
Total Income	$ 16,506	$ 15,882	$ 15,258
Total Expenses	(16,503)	(16,503)	(16,503)
General Church Adjustment	-	229	457
Net Gain/(Loss)	$ 3	$ (392)	$ (788)

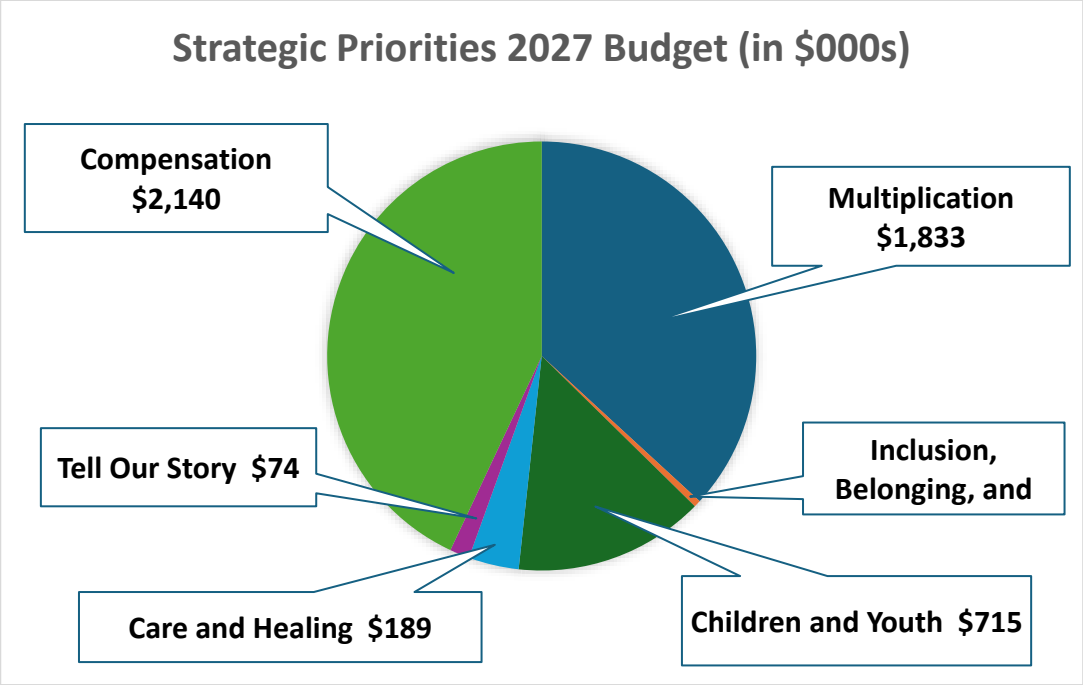
Supplementary Information

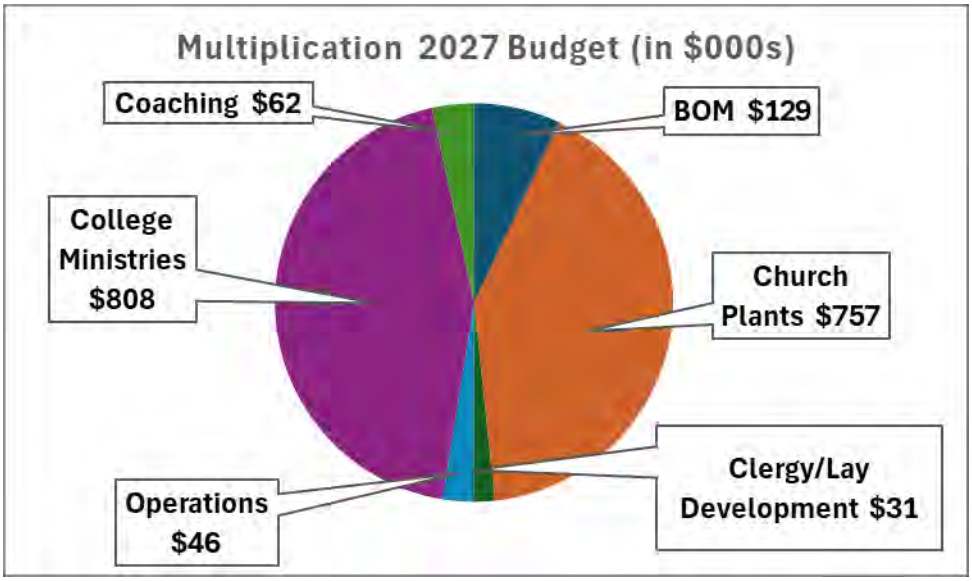
Unrestricted Cash Available for Operations (in $000s)			
Source	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**
Begin Balance Unrestricted Cash	$ 7,474	$ 5,641	$ 16,715
Annual Operational Gain/(Deficit)	(1,833)	(849)	(788)
CRSP DB Recharacterized	-	7,423	-
Conference Office Sales	-	4,500	-
Ending Balance Unrestricted Cash	$ 5,641	$ 16,715	$ 15,927

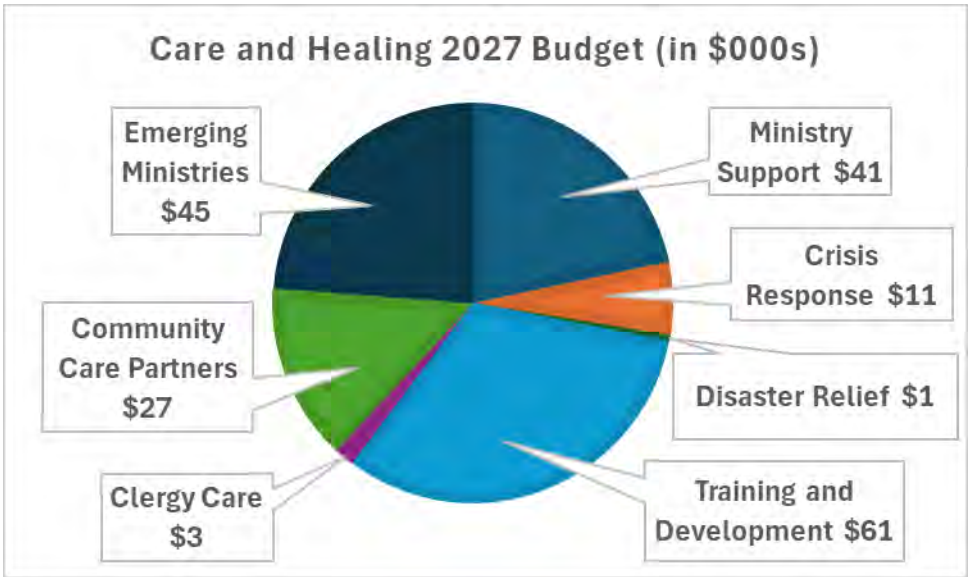
Unrestricted cash is used to cover the Conference's operational expenses. Without adequate cash, the Conference would be unable to pay its bills. Even with operational deficits forecasted at the 90% payout level, the Conference will have adequate unrestricted cash available for several years.

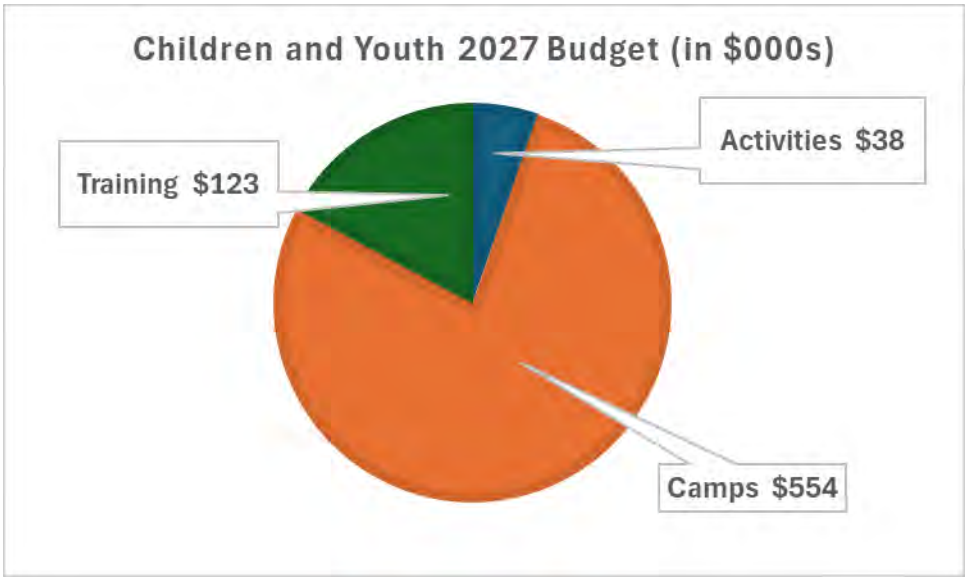


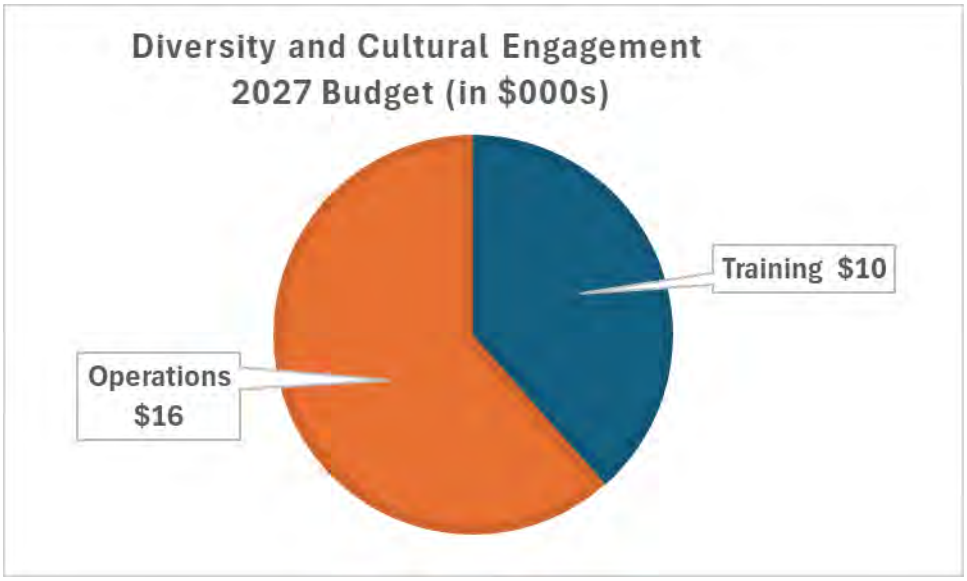
Strategic Priorities Budget Summary			
Center	2025 Actual	2027	2026
Multiplication	$ 2,076	$ 1,833	$ 2,134
Diversity, Cultural Engagement	19	26	122
Children and Youth	637	715	890
Care and Healing	150	189	210
Tell Our Story	53	74	78
Total Strategic Priorities Expenses	$ 2,935	$ 2,837	$ 3,434
Note: the expenses shown are after using restricted and designated funds.			

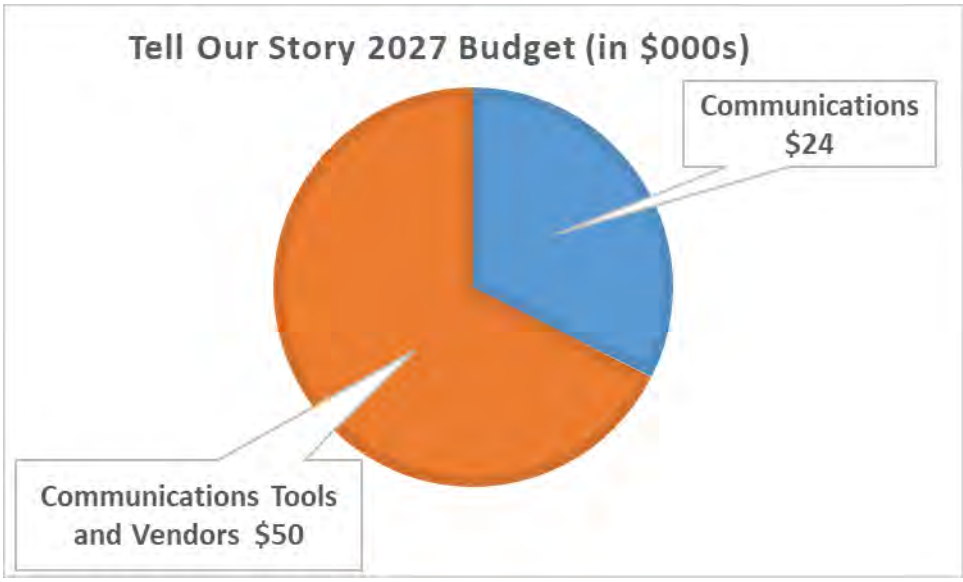





Care and Healing 2027 Budget (in $000s)
Emerging Ministries $45
Ministry Support $41
Crisis Response $11
Community Care Partners $27
Disaster Relief $1
Clergy Care $3
Training and Development $61


Children and Youth 2027 Budget (in $000s)
Activities $38
Training $123
Camps $554


Diversity and Cultural Engagement 2027 Budget (in $000s)
Training $10
Operations $16



ITEM 2026-04: HTC FINANCIAL POLICIES

From: Council on Finance and Administration

Action: Approve the HTC Financial Policies, which replace previously approved Legislative Item 2025-09: Business Practices and Expense Reimbursement Policies of The Horizon Texas Conference as recorded in the 2025 Journal.

A. FINANCIAL PRACTICES

1. **Conference Fiscal Year**. The fiscal year of the annual conference begins January 1 and runs through December 31.

2. **Apportionments made based on the Conference Fiscal Year**. The apportionments to the local churches shall be made based on the information provided during the conference's previous fiscal year.

3. **Conference Books**. The conference treasurer's accounting records ("books") for receiving and crediting apportionments for the previous conference fiscal year shall be closed annually at noon on the second Monday after January 1. Any apportionment payments received by the conference treasurer after this time will be applied toward the conference apportionments for the new year that has just started.

4. **Disposition of Interest Income and Earnings**. Interest and earnings on any funds, except as noted, managed by the conference treasurer shall be declared general funds of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference and administered by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Interest income and earnings will be directed to the areas specified by designated trusts, outside grants, and other similar documents.

5. **Contractual Obligations and Spending**. No center or group shall obligate the Horizon Texas Conference financially. The board of trustees granted the chief financial officer authority to obligate the Conference financially.

   All centers and groups receive a budget approved by the prior annual conference. The approved budget may not be exceeded in total. In some cases, centers and groups may have

access to account balances that rolled over from the previous year(s). If a significant new project or program is needed that was not approved within the budget from the previous annual conference, it must be presented to the Lead Team and the Council on Finance and Administration for approval. New items must first be submitted to the Lead Team and, if approved, submitted to the Council on Finance and Administration for appraisal and consideration for the current year. No center or group shall include requests for funds other than those required for its operation or programs. Requests for funds for the same cause or concern shall be granted to only one center or group.

6. **Annual Conference Appeals**. When an application is submitted to the annual conference for the privilege of a conference-wide financial appeal, whether through special collections, campaigns, or other means, the application shall be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration before final action is taken. The Council on Finance and Administration shall investigate the application and its potential impact on the conference's other obligations and, based on the facts, make recommendations to the annual conference.

   The bishop and the extended cabinet will recommend to the Council on Finance and Administration where offerings from the annual conference gathering will be directed. The Council on Finance and Administration will ratify or reject the suggestions prior to the annual conference's gathering.

7. **Auditing**. Every year, the Council on Finance and Administration shall nominate an auditing firm to audit the conference's financial statements. All institutions receiving financial support from the annual conference, either through direct apportionment or special offerings, shall, if requested, submit audited financial statements to the Council on Finance and Administration. The audited financial statements must reflect the receipt and disbursement of the financial support received from the annual conference. Such financial statements shall be provided to the Council on Finance and Administration by October 1 of each year for the previous fiscal year.

8. **Apportionments**. The conference treasurer, with the assistance of the district superintendents, shall annually compute the apportionment amount for each church. By September 1, the conference treasurer shall provide each church with its apportionment amount for the upcoming year.

9. **Ethical Fiscal Principles**. The following ethical principles apply to the appropriation and disbursement of funds by the annual conference:
   a. **Restricted Funds**. Funds received for a specific purpose by the donor, grantor, or other entity must be used strictly for the purpose(s) as stated in the accompanying documents. Such funds are restricted and must be maintained and accounted for in a separate financial institution account(s). These restricted funds will be administered efficiently, without waste or duplication, to achieve maximum effectiveness from the use of available funds. Any interest or returns earned on restricted funds will be directed to the areas specified by designated trusts, outside grants, and other similar documents. If no direction of interest and returns are specified, the earned funds will be moved to the unrestricted funds available for approved budget items.
   b. **Designated Funds**. The annual conference meeting may designate funds for a specific purpose through legislative action. Such funds may be kept with other unrestricted funds in the same financial institution account(s). When the specific purpose has been achieved, it will be reported to the annual conference. Any remaining funds may be undesignated through legislative action. Between annual conference meetings, the Lead Team may, as appropriate, designate funds for a specific purpose. Such funds may only be undesignated through legislative action of the annual conference. Designated funds remain available for the specified use at the beginning of a new fiscal year, unless otherwise stated in the legislative action.

c. **Unrestricted Funds**. All other funds, those without a restricted or designated purpose, are unrestricted and available for use to pay the expenses and outlays of the Conference as approved in the annual budget passed by the annual conference.
d. Net proceeds from the sale of annual conference property are considered capital funds and should be applied to the intended use for the original property. If this is not feasible or practical, priority should be given to the most similar purpose for which the funds can be used effectively or to capital improvements within a reasonable geographical proximity. District boundary lines should not be the primary consideration, and the entire community or metropolitan area should be considered. Likewise, funds received as indemnity for the loss or destruction of any capital assets of the annual conference should be treated as capital assets. They should be used for similar purposes if restoration of the property is feasible.

10. **District Superintendent's Salary**. The salary of a district superintendent shall be adjusted annually, informed by the average percentage change in the base compensation of full-time pastors appointed to serve local churches or in appointments for which the conference is responsible. The district superintendents' salary will be recommended by the personnel committee to the CF&A. Additionally, the compensation level is to be evaluated by the Council on Finance and Administration every five years in relation to the pastoral salaries of the Horizon Texas Conference and other annual conferences.

11. **Clergy Move and Retirement Dates**. The effective date for annual conference moves and clergy retirements is July 1. Thus, when a pastoral change is formally announced, the salary for the previous appointment shall be paid through June 30, and the salary for the new appointment shall begin on July 1. The official moving day for the annual conference's new appointments is the Thursday after the last Sunday in June. The first Sunday of the new appointment for affected clergy who are moving is the first Sunday in July.

ITEM 2026-05: MINIMUM NUMBER OF CHARTER MEMBERS

From: Cabinet

Action: Approve resolution as amended

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Conference, in accordance with *Discipline* ¶ 259.4, sets seventy-five as the minimum number of professing members required before a new church may be chartered or one year of financial sustainability, in addition to other parameters as set by the bishop and appointive cabinet to ensure vitality and sustainability.

ITEM 2026-06: AUDITOR FOR THE CONFERENCE ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

From: Council on Finance and Administration

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following resolution:

Whereas, the Book of Discipline requires annual conferences to audit their financial statements annually;

Whereas, the 2026 audit will be the first audited statements with year-to-year comparisons of the Horizon Texas Conference; and

Whereas, the proposed independent auditor for 2026 has audited the financial statements for two legacy conferences for several years, and is the auditor for the 2025 financial statements; it is therefore

Resolved, That Ratliff and Associates, P.C. is selected to audit the conference accounts and financial statements for 2026.

ITEM 2026-07: MOVING EXPENSES POLICY

From: Council on Finance and Administration

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following policy:

Purpose: This document is intended to develop a comprehensive moving expenses policy for The Horizon Texas Conference. It lists guiding principles to remind us of our focus and priorities in making decisions. It also contains questions and issues to be resolved through discussion among the various stakeholders.
Guiding Principles:

1. The policy must balance cost effectiveness to the Conference (good stewardship) while minimizing the financial impact to the clergyperson and their families (caring for clergy). Under current IRS rules, moving expenses are taxable to the clergyperson, regardless of whether paid to the clergyperson or a third party (e.g., mover).
2. The policy should be streamlined by minimizing Conference decision-making and allowing those being moved to make time-sensitive decisions.
3. Exceptions outside of the baseline policy should be flexible and quickly addressed.
4. This policy remains in harmony with the Book of Discipline and other Horizon Texas Conference policies.

Moving expenses for eligible clergy and their families will be administered as follows:

1. Roles and Responsibilities:
    a. Treasurer:
        i. Establish and administer the Moving Fund with the approval of the Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A), LEAD Team, and Annual Conference.
        ii. Recommend the amount to be funded annually based on historical information and reasonable projections to the CF&A, as part of the budgeting process.
        iii. If available, ensure restricted funds are utilized before apportioned funds.
        iv. Update this policy regularly, including drafting legislation for review and recommendation by CF&A to the Annual Conference.
        v. Develop and implement the moving packet, procedures, and workflows through collaboration and coordination of affected groups.
        vi. Periodically review the IRS regulations related to moving expenses and make amendments to this policy and procedures, as necessary.
    b. Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A):
        i. Review, discuss, and amend changes to this policy, including proposed legislation, if necessary, to the Annual Conference.
        ii. Approve the maximum amounts for each category annually.
        iii. Review, approve, deny, or modify supplemental requests that exceed the limits stated in this policy.
    c. District Administrators (DAs)/Move Coordinator(s):
        i. Forward the moving packet to the affected clergy as soon as practical, keeping in mind the sensitive nature of pastoral transitions.
        ii. Answer questions from clergypersons related to moving expenses.

iii. Identify and forward to the Treasurer questions that cannot be answered, policy recommendations, and recommended changes to procedures.
iv. Process payment and reimbursement requests.

d. Clergypersons being moved:
i. Recall the vows of itineracy and have faith and hope in God's movement to utilize your gifts and graces in a new mission location.
ii. Familiarize yourself with the moving expense policy and procedures.
iii. Adhere to all instructions and due dates. Failure to comply with instructions or submit on time may result in unpaid expenses.
iv. Practice good stewardship by striving to keep costs within the set limits.
v. Understand that moving costs covered by the Conference, regardless of how they are paid, are taxable as income, and take any necessary steps to address the additional taxes owed.
vi. If departing a church-provided parsonage, ensure communication with the local church about the pending move, including dates, inspections, repairs, and cleaning.
vii. If seeking to delay the physical move, communicate with the DS and the receiving church so that all understand the circumstances and support the decision, before informing the Treasurer and DA/Move Coordinator.

e. District Superintendents/Appointive Cabinet:
i. When a pastoral transition is confirmed, inform the DAs/Moving Coordinator of the names of affected clergypersons to initiate the moving process.
ii. When a clergyperson is appointed and currently lives outside of The Horizon Texas Conference boundaries, notify the receiving church that they will be responsible for any costs exceeding the amounts defined in this policy.

f. Personnel Committee:
i. In hiring non-clergypersons for conference positions, determine if moving expenses will be reimbursed and to what amount, using this policy as a guide.
ii. Inform the Treasurer of the decision made regarding reimbursement for moving expenses.

2. General:
a. The Moving Fund shall assist in paying the moving expenses for household goods, office furniture, and equipment of itinerant clergy appointed to a pastoral charge, a conference staff position, or as district superintendent.
b. Under the Moving Expenses policy, three types of costs will be covered or reimbursed:
i. A Moving Stipend to cover the transportation of household goods and other moving-related costs (see below for specific details).
ii. Mileage reimbursement and per diem for visiting the new mission field and movement of vehicles to the new domicile (see below).
iii. A supplemental moving grant may be requested to cover additional moving costs (see below).
c. The Treasurer and Stewardship Team shall follow the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) regulations in issuing the proper tax forms to those who move.
i. The moving funds either issued to a clergyperson or paid directly to a third party are taxable income and will be reported as such to the IRS.
ii. The clergyperson is responsible for reporting the moving costs as taxable income and paying any related Federal or State income taxes. Funds paid directly to a clergyperson or a third party related to a move will be reported on Form 1099.
d. The Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A) shall establish the moving stipend and supplemental grant maximums by January 31 for the upcoming appointment cycle. If CF&A does issue new maximum amounts by this date, the previous amounts will remain in effect until the rates are updated.

e. Under special circumstances, an eligible clergyperson receiving a new appointment may delay their move for up to one year. If the District Superintendent agrees with the delay, the Conference Treasurer has the authority to approve covering the costs of a delayed move. If approved by the Treasurer, the funding limits of the current move cycle will apply. Reasons for a delayed move include, but are not limited to:
    i. Housing availability, such as significant repairs or remodeling needed for the parsonage of the receiving church, finding suitable housing, and difficulty in selling their current primary residence.
    ii. Family-related issues, such as children completing high school, employment-related issues for a family member, or caring for a family member.
f. Eligible clergypersons may submit requests for a supplemental moving grant to cover additional expenses. The Treasurer can approve such requests up to the limit specified in this policy. A request for reimbursement for a higher amount must be approved by the Treasurer, the DS, and the chair of the CF&A.
g. If the Conference holds restricted funds related to clergy relocations, those should be utilized before using apportioned funds.

