



PRAISE

the Lord my soul

Texas Annual Conference 2022

If you were unable to attend one of the preconference meetings, you can view the recording at: <https://www.txcumc.org/pre-conmeetingrecordingac2022>. Other conference information can be found at: <https://www.txcumc.org/tac2022>.

Clergy and Delegates, if you missed the deadline for registration, you will have to register on site at **Annual Conference**. Delegates, if you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so we can secure a replacement.

Our office will be closed May 29th – June 1st during Annual Conference and on Thursday, June 2nd. We will resume normal business hours Monday, June 6th.



Registration is open for **District Summer Camp**. Church coordinators, pastors and/or parents can get children 3rd grade through 12th grade registered. While you are free to attend any of the sessions, the Central South District has elected Session 1, June 13-17.

The Cost of camp includes everything from time of arrival (Monday morning) to departure (Friday mid-day) except for spending money. The cost is Camper - \$440
Volunteer Counselor - \$220

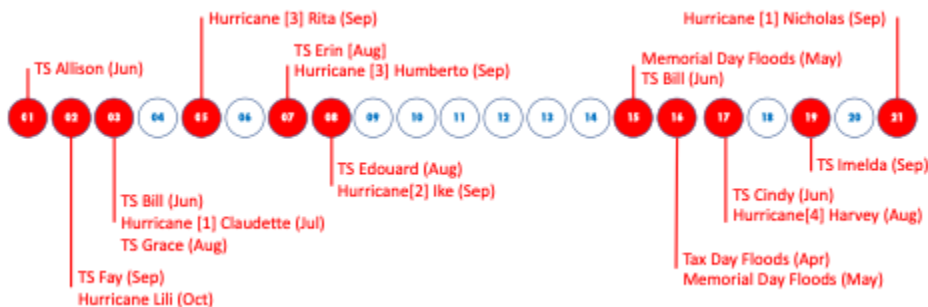
Scholarships are available through Lakeview. Campers must register for camp before requesting a scholarship using the attached form.

The Central South District will provide roundtrip transportation to Lakeview for Summer Camp. We currently have one bus reserved that will be stopping at Westbury UMC and St. Stephen's UMC.

Any specific questions regarding camp can be answered by reviewing the website or by contacting the camp registrar, Peggy Jordan at registrar@lakeviewmcc.org. More information about [Summer Camp](#).

Hurricane Season is Approaching

Hurricane Season is from June 1st through November 30th. Although more than half of our exposure occurs in August, September, and October, we have had June storms, as you can see in the graphic below:



Tropical Storms and Hurricanes, Upper Texas Gulf Coast, 2001 - 2021

One of the keys to a rapid recovery from unavoidable storms is to be prepared. Being prepared starts with encouraging personal preparation and includes preparing our members to help our members and neighbors recover from the very personal disaster of a flooded home. There is little time for training when the hurricane is bearing down on us! We encourage churches to take advantage of disaster response training now, before the wind and rain start.

For more information on disaster response training contact Gary Flaharty at gary.flaharty@teamshur.org

Candidacy Summit

All applications and references need to be submitted to Ivana Wilson iwilson@txcumc.org no later than June 1st for candidates to attend the Summer Candidacy Summit in July.



Confronting Racism from our Pulpits

by Bishop Will Willimon

In the face of racism, contemporary preachers face two possibilities: we can join in the onslaught of God's kingdom and speak up, enjoy the disruption of changed hearts and lives, trust that the good news is more truthful than the lies that enthrall the world, or we can be silent and miss the miracles. One of the slogans of many antiracism activists is, "If you see something, say something." [READ MORE](#)



[Should we be surprised that a racially accommodated church reduces Christian worship to the cultivation of subjectivity and interiority?](#)

Local Church Disaffiliation

7 SIMPLE STEPS

While other approvals may be necessary as well, the following are the minimum requirements for the Texas Annual Conference to approve a local church disaffiliation under the current Book of Discipline:

1. First, members of the local church must complete an appropriate process of discernment. The determination of whether a process is appropriate is made by the church's District Superintendent.
2. After the local church nears completion of the process of discernment, the annual conference will calculate apportionment and unfunded pension liability estimates for that local church.
3. The local church may vote to move forward with the disaffiliation process. To move forward, disaffiliation must be affirmed by a simple majority (¶2548.2) or a two-thirds majority (¶2553) of a duly called church conference.
4. The local church must pay in full the previous year's apportionments and the current year's apportionments.
5. The local church must pay in full the unfunded pension liability, as calculated by the TAC Board of Pensions in accordance with Wespeth's guidance.
 1. The valuation is based on a market valuation of unfunded liability
 2. The valuation takes in to account the local church's share of the liability
 3. The valuation gives the local church credit for its contributions to the Conference's pension reserves with credit for earning over time.
6. The local church must complete all forms in accordance with GCFA's disaffiliation guidance.
7. After all the foregoing steps have been completed, the TAC may vote to release the local church from any obligations under the trust clause in ¶2503 in accordance with the then applicable Book of Discipline.

For additional information visit <https://www.txcumc.org/local-church-disaffiliation>



March's 8.5% annualized rate of inflation was the highest in 40 years and it was followed by an 8.3% rise in April. Inflation is not going away.

You are already paying more to fund ministry than you planned.

It is critical that leaders understand the impact inflation and rising interest rates are already having on your ministry plans.

I've written a short blog to help. It overviews-

- Why the financial landscape is changing so quickly
- The impact of inflation on your ministry spending
- The rising cost and the increasing difficulty of borrowing
- The impact inflation can have on giving
- Actions leaders need to be considering now

Read Now



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