

2021 brought about some changes for the Central South District office as we moved to our new location, inside the Texas Annual Conference Service Center. Our offices comprise most of the first floor. We have settled into our new office spaces and have continued our work without many interruptions. Our office hours remain the same, Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, however because of Covid we continue to work in office and remotely. If you need to visit the office, make sure you call before making a trip to make sure we are in. Our contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We are off to a wonderful start for 2022. We started the new year off with report day on January 11<sup>th</sup> and we are so thankful to our wonderful team, Dr. Howard Bruce, Ms. Juanita Jackson & Rev. Lataya Simpson for assisting our pastors with their EOY reports. We had a total of 51 out of 54 churches to pay 100% of their apportionments for 2021. We appreciate each of your efforts as your faithfulness enables the Central South District to be about the business of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some have even paid 2022 apportionments in full. We are thankful for your generosity.

As we continue to face Covid variants we are continuing to practice safe, social distancing. As we understand that many of you are Zoom weary, we are still hosting many of our meetings and appointments by Zoom. We have been trying to host an in person gathering since Dr. Stansell was appointed District Superintendent, but Covid continues to derail those plans. We cancelled hosting a Christmas gathering with the anticipation of having an Epiphany celebration and now because of the latest Covid variant and many in our district having tested positive, that was cancelled. We are now anticipating having a summer picnic after Annual Conference.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year with the Central South District.

*Central South District Staff*

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## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT**

***The Central South District acknowledges the diversity in the world: abilities, age, beliefs, culture, experience, gender, language, race, skills, and values. Everyone is unique and made in the image of God. We welcome the contribution from each individual that enhances our knowledge and understanding of others. Our commitment is to nurture and support our communities in the progress toward greater health and financial stability, through educational opportunities.***

***One of the focal areas of the Central South District is social justice advocacy for racial reconciliation.***



The Gathering will be held  
February 22 - 23, 2022 @ Lakeview  
For More Details:

<https://www.txcumc.org/thegathering2022>



Our camp coordinators are working  
to get everything ready for our Tri-district  
campers and counselors.

For more information about Summer Camp  
[Lakeview Summer Camp](#)

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## Health Minister Certificate Registration

Wesley Theological Seminary's Heal the Sick program presents an 22 hour introductory health minister certificate in whole person health in an **ONLINE** or **HYBRID** learning format.

<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/heal-the-sick/hts-registration/>



### 2022 Virtual African American Conference on Disabilities!

It's time to register for the 2022 virtual African American Conference on Disabilities (AACD) throughout the month of February. This conference is a **FREE** event!

<https://mailchi.mp/azdisabilitylaw.org/aacd-virtual-conference2022-20122113>

# CENTRAL SOUTH DISTRICT'S ANNUAL LAY ACADEMY LEADERSHIP TRAINING



**Saturday, February 26, 2022**  
**from 9:00 am - 11:30 am by Zoom**

There will be breakout training sessions for Finance, SPRC, Trustees & Worship. If you work in these areas of your congregation, you will benefit from this training event.

**Register** for Lay Academy Leadership Training

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**Basic Lay Servant Ministries and Advanced Certification Part I Saturday, February 19, 2022**  
**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Basic Textbook:  
Introduction to Lay Ministry  
by Sandy and Brian Jackson

Advanced Textbook:  
Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts  
by William J. Carter

Purchase textbooks from Cokesbury Bookstore online at [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) or call (866-980-8661).

**Register** for Basic Lay Servant Ministries Part I

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**Basic Lay Servant Ministries and Advanced Certification Part II**  
**Saturday, February 26, 2022 - 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Register** for Advanced Lay Servant Ministries Certification Part II

Zoom links will be forwarded to participants after registration. For questions, please contact Juanita Jackson at [jjackson3014@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jjackson3014@sbcglobal.net)

Please share this information with your congregations and others who have a passion for Lay Servant Ministry. This training is open to all and not only the Central South District.

For more information contact Ms. Juanita Jackson @ [jjackson3014@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jjackson3014@sbcglobal.net)

# 2022 TAX SEMINARS

## Tuesday February 22, 2022



Elaine Sommerville

Frank Sommerville

The Texas Methodist Foundation (TMF) is sponsoring seminars for clergy and church staff or laity participating in the financial management of the local church. Deadline to register is February 15, 2022.

### In-Person & Virtual Learning:

This year enjoy the helpful content you have come to expect from the Tax Seminars in two formats, either from the comfort of your home via Zoom or in-person at the TMF Office (11709 Boulder Ln. Austin, TX 78726 - Downstairs Conference Room). Whichever you select, you will have all your questions answered with Elaine and Frank Sommerville, and earn CPE credit.

*Note: Limited seating for in-person option.*

### Tax Seminar: Clergy Tax Session

February 22, 2022  
9:30 - 11:30 AM  
2 Credit Hours of CPE  
with Elaine Sommerville, CPA

### Tax Seminar: Church Finance/ Legal Update Session

February 22, 2022  
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
4 Credit Hours of CPE  
with Frank and Elaine Sommerville

Clergy Tax Seminar  
Pre-requisites: None  
Credit: 2 CPE Credit Hours

Objectives: To gain specific knowledge about relevant changes to current tax laws and learn about payroll issues related to ministers, such as employment status, housing allowances, reimbursable expenses, tax free benefits, retirement plans, and more.

Church Finance / Legal Update Seminar  
Pre-requisites: None  
Credit: 4 CPE Credit Hours

Objectives: To gain specific knowledge about relevant changes to current tax laws and learn more about the basics of general church finance, including how to handle unique issues related to church employees and contractors, reimbursement plans, charitable gifts, tax deductible contributions, expense reimbursement, financial records, reporting, and more.

If you plan to join us, please be sure to register online. **The deadline to register is 2/15/2022.** The link to register may be found on our website: <https://tmf-fdn.org/stories/2022-tax-seminars>

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For further information, please be in touch with [kwheeler@txcumc.org](mailto:kwheeler@txcumc.org)

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