3. Eligibility:
    a. Clergypersons receiving a new appointment included in this provision shall include full members, provisional members, associate members, local pastors, seminary students appointed to a local charge, one move of a retiring clergy person to his/her retirement residence, and those under disability leave.
    b. Clergy couples under Horizon Texas Conference appointments are eligible for higher moving amounts:
        i. Those living in the same residence will be allowed an increase of 25% for the moving stipend.
        ii. Those living in two parsonages will be allowed an increase of 100% for the moving stipend.
        iii. All other moving costs or reimbursements remain at the same level.
        iv. The approval thresholds for clergy couple moves are the same as an individual clergyperson move.
    c. Clergypersons with a disability are eligible for the benefits of this moving policy and potentially receive a supplemental grant.
        i. Disabled clergypersons receiving a new appointment may request a supplemental grant.
        ii. Clergypersons serving under an appointment while becoming disabled and still being able to serve in their appointment may request a supplemental grant.
        iii. Clergypersons serving under an appointment who become disabled and can no longer serve, but are not eligible for retirement, may request a supplemental grant.
    d. Retiring clergypersons are eligible to receive the following benefits:
        i. A retiring clergyperson may receive up to $5,000 in reimbursement for their moving stipend.
        ii. Retiring clergypersons are not eligible to receive the mileage reimbursement and per diem amounts for visiting their retirement location. They remain eligible for mileage reimbursement for relocating vehicles to their retirement location, provided the total moving costs do not exceed the $5,000 limit.
        iii. Clergy couples are eligible for one retirement move. If, at the retirement of the first clergyperson, they reside in a church parsonage and relocate to the spouse's residence, the move will be reimbursed and not considered a retirement move. If the retiring clergyperson moves to a retirement location, the relocation costs will be covered as described in this policy. The spouse will not be eligible for a future retirement move.

iv. Retiring clergypersons must complete their retirement move within 60 days of their effective retirement date in order to receive reimbursement or have their expenses covered.

e. If a clergyperson in retired status is required to move their primary residence to accept an appointment within The Horizon Texas Annual Conference, they are entitled to the same moving benefits defined in this policy as active clergy.
   i. If a clergyperson takes retirement and accepts an appointment immediately following their retirement date, the retirement move is considered delayed.
   ii. In this situation, the clergyperson may claim their retirement move after their final appointment. They must follow the rules and limits of the retirement move that will be in effect at that time.

f. Clergypersons under suspension or clergy leaving an appointment in The Horizon Texas Annual Conference for leave of absence, honorable location, a non-Conference responsible extension ministry, and transfer to another conference or denomination will not be eligible for any moving benefits defined in this policy.

g. Clergypersons moving into the Horizon Texas Annual Conference, and under an appointment as described above, are eligible to receive all the benefits of this moving policy. However, if the total moving costs exceed the benefits allowed in this policy, the District Superintendent will work with the receiving church to cover any additional costs.

h. Some Districts in The Horizon Texas Annual Conference maintain a district parsonage, and some do not. District Superintendents appointed where a parsonage is provided are entitled to the moving benefits defined in this policy.
   i. If a District Superintendent is appointed to a district without a parsonage, they will receive a housing allowance as determined by the Personnel Committee and stated in their hiring letter and compensation form.
   ii. If a District Superintendent is appointed to a district with a parsonage, and they decline to occupy the parsonage as their primary residence, they will not be entitled to receive the housing allowance established for District Superintendents.

i. Clergypersons receiving an appointment which includes an extension ministry (non-Conference sponsored) must be appointed at least 50% to a local church(es) to be eligible for the moving benefits described in this policy.

j. Clergypersons appointed to a Conference staff position will be eligible for all the moving benefits described in this policy.

k. For clergypersons not living in a parsonage and receiving a new appointment that does not offer a parsonage, a distance or travel time test must be met to be eligible for the benefits of the moving policy.
   i. If the new appointment is twenty-five miles or greater from the clergyperson's residence, they would be eligible for all the benefits of this policy. The distance must be documented from a source such as MapQuest, the Maps app, or Google Maps. The distance must be the shortest and most efficient route.
   ii. If the new appointment is less than 25 miles from the clergyperson's residence, and their commuting time is regularly more than 60 minutes one-way, then they would be eligible for all the benefits of this policy. The commuting time must be documented using a source such as the Maps app, Google Maps, or a similar tool that shows the projected or actual time taken to drive the most direct and efficient route. The new residence must significantly reduce the commuting time as documented by a source described above.

l. When a clergyperson dies while under appointment to a local charge, conference staff position, or as a district superintendent, the surviving spouse and/or dependents may have their moving costs paid by the Conference within the provisions of this policy. If no spouse or dependents are living with the clergy person at the time of their death, a move

may be provided in accordance with this policy within 90 days after the clergyperson's death. A Form-1099 will be issued in the name of the surviving spouse for that tax year.

m. Non-clergy hired to work in the Conference office are not eligible for moving expense reimbursement unless approved by the Personnel Committee as part of their compensation and offer letter.
n. If a clergyperson receives a new appointment and owns their primary residence, and sustains significant financial hardship, they may request a supplemental grant to cover some costs. See below for details.

4. Moving Stipend:
    a. The maximum allowable expense for the moving stipend for the 2026 move cycle is $8,000. The moving stipend includes the costs of the physical relocation and ancillary costs, such as packing and cleaning supplies. Estimates for the moving company to be used must be submitted and approved prior to the move. When submitting a request for reimbursement or payment, receipts must be provided. There are four levels of approval amounts:
        i. If the move bid is $3,500 or less, only one bid is required. The clergy person may seek more than one bid. The DA/Move Coordinator will determine the approval.
        ii. If the bid is greater than $3,500, at least two bids must be submitted. The lower bid will be the approved amount for the moving stipend. The DA/Move Coordinator will determine the approval up to $6,000.
        iii. Moving bids between $6,000 and $8,000 will be reviewed and determined by the Treasurer.
        iv. All moving bids greater than $8,000 shall be reviewed by the Treasurer and the receiving District Superintendent and forwarded to CF&A for a determination.
    b. The types of expenses permitted under this section include packing materials, packing services, cleaning products, cleaning services, and other items necessary to prepare for a relocation and leave the departing residence in an acceptable condition. Individuals departing a parsonage should ensure that it is in an acceptable condition for the incoming clergyperson. It is highly recommended that the departing clergyperson communicate with the appropriate group or subgroup of the local church to ensure the parsonage is left in an acceptable condition. Also included are the costs for packing, loading, short-term storage, relocation (physical driving), and unloading of the household goods, office equipment, and other items within the domicile and the pastor's office.
    c. The total amount for these expenses should be relatively minor compared to the cost of the mover. There is no specific limit on these expenses; however, they are included as part of the moving stipend when determining the maximum moving cost limit stated above, or $8,000.
    d. Items not covered under this section include tips and gratuities, and separate, specialized moving services for musical instruments, boats, and other items. Refer to the Supplemental Grant section for information about potential reimbursement for some specialized items.
    e. Receipts must be submitted, or if direct payment is made to the vendor(s), arrangements must be made with the DA/Move Coordinator.
5. Mileage and Per Diem Reimbursement:
    a. Those clergypersons eligible for moving expenses are also eligible for mileage and per diem reimbursement. Expenses covered include the introductory visit to the receiving church, a house-hunting trip, and the relocation of a personally owned vehicle(s) to the new appointment.
        i. Round-trip mileage for the introductory meeting for a new appointment may be reimbursed. If overnight accommodations are necessary, they shall be reimbursed for a single night. To minimize costs to the Conference, the

clergyperson is encouraged to combine the introductory meeting with the house-hunting trip (discussed below).

ii. If a new appointment requires physical relocation and there is no church-provided parsonage, the clergyperson may claim expenses for a house-hunting trip. Allowable expenses include: 1) mileage reimbursement to the area and driving around looking at potential residences; 2) lodging expenses for two nights; and 3) meals for up to three days.

iii. Clergypersons may request mileage from their current residence to their new residence as part of the move. Mileage requested may be for up to two vehicles.

b. Retired clergy and seminary students returning to take an appointment are eligible for mileage reimbursement, and the lodging and meal per diem.

c. The mileage reimbursement rate follows the rates set by the Internal Revenue Service. The lodging and meal per diem rates allowed are set by the General Services Administration. Note that the meal per diem rate for the first and last days of travel is 75% of the regular daily rate.

6. Supplemental Grant:

a. The purpose of a supplemental grant is to provide financial relief related to an appointment relocation to minimize the out-of-pocket costs to clergypersons. Note: supplemental grants are subject to review and approval and may be denied. The Treasurer has the authority to approve grants up to $3,000. Requests for higher amounts shall be referred to the CF&A for review and consideration.

b. Breaking leases. When a clergyperson rents or leases their home, they may need to pay fees if departing before the end of the contractual term. Clergypersons should seek to minimize costs:

i. Communicate with the lessor to see if the fees can be reduced or waived.

ii. Consider commuting to the new location if feasible for a period of time.

iii. Determine if the property can be subleased or a new renter substituted.

iv. Unused amounts for the Transportation of Household Goods and the Moving Stipend cannot be applied toward this purpose.

v. A narrative explaining the situation with cost estimates must be included.

c. Moving unique items. Individuals may have unique items that cannot be easily relocated and require the use of specialty movers. Examples include musical instruments such as pianos, or trailers for automobiles and boats.

i. To be eligible to receive a supplemental grant, the items being moved must be directly and significantly related to their ministry. For example, suppose a clergyperson is a music minister who uses a piano at home to rehearse for worship services. The piano is directly and significantly related to their ministry and would be eligible to receive the supplemental grant to use a specialized mover. Similarly, suppose a clergyperson owned a piano and wanted to use a specialized mover, but they play for the congregation a few times a year. In this situation, the piano's use is not directly and significantly related to their ministry, and they would not be eligible for the supplemental grant.

ii. Unused amounts for the Transportation of Household Goods can be applied toward this purpose, even if not directly and significantly related to the clergyperson's ministry.

iii. A narrative explaining the situation with cost estimates must be included.

d. Difficulty in Selling a Residence. In rare instances, a clergyperson receiving a new appointment may need to sell their residence, which could result in a significant financial hardship. Any such transaction must be a sale to an unrelated third party.

i. A financial hardship in selling a personal residence occurs when the seller incurs additional costs or losses that exceed the amount owed on the primary mortgage.

For example, selling a residence at fair market value and still owing money on the primary mortgage.

ii. Purchasing a new residence and maintaining two mortgages is not considered a financial hardship. Nor is selling the current residence for an amount less than paid, but higher than the amount owed on the primary mortgage.

iii. Unused amounts for the Transportation of Household Goods cannot be applied toward this purpose.

iv. A narrative explaining the situation with cost estimates must be included.

v. All requests for this type of assistance, regardless of the amount, shall be referred to the CF&A for review and consideration.

e. Disabled Clergy. Pastors with a disability status moving to a new appointment are eligible to receive a supplemental grant, in addition to other moving costs and reimbursements, at the time of relocation of their primary residence, including church-owned parsonages. The supplemental grant is intended to assist the clergyperson in covering some of the costs associated with modifying their new residence, such as installing entrance ramps, wide-swinging doors, bathing facilities, specialized lights, and motion detectors. This grant is also available to disabled clergy persons relocating out of The Horizon Texas Conference. The maximum amount of this supplemental grant is $3,000. The individual may submit a request for a higher amount, which will be submitted to the Treasurer and forwarded to the CF&A for consideration.

7. Procedures/High-Level Workflow:

a. DS informs the clergyperson of the new appointment, then notifies the DA/Move Coordinator.

b. The DA/Move Coordinator contacts the newly appointed clergyperson, providing them with the link to the online Clergy Move Intake Form. Once eligibility is determined, clergy will receive an email with the moving policy and further instructions.

c. The clergyperson will submit the required information using the appropriate online forms to submit receipts and reimbursement requests. The clergyperson will also provide the DA/Move Coordinator with any vendor's contact information if the Conference is paying the vendor directly.

d. The DA/Move Coordinator processes payment requests and reimbursements following the current standard process. Reimbursements over the limits stated in the policy must be forwarded to the Treasurer for approval or additional action.

e. The Treasurer will bill the clergyperson for costs paid by the Conference exceeding the limits approved. If an arrangement is made where the local church agrees to cover the additional costs, the church will be billed.

Summary of Maximum Eligible Moving Amounts[3]

Eligibility	Moving Stipend	Miles and Per Diem	Supplemental
Clergyperson	Up to $3,500, one bid, plus receipts; Up to $6,000, two bids, plus receipts; >$6,000 and <$8,000, two bids, plus receipts, approved by the Treasurer Over $8,000, two bids, CF&A decision	Mileage: YES Per Diem: Yes, if needing to purchase a residence	$3,000 limit for the Treasurer Higher amounts referred to CF&A
Clergy Couple	125% if the same residence 200% if different residences	Mileage: YES Per Diem: Yes, if needing to purchase a residence	$3,000 limit for the Treasurer Higher amounts referred to CF&A
Clergypersons with a disability	Same as a clergyperson	Same as a clergyperson	$3,000 limit for the Treasurer Higher amounts referred to CF&A
Retiring clergy vacating a parsonage	Same as a clergyperson	Same as a clergyperson	$3,000 limit for the Treasurer Higher amounts referred to CF&A
Retiring clergy who own a residence	Same as a clergyperson, but the move must be completed within 60 days of the retirement date.	Same as a clergyperson; miles limited to XX	Not Applicable
Retired clergy accepting an appointment	Same as a clergyperson	Same as a clergyperson	
Taxable?	Yes. Reported by 1099.	Yes. Reported by 1099.	Yes. Reported by 1099.

ITEM 2026-08: DE-DESIGNATING THE EARNINGS FROM THE OVERFUNDED PORTION OF THE RETIREE MEDICAL ACCOUNT FOR UNRESTRICTED USE BY THE CONFERENCE AND TO FUND FAMILY HEALTH SUBSIDY

From: Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, with concurrence from Council on Finance and Administration

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following resolution:

Whereas, the Horizon Texas Conference seeks to utilize funding sources besides apportionments and connectional giving to minimize and eliminate deficits; and

[3] If the information in this table does not agree with the text of the document, the text of the document takes precedence.

Whereas, the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits has reviewed the actuarial report stating the Expected Postretirement Benefit Obligation for retiree medical expenses as of December 31, 2025, is $14,946,695, and the amount of assets in the HTC Retiree Medical Reserve based on the most recently issued valuation Report, totaled $54,913,667; it is therefore

Resolved, That the portion of the earnings (and only the earnings) in calendar years 2027, 2028, and 2029 that are attributable to amount held in the Retiree Medical Reserve Account as of December 31 in each of the respective preceding years that exceeds 140% of the Expected Postretirement Benefit Obligation, as reported in the Retiree Medical Annual Valuation Report shall be designated (the "Threshold Earnings Amount") as unrestricted funds of the Conference for use by the HTC Council on Finance and Administration, Cabinet, Board of Trustees, and officers according to The Book of Discipline, and as approved by the 2026 Horizon Texas Annual Conference; and be it further,

Resolved, That the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits shall have the authority to adjust the Threshold Earnings Amount each year, based on factors such as significant changes in the Expected Postretirement Benefit Obligation, the market value of the portfolio, projected economic factors, and other relevant considerations; and be it further,

Resolved, That the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits directs that a portion of the unrestricted earnings generated by this legislation be applied to the Family Health Subsidy each year, as determined by the Board. For 2027, the maximum amount to be directed to the Family Health Subsidy is $250,000. The Board of Pensions and Health Benefits may adjust the amount of the Family Health Subsidy for calendar years 2028 and 2029 in a prudent and sustainable manner.

ITEM 2026-09: CLERGY FAMILY ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

From: Board of Pensions and Health Benefits

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") hereby adopts the following resolutions:

Whereas, the Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") tasked the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (the "BOPHB") to address the affordability of healthcare coverage for clergy families; and

Whereas, the BOPHB formed a subcommittee of representative members of the Conference to address this issue; and

Whereas, the BOPHB's subcommittee recommended that financial assistance to clergy families be based on a clergy compensation falling below a threshold percentage of minimum base salary; and

Whereas, the BOPHB has determined that a portion of the earnings (and only the earnings) in each of the three-year period commencing in 2027 from the BOPHB Retiree Medical Account can be used to fund financial assistance to pay approximately $300 per month for clergy-participant plus one coverage and approximately $600 per month for clergy-participant plus family of the cost of insured healthcare through the Conference-sponsored health insurance program without impairing the ability to provide retiree medical benefits to eligible retired clergy; it is therefore

Resolved, That for calendar years 2027 through 2029, a portion of the earnings from the BOPHB Retiree Medical Account, in an amount not to exceed $250,000 per year, shall be applied towards subsidizing

the cost of family coverage under the Conference's group health insurance for clergy whose base salary falls below 125% of minimum base salary, as set each year by the Conference's Commission on Equitable Compensation, for the initial year (the "Family Health Subsidy"); and

Resolved, That the BOPHB is authorized to establish procedures for the administration of the Family Health Subsidy, including but not limited to determination of the amount of the subsidy in each year, eligibility criteria for the Family Subsidy and such other matters as are reasonably necessary for the administration of the Family Subsidy.

ITEM 2026-10: LOCAL CHURCH APPORTIONMENT POLICY

From: Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A)

Background:

The apportionment formula for calendar year (CY) 2025 was presented at the Unifying Conference of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") by CF&A and approved as part of the budget. The apportionment formula remained constant for CY 2026 and was approved as part of the budget submitted by CF&A at the 2025 Annual Conference.

Action: Approve the Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") chartered local church apportionment policy:

The apportionment formula is defined as the total local church offerings received multiplied by an apportionment factor. The local church offerings received are reported annually by the local church through end-of-year statistical reports (ACStats) and consist of the following:

Line #	Description
52a	Amount received through pledges
52b	Amount received from non-pledging but identified givers
52c	Amount received from unidentified givers
52h	Amount received from trusts, endowments, etc., for church budgets

The apportionment factor is set at 7.5%. CF&A may set a maximum annual increase and a limit on annual decreases for a local church apportionment, as part of its annual budgeting process. Unless otherwise stated in future budget legislation, the maximum increase in a local church's apportionment is 25% from the prior year's apportioned amount. There is no limit on the annual decrease in apportionments a local church can experience.

Unchartered churches, such as new church starts, satellite churches, and mission churches, have not reached a point where they can meet the financial obligations to pay apportionments using the formula described above. In these cases, a "step-up" or other reasonable approach using the apportionment formula will be agreed upon by the presiding District Superintendent and the Director of the Center for Multiplication.

ITEM 2026-11: RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE RENTAL HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR RETIRED OR DISABLED CLERGY

From: Board of Pensions and Health Benefits

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following resolution:

Whereas, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church (the "Church"), of which the Horizon Texas Conference is a part, has in the past functioned and continues to function through Ministers of the Gospel (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 107-see IRS publication 517) who were or are duly ordained, commissioned or licensed ministers of the Church ("Clergypersons");

Whereas, the practice of the church and this conference was and is to provide active clergypersons with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation;

Whereas, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, and disabled clergypersons are considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, and disabled clergypersons in consideration of previous active service; and

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the conference (or its predecessors) as the appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for clergypersons who are or were members of this conference and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation;

Resolved, That an amount equal to 100% of the pension or disability payments received from plans authorized under the *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (the "Discipline"), which includes all such payments from Wespath during the year 2027 by each active, retired, or disabled clergyperson who is or was a member of the conference or its predecessors, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such clergyperson; and

Resolved, That the pension or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance applies will be any pension or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the *Discipline*, including such payments from Wespath and from a commercial annuity company that provides an annuity arising from benefits accrued under a Wespath plan, annuity, or fund authorized under the Discipline, that result from any service a clergyperson rendered to this conference or that an active, a retired, or a disabled clergyperson of this conference rendered to any local church, annual conference of the church, general agency of the church, other institution of the church, former denomination that is now a part of the church, or any other employer that employed the clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the church, or its predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan, annuity, or fund for such active, retired or disabled clergyperson's pension or disability as part of his or her gross compensation.

NOTE: The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a clergyperson's gross income in any year for federal income (and, in most cases, state) tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107 (2) and regulations there under to the least of: (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the clergyperson's employer or other appropriate body of the church (such as this conference in the foregoing resolutions) for such year; (2) the amount expended by the clergyperson to rent or provide a home in such year; or (3) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in such year. Each clergyperson, or former clergyperson, is urged to consult with their tax advisor to determine what deferred compensation is eligible to be claimed as a housing allowance exclusion.

ITEM 2026-12: SCHEDULE OF EQUITABLE COMPENSATION OF CLERGY MEMBERS

From: Commission on Equitable Compensation

Action: Approve the Schedule of Equitable Compensation for Clergy Members

The current Schedule of Equitable Compensation for Clergy Members, presently in effect, shall be extended through December 31, 2027, without modification to the established compensation schedule.

All local churches are expected to move toward full compliance with the approved equitable compensation schedule. Equitable compensation reflects the Church's shared, connectional commitment to provide fair and just support for clergy and is therefore not optional.

At the same time, this expectation should be implemented with sensitivity and grace, recognizing that congregations are navigating diverse financial realities. Churches that are not yet fully aligned are expected to demonstrate intentional and measurable progress toward compliance. Extending the current schedule through 2027 provides additional time for churches to continue this progress in a faithful, responsible, and sustainable way, while maintaining consistency across the Conference.

Congregations are encouraged to meet or exceed the minimum compensation levels whenever feasible, as an expression of their commitment to clergy well-being and the mission of the Church.

The Commission on Equitable Compensation, in collaboration with District Superintendents, will continue to provide guidance, accountability, and support to help churches achieve full compliance.

The schedule of equitable compensation base salary amounts for HTC clergy serving full-time in 2027 is as follows:

Members in Full Connection	$53,357
Provisional Members	$49,089
Associate Members	$49,089
Full-Time Local Pastors	$47,116

Tenure Payments: Members in Full Connection, Associate Members, and Full-time Local Pastors shall be eligible to receive $300 annually for each year of service after five years, up to a maximum of ten years. This provision includes service time from their previous legacy conference.

Multi-Charge Stipend: Pastors who serve in multi-point charges will receive an annual stipend of $200 for the second church and $100 each for the third to fifth additional churches.

Section 1: Definition of Equitable Compensation Base
The Equitable Compensation Base shall include:

- Base Salary
- Other forms of cash compensation, including but not limited to bonuses, payments to private investment programs, and similar direct compensation
- Additional health insurance premium costs paid above the standard premium contribution amount required of the local church and/or annual conference
- Subsidies received by the local church from the annual conference, excluding any reimbursements for Annual Conference-related expenses

Section 2: Exclusions from Equitable Compensation Base
The following items shall not be included in the calculation of Equitable Compensation Base:

- Housing-related expenses, including housing allowance, parsonage value, and utilities
- Accountable reimbursement plans, including reimbursements for ministry-related expenses such as travel, continuing education, and professional expenses
- Health insurance premiums (base plan contributions)
- Church contributions to clergy retirement plans or Comprehensive Protection Plan.
- Continuing education funds or allowances

ITEM 2026-13: 2027 EQUITABLE COMPENSATION BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

From: Commission on Equitable Compensation

Action: Approve the Equitable Compensation Budget Recommendation

The Commission on Equitable Compensation recommends a $110,000 budget to fund equitable compensation subsidies for clergy appointments in the Horizon Texas Conference.

Following careful and prayerful assessment, and in collaboration with District Superintendents, the Commission has evaluated the present needs of clergy and congregations across the conference.

Several key factors have informed this recommendation:

- **Progress Toward Equitable Compensation Standards**: Churches across the conference are actively working toward alignment with the approved equitable compensation schedule. This budget supports those efforts while encouraging continued progress toward full compliance.
- **Responsible Stewardship of Conference Resources**: This recommendation reflects a balance between meeting immediate needs and exercising faithful stewardship of the resources entrusted to the conference.
- **Targeted Support for Areas of Greatest Need**: The proposed funding prioritizes support for clergy serving in appointments where local church resources are limited, ensuring that equitable compensation remains a lived reality across diverse ministry contexts.

It is important to emphasize that equitable compensation subsidies are intended to be temporary and transitional. Each congregation receiving support is expected to demonstrate intentional and measurable progress toward fully funding their clergy compensation.

The Commission will continue to work alongside District Superintendents to provide guidance, accountability, and support, helping churches move toward sustainability while maintaining equitable standards.

This proposed budget of $110,000 reflects our shared commitment to equity in clergy compensation, grace in implementation, and stewardship of conference resources.

We offer this recommendation with confidence and ask for your prayerful consideration and support.

ITEM 2026-14: STANDING RULES

From: Standing Rules Committee

Background: Following the first year operating as the HTC, the Standing Rules Committee identified a few areas that required further clarity and refinement. Key updates include:

- Adding a default definition of quorum for conference agencies (1.a.v)
- Revising number of Lead Team at large members from three to ten (1.b.i)
- Revising equalization and automatic lay membership
    - Adding phrasing to encourage district leadership to consult with respective conference agencies when electing additional youth and young adult lay members (2.a.i.5.d & g)
    - Adding a lay member from Wesley Foundations where a lay person also serves as director to parallel the policy of Wesley Foundations with clergy leadership (2.a.i.5.i)
    - Adding certified lay ministers under DS assignment as lay members (2.a.i.5.k)
- Adding a section defining types of legislative items and related processes (2.a.iii, 2.a.iv)
    - Consequently, references to "resolution" have been replaced with "petition."
- Adding a time limit for consideration of any single legislative item or petition (2.a.vi.3)

Action: Approve the Standing Rules, which will replace previously approved Item 2025-32: Standing Rules as recorded in the 2025 Journal.

1) Structure of the Annual Conference
    a) General Provisions
        i) *Primacy of* The Book of Discipline *and Standing Rules*. These General Provisions apply to all Agencies except where the current version of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* ("*The Book of Discipline*") or specific Standing Rules otherwise provide.
        ii) "*Agency*." In these Standing Rules, the word "Agency" means a conference-level group that performs the work of the Horizon Texas Conference, whether that group is called a Council, Board, Division, Commission, Committee, Team, Group or Task Force. It does not include boards of trustees or boards of directors of annual conference related institutions.
        iii) *General Agencies*. Members of the general agencies of The United Methodist Church from the Horizon Texas Conference will be ex officio members of the corresponding Agency.
        iv) "*Conference Year; Conference Fiscal Year*." "Conference year" means the period from the close of one regularly scheduled session of the annual conference through the close of the following year's regularly scheduled session of the annual conference. "Conference Fiscal Year" means January 1 through December 31.
        v) *Quorum*. Unless otherwise specified by the *Discipline,* the HTC Bylaws, or Standing Rules, the members present and voting at any duly announced Agency meeting shall constitute a quorum.
        vi) *Appeals*. Any Agency has the right to appeal to the annual conference regarding a decision affecting its work made by any other Agency, except where otherwise provided in The Book of Discipline.
        vii) *Local church committee members' terms*. The term of office of local church committee members elected by the Fall Charge Conference shall begin on January 1 and run for the length of their term.
        viii) "*Clergy*." In these Standing Rules, the word "clergy" refers to the following members of the Horizon Texas Conference, unless some specific Standing Rule otherwise provides: (1) elders in full connection; (2) deacons in full connection; (3) provisional members; (4) associate members; and (5) local pastors under full-time and part-time appointment to a pastoral charge.

b) Conference Agencies

i) **Lead Team**. The Lead Team will oversee the implementation of the decisions of the Horizon Texas Conference working through the following teams: the Multiply Jesus Followers Team, the Champion Children and Youth Team, the Maximize Care and Healing Team, the Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team, the Tell Our Story Team and the Connectional Resources Teams. The priorities of the Core Leadership Team will be accountability, advocacy, goal setting, planning, coordination, communications, and decision-making between annual conference sessions, as permitted by *The Book of Discipline*. The Lead Team shall be made up of:

- Resident Bishop (no vote)
- Assistant to the Bishop (Lead Team Chairperson)
- Cabinet Representative (who may be the Dean of the Cabinet)
- Director of Multiplication
- Director of Diversity and Cultural Engagement
- Director of Care and Healing
- Director of Children and Youth Empowerment
- Director of Communications
- Director of Operations
- Chief Financial Officer
- Conference Lay Leader(s)
- Chair of Multiply Jesus Followers Team
- Chair of Champion Children and Youth Team
- Chair of Maximize Care and Healing Team
- Chair of Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team
- Chair of Tell our Story Team
- Up to ten At-Large Members nominated and elected by the annual conference

ii) **Multiply Jesus Followers Team**. The goal of this team is to equip Christ-followers to multiply themselves through the Gospel proclamation in word and deed, thus fulfilling the mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The focus of this team is congregational and leadership development. Congregational development includes the revitalization of existing churches and the creation of new churches, campus ministries, and other faith communities. Leadership development includes strengthening ministries of laity and recruiting, equipping, and supporting clergy.

The Multiply Jesus Followers team shall be made up of nine persons that reflect the diversity of the Horizon Texas Conference. The chairperson of this team shall be nominated and elected by the annual conference.

This team will fulfill the following functions and relationships required by *the Book of Discipline*: Board of Discipleship (except those functions fulfilled by the Championing Children and Youth and Maximizing Care and Healing Teams, as noted in iii and iv below) (¶629); Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns (¶631); Higher Education and Campus Ministry (¶633).

Additional task forces, sub-teams, or other bodies may be established by this team for long- or short-term goals of the Horizon Texas Conference, the Lead Team, or the Multiply Jesus Followers Team.

The following separately constituted bodies shall be under the organizational umbrella of the Multiply Jesus Followers Team as they carry out their work: Board of Laity (¶630); Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries (¶630.6); Board of Ordained Ministry (¶634); United

Methodist Women (United Women in Faith) (¶537); United Methodist Men (¶538); Council on Young Adult Ministry (¶650); Council on Older Adult Ministries (¶651).

(1) **Board of Laity** (¶630)
The Board of Laity shall be constituted and function in accordance with *The Book of Discipline* and will initially consist of a total of eighteen members.

During the first quadrennium, beginning January 1, 2025, there will be three Co-Lay Leaders, with one person representing each of the three legacy conferences (CTC, NTC and NWTC). These Co-Lay Leaders will collaboratively lead the Board of Laity. Those currently serving as Lay Leaders of the existing legacy conferences shall continue until their term expires or until the Board of Laity may elect to reorganize itself.

Duties: In addition to the duties and responsibilities as determined by *The Book of Discipline* and other sections of the Horizon Texas Conference Standing Rules, the Conference Lay Leader(s) shall be part of the appointive cabinet and represent the laity during the Ordination Service of the annual conference.

Additional members of the Board of Laity are: the District Lay Leaders; the Conference Associate Lay Leader (who is the same as the Lay Leader Elect); the President of United Methodist Women (United Women in Faith); the President of United Methodist Men; the President of the Conference Student Leadership Team, or equivalent leadership representative; and the conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries.

Selection of Annual Conference Lay Leader – The Board of Laity shall nominate a Lay Leader Elect who will serve as the Associate Lay Leader for a four-year term. The Associate Lay Leader will help with the duties of the Lay Leader(s) as set forth in the guidelines established by the Board of Laity. On the expiration of the term of the incumbent Lay Leaders, the Lay Leader Elect will become Lay Leader and will serve a four-year term.

(2) **Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries** (¶630.6)
The Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries Committee will develop and administer the Lay Servant Ministries Program, including recruiting, training, certifying, and re-certifying lay servants and lay speakers. The Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries Committee will also work to promote the use of lay speakers to fulfill the purposes and functions described in *The Book of Discipline*.

The committee shall consist of a chairperson, who serves as the Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries, plus the following members: the Director of Lay Servant Ministries from each district and three clergy (initially one each representing the three legacy conferences comprising the Horizon Texas Conference). The Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries and the District Directors of Lay Servant Ministries must be currently Certified Lay Servants. The committee may create ad hoc teams or groups as necessary to carry out the tasks of the committee.

The Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries shall recommend a qualified and willing candidate for the Conference Director Lay Servant Ministries to the Conference Nominating Committee for election at the following annual conference.

(3) **Board of Ordained Ministry** (¶634)
The Board of Ordained Ministry shall fulfill the functions described in *The Book of Discipline*. It shall study and interpret the ministerial resources and needs of the annual conference in consultation with the bishop and the cabinet. Duties shall be those assigned to it in *The Book of Discipline*. The Board of Ordained Ministry will discuss and act as it deems appropriate regarding proposals from its divisions and committees.

The Board of Ordained Ministry shall consist of fifty-one members, divided into three classes by quadrennium with seventeen in each class. "Members shall be nominated by the presiding bishop after consultation with the chairperson of the board, the executive committee, or a committee elected by the board of the previous quadrennium, and with the cabinet. To ensure adequate board membership, consultation shall include an evaluation of the workload of the board in meeting disciplinary and annual conference responsibilities. Vacancies shall be filled by the bishop after consultation with the chairperson of the board. An elected board member may serve a maximum of three consecutive four-year terms. The chair of the Order of Deacons, the chair of the Order of Elders, and the chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate members shall be members of the Board of Ordained Ministry and its executive committee." (¶634.1(a))

The Board of Ordained Ministry shall organize itself into divisions and committees so as to carry out its responsibilities effectively and to fulfill the requirements of the Book of Discipline. The Board of Ordained Ministry may assign additional duties to each division. Persons shall not be added to the Board of Ordained Ministry or its divisions during the quadrennium except to fill vacancies or new divisions.

"The Board of Ordained Ministry shall select from among its own membership an official representative to serve as a member of each district committee on ordained ministry, which shall function as subcommittees of the board." (¶ 635.1(g))

(4) **United Women in Faith** (¶ 647)
The Horizon Texas Conference United Methodist Women (United Women in Faith) shall be constituted and function according to *The Book of Discipline*. Representatives from United Methodist Women shall also be designated to other agencies of the annual conference as recommended by *The Book of Discipline* or as provided by the standing rules of the Horizon Texas Conference.

(5) **United Methodist Men** (¶ 648)
The Horizon Texas Conference United Methodist Men shall be constituted and function according to *The Book of Discipline*. Representatives from United Methodist Men shall also be designated to other agencies of the annual conference or as provided by the standing rules of the Horizon Texas Conference.

iii) Champion Children and Youth Team
The goal of this team is to prioritize the spiritual, mental, physical, social, economic, and relational welfare of children and youth in our churches, communities, nation, and world. The focus of this team is to grow children and youth into disciples of Jesus Christ and to advocate for vulnerable children and youth in our communities. This team will provide opportunities for children and youth to grow through faith formation training and camping and retreat ministries. Outwardly, the conference will look for opportunities to advocate and serve the most vulnerable of children and youth in our conference and beyond.

The Champion Children and Youth Team shall be made up of nine persons who reflect the diversity of the Horizon Texas Conference. The chairperson of this team shall be nominated and elected by the annual conference.

This team will fulfill the functions and relationships of the Conference Board of Discipleship as to the responsibilities identified in paragraphs 630.2(c), (g), (h); 630.6(c), (e) of *The Book of Discipline*.

The team will be responsible for the MinistrySafe or equivalent program for the Horizon Texas Conference. Project Transformation will relate to the annual conference through this team and will develop a plan following unification. Additional task forces, sub-teams, or other bodies may be established by this team for long- or short-term goals of the Horizon Texas Conference, the Lead Team or the Champion Children and Youth Team.

The following separately constituted body shall be under the organizational umbrella of the Champion Children and Youth Team:

(1) **Conference Student Leadership Team** (¶649)
The Conference Youth Leadership Council or equivalent body shall be constituted and function according to The Book of Discipline. Representatives from the Conference Student Leadership Team shall also be designated to other agencies of the annual conference when the standing rules of the annual conference so provide.

iv) Maximize Care and Healing Team

The goal of this team is to prioritize care and healing within congregations and hurting communities. Sometimes, healing and care come through God's means of grace and acts of compassion, mercy, and justice. At other times, they come through collaboration with ecumenical, interfaith and community partners that maximize care and healing.

Inwardly, this team will focus on training and equipping laity to partner with clergy to provide systems of care, support groups, and mental health resources. Additionally, this team will support clergy with crisis support and health and wellness initiatives. Outwardly, this team will focus on justice, compassion, and disaster response.

The Maximize Care and Healing team shall be made up of nine persons who reflect the diversity of the Horizon Texas Conference. The chairperson of this team shall be nominated and elected by the annual conference.

This team will fulfill the following functions and relationships required by *The Book of Discipline*: Board of Church and Society (¶ 629); Conference Board of Discipleship as to the responsibilities identified in paragraphs 630.1(d), 630.5 (h), 630.6(f); Board of Global Ministries (¶ 633) (except those functions fulfilled by the Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team, as noted in v. below); Committee on Parish and Community Development (¶633.5).

Additional task forces, sub-teams, or other bodies may be established by this team for long- or short-term goals of the Horizon Texas Conference, the Lead Team of the Maximize Care and Healing Team.

v) Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team

The goal of this team is to help the annual conference and its churches intentionally become more diverse, equitable and inclusive, so that everyone feels interconnected, valued, respected, and included, regardless of ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or

abilities. Pursuing and embracing diversity promotes a sense of belonging and safety (spiritual and psychological) for all individuals. This team's purpose is to establish and maintain diversity, equity, and inclusion policies of the Horizon Texas Conference in regard to human resources practices, the work of the Conference Nominating Committee and the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry. They will also resource clergy, laity and congregations on implicit bias, cultural competence and create environments of belonging.

The Pursue and Embrace Diversity team shall be made up of nine persons that reflect the diversity of the Horizon Texas Conference.

This team will fulfill the following functions and relationships required by *The Book of Discipline*: Board of Global Ministries as to the responsibilities identified in paragraphs ¶633.4(b.36); Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (¶642); Committee on Religion and Race (¶643); Commission on Status and Role of Women (¶644); Committee on Disability Concerns (¶653); Native American Ministry (¶654); Latino/Hispanic Ministries (¶655).

Additional task forces or sub-teams may be set up by this team for long- or short-term goals of the Horizon Texas Conference, the Lead Team or the Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team.

vi) Tell Our Story Team

The goal of this team is to effectively communicate, both internally and externally, the Horizon Texas Conference's vision, mission, values, priorities, and commitments, by delivering on promises and by taking responsibility for mistakes and shortcomings that may have harmed others and our reputation.

The Tell Our Story team shall be made up of nine persons who reflect the diversity of the Horizon Texas Conference. The chairperson of this team shall be nominated and elected by the annual conference.

This team will fulfill the functions and relationships required by *The Book of Discipline* of the Commission on Communication (¶646)

The following separately constituted body shall be under the organizational umbrella of the Tell Our Story Team: Commission on Archives and History (¶641).

Additional task forces or sub-teams may be set up by this team for long- or short-term goals of the Horizon Texas Conference, the Lead Team, or the Tell our Story Team.

vii) **Connectional Resources Teams (Stewardship and Operations)**

The Connectional Resources Teams will sustain the United Methodist connection within the Horizon Texas Conference by providing ongoing administrative support as provided for in *The Book of Discipline*. These teams will fulfill the following functions and relationships required by *The Book of Discipline*: Conference Council on Finance and Administration (¶611); Administrative Review (¶636); Episcopacy Committee (¶637); Pensions and Health Benefits (¶639); Board of Trustees (¶640); Equitable Compensation (¶625).

The following bodies make up the Connectional Resources Teams:

(1) **Conference Council on Finance and Administration** (¶611)

The Council on Finance and Administration shall be constituted and shall function in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*. The Council on Finance and Administration will consist of twelve members. The Chief Financial Officer shall be an ex-officio member of the council without vote. The Chief Financial Officer shall have responsibilities and rights

afforded by *The Book of Discipline* to the conference treasurer and shall be accountable to the annual conference through the council. No member of the Council on Finance and Administration shall be a member of any other agency, or a trustee or member of the board of directors of a conference institution that derives support, either partially or totally, from the Council on Finance and Administration.

(2) Investment Management Committee
The Investment Team will manage the invested funds of the Horizon Texas Conference. The committee shall be composed of two representatives each from the Horizon Texas Conference Council on Finance and Administration, Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits and the Board of Trustees, the conference treasurer, a cabinet representative, and two members representing each of the legacy conferences.

(3) Personnel Committee
The Personnel Committee shall be responsible for hiring (non-appointed staff), setting salaries (in collaboration with the Council on Finance and Administration), setting policy and providing support for all Horizon Texas Conference and district staff members. This will be a team of ten people that will include an equal number of clergy and laity, representative of the diversity within the annual conference. The Assistant to the Bishop will be an ex-officio member with voice and vote.

(4) **Committee on Administrative Review** (¶636)
The Committee on Administrative Review shall be comprised of three clergy in full connection and three alternates (who are not members of the cabinet, the Board of Ordained Ministry or immediate family members of the above) and nominated by the bishop. It shall be constituted and function in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*.

(5) Committee on Investigation (Clergy and Diaconal) (¶2703.2(a) and (¶2703.2(b))
The Committee on Investigation (Clergy and Diaconal Ministers) shall be constituted and function in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*. The team shall consist of four clergy members in full connection, three professing lay members, three alternate clergy members in full connection, and six alternate professing lay members.

(6) Committee on Episcopacy (¶636)
The Committee on Episcopacy will function as provided in *The Book of Discipline*. It shall meet at least annually. The resident bishop shall convene the Committee on Episcopacy at the beginning of the new quadrennium and the Committee shall elect a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary. The bishop and the chair are authorized to call additional meetings when desired.

The Committee on Episcopacy shall be nominated and elected at the annual conference session following the regularly scheduled session of the General Conference. The Committee on Episcopacy shall consist of twelve members. “One-fifth of the committee's membership shall be appointed by the bishop. In addition to the lay and clergy members of the jurisdictional committee on episcopacy, who shall be ex officio members with vote, it is recommended that the committee consist of the following: one-third laywomen, one-third laymen, and one-third clergy persons, provided that one layperson shall be the conference lay leader. All lay members shall be professing members of local churches. Special attention shall be given to the inclusion of racial and ethnic persons, youth (¶256.3), young adults, older adults, and people with disabilities. No member of the staff of the annual conference or any of its agencies, nor an immediate family member of such staff, shall serve as a member of the committee, except that a member of the

jurisdictional committee on episcopacy or the conference lay leader shall not be disqualified from membership as a result of this provision." (¶636.1)

(7) Episcopal Residence Committee (¶637)
The Episcopal Residence Committee will function as provided in *The Book of Discipline*. It will consist of the chair of the Committee on Episcopacy, the chair of the Board of Trustees, and the chair of the Council on Finance and Administration.

(8) Board of Pension and Health Benefits (¶638)
The Board of Pension and Health Benefits shall be constituted and function in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*. It will provide for and contribute to the support, relief, assistance and pensioning of clergy and their families, other church workers, and lay employees, except as otherwise provided by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits. It will also provide to all clergy who qualify, and other persons who qualify, access to the best life, hospital, accident, and disability insurance coverage possible with the funds available. The Board of Pension and Health Benefits shall discuss and act as it deems appropriate regarding proposals under its jurisdiction.

The Board of Pension and Health Benefits should consist of sixteen members: one-third laywomen, one-third laymen and one-third clergy. They will be elected for terms of eight years and arranged in two classes. With the inauguration of the new Horizon Texas Conference, the Transitional Committee on Nominations will nominate one class for four years and one class for eight years. The Board may fill a vacancy in the membership for the remainder of the conference year in which the vacancy occurs. At its next session, the annual conference shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Director of Stewardship/Treasurer/Benefits Officer, a representative of the cabinet, and a representative of the Council on Finance and Administration also serve as ex-officio members.

(9) Board of Trustees (¶640 and ¶2512.1-.8)
The Board of Trustees shall function and be constituted in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*. The Board of Trustees shall organize itself according to ¶2512.1-.8.

"The board shall consist of 12 persons, and it is recommended that one-third be clergy, one third laywomen, and one-third laymen, in accordance with the provisions of ¶610.5. Said persons must be of legal age as determined by law, and lay members shall be members in good standing of local churches within the bounds of the annual conference. Such persons shall be the directors of the corporation. They shall be elected by the conference staggered terms of four years, except for the first board, one-fourth for a term of one year, one fourth for a term of two years, one-fourth for a term on three years, and one-fourth for a term of four years, and shall serve until their successors have been elected; provided, however, that existing incorporated trustees of any annual conference may continue unaffected while the charter or articles of incorporation are amended to bring them into conformity with (¶2512.1)." (¶2512.1)

Conference Office Location – The Office Location Team will serve under the direction of the newly formed conference's Board of Trustees. The conference Board of Trustees may either (1) choose to make final decisions about office location on their own, or (2) designate the existing transitional Office Location Team to complete the work of determining the location of the conference offices.

(10) Commission on Equitable Compensation (¶624)

The Commission on Equitable Compensation shall function as prescribed by The Book of Discipline and shall be composed of eight members equally distributed between clergy and laity. At least one layperson and one clergyperson shall be from churches of less than two hundred members.

(11) Conference Nominating Committee

The Conference Nominating Committee shall nominate members and Chairs of Agencies for election by the annual conference, except where otherwise provided in *The Book of Discipline* or these Standing Rules. As part of this responsibility the Conference Nominating Committee will maintain a list of persons willing to serve on Agencies.

The Conference Nominating Committee shall consist of:

- The bishop, who shall be the chair;
- The assistant to the bishop as vice chair and secretary, without vote
- The district superintendents;
- The Conference lay leader(s);
- Presidents of UMW, UMM, and Conference Student Leadership Team;
- One additional youth representative chosen by the Conference Student Leadership Team;
- Two representatives chosen by the Council on Young Adult Ministry;
- District lay leaders or their representatives from each district;
- One clergy representative from each district

Each individual or Agency responsible for selecting members of the Conference Nominating Committee shall be informed of the need to ensure inclusiveness in the election of the members of the Committee. At-large lay members of the Conference Nominating Committee will be elected for a four-year term. A person so elected may serve only one four-year term and will be eligible to be elected again only after being off the Conference Nominating Committee for at least two years.

Provisions Related to Agency Membership:

(a) *Election of Members*. Except as otherwise directed in *The Book of Discipline* or these Standing Rules, Members and Chairs of the Agencies shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected by the annual conference. There shall be an opportunity for additional nominations from the floor. When persons are nominated from the floor of the annual conference, the nominator will indicate which person from the Conference Nominating Committee's report is to be replaced by the nominee. To the extent feasible, substitute nominations should be in the same category of inclusivity as the person in the Conference Nominating Committee's report. Votes on substitute nominees will be made individually prior to the vote on the full report.

(b) *Election of Board members for Conference-related institutions*. Board Members of institutions related to the Horizon Texas Conference shall be nominated by the applicable institution, reported to the conference secretary by April 1, and elected by the annual conference. Each such institution shall elect its own officers.

(c) *Membership Diversity*. Except where *The Book of Discipline* or these Standing Rules otherwise provide, membership on all Agencies shall include one third clergy, one third laywomen, and one third laymen insofar as practicable. In addition, special attention shall be given to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth, young adults, older adults, persons from churches with small memberships, people with disabilities, and racial and ethnic persons.

(d) *Terms*. Except as otherwise provided in *The Book of Discipline* or these Standing Rules, persons shall be nominated to serve a four-year term on an Agency. No person shall be nominated for a position without previously agreeing to serve if elected. Persons elected shall begin their terms of office at the close of the annual conference session at which they are elected. In the event of new agencies being formed, the Conference Nominating Committee shall be permitted to create and allocate shorter terms to allow for rotation of members to maintain agency continuity.

(e) *Failure to Attend Meetings*. Persons who are absent without cause for half or more of an Agency's meetings during the Conference Year will thereby automatically remove themselves from the membership of the Agency and shall be replaced by the Conference Nominating Committee

(f) *Vacancies*. The Conference Nominating Committee is authorized to fill any Agency vacancies between sessions of the annual conference, unless *The Book of Discipline* otherwise provides. Persons appointed to fill vacancies shall serve only the remainder of the Conference year in which they are appointed. They may be elected to the same position at the first regularly scheduled annual conference session following their appointment, in which case they will serve the remainder of the term of the person they replace. If the term of the person they replace would normally expire at the annual conference session, then they may be elected to a full term either as member or chair without the partial year they served filling the vacancy counting toward the term limits specified in Provisions g. and h. below.

(g) *Term Limits for Members*. Except as otherwise provided in *The Book of Discipline* or these Standing Rules, no elected person may serve more than eight successive years on any one Agency. A person may, however, be re-elected to an Agency on which that person has previously served his or her term limit after non-membership for four years.

(h) *Term Limits for Agency Chairs and Team Representatives*. Except in extenuating circumstances, as determined by the bishop, no person may serve as Chair or Team Representative of any Agency for more than four consecutive years, nor may any person chair or be a team representative on any combination of Agencies for a total of more than six years in any eight-year period.

(i) *Limits on Multiple Agency Membership*. It is generally recommended that no person should serve on more than one Agency at a time. In computing these limits, membership which occurs by virtue of holding some other Agency position and ex officio memberships shall not be counted. In applying these limits, the Conference Nominating Committee shall be guided by the policies of diffusing power throughout the annual conference and limiting the agency workload required of any individual. Therefore, both the responsibilities and the workload of the various Agencies shall be taken into consideration in making nominations.

(j) *Coordination of Nominations*. The Conference Nominating Committee shall report all nominations to the Assistant to the Bishop and the Conference Secretary to promote compliance with these Standing Rules.

(k) *Record Keeping*. In order to assist the annual conference in enforcing the Standing Rules regarding Agency membership, each annual conference Preliminary Workbook shall include a report from the Conference Nominating Committee, which includes a table, listing for each Agency all members, the year in which each member's current term expires, and whether each member is serving in their first or second consecutive term with the agency.

(12) Standing Rules Committee

The Standing Rules Committee oversees and recommends structural changes in the standing rules of the annual conference. The Standing Rules Committee consists of a chair and seven members. The committee shall be divided evenly between clergy and laity.

2) Procedures for Meetings of the Annual Conference
   a) Pre-Conference procedures
      i) Lay/clergy equalization
         (1) There shall be an equal number of lay and clergy members of the annual conference.
         (2) Clergy members of the annual conference shall be as specified in the most recent edition of *The Book of Discipline* para. 602.1.
         (3) It shall be the responsibility of the conference secretary annually to revise the number of additional lay members required to equalize lay and clergy membership of the annual conference.
         (4) Lay members shall be selected as specified in the most recent edition of *The Book of Discipline* ¶33, ¶602.1(e) and ¶602.2-4. Specifically, they shall consist of:
            (a) A professing member elected by each charge. Each charge served by more than one clergy member under appointment (including deacons in full connection for whom this is their primary appointment) shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy members under appointment;
            (b) Consecrated diaconal ministers serve as lay members of the annual conference as long as they maintain this status in The United Methodist Church;
            (c) Active deaconesses and home missioners under episcopal appointment within the bounds of the annual conference;
            (d) The conference president of United Methodist Women;
            (e) The conference president of United Methodist Men;
            (f) The conference lay leader;
            (g) District lay leaders;
            (h) The president or equivalent officer of the conference young adult organization;
            (i) The president of the Conference Student Leadership Team;
            (j) One youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen from each district, chosen by the district conference;
            (k) One young adult between the ages of eighteen and thirty from each district, chosen by the district conference;
            (l) The chair of the annual conference college student organization;
            (m) Laypersons serving as campus ministers or directors of Wesley Foundations shall be added as district at-large lay members to annual conference;
            (n) For each Wesley Foundation where clergy serve as chaplain, campus minister, or director, one lay member shall be elected. This lay member shall be either a member of the Foundation's board of directors or a student from that Foundation. In making sure that such inclusion is adhered to, special consideration shall be given to the inclusion of United Methodist young adults who are active participants in campus ministry.
         (5) In addition, the following will be members of the conference:
            (a) Each district United Women of Faith president;
            (b) Each district United Methodist Men president;
            (c) Each district student leadership president;
            (d) Two youth in addition to the one required by *The Book of Discipline*, chosen by the district conference in consultation with the Conference Youth Leadership Team;
            (e) Lay chairs of conference agencies;

(f) Lay members of any general and/or jurisdictional agencies who reside in the Horizon Texas Conference and are not otherwise members of the annual conference.
(g) Two young adults, in addition to the one required by *The Book of Discipline*, chosen by the district conference in consultation with the Conference Young Adult Committee;
(h) One lay member for each additional church in a multi-point pastoral charge;
(i) For each Wesley Foundation where a layperson serves as chaplain, campus minister, or director, one lay member shall be elected. This lay member shall be either a member of the Foundation's board of directors or a student from that Foundation. In making sure that such inclusion is adhered to, special consideration shall be given to the inclusion of United Methodist young adults who are active participants in campus ministry.
(j) All lay officers of the conference;
(k) Certified lay ministers under assignment by a district superintendent.

(6) To the extent necessary to further equalize the number of clergy and lay members, the conference secretary shall add one additional lay member per charge, beginning with the largest-membership charge and continuing to progressively smaller-membership charges, until lay and clergy membership is equalized.
(7) Based upon data available as of the last annual conference, the conference secretary shall, no later than September 1st, notify each district superintendent regarding the number of lay members to be elected by each charge for the next annual conference.
(8) The procedure for the equalization of lay and clergy members for the upcoming annual conference will be presented as part of the report of the conference secretary in the Preliminary Workbook for that conference.

ii) *Publication of Preliminary Workbook*. Conference staff shall create a Preliminary Workbook which includes all matters to be addressed at the annual conference, and the Conference Secretary shall provide a copy to every member of the annual conference via email and through publication on the Conference website no later than 30 days prior to the annual conference.

iii) *Types of legislation*

(1) Reports
(a) Anything from a conference agency or designated leader in the annual conference (see ¶605.4)
(b) The annual conference shall receive and act upon such reports and thus give them priority in the agenda (¶605.4)
(c) May include action items in the form of resolutions, such as a resolution to close a church.
(d) Chair or representative moves the adoption of the report

(2) Legislative Items
(a) May be submitted by a conference agency or designated leader in the annual conference (¶605.4)
(b) May be extracted from a conference agency report (budget, etc.)
(c) May be in the form of a resolution.
(d) The annual conference shall take up legislative items and thus give them priority in the agenda (¶605.4)
(e) Usually involve actions required for the ongoing functioning of the annual conference
(f) May impact the budget or require additional conference resources
(g) Typically are not referred to petition working groups

(3) Petitions
(a) May be submitted by a member or members of the annual conference

(b) Asks (petitions) the annual conference to take a position or action and are often aspirational.
(c) Petitions cannot ask the annual conference to violate the *Discipline* nor bind future annual conferences.
(d) The annual conference will take up petitions in the order received but only as the agenda allows
(e) Petitions—particularly the resolved clauses—should employ non-binding action verbs such as "affirm," "advocate," "encourage," "motivate," "recommend," or "urge," rather than mandatory language such as "shall," which would imply a binding obligation.
(f) Typically are referred to petition working groups

iv) *Procedure for submitting reports and items to be voted on to be included in the Preliminary Workbook*. To facilitate adequate notice and inclusion of reports and proposed legislation in the Preliminary Workbook, all agency reports and matters to be voted on at the annual conference must be submitted to the Conference Secretary no later than 60 days prior to the annual conference in order to be considered at the annual conference, subject to v. below. Any petitions that will require expenditure of conference resources must be submitted no later than 90 days prior to annual conference to allow additional time for Agency review.

v) *Matters Not Included in the Preliminary Workbook that May be Voted on at annual conference*. Proposed matters to be voted on that are submitted less than 60 days before the annual conference shall only be considered at the annual conference only if: (1) they are related to an event that has occurred less than 75 days before the annual conference, and (2) the proposal is duplicated and distributed to annual conference members no later 24 hours prior to its consideration. This rule shall not be construed to preclude proper subsidiary motions or privileged motions.

vi) *Petition Working Groups*. At the discretion of the bishop, any proposed legislation or petition may be submitted to an ad-hoc Petition Working Group for review. The Bishop, Assistant to the Bishop, and the Conference Secretary shall develop policies regarding the composition of and procedures to be employed by Petition Working Groups.

vii) *Proposed Amendments to Standing Rules*. In order to permit the Standing Rules Committee adequate time to consider proposals and forward them to the conference office in time for inclusion in the Preliminary Workbook, proposed new standing rules and proposed changes to existing standing rules shall be submitted to the Standing Rules Committee no later than 90 days before annual conference.

b) Conduct of the Annual Conference

iii) Electronic Meetings

(1) Under extraordinary circumstances, the bishop and cabinet in consultation with the Lead Team may call for the annual conference to meet electronically. Electronic meetings shall be in harmony with all rules adopted by the body to govern in-person meetings and ensure that all members retain voice and vote.
(2) Subsidiary bodies/agencies may meet electronically as called by the president/chair in consultation with committee officers or the executive committee so long as such meetings allow for voice and vote of all eligible members.

iv) *Submission of Proposals for Amendment*. Resolutions to amend proposed matters to be voted on should be submitted to the Conference Secretary at the earliest possible time, preferably no later than the opening of the annual conference.

v) *Agency Review*. The Conference Secretary shall forward all proposed legislation and resolutions not generated by a Conference agency to the affected agency or agencies, as determined by the Conference Secretary. The affected agency or agencies' decision to abstain, or recommendation to approve or not approve, shall be presented to the annual conference before a vote on the matter.

vi) *Debate on Motions*. Debate on motions at the annual conference will be limited as follows:
(1) No more than three statements in favor and three statements against.
(2) No more than three minutes per statement.
(3) No more than twenty minutes total for consideration of any legislative item or petition (which shall include the consideration of any secondary motion), unless otherwise ordered by the assembly by a two-thirds vote without debate.

vii) *Consent Calendar*. The annual conference shall include a consent calendar. A minimum of five (5) voting members of the annual conference may request removal of an item on the calendar by submitting the attached form to the Conference Secretary no later than 12:00 pm on the first day of the conference.

viii) Vote Requirements
(1) Unless otherwise specified in *The Book of Discipline* or these Standing Rules, adoption of matters being voted on requires approval of more than 50% of the votes cast.
(2) Requests to suspend or amend the Standing Rules require approval of more than two-thirds of the votes cast.

ix) *Rules of Order*. To the extent not inconsistent with these Standing Rules, the business of the annual conference shall be conducted according to the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ITEM 2026-15: PROCESS FOR DELEGATE ELECTIONS

From: Standing Rules Committee

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following process:

The election of delegates to general and jurisdictional conferences is governed by ¶ 35, Articles III-V of the *2024 Book of Discipline*. In addition, ¶ 14.2 states, "Delegates shall be elected in a fair and open process by the annual conferences." To this end, the Horizon Texas Conference will use this process to elect delegates.

Before the Annual Conference Session:

2) At least sixty days before the session, a delegate interest form shall be publicly posted on the conference website, which is consistent with the following example.
3) Persons, both eligible lay and eligible clergy, have the option of completing and submitting this form. Form responses will be forwarded to the Annual Conference Secretary and Assistant to the Bishop. Submissions received at least 30 days before the session will be compiled and published as an addendum to the preconference workbook, available online with all other annual conference materials at least 14 days before the session.
4) Only those persons, both eligible lay and eligible clergy, who submitted the form at least 30 days before the session will be assigned a number prior to the beginning of the session for use with whichever balloting system has been chosen for use during the elections.

During the Annual Conference Session:

1) The published information will be a helpful tool for identifying eligible lay and eligible clergy who wish to make known their interest, availability, and commitment to serve as a delegate.
2) Eligible lay will elect eligible lay delegates, and eligible clergy will elect eligible clergy delegates utilizing the chosen balloting system with only the numbers for those persons who have submitted a delegate interest form.
3) At any point during the election process, eligible lay or eligible clergy may be nominated from the floor and assigned a number for use throughout the balloting process.

After the Annual Conference Session:

1) Anyone elected as a delegate who did not fill out delegate interest form may do so and submit it to the head of delegation.
2) The delegation may use the form data as a way of getting to know and keep covenant with one another.

Delegate Interest Form

Personal Information:

- Name
- Address
- Email
- Phone
- Appointed/Affiliated Charge (Clergy) or Church (Lay)
- Photo

Eligibility:

[ ] According to current *Book of Discipline*, I am an eligible clergy person for election as a delegate to General Conference, Jurisdictional Conference, or as a reserve delegate.

[ ] Elder in Full Connection
[ ] Deacon in Full Connection

Or

[ ] According to current *Book of Discipline*, I am an eligible lay person for election as a delegate to General Conference, Jurisdictional Conference, or as a reserve delegate.

- Must be a professing member of The United Methodist Church for at least two years preceding election
- Must be an active participant of The United Methodist Church for at least four years preceding election
- Must hold membership within the bounds of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference

Interest

In no more than one hundred words each, please answer the following questions:

2) What is the best thing about The United Methodist Church today?
3) Why are you choosing to make known your interest, availability, and commitment to serving as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences?
4) How are you currently using your time to support the United Methodist connection?

Availability

[ ] If elected as a delegate, I will be able to attend and serve at the 2028 General Conference, May 8-16, 2028, in Minneapolis, MN.
[ ] If elected as a delegate, I will be able to attend and serve at the 2028 South Central Jurisdictional Conference, [Date TBD] in [Location TBD].

Commitment

[ ] If elected as a delegate, I will commit to attending all meetings of the delegation, except for personal or pastoral emergencies, or other unavoidable conflicts.
[ ] If elected as a delegate, I will commit to reading and studying all pertinent materials related to any meetings of the delegation, and especially for the sessions of General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

ITEM 2026-16: DISCONTINUANCE OF ALEY UMC

From: Rev. Cassie Wade, East District Superintendent

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following resolution:

Whereas, Aley United Methodist Church is located in Henderson County, Texas, in the East District of the Horizon Texas Conference;

Whereas, District Superintendent Rev. Cassie Wade guided the congregation in an assessment of its potential as outlined in ¶213 (¶2549.2(1)) of the *2020-24 Discipline*;

Whereas, the district superintendent and the congregation have concluded that the congregation can no longer serve the purpose for which it was organized or incorporated;

Whereas, on December 18, 2025, a charge conference was convened and voted to discontinue the local church; and

Whereas, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

Resolved, That Aley United Methodist Church be discontinued effective December 30, 2025, and all its property transferred to the Horizon Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, or its successors, for disposition as the Conference Board of Trustees may deem in the best interest of the conference;

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Conference Board of Trustees, or its successors, be authorized, in its discretion, to distribute the items of the property which may be best used by other churches to such churches, and to sell all other property with the net proceeds distributed in accordance with HTC policy; and

Resolved, That the membership of the remaining congregation of Aley UMC at the time of this action be transferred to East District of HTC and that all official records of the discontinued church be forwarded to the Horizon Texas Conference archives, or its successors.

ITEM 2026-17: PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICY

From: Multiply Jesus Followers Team. Approved by HTC Trustees on April 16, 2026.

Background: The Multiply Jesus Followers Team is conducting a geographic opportunity scan of our conference to highlight areas with a high rate of demographic growth. The goal of this initiative is to highlight locations where there is limited to no United Methodist presence and to inform a long-term strategy for church development in emerging communities. Historically, our conferences have been late in purchasing and developing property, resulting in higher costs for smaller parcels of land. BOD ¶2515 states that acquisition of annual conference property is to be approved by the annual conference and allows for ad interim conditions that are reflected below.

The Multiply Jesus Followers Team proposes a property acquisition policy that enables timely engagement in the real estate market while preserving the Board of Trustee's fiduciary responsibility and approval authority (BOD¶2512).

Action: Approve the Property Acquisition Policy

Property Acquisition Policy:

1. Site Identification: The Multiply Jesus Followers Team engages a commercial real estate broker to conduct a property search in a targeted growth area where the UMC is underrepresented or not present. Properties identified should demonstrate strong potential for appreciation and missional value.
2. District Superintendent Strategy: The district superintendent will participate in the evaluation of potential properties. At their discretion, the district board of church building & locations may also be consulted as part of the discernment process.
3. Trustees Review: A property subgroup from trustees reviews, offers feedback, sets parameters, and refers to the bishop and cabinet for review.
4. Initial Contract Framework: Upon identifying a suitable property, the Multiply Jesus Followers Team may request approval form the bishop and cabinet to enter an initial contract (BOD¶2515). Such contracts should include:
    a. A defined due diligence or option period with a maximum number of days
    b. A minimal and, when possible, refundable option period money deposit
    c. All negotiations shall include the clause, "subject to approval by Horizon Texas Conference Board of Trustees."
5. Contract Negotiation and Oversight: A conference finance officer, or designee, upon receipt of the cabinet's approval, will proceed with contract negotiations and execution, subject to parameters established by the Board of Trustees.
6. Trustees Review and Authorization: The Multiply Jesus Followers Team will present a detailed ministry action plan that includes:
    a. Site identification summary
    b. Financial plan (cash, loan, or blended funding strategy)
    c. Missional Strategy for planting, including projected timeline

Trustees may request additional information or due diligence, set specific conditions for the purchase, approve or decline the transaction.

ITEM 2026-18: NOMINATIONS REPORT

From: Committee on Nominations

Action: Approve Nominations

Note: This report was current as of July 1, 2026.

	NAME	CLASS	ETHNICITY	AGE	CLERGY LAY	DISTRICT
LEAD TEAM						
Convener	Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.		H/L	OA	E	
Assistant to the Bishop	Andy Lewis		C/A	A	E	ME-N
Cabinet Representative	Tom Long		C/A	A	E	NW
Director of Multiplication	Stacey Piyakhun		C/A	A	E	ME-N
Director of Diversity	**HiRho Park**		A/P	A	E	
Director of Care and Healing	Joy Dister-Dominguez		C/A	A	E	ME-West
Director of Child & Youth Empowerment	Christine Peirce		C/A	YA	Laity	Mid-C
Director of Communications	Pam Hughes		C/A	A	Laity	ME-East

	NAME	CLASS	ETHNICITY	AGE	CLERGY LAY	DISTRICT
Director of Operations	Kevin Walters		C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
CFO	Jeff Pehl		C/A	OA	E	ME-East
Lay Leader (CTC)	Kylie Campbell	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	ME-West
Lay Leader (NTC)	Mary Nickson	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	ME-East
Lay Leader (NWTC)	**Mike Jones**	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
Chair, Multiply Jesus Followers	Kenneth Wolverton	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-N
Chair, Champion Children	Emma Williams	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-East
Chair, Pursue Diversity	Maria Dixon-Hall	2028A	B/A	A	D	ME-East
Chair, Maximize Care	Shera Atkinson	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
Chair, Tell Our Story	Beth Stuyck	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-West
At-large Representative	David Kim	2028A	A/P	YA	Laity	ME-East
At-large Representative	Isabella Pluas	2028A	H/L	Y	Laity	ME-West
At-large Representative	**Sarah Schneider**	2028A	C/A	A	A	ME-N
At-large Representative	**Madie Ray**	2028A	C/A	Y	Laity	NW
At-large Representative	**Pam Zwickey**	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
At-large Representative	**Tim Hopson**	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
At-large Representative	**Madison Bazaldua**	2028A	H/L	YA	Laity	Me-N
At-large Representative	**Sharon Spratt**	2028A	B/A	OA	Laity	ME-E
At-large Representative	**Heather Hammer**	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
At-large Representative	**Julia Puac-Romero**	2028A	H/L	YA	LP	Mid-N
CCYAM Chair	Marianne Brown-Trigg		C/A	A	E	ME-West
CUYC Representative	Karen Kamanda		C/A	Y	Laity	ME-East
CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE						
Assistant to the Bishop	Andy Lewis		C/A	A	E	ME-N
	Philip Rhodes	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West
	Edlen Cowley	2028A	B/A	A	E	ME-East
	Tom Long	2028A	C/A	A	E	NW
	John McLarty	2028A	C/A	A	E	Mid-N/E
	Brenden Voss	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	ME-West
	Ann Cruz	2028A	H/L	A	Laity	ME-West
	Kay Lancaster	2028A	C/A	OA	D	ME-West
	Kantrice Robinson	2028A	B/A	A	E	ME-East
	Ted Haynes	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	East
	Anne Aaron	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	MID-N
	Danielle Kim	2028A	A/P	YA	E	ME-N
	Margie McNeir	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
	Gerald Gilkey	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	NW
	Karan Carlton	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
	Susie Breitling	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
MULTIPLY JESUS FOLLOWERS						
Chair	Kenneth Wolverton	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-N
	Sarah Garza	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-West
	Hyung Seop Kim	2028A	A/P	A	E	NW
	Jenn Pick	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West

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	Billy Echols-Richter	2028A	C/A	OA	E	ME-N
	Stella Cho	2028A	A/P	YA	E	ME-N
	Mathew Aquino	2028A	A/P	YA	LP	NW
	Vondel Stevens	2028A	C/A	OA	LP	NW
	Kim Simpson	2028A	N/A	OA	Laity	ME-West
	Quana Shead	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	ME-East
Lay Leader, ex-officio	Mary Nickson	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	ME-East
Lay Leader, ex-officio	**Mike Jones**	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
Lay Leader, ex-officio	Kylie Campbell	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	ME-West
Cabinet Representative	Stacey Piyakhun		C/A	A	E	ME-N
GBOD member	Michael Bowie		B/A	OA	E	ME-East
GBHEM member	Darlene Alfred		B/A	A	Laity	South
GBHEM member	David Martinez		H/L	A	E	ME-West
BOARD OF LAITY						
Legacy CTC Co-Lay Leader	Kylie Campbell (co-chair)	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	ME-West
Legacy NTC Co-Lay Leader	Mary Nickson (co-chair)	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	ME-East
Legacy NWTC Co-Lay Leader	**Mike Jones** (co-chair)	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
Associate Lay Leader	TBD	2028A				
East District Lay Leader	Ted Haynes	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	East
East District Assoc. Lay Leader	Lori Massey	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	East
Metro East District Lay Leader	Jennifer Wang	2028A	A/P	A	Laity	ME-East
Metro North District Lay Leader	Tim Hopson	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
Mid-North District Lay Leader	Anne Aaron	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	MID-N
Mid-South District Lay Leader	Jeff Grieder	2028A	CA	A	Laity	Mid-S
Metro West District Lay Leader	Jackie Carter	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Mid-Central/West District Lay Leader	To Be Named by District	2028A				
South District Lay Leader	Carolyn Dugger	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	South
NW District Lay Leader	Gayland Daugherty	2028A	CA	OA	Laity	NW
President UWF	to be selected by UWF					
President UMM	to be selected by UMM					
President Young Adult Ministry Council	TBS by YAM Council	2028A				NW
Unifying Youth Council Leader	Leo Barrios	2028A	H/L	YA	Laity	ME-N
Director of Lay Servant Ministries	Chris Buse	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	Mid-S
LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES						
Chair/Director of Lay Servant Ministries	Chris Buse	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	Mid-S
East District Director	Lori Massey	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	East
Metro East District Director	**Mae Rowlett**	2028A	B/A	OA	Laity	ME-East
Metro North District Director	Anniel Winston-Hall	2028A	B/A	OA	Laity	MID-N
Mid-North District Director	Ray Morgan	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	MID-N
Mid-South District Director	David Cameron	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	Mid-S
Metro West District Director	Karen Goodwin	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Mid-Central District Director	Rita Bonin	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	Mid-C
South District Director	Pat Broadstreet	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	South
West District Director	Rita Bonin	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	West
NW District Director	**Jocelyn Furr**	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW

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Clergy	Terre McGill	2028A	C/A	A	LP	Mid-C
Clergy	Derek Jacobs	2028A	B/A	A	E	NTC
Clergy	Betsey Heavner	2028A	C/A	OA	D	NW

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

Cathy Olson	2028	C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Brad Brittain	2028	C/A	A	E	South
Philip Rhodes	2028	C/A	A	E	ME-West
Kay Eck	2028	C/A	A	D	ME-East
Matt Gaston	2028	C/A	OA	E	ME-N
Ron Henderson	2028	B/A	OA	E	ME-East
Chansoon Lim	2028	A/P	A	E	ME-West
Paul Maletic	2028	C/A	A	D	ME-N
Melissa McDuffee	2028	C/A	A	E	Mid-C
Peter McNabb	2028	C/A	OA	E	ME-N
Bryan Patrick	2028	C/A	A	E	West
Felicia Hopkins	2028	B/A	A	E	NW
Kim Simpson	2028	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-West
Wendell Smith	2028	B/A	A	LP	NW
Matt Ybanez	2028	H/L	A	D	ME-West
Linda Parks	2028	C/A	OA	Laity	MID-N
Dave Brower	2028	C/A	A	E	Mid-S
Ann Aiken	2032	C/A	OA	LP	NW
Faiana Funaki-Prescott	2032	A/P	A	E	ME-West
Mitchell Boone	2032	C/A	YA	E	ME-East
April Bristow	2032	B/A	A	E	ME-East
Brenda Brooks-Alexander	2032	B/A	A	AM	ME-West
Kyland Dobbins	2032	B/A	A	E	ME-West
Frank Drenner	2032	C/A	A	E	ME-East
Beth Evers	2032	C/A	YA	E	ME-West
Owen Ross	2032	C/A	A	E	ME-N
Andy Nelms	2032	C/A	YA	E	ME-N
Lance Marshall	2032	B/A	A	E	ME-West
John Miller	2032	C/A	A	E	NW
Katie Newkirk	2032	C/A	A	E	ME-West
Mary Nickson	2032	B/A	A	Laity	ME-East
Amy Spaur	2032	C/A	YA	E	ME-East
Alan McGrath	2032	C/A	A	E	South
Scott Luginbill	2032	C/A	A	AM	ME-East
Martha Valencia	2036	H/L	A	E	ME-East
Armando Alvarado	2036	H/L	OA	E	ME-West
Holly Brower	2036	C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Jackie Carter	2036	B/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Robert Garza	2036	H/L	A	Laity	ME-West
Katrina Smith	2036	C/A	A	D	East
John Han	2036	A/P	A	E	ME-East

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	Ricky Harrison	2036	C/A	YA	E	NW
	Ramsey Jay	2036	C/A	YA	E	ME-N
	Allison Jean	2036	C/A	YA	E	ME-East
	Randall Lucas	2036	C/A	A	E	ME-East
	Yolanda Rivera	2036			Laity	NW
	Abbey Echols	2036	C/A	A	D	MID-N
	Tomeca Richardson	2036	B/A	A	E	ME-West
	Josh Stueve	2036	C/A	YA	E	NW
	Alex Williams	2036	C/A	YA	E	ME-N
	Kim Long	2036	C/A	A	RE	Mid-C
Multiplication Team Representative	Derek Jacobs		B/A	A	E	ME-East
Cabinet Representative	Philip Rhodes		C/A	A	E	ME-West
Multiplication Team Assistant	Camale Allen		B/A	A	Laity	
COUNCIL ON YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY						
	Uwezo Manjala	2028A	B/A	YA	Laity	MEW
	Taylor Smith	2028A	C/A	YA	E	ME-N
	Rachel Risko	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	East
	Landon Cain	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	NTC/West
	Mathew Aquino	2028A	A/P	YA	LP	West
	Kagan Parker	2028A	B/A	YA	Laity	ME-West
	Morgan Garrett	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	South
	Ellie Ford	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	ME-East
	Marianne Brown-Trigg	2028A	B/A	YA	E	ME-N
	Rachel Blackwell	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	NW
	Laureen Kuizon	2028A	A/P	YA	Laity	ME-West
UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH						
UNITED METHODIST MEN						
Ft. Worth Regional Representative	Ken Costlow	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-West
Lubbock Regional Representative	Chris Ferguson	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	NW
Waco Regional Representative	Carl Swanson III	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	Mid-C
Dallas Regional Representative	Dwight Harry	2028A	B/A	OA	LP	ME-East

CHAMPIONING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Chair	Emma Williams	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-East
	Marilyn Jones	2028A	C/A	A	E	West
	Tanner Smith	2028A	C/A	YA	E	Mid-S
	Betsy Spencer	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
	Boston White	2028A	C/A	A	LP	ME-N
	Sharon Schultze	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-W
	Wendell Smith	2028A	B/A	A	LP	NW
	Tessa Armes	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	NW

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	Traci Greene	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	NW
Conference Youth Leadership Rep	Beau Wallace	2028A	C/A	Y	Laity	Mid-C
CONFERENCE YOUTH LEADERSHIP						
Chair	Madison Armes	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	NW
Co-chair	Eliza Heyduck	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	Mid-S
Chaplain	Rebecca Nalley	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	ME-West
Secretary	Beau Wallace	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	Mid-S
Missions	Addison Weber	2207A	C/A	Y	Laity	Mid-C
	Thomas Baughman	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	ME-East
	Carson Bibb	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	NW
	Sadie Childress	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	ME-West
	Anastasia Douglas	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	South
	Madison Felderhoff	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	Mid-N
	Matthew Folds	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	ME-N
	Annaleigh Nelms	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	ME-N
	Vivian Jackson	2027A	B/A	Y	Laity	ME-East
	Wesley Johnston	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	ME-N
	Irene Kim	2027A	A	Y	Laity	South
	Jack Nichols	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	ME-East
	Becca Patton	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	ME-East
	Sage Rosson	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	Mid-N
	Brody Schabow	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	Mid-C
	Connor Stewart	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	ME-N
	Ava Walters	2027A	C/A	Y	Laity	Mid-C
Adult	Rossie Carroll	2028A	B/A	Y	Laity	ME-West
Adult	Tessa Armes	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	NW
Adult	Alex Balch	2028A	C/A	YA	LLP	Mid-C
Adult	Abigail Harrison	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	NW
Adult	Bill Mauldin	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	Mid-C
Adult	D'Andre Smith	2028A	B/A	YA	Laity	ME-N
Adult	Sarah Schneider	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	ME-N

MAXIMIZE CARE AND HEALING

Chair	Shera Atkinson	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
	Doug Nichols	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
	Kristin Glover	2028A	A/P	YA	PE	West
	Phil Dieke	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-East
	Monica Frazier	2028A	C/A	A	PE	ME-East
	Keri Keck	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
	Jason Valendy	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West
	Royce Daugherty	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
	Ruby Moultre	2028A	B/A	OA	RP	NW

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Caretaker of God's Creation	Mel Caraway		C/A	OA	E	ME-N
UWFaith, Social Action	Deb Hughey					
UWFaith, Education	Becca Bilz Davis					
Peace with Justice Coordinator	Phil Dieke	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-East
Conference Secretary of GM	Molly Simpson Hayes	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West
GBGM member	TBD		B/A	A	Laity	South
Director, Parish Development	Joy Dister-Dominguez	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West
Chair, Parish Development and At-large Community Rep	Rachel Griffin-Allison	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-East
At-large Community Representative	Sarah Boyette	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-West

PURSUE AND EMBRACE DIVERSITY

Chair	Maria Dixon-Hall	2028A	B/A	A	D	ME-East
	Heather Gottas	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-East
	Yolanda Rivera	2028A	H/L	A	Laity	NW
	Chad Johnson	2028A	N/A	A	E	NW
	Ginger Watson	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West
	Dee Dee Spivey	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	ME-East
	Dee Weaver	2028A	H/L	OA	Laity	ME-East
	Felicia Hopkins	2028A	B/A	OA	E	NW
	Nancy Vidad	2028A	A/P	A	Laity	ME-West
	Matthew Aquino	2028A	H/L	YA	Laity	West
Conference Youth Leadership Rep	Aaron McLennan	2028A	B/A	YA	Laity	Mid-S
Conference Ecumenical Officer	Ginger Watson	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West
WMC member	April Bristow	2028A	B/A	A	E	ME-East
WCC delegate	Ginger Watson	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West
WCC delegate	Marcus Jones	2028A	B/A	A	LP	ME-West
GCORR member	Clifton Howard	2028A	B/A	OA	E	ME-West
UWF named (644.2)	TBD					

TELL OUR STORY

Chair	Beth Stuyck	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-West
	Leanne Johnston	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
	Noah Bunn	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-E
	Wendy Owens	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-W
	Kristen Warthen	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-W
	Caitlin Seeligson	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
	Anna Hagler	2028A	C/A	YA	D	ME-E
	Anna Shipley	2028A	C/A	YA	PD	S

STEWARDSHIP

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

	NAME	CLASS	ETHNICITY	AGE	CLERGY LAY	DISTRICT
Laywoman	Dani Ramsey	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-East
Laywoman	Juliet Patterson	2028A	B/A	OA	Laity	ME-East
Laywoman	Janet Peterson	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-East
Laywoman	Debbie Armstrong	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Layman	Mike Jones	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
Layman	Tim Griffy	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-East
Layman	Gary Sult	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	West
Layman	David Kim	2028A	A/P	YA	Laity	ME-East
Clergy	Todd Salzwedel	2028A	C/A	A	E	NW
Clergy	Chris Dowd	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-N
Clergy	Kyland Dobbins	2028A	B/A	A	E	ME-West
Clergy	**Jacob Fields**	2028A	C/A	A	LP	Mid-N
CFO (ex-officio)	Jeff Pehl		C/A	A	E	ME-East
GCFA member (ex-officio)	Lisa Gafford		C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Presiding Bishop (ex-officio)	Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.		H/L	OA	E	
Cabinet Representative (ex-officio)	Andy Lewis		C/A	A	E	ME-N.
DCM or equivalent (ex-officio)	Andy Lewis		C/A	A	E	ME-N
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE						
Conference CFA	to be selected by CFA					
Conference CFA	to be selected by CFA					
Conference BOPHB	to be selected by board					
Conference BOPHB	to be selected by board					
Conference Board of Trustees	to be selected by board					
Conference Board of Trustees	to be selected by board					
	Alan Martin	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-West
	Kim Bird	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-East
	Kurt Maerschel	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-East
	John Allen	2028A	C/A	OA	E	ME-N
	Dave Andersen	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
	Gary Pitner	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
CFO/Treasurer (ex-officio)	**Jeffrey Pehl**		C/A	OA	E	ME-East
Cabinet Representative (ex-officio)	**Tom Long**		C/A	A	E	NW
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE						
Chair, Assistant to the Bishop	Andy Lewis		C/A	A	E	ME-N
	Dave Farish	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
	Deborah Vela	2028A	H/L	A	Laity	ME-East
	Maria Reed	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-West
	Betty Alexander	2028A	B/A	OA	Laity	ME-West
	Sheila Warren	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
	Sandy Heard	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-N
	Eddie Allsup	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
	Carly Payne	2028A	C/A	YA	E	ME-West
	Jeff Smith	2028A	C/A	OA	E	South
	Pavielle Jenkins	2028A	B/A	YA	D	ME-East

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COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW						
Member	Lane Boyd	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
Chair	Bryant Phelps	2028A	B/A	YA	E	ME-East
Member	TBD	2028A				
Alternate	Richard Edwards	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
Alternate	Ben Shinn	2028A	C/A	OA	RE	ME-N
Alternate	Mary Gean Cope	2028A	C/A	OA	RE	Mid-S
COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION						
Clergy Full Connection	Jennifer Kilpatrick	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-East
Clergy Full Connection	Sela Finau	2028A	A/P	A	E	South
Clergy Full Connection	Paul Bauernfeind	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
Clergy Full Connection	**Silvia Wang**	2028A	A/P	A	E	ME-East
Professing Lay Members	Jeff Bouis	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
Professing Lay Members	Janie Gully	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	Mid-N
Professing Lay Members	Debbie Peacock	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Alternate Clergy Full Connection	Scott Richards	2028A	C/A	OA	E	NW
Alternate Clergy Full Connection	Carol Gibson	2028A	B/A	OA	E	ME-West
Alternate Clergy Full Connection	Luther Henry	2028A	B/A	OA	RE	ME-West
Alternate Professing Lay Member	Kim Desrosiers	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	Mid-S
Alternate Professing Lay Member	Ben Davila	2028A	H/L	OA	Laity	ME-West
Alternate Professing Lay Member	Sakari Spivey	2028A	B/A	YA	Laity	ME-East
Alternate Professing Lay Member	Clay Johnson	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	East
Alternate Professing Lay Member	Linda Strothers	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	NW
Alternate Professing Lay Member	Larry Womack	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-N
COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY						
Layman	Spencer Driver	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	Mid-S
Layman	Jack Fisher*	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	NW
Layman	Fred Marsh	2028A	B/A	OA	Laity	ME-East
Layman	Steve McIver	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	Mid-S
Laywoman	Mary Nickson	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	ME-East
Laywoman	Kathy Edwards	2028A	C/A		Laity	NW
Laywoman	Kylie Campbell	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	ME-West
Laywoman	Deborah Vela*	2028A	H/L	A	Laity	ME-East
Clergy	Kristen Warthen	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West
Clergy	Stephania Gilkey	2028A	B/A	A	E	NW
Clergy	Katrina Smith*	2028A	C/A	A	D	East
Clergy	Jenna Johnson	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-N
Clergy member SCJ Comm on Episcopacy NTC	Clayton Oliphant	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-East
Laity member SCJ Comm on Episcopacy NTC	Kelly Carpenter	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-East
Clergy member SCJ Comm on Episcopacy CTC	**Debra Crumpton**	2028A	B/A	OA	E	ME-West
Laity member SCJ Comm on Episcopacy CTC	Kim Simpson	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-West

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Clergy member SCJ Comm on Episcopacy NW	Josh Stueve	2028A	C/A	YA	E	NW
Laity member SCJ Comm on Episcopacy NW	TBD				Laity	NW
EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE COMMITTEE						
Chair or designate of Committee on Episcopacy	TBD					
Chair or designate of Conference Board of Trustees	TBD					
Chair or designate of Conference CFA	TBD					
BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS						
	Andrew Brown-Trigg	2028A	C/A	YA	Laity	ME-N
	Phil Bush	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-East
	Ted Haynes	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	East
	Jeanne Clark	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	East
	Natalie Hermes	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
	Steve Heyduck	2028A	C/A	OA	E	Mid-S
	Kissa Vaughn	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-West
	Barbara Dunlap	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME-West
	Austin Foster	2032A	C/A	YA	Laity	ME-West
	Fred Marsh	2032A	B/A	OA	Laity	ME-East
	Alison Barley-Alvarado	2032A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
	Katerina Scott	2032A	C/A	A	Laity	NW
	TBD	2032A				
	Estella Murray	2032A	B/A	OA	Laity	South
	Amy Tate-Almy	2032A	C/A	A	D	ME-West
	Steve Langford	2032A	C/A	OA	RE	ME-West
CFO (ex-officio)	Jeffrey Pehl		C/A	A	E	ME-East
Cabinet Representative (ex-officio)	**John McLarty**		C/A	A	E	MidN/E
CFA rep (ex-officio)	to be selected by CFA					
GBOPHB member (ex-officio)	Jessica Vittorio		CA	YA	Laity	ME-East
GBOPHB member (ex-officio)	Necia Dexter		C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
BOARD OF TRUSTEES						
	Ellen Diers	2029A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-N
	Drew Clinton	2029A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-W
	Faiana Funaki-Prescott	2029A	A/P	A	E	ME-West
	Jessica Vargas	2030A	H/L	A	Laity	ME-N
	Billy Jay	2030A	C/A	OA	Laity	NW
	Jennifer Kilpatrick	2030A	C/A	A	E	ME-E
	Misti Kingston	2027A	C/A	A	Laity	NW
	Cathy Sweeney	2027A	C/A	A	D	ME-East
Chair	Kelly Wade	2027A	C/A	OA	Laity	East
	Kelly Carpenter	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-East
	Richard Stewart	2028A	B/A	OA	Laity	ME-East
	Marianne Brown-Trigg	2028A	C/A	YA	E	ME-N

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COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION						
Chair	**Craig Clark**	2028A	C/A	OA	E	Mid-Central
	Josh Esparza	2028A	H/L	YA	E	ME-N
	Mike Rowe	2028A	C/A	A	LP	NW
	Michael Baughman	2028A	C/A	A	E	ME-East
	David Pierkarski	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	ME-N
	Corey Moses	2028A		A	D	West
	Marsha Thornton	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	ME-East
	Shelby Farmer	2028A	B/A	A	Laity	East
Ex Officio	**Shawn-Marie Riley**		C/A	OA	Laity	ME-West
Cabinet Representative	**Mary Spradlin**		C/A	A	E	Mid-S/South
STANDING RULES COMMITTEE						
	Ryan Wager	2028A	C/A	A	LP	ME-East
Chair	Tommy Prud'homme	2028A	C/A	A	E	South
	Herman Totten	2028A	B/A	OA	Laity	ME-N
Secretary	Melissa Shamburger	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Vice Chair	Jennifer Kilpatrick	2032A	C/A	A	E	ME-East
	Colin McDonald	2032A	C/A	A	Laity	South
	Dorothy James	2032A	B/A	OA	Laity	ME-East
	Mary Brooke Casad	2032A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-East
Conference Secretary (ex officio)	Kevin Walters		C/A	A	Laity	ME-West

OPERATIONS

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY	Calvin Scott		B/A	A	Laity	ME-West
	Cindy Martin		C/A	OA	Laity	NW
	John Han		A/P	A	E	ME-E
	Brenda Breeden		C/A	OA	Laity	NW
	Kristen Von Gonten		C/A	A	D	South
	Melissa Potter		C/A		Laity	ME-N

INDIVIDUAL ROLES

Conference Secretary	Kevin Walters		C/A	A	Laity	ME-West
Assistant Conference Secretary	Marsha Middleton		C/A	OA	E	ME-East
Conference Statistician	Jeffrey Pehl		C/A	A	E	ME-East
Chancellor	**Sam Hamann**		C/A	A	D	ME-West
Treasurer	Jeffrey Pehl		C/A	A	E	ME-East

CAMP BOARDS

BRIDGEPORT	Colin Craft	2026A	C/A	YA	E	ME-E
	Kristen Glover	2026A	C/A	A	E	West
	Colton Bobbitt	2027A	A/P	YA	Laity	ME-E
	Amanda Black	2027A	C/A	A	Laity	NW
	John Ozmun	2027A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-E

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	Kay Ash	2028A	C/A	A	D	ME_E
	Jennifer Hopson	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-N
	Ryan Galloway	2028A	C/A	YA	PE	East
Chair	**Jenna Johnson**	2029	C/A	A	E	ME-North
	Anna Shipley	2029	C/A	YA	PD	South
	Chad Johnson	2029	N/A	YA	E	Northwest
	Leanne Johnston	2029	C/A	A	Laity	ME-North
DS (ex officio)	**John McLarty**		C/A	A	E	Mid-N/East
HTC Staff	Christine Peirce					
PROTHRO	**Larry Womack**	2028A	C/A	OA	Laity	ME-North
	Erin Sloan Jackson	2028A	C/A	A	Clergy	ME-East
	Blake Durham	2028A	C/A	A	Clergy	Mid-North
	Natalie Nenovich	2028A	C/A	A	Laity	ME-East
	Carly Payne	2028A	C/A	YA	Clergy	ME-West
DS (ex officio)	**John McLarty**		C/A	A	Clergy	Mid-N/East
HTC Staff	Christine Peirce					
GLEN LAKE	Doug Vaughn					
	Carly Payne					
	Mike Marshall					
	Emily Frantz					
	Joel Robbins					
	Jack Teddie					
	Jessica Raines					
	Johnny Brower					
	Andrew Brown-Trigg					
	Neal Bridges					
HTC Staff (Ex officio)	Christine Peirce					
DS (Ex officio)	Tom Long					
Director (Ex-officio)	Daran Miller					

CAMPUS MINISTRY BOARDS	Name	Class	
DENTON WESLEY FOUNDATION			
Chair	Karen Anderson-Lain	2028	Lay, First Denton
Member	Kent Carpenter	2027	Lay, First Denton
Member	Boston White-Smith	2027	Clergy, Aldersgate UMC
Member	David Finley	2027	Clergy, First Denton
Member	Dale Tampke	2027	Clergy, Argyle UMC
Member	Sarah Roberts	2026	Clergy, Aldersgate UMC
Member	Leanne Johnston	2027	Lay, Community UMC, Krum
Member	Jane Graner	2027	Clergy. Trinity UMC, Duncanville
Member	John Bell	2027	Clergy, Christ the Servant ELCA
Member	John Radenmacher	2027	Lay, Christ the Servant ELCA
Member	Adeline Hicks	2026	Lay, Denton Wesley Student
Member	Baranda Fermin	2026	Iliff School of Theology

CAMPUS MINISTRY BOARDS	Name	Class	
Member	Katie Aldis	2029	Lay, First Denton
Member	Karen Nilson	2029	Lay, Christ the Servant ELCA
Member	Ephraim Nitanga	2029	Lay, First Plano
Member	Sarah Roberts	2029	Clergy, Aldersgate UMC
Ex-officio	Marianne Brown-Trigg		Director
Ex-officio	**Philip Rhodes**		District Superintendent
Ex-officio	Stacey Piyakhun		HTC Staff
PARIS WESLEY CENTER			
President	Lisa Johnson		Laity
Secretary	Judy Martin		Laity
Treasurer	Dee Jackson		Laity
	Diann Mason		Laity
	Keri Lynn Lucas		Clergy
	Greg Hollje		Laity
	Marion Hutchison		Laity
	John Wright		Laity
	Michael Lee		Laity
	Rick Erickson		Laity
ex-officio	Michelle Stubbs-Wood		Director
ex-officio	**John McLarty**		District Superintendent
ex-officio	Stacey Piyakhun		HTC Staff
SYNERGY WESLEY FOUNDATION			
President	James Mitchell	2026	Laity
Secretary	Carolyn Kennington	2026	Laity
	Cammy Gaston	2026	Clergy
	Larry George	2026	Clergy
	Marilee Hayden	2026	Laity
	Mark Petersen	2028	Laity
	William Proshek	2026	Laity
	Charles Taylor	2026	Laity
	Mark Solomon	2026	Laity
	Leslee Light		Laity
Ex-officio	Brittany Burrows Melrose		Director
Ex-officio	Lucretia Facen		District Superintendent
Ex-officio	Stacey Piyakhun		HTC Staff
TARLETON WESLEY FOUNDATION			
Chair	Eric Douglas	2026	Clergy
	Sheridan Priddy	2026	Clergy
	Frank Owsley	2026	Laity
	Marylin Jones	2026	Clergy
	Gary Sult	2027	Laity
	Eilleen Faulkenberry		Faculty Advisor
	Debbie Lincoln	2028	Laity
	Ben Sword	2027	Laity

CAMPUS MINISTRY BOARDS	Name	Class	
	Steven Lively	2028	Laity
	Allison Clemons	2028	Alumni
	Mathew Aquino		Ministry Coordinator
	Brandon Jones		Student Representative
ex-officio	Corey Moses		Director
ex-officio	Tom Long		District Superintendent
ex-officio	Stacey Piyakhun		HTC Staff
THE WICHITA FALLS WESLEY			
Chair	Zack Landis		
Financial Chair	Jennifer Fleming		
	Katie Pryor		
	Marcy Brown-Marsden		
	Aaron Logan		
	Jessica Wright		
	Jordan Crawford		
	Larry Parks		
ex-officio	Julia Puac-Romero		Director
ex-officio	**John McLarty**		District Superintendent
ex officio	Stacey Piyakhun		HTC Staff
WESLEY CAMPUS MINISTRIES TEXAS A&M COMMERCE			
Chair	Brian Bosworth		Clergy
	David Owsley		Clergy
Secretary	**Brenda Moore**		
	Andrew Brown-Trigg		Laity
	Cheryl Murray		Clergy
	Rita Sims		Clergy
	Stephen Wright		Clergy
	Larry Crowson		Laity
	Mark Schoeder		
	Susan Patton		
	Larry Cowson		
	Marcus Hawkins		
ex-officio	Travis Burdett		Director
ex-officio	**John McLarty**		District Superintendent
ex officio	Stacey Piyakhun		HTC Staff
WESLEY FOUNDATION AT TCU			
Student	**Craig Kercho**	**2028**	
Student	**Tori Couch**	**2028**	
	Steve Coffman	2026	
	Armando Alvarado	2026	
	Lonzetta Allen	2026	
	Haley Bryant	2027	
	Kelly Carpenter	2027	
	Brad Stewart	2027	

CAMPUS MINISTRY BOARDS	Name	Class	
	Paul Massingill	2027	
	Sabrina Gordon	2027	
	Amber Benson	2028	
	Christy Bailey	2028	
	Tonya Frantz	2028	
	Estee Valendy	2028	
	Sarah Walters	2028	
ex-officio	Eddie Kahler		Director
ex-officio	Hanna Newcomer Silva		Associate Director
ex-officio	Todd Boling		TCU Chaplain
ex-officio	**Danny Tenney**		District Superintendent
ex-officio	Stacey Piyakhun		HTC Staff
UTA WESLEY			
Chair	**Thevnin Rumende**		
Staff-Parish Relations	**Madison Boboltz**	Clergy, First UMC Arlington	
Secretary, Fundraising Chair	Karen Cox		
Finance	Dave Munson		
	Rollin Phipps		
Building/Grounds Chair	**Cody Cox**		
	Ashley Nguyenminh		
	Will Mayberry		
	Carly Payne		
	Jeanne Cochran		
	Michelle Frawley		
Director	Evve Kuykendall		
DS	**Danny Tenney**		
HTC Staff	Stacey Piyakhun		

ITEM 2026-19: DISCONTINUANCE OF BELTON UNITED WESLEY FOUNDATION

From: Multiply Jesus Followers Team

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following resolution:

Whereas, the Belton United Wesley Foundation has been under assessment by the Board of Directors, District Superintendent, and the Multiply Jesus Followers team, as required by the Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry in accordance with ¶ 633.4.d.17 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*;

Whereas, the Belton United Wesley Board of Directors engaged in a season of prayerful discernment culminating in a meeting held on April 19, 2026, to determine the future of the ministry;

Whereas, after reviewing prior materials, the history of attempts within this mission field over the past several years, and reflecting on student feedback, the board discussed sustainability challenges including financial viability and fit between the current organizational model and the context of the mission field, while affirming the ongoing spiritual needs of students and a commitment to their continued care. The board voted unanimously to close Belton United Wesley in its current form, setting

a closing date of June 30, 2026, and identified next steps for the transition, communication planning, conference coordination, financial follow-up, legal closure, and pastoral support for students as they connect with other communities;

Whereas, Bishop Saenz and the cabinet subsequently voted on April 23, 2026, to discontinue the Belton United Wesley; and

Whereas, grant funding that was provided by the Horizon Texas Conference and is not needed for ministry through June 30, 2026, will be returned to the conference for use in the growth of development of collegiate ministries;

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Conference terminates our ministry at the Belton United Wesley Foundation.

ITEM 2026-20: RENEWED COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY AT NAVARRO COLLEGE

From: Multiply Jesus Followers Team

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following:

Whereas the passing of the 2025 Resolution to discontinue ministry of the UCF Wesley was a difficult conversation for our Annual Conference and a commitment was made to explore the continuance of ministry to students at Navarro College;

Whereas, the vacant campus ministry buildings owned by Horizon Texas Conference at two-year community colleges South Plains College (Lubbock) and Navarro College (Corsicana) are adjacent to primarily ethnic minority student populations, and the ministry at Navarro College reached a majority of Brown and Black students;

Whereas, a strategic team of twelve members was formed to intentionally reflect the richness and diversity of the mission field that we are called to serve and to ensure that team members reflect a variety of lived experiences;

Whereas, the work of the strategic team was to honor the commitment to diverse populations at all Horizon Texas Conference collegiate ministry campuses;

Whereas, the strategic team has met nine times since August 2025 for analysis of the conference mission field, assessment of the two vacant campus ministry buildings, timelines, staffing, and funding plans for new campus ministries, in addition to completing an IDI (intercultural development inventory) with group and individual debriefings; and

Whereas, members of this team have completed a site visit to Corsicana and met community stakeholders six times since December 2025 to explore ministry redevelopment and community partnerships; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Conference renew its commitment to continued campus ministry at Navarro College;

Resolved, That the Multiply Jesus Followers team, Center for Multiplication, the Northwest District, and Horizon Texas Conference collegiate ministers lead the exploration of ministry relaunch at South Plains College;

Resolved, That – since there are no United Methodist Churches in the Corsicana area – churches across the Horizon Texas Conference support Navarro College campus ministry through prayers (for the ministry, leadership and students), presence (travel to support and engagement with students), gifts (financial donations and providing snacks or supplies), service (serving meals and working alongside the board), and witness (share the story of campus ministry within your local church); and

Resolved, That the Navarro College campus ministry begin relaunch for the 2026–2027 school year, with continued development on a plan for staffing, funding, and local partnerships.

ITEM 2026-21: PROCEEDS FROM MINERAL PROPERTIES

From: HTC Board of Trustees

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following:

Resolved, That income from mineral properties, in excess of taxes, be designated for new church starts in the Horizon Texas Conference unless otherwise restricted or otherwise determined by the Board of Trustees.

ITEM 2026-22: DISCONTINUANCE OF EVERMAN UMC

From: Rev. Danny Tenney, Metro West District Superintendent

Background: Everman UMC voted to discontinue after the preliminary workbook was published. The HTC standing rules state, "Proposed matters to be voted on that are submitted less than 60 days before the annual conference shall only be considered at the annual conference if: (1) they are related to an event that has occurred less than 75 days before the annual conference, and (2) the proposal is duplicated and distributed to annual conference members no later 24 hours prior to its consideration." This legislative item meets these requirements.

Action: The Horizon Texas Annual Conference (the "Conference") adopts the following resolution:

Whereas, Everman United Methodist Church is located in Tarrant County, Texas, in the Metro West District of the Horizon Texas Conference;

Whereas, District Superintendent Rev. Danny Tenney guided the congregation in an assessment of its potential as outlined in ¶213 (¶2549.2(1)) of the *2020-24 Discipline*;

Whereas, the district superintendent and the congregation have concluded that the congregation can no longer serve the purpose for which it was organized or incorporated;

Whereas, on May 11, 2026, a church conference was convened and voted to discontinue the local church; and

Whereas, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

Resolved, That Everman United Methodist Church be discontinued effective May 15, 2026, and all its property transferred to the Horizon Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, or its successors, for disposition as the Conference Board of Trustees may deem in the best interest of the conference;

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Conference Board of Trustees, or its successors, be authorized, in its discretion, to distribute the items of the property which may be best used by other churches to such churches, and to sell all other property with the net proceeds distributed in accordance with HTC policy; and

Resolved, That the membership of the remaining congregation of Everman UMC at the time of this action be encouraged to join a local UMC and that all official records of the discontinued church be forwarded to the Horizon Texas Conference archives, or its successors.

Petitions

Petitions come from a member or members of the conference and request that the conference articulate a position or take an action. They are often written in the form of a resolution. Typically, petitions are considered to be aspirational.

ITEM 2026-50: IDENTIFYING AND CELEBRATING ENCOURAGERS IN CHRIST

Whereas, the Holy Scriptures emphasize the importance of encouragement and mutual support among the people of God, as exemplified by Deborah, who strengthened and accompanied Barak in faith and courage for the sake of Israel (Judges 4–5), and by Barnabas, who was called the "Son of Encouragement" (Acts 4:36–37; Acts 9:26–27); and

Whereas, members of the Horizon Texas Conference (HTC) regularly witness acts of encouragement and support in their local congregations, ministries, and daily lives; and

Whereas, sharing stories of encouragement is itself an act of care and healing, as bearing witness to God's grace through one another's lives restores hope, strengthens resilience, and tends to the wounds that isolation and discouragement can bring; and

Whereas, June 11, 2026, is the feast day of Barnabas in the Catholic Church, providing an opportunity to honor encouragers in our lives in a unified and intentional way with our ecumenical siblings; and

Whereas, collecting stories of encouragement and thanksgiving allows HTC to celebrate the work of the Spirit among its members and encourages a culture of mutual support; and

Whereas, structured report forms enable the Annual Conference to capture these interactions and discern the impact of encouragement across the HTC; it is therefore

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Conference invites all members to prayerfully identify someone in their lives who has served as an encourager and to intentionally reach out to them by phone, email, text, or other means on or by **June 11, 2026**, so that these acts of gratitude may become part of the conference's living testimony: telling the story of faith, mutual care, and healing within the body of Christ; and

Resolved, That in each contact, HTC members would:

- Communicate that the person they are contacting has been an encourager in their life;
- Offer thanksgiving for this person's presence and ministry;
- Cite at least one specific instance in which the person lifted their spirits or provided encouragement; and

Resolved, That following this contact, members of the Horizon Texas Conference may complete and submit an **Encourager Form** as a narrative account of how encouragement has served as a means of care and healing across the Horizon Texas Conference, telling our collective story of the Spirit's work among us, which includes:

- Name of the HTC member submitting the report;
- Name of the person identified as an "Encourager";
- A description of how this person is an Encourager;
- Personal reflection on the experience of expressing appreciation;
- Any additional comments.

Resolved, that the operations department of the HTC will create and distribute an Encourager Report to all conference delegates on or by **June 11, 2026**, with a submission deadline of **June 30, 2026**, to allow the Annual Conference to collect, review, and analyze the results; and

Resolved, That the HTC Care and Healing Team will provide a report to the Annual Conference in 2027 that communicates the participation and analysis of the returned Encourager Forms, which may include the number of reports received, the proportion of delegates participating, the number and types of encouragers identified, common forms of encouragement described, emerging themes from narrative reflections, and representative stories that illustrate how encouragement has served as a ministry of care, resilience, and healing across the Horizon Texas Conference; and

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Conference encourages congregations, ministry teams, and members to share and tell our story of encouragement, recognizing that sharing these experiences is itself a ministry of care and healing, thereby fostering a culture of mutual support, gratitude, and discipleship in alignment with the mission of the United Methodist Church and the priorities of the Horizon Texas Conference.

Submitted by Rev. Jason Valendy

Supporting Information

What Biblical text(s) informed you in the development of this petition?

- Judges 4–5 - Deborah encouraging Barak
- Ruth 1-4 - Ruth's encouraging Naomi in her decisions
- Acts 4:36–37 – Introduction of Barnabas as a generous supporter.
- Acts 9:26–27 – Barnabas' encouragement of Paul to join the apostles.
- Acts 18:24-28 - Pricilla does not tear down Apollos but pulls him aside to help him grow
- Hebrews 10:24–25 – The call to encourage one another and spur love and good works.
- Thessalonians 5:11 – "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

How does this petition help further the mission of our Annual Conference to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? How does it align with the HTC vision and the five strategic priorities?

- Maximize care and healing: encouraging and recognizing encouragers fosters spiritual growth, discipleship, and relational vitality within congregations.
- Multiply followers of Jesus: followers of Jesus Christ are bringers of Good News and being an encourager of the Good News.
- Tell our story: Giving people a purpose and reason to not just tell stories, but to hear the stories of others.

Provide pertinent references set forth in the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline *or the* 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions *that relate to this petition.*

- ¶ 126 The Heart of Christian Ministry - Affirms that Christian ministry is rooted in Christ's "outreaching love" and expressed through a common life of gratitude, devotion, witness, service, and discipleship. This provides a foundational theological basis for recognizing encouragement as a vital expression of Christian ministry.
- ¶ 129 Ministry as Gift and Task - Describes ministry as both a gift of grace and a task of unsparing service, reinforcing that practices such as encouragement are not optional but integral to the church's life together.

How does this item differ from the stated stances set forth in the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline *or the* 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions*?*

- None

If applied, what action would be required of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference?

- Distribution of the Encourager Appreciation Report (EAR) Form to all Annual Conference delegates, as well as to the chairs of the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members, the Orders of Deacons and Elders, and the Board of Laity, on or by June 11, 2026.
- Collection of submitted forms by June 30, 2026.
- Generate a report to the Annual Conference in 2027 that communicates the participation and analysis of the returned EARs.
- Encouragement of ongoing practice of identifying and uplifting encouragers within HTC congregations and ministries.

ITEM 2026-51: CREATING A CREATION CARE/JUSTICE TASKFORCE

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church will create a conference-level Creation Care/Justice Taskforce as a part of the Care and Healing Team to address climate justice and resilience in the annual conference. This work is a part of the Board of Church and Society's portfolio. The term climate justice reflects the intersection of creation care with healthcare, economic, racial, and all other all other justice issues. This is a follow-up to the "Affirming the Formation of Green Teams in the Horizon Texas Annual Conference" resolution that was passed at the 2025 session of Annual Conference.

The Horizon Texas Annual Conference hereby asserts and recognizes that creation care/environmental stewardship is a faithful and imperative response to the world-wide crisis of environmental degradation. As stewards of Creation, we have failed on our watch to ensure clean water, flourishing wildlife, and a stable climate for current and future generations. We acknowledge our sinfulness and cry out that Creation Care and Justice is and must be a Missional Priority for the church; and

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Annual Conference understands the work of creation care/environmental justice to be a part of our Missional Priority.

Affirmed by this conference body, with their work empowered by faith as a Missional Priority, the Creation Care/Justice Taskforce will be charged to accomplish these tasks toward a missional, sustainable, and faithful church:

- Recognize the church as the presence of God— "on Earth as it is in heaven," both now and for the future—and develop and advance a vision toward a sustainable, net-zero, resilient church, empowering congregations, districts, and congregational groups to take action consistent with that vision, as well as develop resources for that effort.
- Delineate benchmarks and assume accountability to meet benchmarks that move the conference toward net-zero (a practice of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and/or ensuring that ongoing emissions are balanced by removal of greenhouse gases), sustainable, and environmental justice goals in line with the Wesleyan faith, and in partnership with people and communities most affected by environmental impacts and climate change.
- Pursue just partnerships and community recovery both within the congregation and outside the walls of the church, coordinating and collaborating with the strategic work of anti-racism and restorative justice work already taking place in the conference.

In line with the Missional Priority work of Creation Care and Justice, the Creation Care/Justice Taskforce will work closely with conference budgetary structures toward the funding and achievement of net-zero and sustainable goals—

- Participate in the conference budgeting process to ensure that priorities identified by the Creation Care/Justice Taskforce are integrated into the conference budget and funded at robust levels.
- Identify, apply for, and work to secure new funding sources designated to achieve net-zero, greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, ensuring that funding is provided to, and available for, local congregations and conference entities working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their context.
- Support and encourage the Annual Conference and congregations to divest from emissions-laden investments and practices and toward re-investment in low-carbon, sustainable alternatives, such as addressing food waste, single-use refuse disposal, electrification, and obtaining energy from clean power sources.

In line with the Book of Discipline (¶ 628.2 2024 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, page 459), the Creation Care/Justice Taskforce, together with the conference Board of Church and Society and the Annual Conference Nominations Committee, hire/appoint/select a Caretaker of God's Creation Coordinator for the conference.

This Coordinator will—

- Serve on the Creation Care/Justice Taskforce as a member.
- Serve with other Caretakers of God's Creation/Green Teams/Creation Care Committees/Creation Justice Ministry Teams across the denomination to contribute to and establish a multiconference network of such groups through the General Board of Church and Society, General Board of Global Missions, Caretakers of God's Creation, The United Methodist Creation Justice Movement, and other appropriate United Methodist bodies.
- "...Be responsible for helping the conference develop programs to become more ecologically sustainable and to address environmental injustices" (as appropriate to Horizon Texas Annual Conference contexts). ¶ 628.2 *2024 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, page 459.

Resolved, That Conference Creation Care/Justice Taskforce members shall consist of a minimum of ten people who are passionate about gospel of Jesus Christ, creation care and justice, and anti-racism, and that members shall include in addition to others, at least

- 2 youth
- 2 young adults (under age 30)
- 2 clergy
- 2 laity
- 1 conference staff person

Every District should be represented in the membership listed above.

Resolved, That from this Creation Care/Justice Taskforce, sub-groups shall be formed to address these needs:

- Rudder (Steering, Coordinating)
    - To identify and articulate specific goals and benchmarks for success
- Resource development
    - To provide educational, worship, missional and discipleship materials and to serve as a resource to local churches, districts, and the Annual Conference
- Community Outreach, Local Church Engagement, and Missional Listening
    - To build coalition, restoration, and a renewed body of the church
- Budget engagement

    - To identify and pursue designated funding, grant writing, and funds development
- Repair and support anti-racism partnerships
    - To recognize the expertise and leadership of communities impacted by environmental harms
    - To work through a priority anti-racist lens

Submitted by
- Rev. Mel Caraway, Caretaker of God's Creation Coordinator, HTC
- Rev. Phil Dieke, Chair of HTC Board of Church and Society
- Horizon Texas Conference Board of Church and Society
- Horizon Texas Conference United Women in Faith

Supporting Information

What Biblical text(s) informed you in the development of this petition?
- Genesis 1-2
- Psalm 24

How does this petition help further the mission of our Annual Conference to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? How does it align with the HTC vision and the five strategic priorities?
- In order to make disciples for the transformation of the world, we must have a world to transform. This gives us the tools to work with in the Horizon Texas Conference for care and healing as we work to create a sustainable world.

Provide pertinent references set forth in the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline *or the* 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions *that relate to this petition.*
- Par. 703.9 BOD
- Par. 806.1b(2) BOD
- Par. 628.2 BOD
- Multiple resolutions in 2024 BOR on various aspects of Creation Care/Justice -- Church Land Use, Green Teams, Clean Energy, Net Zero, Solar

How does this item differ from the stated stances set forth in the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline *or the* 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions*?*
- This resolution does not differ in any way from the 2024 Book of Discipline or Book of resolutions.

If applied, what action would be required of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference?
- If adopted, this resolution will provide a tool for the Horizon Texas Annual Conference to fulfill the language of the 2024 BOD and the BOR at the Annual Conference level.
- There are no direct financial implications.

Notes:
When God brought Abraham out of Ur, atmospheric carbon was about 280 ppm. Today's number hovers around 431.32 ppm (as of March 31, 2026). Find today's exact number at The Keeling Curve.
Find Net-Zero and emissions reduction resources for faith communities from faith communities:
- From the Church of England PDF—A practical path to net zero carbon: A checklist for your church
- From the Anglican church in Canada—Addressing the questions, What is net zero? and What will it require of me?' a FAQ or a net-zero church,
- From the Church of Scotland—Net-Zero Strategic Outline
- From The Methodist Church in Britain—not only have they divested from fossil fuels, but also they have a lot of information about how to get to net-zero.

Find help through partnerships with governmental agencies if they still exist:

- EPA's Resources for Congregations, including Energy Star Action Workbook for Congregations.
- DOE's Renew America's Nonprofits
- DOE's Justice 40 Initiative

Connect with the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement for resources on Caretakers of God's Creation, green teams, worship materials and curriculum, Creation Justice Tips, solar initiatives, and current creation justice legislation in the *Book of Discipline* and *Book of Resolutions*, and support for Creation Care and Justice throughout the denomination.

ITEM 2026-52: SAFEGUARDING CREATION AND COMMUNITY FROM UNSUSTAINABLE DATA CENTER GROWTH

Whereas, the UMC Social Principles (p. 9) declares: "We affirm that all creation belongs to God and is a manifestation of God's goodness and providential care... Rather than treating creation as if it were placed here solely for humanity's use and consumption, we are called to practice responsible stewardship and to live in right relationship with the Creator and with the whole of God's creation;" and

Whereas, the data center industry provides processing for Artificial Intelligence and has quickly overwhelmed social, environmental and economic resources across the country. In Texas the data center industry is expanding rapidly; and

Whereas, the Horizon Texas Annual Conference should call for this currently unregulated industry to abide by sustainable standards; and

Whereas, data centers fueled by fossil fuels pose health risks to the young, the unborn, and the old, (some of which include, but are not limited to pre-term labor, miscarriage, respiratory illnesses, developmental issues, heart attack, stroke, cancer and depression). Data centers, regardless of their fuel source, produce noise, light, and water pollution (all of which carry their own health risks, and

Whereas, the UMC *Book of Resolutions* (p. 52) states: "The public health risks of technological development and waste must be fully researched and openly assessed before new technologies are introduced into the home, the workplace, the community and the environment;" and

Whereas, in Texas, energy needed to power data centers exceeds the current capacity of ERCOT to power them, facilitating the call for new gas power plants which would substantially increase CO2 emissions; and

Whereas, local governments are racing to secure data center contracts. Sound policies are not currently in place, and local ordinances do not yet have the strength to provide adequate fiscal and environmental protections. Communities are currently vulnerable to often-unfulfilled financial revenue and job projections while giving tax breaks to the wealthiest companies on the planet; and

Whereas, communities awaken to sudden approvals of data centers near their homes and neighborhoods, despite zoning ordinances and laws designed to protect residential and community integrity. Nondisclosure agreements leave citizens without any warning that a data center is imminent. The failure to share information erodes trust between citizens and industry and citizens and elected officials; it is therefore

Resolved, That we call upon the Horizon Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, through its Board of Church and Society, its leaders and participating local congregations to:

- Promote policies that uphold the highest level of sustainability for data center development which protect all living creatures, and ensure that data centers should be sited away from vulnerable populations, historic sites, schools, daycares, hospitals and protected lands,
- Recommend standards for onsite renewable energy generation, air quality, water containment and reuse, and for zoning of data centers as "heavy industrial,
- Oppose the use of non-disclosure agreements, proprietary data claims, and tactics that deprive the public of information,
- Recommend that public officials disclose financial contributions and/or conflicts of interest,
- Advocate that data centers, not local citizens, pay for developing their facilities,
- Oppose the use of tax incentives and/or abatements for these facilities,
- Urge lawmakers/regulators to develop, enforce, and obey all environmental planning laws to assure a full and fair evaluation of the threats to the community,
- Encourage our districts and congregations to work across district/county lines to advocate for environmental and human justice, to support sustainability in the data center industry, and establish working relationships with nonprofit ecumenical and environmental advocacy organizations in Texas,
- Equip Texas United Methodists to advocate for sustainable standards and managed growth of the data center industry.

Resolved, That We call upon the Conference Secretary to send this resolution to the Texas Governor, Texas Senators, the Public Utilities Commission, the Lt. Governor, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, the Railroad Commission, and relevant local and county authorities including but not limited to city councils and planning committees, county commissioners, and water districts. Also, we call upon the Conference Secretary to share it through the Horizon Texas Conference Communications Office, so that our witness on this issue may be known and effective.

Submitted by:

- Rev. Mel Caraway, Caretaker of God's Creation Coordinator
- Rev. Phil Dieke, Chair, Board of Church and Society
- Horizon Texas Conference Board of Church and Society (3/26/26)
- Jennie Birkholz, Deaconess Candidate
- Horizon Texas Conference United Women in Faith

Supporting Information

What Biblical text(s) informed you in the development of this petition?

- Genesis 1-2
- Psalm 24

How does this petition help further the mission of our Annual Conference to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? How does it align with the HTC vision and the five strategic priorities?

- This aligns with the care and healing component of our Mission Statement.

Provide pertinent references set forth in the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline *or the* 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions *that relate to this petition.*

- BOD – Social Principles p.9
- BOR – Public Health p. 52

How does this item differ from the stated stances set forth in the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline *or the* 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions*?*

- This does not conflict with either the BOD or the BOR.

If applied, what action would be required of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference?

- There are no financial implications from this resolution.

ITEM 2026-53: LGBTQ+ INCLUSION TASKFORCE

Whereas, the 2020/2024 General Conference of The United Methodist Church removed Book of Discipline policies targeting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) community and mandating discrimination throughout the denomination; and

Whereas, dismantling discrimination and harm cannot be realized through legislation alone, but requires ongoing engagement in the context of relationship, including but not limited to: policy change, story-sharing and dialogue, education, support, leadership development, solidarity, advocacy, monitoring, accountability; and

Whereas, the Horizon Texas Annual Conference seeks to be proactive in building relationships, learning, and living into all that is now possible for ministry with and for LGBTQ+ persons; it is therefore

Resolved, That the Horizon Texas Annual Conference calls on our Bishop, Cabinet, and Nominations Committee to create a conference-level LGBTQ+ Inclusion Taskforce under the umbrella of Pursue and Embrace Diversity Team for the purpose of:

1. Actively supporting the LGBTQ+ laity, clergy, and candidates for licensed/ordained ministry in the Horizon Texas Annual Conference with community-building, faith and leadership development, solidarity, and advocacy.
2. Centering and amplifying the voices and experiences of the LGBTQ+ community, especially those who have been marginalized by church and society, most notably, transgender and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) persons.
3. Monitoring Annual Conference committees and policies, as well as the status and needs of candidates and clergy under appointment to ensure justice and equity on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, and to report findings to the Annual Conference.
4. Curating, creating, and sharing resources to equip local churches for:
    a. relationship building and continuing education
    b. meaningful ministry with and for LGBTQ+ church and community members
5. Collaborating with ministry-specific areas, particularly children's ministry, youth ministry, camping ministry and campus ministry in the desire to safely and most effectively be in ministry with and for LGBTQ+ people of all ages.

Resolved, That the LGBTQ+ Inclusion Taskforce of 6-9 persons will be established within 3 months of annual conference adjournment, hold its first meeting in 2026, and include:

1. LGBTQ+ persons that make up at least ⅓ of the total membership
2. Intentional diversity of age
    a. At least 2 members under the age of 25
    b. ⅓ membership 35 and under
    c. ⅓ membership 36 to 55
    d. ⅓ membership 56 and up
3. Intentional diversity throughout all genders
4. Intentional diversity throughout all races and ethnicities
5. Lay and clergy representatives from each district.
6. Members with established leadership in the area of LGBTQ+ justice and inclusion

Resolved, That the LGBTQ+ Inclusion Taskforce will be fully included in all future annual conference processes related to ensuring an appropriate budget, representation on other committees, reporting to the annual conference, and ongoing membership based on the above criteria.

Submitted by Rev. Rachel Griffin-Allison

Supporting Information

What Biblical text(s) informed you in the development of this petition?

This resolution is grounded in a broad witness of Scripture that affirms God's expansive love, justice, and inclusion. Key texts include:

- Genesis 1:27 – All people are created in the image of God.
- Micah 6:8 – The call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.
- Isaiah 58 – God's vision of true worship as liberation and repair.
- Acts 10:34–35 – "God shows no partiality," affirming radical inclusion.
- Galatians 3:28 – Unity in Christ beyond divisions.
- Luke 4:18–19 – Jesus' mission to proclaim good news to the marginalized.

These texts collectively shape a theological vision of belonging, dignity, and justice that informs this resolution.

How does this petition help further the mission of our Annual Conference to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? How does it align with the HTC vision and the five strategic priorities?

This item advances the mission of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by strengthening the capacity of the Church to fully include, support, and equip LGBTQ+ clergy and leaders. When all called leaders are resourced to serve with authenticity and integrity, the Church is better positioned to embody the love of Christ and engage in transformative ministry in the world.

This work aligns closely with the five strategic priorities of the Horizon Texas Conference:

- **Multiplying Followers of Jesus**: By creating resources that support inclusive ministry, this effort helps cultivate communities where more people can encounter the love of Christ and respond to the call of discipleship. When LGBTQ+ individuals and allies experience belonging, the Church becomes a more credible and compelling witness.
- **Championing Children and Youth**: LGBTQ+ youth are among the most vulnerable populations in both church and society. Equipping clergy with tools for care, advocacy, and inclusion directly contributes to creating safer, more life-giving environments for young people to grow in faith.
- **Pursue and Embrace Diversity**: This item directly embodies the commitment to embrace diversity by affirming the full humanity and calling of LGBTQ+ persons. It strengthens the Church's ability to reflect the breadth of God's beloved community.
- **Maximize Care and Healing**: LGBTQ+ clergy and congregants have often experienced harm within the Church. Providing resources that foster pastoral care, resilience, and support contributes to healing and wholeness within the body of Christ.
- **Telling Our Story**: This work helps the Church more clearly and faithfully tell its story as a community shaped by grace, inclusion, and justice. It equips leaders to articulate a vision of the Church that is hopeful, authentic, and rooted in the gospel.

In all these ways, this item supports a Church that is not only growing in number but deepening in faithfulness—participating more fully in God's work of transformation in the world.

Provide pertinent references set forth in the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline *or the* 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions *that relate to this petition.*

Relevant references include:
- Book of Discipline ¶121 – The mission of the Church
- ¶122 – The process for carrying out our mission
- ¶140 – The Wesleyan understanding of social holiness
- ¶162 – Social Principles (Human Sexuality, Human Dignity)
- ¶2702 – Petitions and resolutions process

Book of Resolutions:
- "Human Sexuality" (2016/2020)
- "Equal Rights Regardless of Sexual Orientation"
- "Welcoming the Stranger"
- "Resolution on Diversity and Inclusion"

These provide context for ongoing denominational conversations around inclusion and justice.

How does this item differ from the stated stances set forth in the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline *or the* 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions*?*

This resolution builds upon, but also moves beyond, existing denominational language by:
- Centering lived experience of LGBTQ+ persons more explicitly
- Emphasizing full participation in leadership and ministry
- Moving from "welcome" toward full inclusion and equity
- Naming justice and belonging as essential, not optional

While the Discipline acknowledges human dignity, this resolution calls for more concrete, contextual action within the Horizon Texas Conference.

If applied, what action would be required of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference?

If adopted, the Horizon Texas Annual Conference commits to:
- Supporting the work of the LGBTQ+ Inclusion Team
- Developing resources and training for congregations and leaders
- Encouraging inclusive ministry practices across the conference
- Providing pastoral and community support structures

Financial implications:
- Modest funding may be required for resource development, training events, and communications
- Potential budget allocation for inclusion initiatives and leadership development

These investments are aligned with the conference's mission and represent a commitment to sustainable, justice-centered ministry.

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MINISTERS

Jack Joe Dominguez

Jackie Joe Dominguez, "Brother Jack" 69, of Abilene, Texas, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. Jackie was born on June 3, 1955, in Syracuse, Kansas, to Joe Angel Dominguez and Josephine Alvarez Dominguez. He spent his early years in Goodland, Kansas, where he received his primary education before moving to Texas in the early 1970s. He worked alongside his uncle in a cabinet shop in San Angelo before settling in Abilene in 1978. There, he worked at the Mall of Abilene while attending Cisco Junior College.

On March 26, 1982, Jackie married the love of his life, Sally Ann Rosales, in Abilene. Work eventually took him to Arizona, where he spent five years in the shoe business before returning to the city he called home.

Upon his return to Abilene, Jackie found a new calling and joined the United Methodist Church. He went on to become a devoted pastor, serving congregations in Rotan, Jayton, Hawley, Tye, and most recently in Memphis, Texas. His ministry was marked by compassion, wisdom, and a deep love for community.

Jackie had a sharp mind and a warm heart. He was a lifelong learner who loved reading-especially Sherlock Holmes mysteries and World War II history. He was happiest outdoors, grilling for family and friends, where his laugh and stories always filled the air.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sally Ann Dominguez of Abilene; daughter Mandy Dominguez and her husband Charles Johnson of Abilene; brothers Rick Dominguez (Kim) of Arizona, Johnny "Whitecloud" Dominguez (Cassandra) of San Angelo, TX, and Jesse Dominguez of Austin, TX; and special nieces Jessica and Adriana Dominguez of Austin. Jackie was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Raymond Dominguez; and sisters Corine Dominguez and Elizabeth Dominguez. Jackie's legacy of faith, kindness, and devotion to family will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Bob Frank Weathers

Rev. Bob F. Weathers, 92, of Fort Worth Texas, passed May 10, 2025. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Rev. Weathers was born in Brownwood Texas on September 9, 1932, and graduated Brookesmith High School in 1950.

Rev. Weathers attended Howard Payne college, McMurry college, earned his undergraduate degree from Texas Wesleyan in Fort Worth, and a Master of Theology from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

Rev. Weathers served in the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church from 1950 to 1998. His first sermon as a youth was at age sixteen in Trickham Texas. Rev. Weathers's appointments in the United Methodist Church were Indian Creek-Buffalo (1950-1952), Turnersville Circuit (1952-1953), Jonesboro Circuit (1953-1954), Oglesby (1954-1955), Evant (1955-1957), Palmer (1957-1961), Milford-Midway (1961-1962), Strawn (1962-1963), Santa Anna Parish (1963-1967), De Leon Parish (1967-1970), Brownwood First (1970-1975), Killeen First (1975-1976), Stephenville First (1976-1977), Meadowbrook Fort Worth (1977-1980), Brownwood District Superintendent (1980-1984), Westcliff Fort Worth (1984-1990), and Temple District Superintendent (1990-1998).

Rev. Weathers loved serving his church members, family and friends. He held hundreds of revivals during his ministry for churches in the Central Texas Conference, officiated hundreds of weddings, funerals, and provided Christian counseling services.

After retirement in 1998, Rev. Weathers continued to support the United Methodist Church by holding seven interim appointments, holding revivals, and conducting successful finance campaigns for multiple churches.

Throughout his life, Rev. Weathers enjoyed playing golf, eating at his favorite restaurants, and spending time with family and friends.

Rev. Weathers is survived by his wife, Mary; sons Johnny and Charles; daughters Kay and Laurie; 16 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. Rev. Weathers is preceded in death by his daughter Joyce, granddaughter Kali, and brother Jack.

Benjamin B Marney

Rev. Benjamin B. Marney, 93, of Oil City, Pennsylvania passed away Tuesday May 27, 2025, at Oakwood Heights Village in Oil City. Born June 6, 1931, in Ft. Worth, Texas, he was the son of the late Andy K. and Bennie McMillan Marney. He was married on Feb. 22, 1958, to the former Mary Ann Curtis and she preceded him in death on April 11, 2017.

Pastor Marney was a graduate of Southern Methodist University. Rev. Marney had been a pastor in the United Methodist Church for many years and was an elder in the Central Texas Conference. He and his wife left Texas in 1999, to be nearer to grandchildren. He lived in Hollidaysburg, PA., and Martinsburg, PA., before coming to live with his daughter Leah in Oil City, PA. Rev. Marney was a member of Lodge #467 AF & AM, Grand Lodge of Texas. He enjoyed singing and gardening.

Survivors include: two children, Barton Marney of Martinsburg, PA and Leah Carr and her husband Rev. Thomas Carr of Oil City, PA, grandchildren Tara, Jessica, Kenneth, Lynnette and Krista, as well as 8 great grandchildren. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son Kenneth Marney and a brother Mac Marney.

Lawrence Meredith

Beloved husband, father, professor, mentor, preacher, and friend, Lawrence Meredith (Larry) died on the morning of May 29th at the Hospice of San Joaquin. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 68 years, Patricia, his three sons-Lawrence (Stephanie), Steve (Karen), and Mark (Stacey), and grandchildren Jeffrey, Emily (Owen), and Grace. Larry was preceded in death by his father, Charles Spencer Meredith Jr., his mother Mary Louise Mayers, brothers Dr. Charles Spencer III (Dr. Martha) and McLauren, and sister Mary Louise Reily.

Larry was born in Miami, Florida, in 1928. He would eventually follow his brothers to Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, where he received his BA in English. Larry would meet his future wife, Patricia Shriver, a coed at Southern Methodist University, while earning his BD in Historical Theology at Perkins School of Theology. The happy couple was married in Patricia's hometown of Coats, Kansas, in 1956, and so

their wondrous journey down the Yellow Brick Road commenced. Larry's first ministry was at Clearview Methodist Church in Dallas, and the couple would soon move to New England where Larry would write his dissertation on the theology of John Wesley and receive his PhD in the History and Philosophy of Religion from Harvard University.

The Yellow Brick Road would then lead him to being Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Religion at Albion College in Michigan. In 1966, Larry became the Dean of Chapel at the University of the Pacific, where he assisted in the formation of Callison College, focusing on International Studies. Strong love and devotion to Pacific continued to be a dominant theme throughout Larry's life. Meredith was later awarded "Professor of the Universe" by the students for opening their minds and challenging traditional norms. Dr. Meredith also received the University of Pacific Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award, the Faculty Mentor Award, honorary degrees bestowed from both Southwestern and Hawaii Loa Universities, and The Order of Pacific, the highest honor that can be conferred upon a retiring faculty member. In 2020, over 50 of Larry's former students, family, and friends, donated to create an endowed scholarship in his name, The Lawrence Meredith Endowed Professorship in the Humanities.

Larry will resonate in our heartstrings because of his love of life and play. He was a legendary centerpiece of daily noon time pick-up basketball games and always rejoiced in the sinking of a left-hand hook shot! He played with sons and colleagues in the annual Turkey Bowl football games, he directed home movies, he played the piano and would close parties by performing his infamous sing-along "Jesus Cowboy," and was invited to officiate at many of his students' and family weddings. He was a proud Eagle Scout with an eagle eye for film and photography. Larry was also a fixture of Central United Methodist Church in Stockton for almost sixty years. And he made a marvelous team with his wife Patricia, who helped imagine their Yellow Brick journey. Larry even penned his own epitaph at the end of his book: "He loved his wife and boys. He liked Jesus, the Boston Celtics, and Dr. Pepper. And sometimes he was funny." His love, laughter, and wisdom will be missed.

Cecil Duron Reed

Rev. Cecil D. Reed, of Florence, Texas, passed away peacefully in his son's home on the Reed Ranch on June 24, 2025. He was born on February 16, 1927, to Walter Loyd Reed and Gladys May Strickland in Redwater, Texas. After graduating from Redwater High School in 1943, Cecil began preaching the gospel with a local Methodist Church license in the Texarkana District. He served five churches in the Rusk Circuit area. He continued his education at Lon Morris College, where he met Emma Jean Lovelady. They wed on August 16, 1945, and were happily married for 67 years, during which she was by his side as a loving pastor's wife and mother to their three children.

Cecil went on to Southwestern University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and his teacher's certificate in 1951. He taught eighth grade for a year and drove a school bus while also serving Florence Methodist Church. He enrolled at Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School and graduated in 1956 with a Bachelor of Divinity.

In 1957, he joined the Army National Guard Chaplain Corps and went active duty with the Army in 1962. He honorably served the military for 23 years, giving spiritual support and conducting services for soldiers and their families across the world, including in Fort Gordon, Georgia; Greenland; Germany; New York City; Vietnam; Fort Hood, Texas; Seoul, South Korea; and Fort Ritchie, Maryland. He retired in 1980 as a LtC at Fort Hood.

While stationed at Fort Ritchie, Cecil conducted 52 Sunday services at Camp David for President Jimmy Carter and provided spiritual support for him during the 13-day period of intense negotiations in

September 1978 that led to the Camp David Accords. On Sunday, Sept. 10, in the midst of the meetings, he gave a moving sermon about 1 Samuel 17:25-52, the story of David and Goliath, making the point that God chooses a particular person to do a job, and he will enable him to do it. Carter expressed deep appreciation for Cecil as his friend and pastor who supported him spiritually during his presidency.

Following his retirement from the Army, he returned to the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church and served as pastor for local churches until he retired in 1989.

Cecil loved hunting, fishing, ranching, gardening, playing with his grandchildren, and preaching the gospel. He enjoyed spending summers at his cabin in Colorado's Conejos Valley, escaping the Texas summer heat with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, two brothers: Rev. Eldon Reed and Rev. Kenneth Reed, and Jean, his loving wife. He is survived by his sister Wanda Wilson; his daughter Nancy Wintz, her husband Larry, and their children Daniel and Jennifer; his son Paul Reed, his wife Chloe, and her son Nik and six grandchildren; and his daughter Jeannie Cord, her husband Steve, and their children Stephen, Megan, and Andrew, and six grandchildren.

Ouidga M Meyers

With heavy hearts, we announce the death of Ouidga Meyers in Arlington, Texas, born in Kingsville, Texas, who passed away on October 15, 2025, at the age of 81.

She was predeceased by: her parents, Edward McCutcheon and Georgia Graves Martin Moore; her husband Rev. Charles Jack Meyers; and her siblings, Dejah Moore and Ted Moore.

She is survived by: her children, Christy Julianne Meyers Ford, Kathleen “Katie" Meyers and Charles Andrew "Drew" Meyers; her brother Tim Moore; and her siblings-in-law, Karen (Teri McAlister), Patty Meyers Royal and Stan Royal. She is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Dennis Alton Wilkinson

On October 16, 2025, there was a meeting of heaven and earth, holy ground as he would call it, when Dennis Alton Wilkinson took his final earthly breaths. Born June 27, 1948, in Biloxi, Mississippi, Dennis was the second-born son of Alma (Conger) and William Wilkinson. Along with his dear big brother Bill, they formed a tight-knit family bound together by love and deep devotion.

His first adventure on his own took him to Southern Methodist University for college where he was the life of the party and a friend to everyone. On October 6, 1968, he took the most beautiful woman he had ever seen on a date. Three years later he and Linda Allison were married.

With the love of his life by his side, he joined the Air Force to fly T-38s and C-130s across the world. For someone who feared heights, it was something else to hear his tales of flight and see the pure joy on his face when he spoke of flying through the skies. There was something about it that brought him closer to God and inspired a sense of awe in him. His love of flying planes and teaching others to fly took them to San Antonio and Valdosta and to Okinawa and Tokyo. But no matter how far they traveled and no matter how high he flew, he could not escape the calling from God.

In 1976, he and his newly pregnant wife journeyed home so he could attend Iliff School of Theology where he earned his Master of Divinity. A few short months later, perhaps the greatest adventure of his life began when their first child was born, Aaron Robert. They added two more children, Graham Edward and Sarah Lucille, along the way.

Throughout his career, he served United Methodist churches in Johnson, Kansas, then Texas churches in Denison, Van Alstyne, Commerce, Wichita Falls, Coppell, and Tarrytown in Austin. Everywhere he went he built astoundingly tight-knit church families, cultivated deep faith in his communities, and welcomed hard questions and doubts.

As an elder in the United Methodist Church, he served the church and conference in innumerable and immeasurable ways. He directed a church camp for kids with disabilities (Summer Events for Exceptional Kampers or SEEK Camp), helped lead Kairos Prison Ministry teams, was part of the founding team that brought hospice to North Texas, served in the Air Force Reserves as a chaplain, was a leader in Stephen Ministries, and founded bereaved parents support groups.

Though he dedicated his life to being with people in their happiest times, tender moments, and darkest nights, he could not know the depths that darkness could hold until his greatest devastation, when his eldest son, Aaron, tragically died at the young age of 26. Even through his despair, he held their family together and carried them through the lifelong journey of grief they embarked upon, the living embodiment of what became the family motto: love hard, hurt deeply, heal by grace, and press on.

As a husband, Dennis was as true blue as they come. He was fiercely supportive, protective, and proud of his wife. He lifted Linda up as his partner in love, in life, and in his ministry, and was unfailingly romantic for every one of their 57 years together.

The past few years, as he learned to live with Lewy Body Dementia, though heartbreaking and hard, have been filled in equal measure with family, friends, joy, and oh so much love. His wife, their kids, and grandchildren rallied around him, spending each day covering him in all the love they could give as they waded through the uncertain waters together.

He is leaving earthside his beloved wife Linda, son Graham and his wife Dawnerin, daughter Sarah and her husband Barry, and his darling grandchildren Zoe, Aster, Violet, Wilkes, and Edie. He is now joining his precious son Aaron, brother Bill, and mother and father. Death can never take away what love has given.

Johnny Timothy Jarrell

Tim was born on February 12, 1962, to Johnny and Drudy Jarrell in Berea, Ohio. The family, including his younger brother Todd, moved to Texas when Tim was young and eventually settled in Richardson. He graduated from Richardson High School in 1980.

Tim began his college education at McMurry University, where his love for music and faith flourished. He was active in the Chanters and Jubal (a traveling music group), and during his senior year he pastored his first church, Tye United Methodist Church. It was during this time that he met and married the love of his life, Sarah Mae Miller, on August 11, 1984. Following the completion of his undergraduate degree, Tim attended Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. His continued passion for learning led him to pursue additional studies toward a Communications degree at the University of North Texas and

to participate in the Beeson Institute at Asbury Seminary. Tim's life centered around family, ministry, and music.

He faithfully served in the United Methodist Church, being ordained a deacon in 1987 and an elder in 1991. Over his 42 years in ministry, Tim served 12 churches in the Central Texas Conference, with his longest tenure at Couts United Methodist Church in Weatherford.

His passion for mission work led him to found two satellite programs for Kids Against Hunger—Parker County and Heart of Texas. He served on the board of Touching Lives Worldwide, participating in multiple mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Tim was also a member of the PC Tribe, a prostate cancer support group, where he served faithfully as chaplain.

Tim loved all kinds of music and was a gifted guitar player. He often incorporated music into his sermons or broke into song at a moment's notice. He loved performing in community musicals, including Monkey Business, Fiddler on the Roof, and Les Misérables. His love for 1970s rock and roll was matched only by his passion for Christian music, both of which brought him great joy throughout his life.

He was also a devoted traveler and is lovingly remembered as a "road warrior." Tim cherished road trips with Sarah and their three children—Miller, Ryder, and Claire. These adventures included 24-hour non-stop drives to visit family in Cumberland, Maryland; summer beach trips; Silverleaf getaways; and memorable family train rides. His favorite destination, however, was their cabin in Palo Pinto County, where he enjoyed time with friends and family.

Tim is survived by his beloved wife, Sarah; children Miller (Kailey), Ryder (Linda), and Claire (Patrick); and grandchildren Brayden, Abraham, Maranatha, Ellis, Selah, Harmony, and Meadow. He is also survived by his parents, Johnny and Drudy Jarrell; his brother, Todd Jarrell (Karole); and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

John Earl Taylor

John Earl Taylor was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, to parents Earl & Clarice Taylor. The family moved to St. Louis then to Dallas where John graduated from Highland Park High School in 1952. He graduated from Texas Tech with a B.A. in history and answered his call into the ordained ministry, completing Perkins School of Theology at SMU earning a Master of Divinity.

John married Virginia Carter in 1956, the year she graduated from Tech, honoring her parents' request to wait until after Virginia completed her degree. They were married 54 years until her death. He was married to Virginia ("Ginger") Wylie for 14 years after that.

John was an ordained United Methodist pastor. Through his years of ministry he served at Floral Heights Methodist in Wichita Falls, Wilmer Methodist Church, Archer City Methodist Church, Breckenridge United Methodist Church, Grapevine United Methodist Church, University United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls, Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in Irving, Arapaho United Methodist Church in Richardson, Mesquite United Methodist Church, Decatur United Methodist Church, Walnut Hill United Methodist Church in Dallas, Holy Covenant United Methodist Church in Carrollton, Lake Cities United Methodist Church in Lake Dallas, Wylie United Methodist Church, Sachse United Methodist Church, and Valley View United Methodist Church.

John had a passion for reading (and collecting) history and theology books. He played contract bridge for more than 65 years with family and friends. He believed in the power of the press and kept his habit of reading the *Dallas Morning News* every day – in hard copy.

He traveled anywhere as often as possible (frequently claiming his middle name was "let's go!"). He used his initials on his license plates since the late '60s, and when he stopped driving and it became necessary for him to use a walker, the "JET" plate was transferred to the front of the walker. It evoked many comments wherever he walked.

John was preceded in death by his wife Virginia Carter Taylor, by his parents, and by his sister, Sandra Taylor. John is survived by his wife, Ginger Taylor, by his children Kathryn & Kevin Strempke and Gordon & Kelly Taylor, by his grandsons Lawson Taylor and Coleman Taylor, and by his niece, Allison Taylor Raines.

Barbara Ann Livingston Stevens

Rev. Barbara Ann "Ann" Livingston Stevens, 87, of Azle, Texas, passed away peacefully on November 15, 2025. Born June 30, 1938, in Garden City, Kansas, Ann lived a life defined by faith, family, and service.

A graduate of Texas Christian University with degrees in chemistry and theology, Ann was a dedicated educator and later a pioneer in the United Methodist Church, becoming one of the early women ordained in ministry in North Texas.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Hoyt Stevens, and her parents, John and Avis Livingston. Ann is survived by her children, John (Tammy) Stevens and Debbie (Jimmy) Eller; her brother David (Mary Cae) Livingston; grandchildren DeeAnn, Samantha (Wade), Erin (Alverto), Christi (Robbie), Allie (Corey), and Kaylee (Cameron); and nine great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ann will be remembered for her strength, faith, hospitality, and the deep love she poured into her family and community. She truly embodied Galatians 5: 22-23, the Fruits of the Spirit.

Tommie Max Browning

Reverend Dr. T. Max Browning passed from this life on February 6, 2026, in Plainview, TX, at the age of 87. Max will be beside his wife of 56 years, Juanita Andrews Browning, who preceded him in death on April 18, 2015.

Max was born on March 19, 1938, in Alanreed, Texas to Erwin L. & Burnese Blakney Browning. Max started school in Phillips, Texas, where his father was employed by the Phillips 66 Oil Refinery. When Max's grandfather died in October 1947, the family moved to his farm near Lockney. They harvested two crops but sold the farm after 15 months. In 1949, they moved to Amarillo. Max was a proud member of the first graduating class of Palo Duro High School in 1956.

In 1954, as president of the Pleasant Valley Methodist Youth Fellowship, Max encouraged the group to attend a youth revival at a neighboring Methodist church. One night the message was on God's call to full-time Christian service. Max felt that sermon was meant specifically for him. At this time that was the

last thing he wanted to do with his life. He fought hard against that call but finally yielded and at the altar of the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church, surrendered to God's call to the ordained ministry.

He was licensed to preach by the Amarillo District during the summer of 1954. In the Fall of 1956, Max enrolled in McMurry College in Abilene, Texas to begin his preparation for the ordained ministry. In December, he had an unexpected visitor, Dr. Orion Carter, District Superintendent of the Big Spring District offered to appoint him to the Colorado City Circuit. It was while serving the Colorado City Circuit that Max met Juanita Andrews. About a year and a half later, Max moved Juanita into the Westbrook Methodist parsonage and began 56 years of married life.

Max graduated from McMurry College in 1962, with his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He attended Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where he earned his Master of Divinity and was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church in 1965. While serving in El Paso, several years later he had the unique opportunity to enroll in San Francisco School of Theology, from which he received his Doctor of Ministry in 1989. In 1990, Dr. Max was appointed pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plainview, Texas, where he served until his retirement in 2004.

Throughout his ministry, Dr. Max was deeply committed to spiritual renewal. He preached numerous revivals, promoted the Lay Witness Mission, Bethel Bible Study, and Stephen Ministry. In later years, he was especially devoted to the Walk to Emmaus, serving multiple times as spiritual director and clergy team member. He was elected the first spiritual director of the Living Water Emmaus Community when it was formed in the Plainview area.

Dr. Max is survived by his three daughters and their husbands: Sheri (Bruce) Derrick of Plainview, Cheryl (Rev. Bill) Duke of Mission, Sharla (JR) Moreland of Plainview. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren: Brandon (Hannah) Browning of Winfield, West Virginia; Courtney, Esq. (Eric) Schroeder of Boerne, Texas; Ashlea Sowa of Plainview; Dr. Matthew (Teresa) Sowa of Abilene; Cameron Derrick of Plainview; Rev. Bethany (Matthew) Santos of Beeville; Sarah Duke of Mission; Colton Derrick of Plainview; and twelve great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Juanita Andrews Browning, sisters Janice Tversky and Joyce Keeter, and is survived by his brother-in-law, Robert Keeter.

Don Michael Daves

Rev. Dr. Michael (Mike) Daves of Dallas died on February 6th, 2026, in Dallas Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Patricia McLean Daves and his parents. Mike was born to Floyd and Johnnie (Dunn) Daves March 4, 1938, and grew up in Wichita Falls. He attended public school there and was a member of the Latin Club, tennis and debate teams in high school. He received degrees from Midwestern University, Southern Methodist University, and Southwestern College.

As a Freshman at Midwestern, he worked as a radio announcer for KWFT and then weekend weatherman at KFDX-TV. In 1960, he came to Dallas for seminary studies at Perkins School of Theology SMU; and worked parttime as newsman and announcer at the very popular good music radio station KVIL. In 1970, Dr Daves was on leave from church appointments, and he worked as a newsman at KRLD Radio, the CBS affiliate in Dallas. He covered many stories for CBS's "Religion in the News" including a meeting of the National Council of Churches in Dallas.

An active member of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church for 37 years, he served as pastor or associate pastor at the following churches: Holliday, Prairie Heights, Memorial, Preston Hollow, Duncanville, Cedar Hill, Walnut Hill and Van Alstyne.

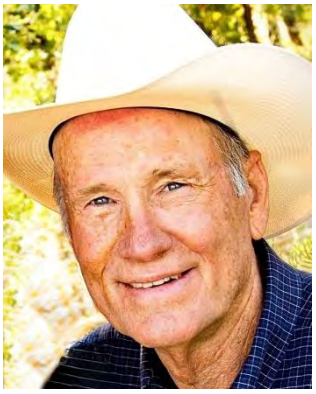
Early in his ministry, he wrote many magazine articles and several books. A book of Communion Meditations, *Come with Faith*, was chosen as a Pulpit Digest Book of the Month. A children's book, *Young Readers Book of Christian Symbols*, was selected as the most outstanding book by a Texas author in 1967 by the Texas Institute of Letters.

Memberships included Order of St. Luke, Disciplined Order of Christ, Emmaus Community, Dallas Hall Society of SMU, and Board of Trustees, Charleton Methodist Hospital, Board of Ordained Ministry, and Perkins School of Theology Intern program.

Mike loved traveling with his wife and children. He served a church in Deal, Kent, England, then toured London, Paris and Rome. In 1982, Mike was again in England and preached at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on the 298th anniversary of John Wesley's birth. In 1983, with his wife, he travelled to Belgium and Holland. Then, they went to Germany and there saw the places Protestant reformer Martin Luther made famous. In addition to travel, he enjoyed reading, walking, working out, tennis and racquetball.

Survivors include: son, Paul Lee Daves (Shannon), daughter, Donna Michelle Lima, four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two nephews.

Montie Wayne Stewart



Montie Wayne Stewart of Hannibal, Texas went home to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on May 6, 2026. Montie was born in Stephenville, Texas on November 25, 1939, to Montie Day Stewart and Berniece C. Fulfer Stewart. He grew up attending Hannibal United Methodist Church. There, in that tiny one room church, he grew to know and love the Lord with all his heart.

Upon graduating from Huckabay ISD and hearing the call to serve Christ, he pursued higher education at Perkins School of Theology at SMU. As a United Methodist pastor, he blessed countless numbers of people and fulfilled his calling through multiple decades of church ministry, hospital chaplaincy, and hospice ministry in the North Texas area.

Montie married the love of his life, Judy, in 1988 and then achieved his dream of building a beautiful country home on their cattle ranch in 1991. Montie not only preached love; he lived love. He was the kindest, most wonderful husband, dad, and "Poppy" to all his grandchildren. Montie's family members will remember him for his kindness, words of encouragement, loving guidance, patience, sense of humor and unwavering faith, all of which stayed with him until the end.

Survivors include his beloved wife Julia Dee "Judy" Stewart, son Julian Stewart, daughter Lorna Casillas, daughter Bronya Coleman and son-in-law Keith Coleman; grandchildren Jackson Stewart, William Stewart, Aidan Casillas, Jillian Casillas, Parker Coleman, Dawson Coleman, Garrett Coleman, and Jessi Crandell; sister June Spain; and many dear cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother G. W. "Cowboy" Stewart and sister Callie Carey.

MINISTERS' SPOUSES

Ollie Jewel Hagemeier

Ollie Jewell Sides Hagemeier, 93, passed away May 7, 2025, in Abilene, TX. Ollie was born on December 23, 1931, to Jewell James Sides and Carmon (Low) Sides in Rowena, TX (Runnels County). In 1947, she married Ralph Long McNew Sr. in Lovington, NM. During their 23 years of marriage, they lived in Texas and New Mexico following the oil field work. Ollie was a stay-at-home mom raising four boys until she graduated from Odessa College of Nursing in 1964. She cared for patients at Dr. Lee and Andrews Nursing home in Andrews, TX, a hospital in Odessa, TX, the student clinic at the University of Texas in Austin and Glen Rose, TX hospital. On March 8, 1975, she married Rev. Lloyd Hagemeier in Cross Plains, TX. They served in many churches in the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. They retired June 1, 1999, moving to Midland, TX. In 2011 they moved to Abilene, TX.

Preceded in death by husband Lloyd Hagemeier; parents, J.J. and Carmen Sides; two infant daughters, Alma Jean McNew and Sharon Marie McNew; son, Ralph Long McNew, Jr.; brother Gorden Q. Sides; sister-in-law Bessie Sides and brother-in-law George W. Radney.

Survivors include three sons, Jimmy Wayne McNew of Kerrville, TX, Tom J. McNew (wife Cindy) of Abilene, TX, Allen McNew (wife GayNell) of Weatherford, TX; ten grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. Ollie is also survived by a sister Virginia Lee Radney of Coldsprings, TX and a brother J. A. Sides of Abilene, TX, sister-in-law Glenda Sides of Lockhart, TX, nieces, and nephews.

Yvonne Byrd Nunn

Yvonne Byrd Nunn passed away on Monday, May 19, 2025, in Hermleigh, Texas. She was born on August 1,1935, to Ivia and Jack Byrd. Mrs. Yvonne Byrd Nunn was a United Methodist. She was a very good writer of poetry, and she had won many awards for her work through the poet society in Snyder, Texas. She loved being on the farm and ranch work. She was a very good cook and loved her family. She enjoyed playing the piano, which she was very good at and was a great piano teacher, as well.

Mrs. Yvonne Byrd Nunn is survived by one son, TC Nunn of Hermleigh, Texas, and one daughter Carole Ann Marze of Snyder, Texas. Two sisters, Jackie Roden of Abilene, Texas and Marylou Crawford of Hermleigh, Texas. A nephew, Sid Crawford and wife Shawn Crawford of Dunn, Texas. Along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Howard Carl Nunn, and her parents, her mother Ivia Bolding Byrd and her father Jack Byrd.

Margaret Yvonne Patison

Margaret Yvonne Patison, age 90, peacefully passed from this life on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. Born November 12, 1934, in Cowden, Oklahoma, Margaret was the daughter of John Williams and Ima (Brabson) Dingle. A lifelong Methodist, she held fast to her faith and raised her family in the same tradition. Margaret was a dedicated teacher who truly loved her work and the students she served. Known for her generous spirit and caring nature, she found joy in looking after others and had a natural gift for keeping everyone in line.

In her later years, Margaret treasured the adventures she shared traveling with her beloved husband, John. Together, they created a lifetime of memories filled with love, laughter, and discovery.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, John Patison; her parents, John Williams and Ima Dingle; and her brother, Robert Brabson. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela (David) Signori of Washington, D.C.; son, John (David) Patison of Dallas, Texas; sisters, Ann Herring, Vada (Wayne) Elders, and Virginia (Roger) Bradley, all of Weatherford, Texas, and Marlene (Rick) King of Bradenton, Florida; brother, Leroy (Carol) Dingle of Grapevine, Texas; and by her cherished nieces and nephews: Rodney Bradley, Jason Bradley, Justin Bradley, Michael Patison, Andrew Patison, and Sam Signori.

Alice Starnes

Alice Starnes, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and friend died on July 13, 2025, at the age of 102 years. Born on September 23, 1922, in Killdeer, North Dakota, Alice was a shining light in the lives she touched, embodying kindness, compassion, and a mischievous warmth throughout her remarkable life.

Alice (Alya) was born in her family's ranch house on the Diamond C Ranch near the Killdeer Mountains in Killdeer, North Dakota. She was the sixth of eight children born to Jack and Mary (nee Sahaydak) Dvirnak. Alice grew up as a rancher's daughter. For high school, Alice and her sister Kathryn lived in town (Killdeer) during the week and traveled home either by buggy or sleigh for the weekends.

Alice attended Dickinson State University (Dickinson, North Dakota) where she earned an associate's degree in education. Her first job was teaching in a county one-room schoolhouse.

On December 7, 1941, Alice heard the call to support her country. As part of the war effort during World War II, she enlisted in the United States Navy, where she dedicated three years of her life. Alice was a link-Navigation trainer and trained one thousand Naval airmen (both US and British pilots) to fly by instruments. While stationed at a Barron Naval Air Station near Pensacola, Florida she met her future husband, Charles Newton Starnes who was a Navy Chaplain. Alice and Newton married in 1946 and moved to Lorraine, Texas. From Lorraine, Alice and Newt lived in numerous towns in the Texas Panhandle/Permian Basin, retiring to Lubbock, Texas in 1982. Alice and Newt shared 52 years of married life. Alice lived as a widow for 27 years making a full life for herself.

Alice was a pastor's wife and mother who enhanced the lives of her three children and many others with her compassion and unwavering support. Alice was a member of numerous women's clubs in the towns that she and Newt lived in. She was a charter member of United Methodist Women and continued supporting their benevolences until her death.

Alice had many interests that enriched her life. Her greatest joy was being with her children and their families and her Dvirnak relatives. She found joy in reading, playing the piano, embroidery and tending to her garden.

Alice, known as "Lolly or Aunt Lolly," is survived by her three loving children: Charles Newton Starnes, Jr. (Susie) of Plainview, TX, Mary Starnes of Lubbock, TX, and Elizabeth Starnes Mosele (Tom) of Houston, TX. Her legacy continues through her 11 grandchildren (Chuck, Emily, Andrea, Kathryn, John, David, Cassidy, Rebecca Alya, Aileen and John) and 8 great-grandchildren (Gri□in, Fiona, Graham, Naile, Wolf, Rosalie, Hunter and Walker) who will carry forward her love and values for generations to come.

Alice is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Newton Starnes Sr., as well as her parents, Jack and Mary Dvirnak. She joins her five brothers-John, Elmer, Alick, Albert, and George-and sisters Kathryn and Nadia in eternal rest, along with her beloved granddaughter Julia. Everyone who had the privilege to know

Alice remembers her as a kind and welcoming soul. She had a wonderful sense of humor that often sparked laughter in her surroundings, making each moment spent with her a treasured memory. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and devotion. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those she touched.

Benito Cavazos, Jr

Benito Cavazos, Jr., 69 of Vernon, Texas passed away on Monday, July 21, 2025, in Vernon, Texas. Benito was born Thursday, April 19, 1956, in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico. He was the son of the late Benito Cavazos and the late Florinda Guerrero Cavazos. He married Hilda Valdez on January 26, 1981, in Edinburg, Texas. Benito loved the Lord and was a member of the Hispanic Ministries of Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church and Camp Amigos. He was also a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

Benito is survived by his five children, Sylvia Martinez and husband Bobby, Hilda Moreno and husband Ricky, Hector Reyna and wife Christina, Luis Reyna and wife Lena, and Marissa Hernandez and husband Jose. He also leaves behind eighteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Benito is preceded in death by his wife Hilda Cavazos on April 21, 2024.

Judy K Connolly

Judy Connolly went to be with the Lord July 28, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was born March 25, 1943, in Corsicana, Texas to Velma and Haskell Whittenburg and grew up in Athens, Texas. She attended Lon Morris College and graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas where she met her husband of sixty years, Reverend Tom Connolly. Following Southwestern, she and Tom served churches throughout the Southwest Texas and Central Texas Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Judy graduated with a degree in education from Southwestern and spent her life teaching children in schools throughout South and Central Texas. She was the first in her family to graduate from college. She retired from Corsicana ISD after spending more than thirty years in the classroom.

Judy loved her family and many friends from the many places she lived over her life. She came from a large extended family with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Judy is survived by her husband, Reverend Tom Connolly, son John Mark and daughter-in-law Cindy, grandchildren Jacob, Samuel and Andrew and daughter Amy. She was preceded in death by her mother, father and sister.

Doris Elaine Dancer

Doris 'Elaine' Cooper Parton was born September 26, 1937, in Dewey, Oklahoma, and left her earthly home to meet the Lord Jesus Christ on August 12, 2025. She was born to Peter Milton Cooper and Lucile Bostic-Cooper. After Elaine's father passed away, when she was a young girl, her mother married Paul Webber, who was a loving stepfather to Elaine and her six siblings. Elaine epitomized love, grace, and class. She leaves behind treasured memories and a lifetime of love. She will be remembered for her joy, infectious laughter, a prayer warrior and her unshakable Christian faith and a legacy of love for all humanity.

Along with her six siblings, Elaine grew up in a loving and Godly home. She was valedictorian of her graduating class at Dewey High School in the spring of 1955, and she married James William Parton on August 21, 1955. Together, they lived in Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Florida while Jim prepared for the ministry and then later enlisted in the United States Navy. In the early 1960s they settled in Garland, Texas. In 1963, they welcomed a beloved and cherished son, James Duane Parton. Elaine spent more than 50 years living in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Elaine's pursuit of excellence, strong work ethic, and trail-blazing fortitude, which she cultivated during her formative years, would prove to serve her well throughout her life. She also had a deep desire all would come to know Jesus through his saving grace. Her faith was an extension of who she was in public and in private.

Elaine started in direct sales with Sarah Coventry Jewelry in the early 1960s. Her dynamic personality and genuine love for others made her a natural success in the business. Before too long, she built a team with hundreds of women.

In the early 1970s, Dr. Bill Coats, the 'father of Aloe Vera' hired her for his company, Alonique, then later she worked with AvaCare. Elaine experienced tremendous success with both companies. She spoke in front of thousands of people at national conventions. She recruited and trained sales consultants throughout the United States and Europe.

In the late 1980s to the early 1990s, Elaine worked for the Luzier Personalized Cosmetic Company as National Direct Sales Manager and later as Vice President of Marketing. With her extensive sales and management experience, she was an integral part of the success of the company.

Elaine took her award-winning sales skills to the senior industry where she worked at three Dallas area senior communities in the 2000s, each time as their marketing director. She transformed each building to a sense of community with her remarkable people skills and tender touch.

November 16, 1996, she married the Reverend, Dr. Dudley Dancer, her dear friend, and pastor she had met many years earlier in the 1960s. They had been longtime friends all those years ago and were now deeply in love and thrilled the Lord brought them together to enjoy their later years. Elaine and Dudley became grandparents, a role they cherished. Elaine served alongside Dudley in his pastoral responsibilities as Associate Pastor at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church.

Elaine was a published author; In 2013, she wrote the book, *It's All About Love*, where she chronicles her loving journey, with her son, through the ravages of AIDS to the riches of heaven.

Elaine was gracious. She was kind and generous, often sacrificially giving to her own detriment. She loved and welcomed people where they were in life without judgement.

She will always be remembered as a prayer warrior. She prayed with conviction, purpose, and an expectation God would answer her prayers.

Elaine is preceded in death by her beloved son, Duane as well as her husband, Dudley. She is survived by Mark and Chris, her Dancer-stepchildren and grandchildren, her sister-in-law, Johna Parton Howard, sister-in-law, Helen McKee Jaquess, sister-in-law, Peggy Cooper, her McKee and Harvey stepchildren and grandchildren. She is survived by those who the Lord brought into her life, who loved and cherished her, as 'mother' and, she in turn loved and cherished them. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews as well as a multitude of friends, around the world, all who she loved immensely.

William Barlow Neaves

William “Bill” Barlow Neaves was born in Spur in 1943, graduated from Spur High School in the Class of 1962, and returned to his hometown several years ago following the passing of his wife, Priscilla. Neaves died at his home in Spur, Texas, on August 12, 2025.

As the founding president and CEO of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research from 2000 to 2010, Neaves was a visionary scientist, gifted leader, and passionate advocate for scientific discovery who helped guide the institute from its earliest days into a world-class center for biomedical research.

Neaves’s connection with the Institute first began in the late 1990s, when he advised founders Jim and Virginia Stowers on formative strategies for its structure, organization, and operations. In June 2000, he accepted their offer to become its first president and CEO, relocating from Texas to Kansas City with his wife Priscilla.

Born and raised on a cattle, cotton and wheat farm near Spur, Texas, Neaves graduated from a small high school where only four of his 24 classmates went on to college. He credited his mother’s insistence on developing strong reading habits with inspiring his academic journey. That path led him to Harvard University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree magna cum laude in 1966, with highest honors in biology. Initially enrolling in Harvard Medical School, he soon transitioned to the doctoral program in anatomy, earning his Ph.D. in 1969 with a dissertation on the reproductive biology and evolution of lizards.

In March of 1972, Neaves joined the faculty of the University of Texas Southwestern as an assistant professor of cell biology. Over the next decade, he combined laboratory research in reproductive endocrinology with growing administrative responsibilities. Named a full professor in 1977, he also became associate dean of the graduate school that year, later serving as dean of the graduate school (1980), acting dean of the Medical School (1986), and dean of the Medical School (1989). By then, he had decided to dedicate himself fully to academic leadership, concluding his own laboratory work.

Under his leadership, the Institute grew from a staff of 30 to more than 500 and expanded from four principal investigators to 20 independent research laboratories. Neaves helped secure passage of a statewide referendum to protect scientific research and played a key role in Kansas City’s emergence as a hub for health-focused biotechnology companies.”

In 2013, in honor of his beloved wife Priscilla, who had lived with a neurodegenerative disease, Neaves established the Priscilla Wood Neaves Endowed Chair in Biomedical Sciences at the Stowers Institute.

Over the course of his career, Neaves received numerous honors, including election to the Academy of Arts and Sciences. He published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles on topics ranging from spermatogenesis to the origins of new species, asexual reproduction, and chromosomal variation in reptiles.

Neaves is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, D'Laine Neaves Rutledge and Jeromy Rutledge of Spur, Texas, and grandsons, William Cade Rutledge and his wife, Mariko, and Thomas Carson Rutledge. His vision, leadership, and lifelong dedication to science will continue to shape research, inspire scientists, and benefit future generations for decades to come.

Sally E Crane

Sally Elaine Crane, age 88, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2025, just 90 minutes before her 89th birthday.

Sally was born on September 13, 1936, in Hutchinson, Kansas, to Arthur and Teresa Meyer. Throughout her life, Sally had a passion for sports and excelled in many of them. As a high school student, she played semi-professional basketball across the Midwest and was also a skilled softball player. In addition, she was a proud cowgirl, owning and breaking several horses and even riding bulls in rodeos.

On June 5, 1955, Sally married the love of her life, Gene Crane. Together, they started a family, welcoming their first son, Chuck, in 1957, followed by Tim two years later. Ever adventurous by nature, Sally continued her love for sports, camping, and motorcycle racing, creating many exciting and lasting memories with her sons.

Sally and Gene shared a deep love for travel. Two of their favorite destinations were Germany and Israel, and they visited these countries on multiple occasions. They especially enjoyed cruising, taking 23 cruises together over the years.

Before Gene's passing in 2018, he served as a United Methodist minister. Sally cherished her role as a minister's wife, finding joy in opening their home to host large gatherings for friends, family, and church members. Above all, Sally will be remembered for her unwavering faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and her dedication to leading others to the same.

Sally is survived by her two sons, Chuck Crane and Tim Crane of Lubbock; three individuals she considered her children, Leigh Crane of Lubbock, Hector Alvarez Castro of Lubbock, and Khoa Bui of California; her granddaughters, Christa Franks of Pampa and Brittany Karnezis of Albuquerque; five great-granddaughters; and two great-great-granddaughters.

Betty Ann Brooks

Betty Anne Brooks was born in Fort Worth, Texas to Clara and William Henry Miller Sr. on July 18, 1930. She was the youngest of five children including William Henry Miller Jr., Paul Miller, Elinore Miller Peters, and Richard Miller. She grew up on the south side of Fort Worth and attended Pascal High School.

In 1946 she met Rester A. Brooks Jr., shortly after his discharge from the Army. R. A., as he was known, was quite taken with her and pursued her vigorously. They were married in April of 1946 while she was still in high school. After graduating from high school Betty Anne attended Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth majoring in Religious Education. After Betty Anne and R.A. graduated from TWC R.A began attending Seminary at SMU's Perkins School of Theology.

R.A. began serving as a Methodist minister while still attending seminary. They spent the next twenty years at various postings of Methodist Churches throughout the Central Texas Conference of the Methodist Church.

During this time R.A. and Betty Anne welcomed five children into their lives, Leigh Ann, Stephen, Kay, Ray, and Joy. After twenty years in the Methodist Church, R.A. felt a new calling on his life and was led to start a new ministry concentrating on prayer counseling and biblical teaching. Betty Anne began attending college again at Howard Payne University and TCU to get her education degree and her teachers certificate.

In 1970 Betty Anne and R.A. and a group of faithful believers founded Christian Ministries Inc. as a fulfillment of their vision to provide teaching, counseling, and prayer to all those in need. For the next nineteen years she and R. A. were available all times of the day or night to meet with and pray with anyone who was troubled, in pain or experiencing all number of spiritual or emotional crisis.

In December of 1989 R.A. passed away after more than forty years of serving the Lord. It was then that Betty Anne became president of Christian Ministries, Inc. and an ordained minister. She served in that capacity for next 35 years teaching and leading meetings and prayer groups from then until the last few months of her life due to deteriorating health.

She is survived by children Leigh Ann Triplett, Stephen (Tracie) Brooks, Kay (Randal) Kraft, Ray (Polona) Brooks, and Joy Brooks as well as her grandchildren James (Elizabeth) Brooks, Tiffany Mendez, Brandon (Stacy) Brooks, Tyler (Janie) Smith, Ethan Brooks, William Brooks, Julianna Brooks, Martin Brooks and Paulina Brooks. In addition, she has great grandchildren Casche Brooks, Stella Brooks, Walker Mendez, Whitney Mendez, Harris Brooks, Shepard Brooks, Libby Brooks, Parker Smith, and Emma Smith. She had many spiritual children and grandchildren as well.

LaDonna Fern Chandler

LaDonna F. Chandler, known affectionately as Donna to her friends and family, was a beacon of light and love to all who knew her. Born on September 14, 1947, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Donna stepped into eternity on October 30, 2025, in Austin, Texas, leaving behind a legacy of faith, family, and service.

Donna's journey began in the heart of Oklahoma, where she grew up surrounded by the warmth of a close-knit community. After graduating from US Grant High School in 1965, she furthered her education at Austin Community College, equipping herself with the knowledge and skills that would serve her well throughout her life. On June 2, 1968, she married her devoted husband, Jim David Chandler, in a beautiful ceremony at Grace Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City. Their union was a testament to enduring love and partnership, lasting 57 incredible years.

Together, Donna and Jim were blessed with two wonderful children, Kristalyn and David and their spouses Ryan and Janet. Donna was a pillar of strength and support, always present at their sporting events and cheering them on through every milestone. She extended this unwavering support to her beloved grandchildren, Rhett, Reid, Reagan, and Michael, whose lives she enriched with her presence and love.

Professionally, Donna was the epitome of dedication and excellence. She began her career as an administrative assistant at Champlin Oil Company, seamlessly transitioning with the company when the couple moved to Texas. Later, she became an executive administrative assistant at a law office in Round Rock, Texas. There, she was the heartbeat of the office, ensuring that everything ran smoothly and maintaining strong relationships with local judges and attorneys.

As a pastor's spouse, Donna was deeply involved in the life of the church. She played an instrumental role in the Council Oak preschool at Round Rock United Methodist Church during its formative years. Her quiet yet profound spirituality was evident in her service to the church and the community, always working behind the scenes to support her husband's ministry.

Donna's interests and talents were as varied as they were impressive. A member of several quilting groups, she crafted beautiful quilts for children's hospitals, turning fabric and thread into small masterpieces that brought comfort and joy to many. Donna was also a fabulous cook whose recipes were a testament to her love for her family. Her spirituality was deep and quiet; she didn't just talk about her faith-she lived it every day, embodying the Christian values of love, kindness, and selflessness.

Intelligent, thoughtful, and selfless-these words only begin to describe the extraordinary woman that was Donna Chandler. She was the rock of her family, a source of wisdom and stability in times of joy and adversity. We celebrate the life of a woman who touched the hearts of many and left an indelible mark on the world. Donna Chandler was a testament to the power of living a life anchored in faith and love. Her legacy will continue to inspire and guide us, and her memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were privileged to know her. As we bid farewell to this remarkable woman, we do so with the assurance that her spirit lives on, a guiding light for all of us who seek to live a life of purpose and grace.

BJ Richmond, III

BJ Richmond III, beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend, entered into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior on October 31, 2025, in Burleson, Texas. He was born on February 27, 1947, in Granbury, Texas, to BJ Richmond Jr. and Delphine Kennard.

BJ grew up with a sharp and curious mind that led him to a lifelong love of learning. A proud graduate of Texas Wesleyan University, he went on to discover his true professional passion in computer programming, where he worked diligently for many years until his retirement. His keen intellect and natural aptitude for mathematics and computer science made him a trusted colleague and respected mentor to those fortunate enough to work alongside him.

BJ's faith was the foundation of his life. A faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church and previously Handley United Methodist Church, BJ served his community with quiet devotion and a kind heart. His faith guided him through every season—both joyous and sorrowful—and was a light to all who knew him.

He shared over five decades of love and companionship with his late wife, Judy Mehaffy Richmond, who preceded him in death on February 5, 2023. Together, they built a family grounded in love, laughter, and faith.

BJ is survived by his devoted children, Jay Richmond and Pat and his wife Dawn Richmond; his treasured grandchildren, Taryn, Reid, and Ava; and his loving brothers, Randy and Brian. His family will always remember him as a man of integrity, wisdom, and gentle humor—one who could discuss nearly any topic, from the mysteries of science to the wonders of God's creation.

Though BJ has departed this earthly life, his spirit lives on through the family he cherished and the countless lives he touched with his kindness and intellect. His was a life well-lived, anchored in faith and guided by the assurance of God's eternal love.

LaVelle McClintock Haynes

LaVelle McClintock Haynes, 84, was born September 17, 1941, in Brownfield, TX, to Edward Earl and Aura Lena (Blount) McClintock. She entered Heaven on January 20, 2026, from Marble Falls, TX.

As the baby of four daughters, LaVelle grew up in Tokio and then Santa Anna, where she was a proud 1960 alumna. Her childhood was full of love, farming, and small-town life in the 50s. LaVelle married her high school sweetheart James Lyndon Haynes in Santa Anna, TX, on September 30, 1959. A year later, their daughter Becky made their family complete. In a few years, they moved from Brownwood to Jal, NM and then Kermit, where they lived for over 20 years.

She worked many years as a bookkeeper before starting a second career in the United Methodist ministry in 1989. She worked alongside her husband to serve many people and churches throughout the Central Texas area. She later graduated from Cisco Junior College, Tarleton State University, and Perkins School of Theology/SMU. She pastored churches in Lake Proctor, Sidney, Lamkin, Breckenridge, Eolian, Temple, Italy, and Milford, as well as district and conference administrative positions, before retiring in

2003. LaVelle and James fulfilled a lifelong dream of moving to the Hill Country in 2008. She enjoyed working as a relief postmaster and at the historic Antlers Hotel front desk in Kingsland in her later years.

LaVelle was a devoted daughter, wife, and mother, but her greatest joy was becoming Granvel to her two grandchildren, then five great-grandchildren. She was always cheerful and sought to lift others up, welcoming people into her life with open arms. LaVelle's favorite pastimes were reading, fishing, traveling, and spending time with her beloved family, especially playing cards, telling stories, and enjoying the beach. Her unwavering faith, nurturing love, and commitment to her family and faith will remain a lasting tribute to a life well lived. The impact she has made on this world through her embodiment of Proverbs 31 will live on for generations. We take comfort in knowing that she is now at peace, resting in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

LaVelle was preceded in death by her parents Earl and Lena; and sisters Earlene Scott and Yvonne Walls. She is survived by her husband James Lyndon of Marble Falls; daughter Becky and son-in-love Lendale Widner; granddaughter Shelby Wright and husband Jeff; grandson Brady Widner and wife Jennifer; great-grandchildren Carson, Nolan, Kinsley, Grayson and Judge; sister Joyce Leffingwell; nieces Glenna Russell and Debbie Jordan; nephew Chuck (Sandra) Wallace; five siblings-in-law; numerous cousins, great nieces and nephews, and friends; and her cherished kitty Possum.

Virginia Bess Renfro

Virginia Bess Renfro, 99, was born June 28, 1926, in Mt. Pleasant, TX to Charles and Abbie (Old) Mason. Our GinGin passed away peacefully on February 3, 2026.

Virginia graduated from Texarkana High School in Texarkana, TX and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from East Texas Teachers College in Commerce, Texas. Her careers outside of home included teacher, youth director, and administrative assistant of the South-Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. Virginia was a member of First UMC Decatur, and a former member of Alpha Phi, Beta Sigma Phi, Decatur Woman's Club, Decatur Eagle Mother's Club, and several bridge clubs.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arthur Fred Renfro; her sisters, Mary Beth Wortham (J.L. Wortham) and AnEll Crudup (Marvin Crudup); and a niece and nephew. Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Arthur Fred Renfro, Jr. and wife Cheryl, and Charles Chris Renfro; her grandchildren, Zach Renfro & wife Sarah, Micah Renfro and wife Lindsey, Joseph Renfro & wife Heather, Jenna Heller and husband Heathe; her great grandchildren, Eli, Hatcher, Audri, Aiden, Tucker and Dani Renfro, Hayes, Hyatt & Hatton Heller; six nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Virginia had a special interest in the Methodist Children's Home in Waco TX. Memorials to honor her memory can be sent there or to the charity of your choice.

Frances Owens McElvaney

Frances Owens McElvaney ("Fran"), 88, of Dallas, Texas and a tireless advocate for peace and justice, passed away on April 18, 2026, following a long decline due to Alzheimer's disease, with family and loved ones by her side.

Fran was born on June 20, 1937, in San Antonio, Texas, the only child of Margaret Frances Millot and John Edward Owens. She was given the name Patricia Frances Owens. A graduate of Sunset High School in Dallas, she attended Texas Christian University before earning a bachelor's degree in English from Southern Methodist University, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She later received a master's degree in psychology from the University of Missouri–Kansas City.

On June 11, 1960, she married Reverend William King McElvaney ("Bill") in Perkins Chapel at Southern Methodist University. Fran embraced her role as a pastor's spouse with grace and dedication, supporting Bill in the founding of St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Mesquite and later serving the community at Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas. The family relocated to Kansas City for thirteen years, where Fran continued raising their two children, Shannon and John. During this time, she taught psychology at Avila University and worked at New Earth Books & Records, an independent bookstore focusing on the local feminist and LGBTQ+ communities, while remaining deeply engaged in church and community life.

Upon returning to Dallas in 1985, Fran continued to be an active advocate for peace and justice. She worked with Proyecto Adelante, Inc. in immigrant legal services and was a devoted member of the League of Women Voters of Dallas. She also rejoined Northaven United Methodist Church, which remained her spiritual home and extended family. Along with her husband Reverend Bill McElvaney, Fran received the Peacemaker of the Year Award, from the Dallas Peace Center for lifelong dedication to peace, civil rights, and social justice.

Fran will be remembered for her warmth, laughter, thoughtfulness, and deep love of family and friends. She found joy in good food, travel, meaningful conversation, and the company of those she cherished. Fran was preceded by her parents, John and Margaret Owens, and her husband, Bill. She is survived by her daughter, Shannon McElvaney Mason and her husband, Darren Mason, and grandson Jace; her son, John Stephen McElvaney and his wife, Lisa McElvaney; granddaughter Sara Willoughby and her husband, Blake Willoughby, and their children Ashton, Addilyn, and Avery; granddaughter Kathryn Fincher and her children Michael and Marissa; daughter Lisa Holmes and her spouse, Mary Mallory, and granddaughter Grace; sister-cousins Joan Millot and Mary Ann Erwin; cousin Gretchen Garret and her husband, L.D. Clopton; longtime friends Dr. James and Gail Smith; and many other dear friends.

Roll of Deceased Clergy Members

The complete rosters of all deceased ministerial members of the Horizon Texas Conference and its antecedents are found in: (1) the 1967 Official Record of the Oklahoma-Texas Conference of the Evangelical and United Brethren Church, (2) the 1967 Journal of the West Texas Conference of The Methodist Church, (3) the 1978, 1994, and 2024 Journals of the North Texas Conference, (4) the 1968, 2015, and 2024 Journals of the Central Texas Conference, and (5) the 2024 Journal of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Name	Born	Died
Bryce Clark "Pete" Robertson	1930	2024
Robert Jack Riley	1930	2024
David Keith Wiseman	1935	2024
Norma Saenz Salinas	1945	2024
Carl Haines Sterling	1940	2024
Weldon Sam Crowley	1935	2024
James Edwin Tims	1927	2024
Danny Jake Niedecken	1944	2024
Ruth Anne Saegesser	1947	2024
Bryon Davis Myrick	1937	2024
Michael Loy Nichols	1947	2025
Terry Ann Moore	1960	2025
Herbert Lee Griffin, Jr	1961	2025
Watt William Dozier	1941	2025
William Henry Jacobs	1931	2025
Wilma H Smiley-Tune	1937	2025
Jackie McClellen Gause	1934	2025
Hugh B Daniel	1928	2025
Larry Dean Davis	1950	2025
Susan May Trammell	1942	2025
Kenneth E Carter, Jr	1935	2025
William Weldon Rives	1931	2025
Jack Joe Dominguez	1955	2025
Bob Frank Weathers	1932	2025

Name	Born	Died
Benjamin B Marney	1931	2025
Lawrence Meredith	1928	2025
Wesley Allen Howard, Jr	1937	2025
Cecil Duron Reed	1927	2025
Janice Kreitner Collins	1943	2025
Fred Lee Birdsong	1929	2025
Robert Ramirez, Sr	1933	2025
Ouidga M Meyers	1944	2025
Dennis Alton Wilkinson	1948	2025
Johnny Timothy Jarrell	1962	2025
Herbert Lee Crouch, Jr	1929	2025
John Earl Taylor	1935	2025
Barbara Ann Livingston Stevens	1938	2025
Raul R Gutierrez	1957	2025
Thomas Q Robbins, Sr	1938	2026
Tommie Max Browning	1938	2026
Don Michael Daves	1938	2026
Ray Lee Hart	1929	2026
George Riley Yates	1942	2026
Montie Wayne Stewart	1939	2026

Historical

Annual Conference Register

(Since Unification to form the Horizon Texas Annual Conference)

No.	Place	Date	President	Secretary
1	Dallas	June 8-10, 2025	Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.	Kevin Walters
2	Wichita Falls	May 31-June 3, 2026	Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.	Kevin Walters

Audit

The financial records of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference are audited each year by an independent accounting firm. At the time of publication of this journal, the 2025 audit had not yet been finalized. Questions about the audit can be emailed to HTC CFO and Treasurer Rev. Jeffrey Pehl at jeffreypehl@htcumc.org .

Statistics

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP JAN 1, 2025		**178,677**
Members Received:		
Professions of Faith	985	
Professions of Faith Other Confirm.	1445	
Affirmation	190	
Correct Previous Year	513	
Transfer from another UMC	1340	
Transfer from non-UMC	1128	
Received from closed UMC	32	
Total Members Received 2025		**5633**
Members removed:		
Charge Conference	2049	
Withdrawn	710	
Correct Previous Year	3114	
Transfer to another UMC	1055	
Transfer to non-UMC	448	
Death	1767	
Total Members Removed 2025		**9143**
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DEC 31, 2025		**175,167**
Ethnic breakdown		
Asian	1580	
Black	10,195	
Hispanic	4389	
Native American	157	
Pacific Islander	403	
White	150,898	
Multi-Racial	7545	
Attendance at Weekly Worship		
In-Person Worship	42,890	
Online Worship	42,859	
Total Worship Attendance		**85,749**
Church School Average Attendance		**18,809**

Statistical information about local churches is available at umdata.org .

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