



# West District News

April, 2019

**Job Title: District Program Coordinator (30 hours)**

**Salary:** Negotiable, commensurate with experience

**Continuing Education:** United Methodist Lay Ministry Training

**Projected start date:** Immediately

The responsibilities of District Program Coordinator will be directed towards assessing, designing, and implementing those programs and systems that will enhance and encourage a connectional tie between ministries, communities, and churches within the West District. The goal of this position is to create a consistent connection of ministries within the West District through opportunities for leadership development, information flow, sharing of resources, and shared ministry opportunities. This position requires a working knowledge of the United Methodist Church, Biblical and Wesleyan understanding of ministry, demonstrated personal integrity, consistent work ethic, exceptional leadership, interpersonal and organizational skills, budget administration, ability to work with staff colleagues and ability to maintain confidentiality in all relationships.

**Duties**

- Responsible directly to the District Superintendent.
- Work with District Superintendent to provide insights and input into ways to connect, support, and resource district churches in ministry.
- Create connections among local churches to facilitate programing through shared resources and expertise... i.e. Youth, children, senior adult, outreach, and evangelism.
- Work in developing systems for dissemination of information and opportunities for ministry through district website, social media, and personal contact.
- Enhance connectedness and involvement through the effective use of social media.
- Encourage and facilitate the opportunities and training for leadership development and ministry participation, such as: Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Ministry, Volunteer-In-Ministry (VIM), and Early Response Training (ERT).
- Create, implement, and facilitate a yearly training whose purpose is to share ideas for ministry development, as well as needed knowledge that provide area churches to function in healthy and growing ways.
- Facilitate and provide for Pulpit Supply for district churches as needed.
- Promote conference events within the district.
- Serve as Liaison to District Strategy Team, coordinate District Strategy Team meetings, and schedule the district calendar and events.
- Other duties as assigned by the District Superintendent regarding mission and outreach.

Send inquiries and resume to: West District, Rio Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, 1315 S. Abe Street, San Angelo, TX 76903 or [westamy@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:westamy@suddenlinkmail.com)

## District Conference and Fiesta



The District Conference will be held Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the Celebration Hall at First UMC in San Angelo. All Lay Delegates and Alternate Lay Delegates, District at-large Delegates and Ex-Officio Delegates, District Committee members and Clergy are invited to attend.

More than a district conference, we want this to be a District Celebration. **Please send us photos, videos and stories of ways your church is taking church outside the walls** – especially new, fresh expressions of worship, mission and witness. These will be highlighted and celebrated, and you'll want to be part of it. Please send in no later than April 19th to Amy at the email listed below.

The Fiesta part of our celebration will be some lively worship, and a light supper together at about 5:30.

The District asks that you RSVP by April 25th to the District Office, (325)486-1500 or email Amy at [westamy@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:westamy@suddenlinkmail.com) so we can have a count for the caterer.



**A Call to Ministry:** If you are sensing God calling you to the set apart ministries of Elder, Deacon or Licensed Local Pastor within the Rio Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, begin by taking these next steps in your discernment process:

- 1) Contact your pastor or campus minister and discuss with them your sense of calling.
- 2) Order the following resource to read and discuss with your pastor: The Christian as Minister available at [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com).
- 3) [Download the Candidate Formation Checklist](http://www.riotexas.org/candidacy-summit) at [www.riotexas.org/candidacy-summit](http://www.riotexas.org/candidacy-summit) and begin working through the steps outlined there. Candidacy is the first formal step toward ordination as a deacon or an elder or licensing in The United Methodist Church.
- 4) Attend a Candidacy Summit. Next Summit is May 17-18, 2019 deadline to register is April 15.



**Lay Servant Ministries, Basic and Advanced: Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition, courses** will be offered in the Hill Country District on June 22, 2019 at FUMC Boerne. The cost is \$30 which includes lunch and book. If you are interested in attending this training, contact Scott Maderer, HCD Lay Servant Director at [csmaderer@gmail.com](mailto:csmaderer@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Training:



**ERT Basic Training at**

**FUMC Menard**

**201 Gay Street, Menard**

**on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**from 8:00am to 4:00pm**

**For more information or to register go to:**

**<https://riotexasresponse.org/ert-basic>**

**“Are you Ready, Are you Able, Are you Willing?”**

**There is something for everyone to do.**

**For questions or concerns, please contact Ginnie Street, Rio Texas Conference Disaster Response Training Coordinator at 512-203-7730 or [training@riotexasresponse.org](mailto:training@riotexasresponse.org)**

# Calendar

- Apr. 1-2 Clergy Convocation, San Antonio  
2 Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m.  
2-3 Cabinet Meeting  
4 Andy – Conference Trustee Meeting  
9 Andy – APTS Visit  
10-11 Cabinet Meeting  
17-18 Cabinet Meeting  
22 Shush-free Worship, Sierra Vista UMC, 7:00 p.m.  
23 District Strategy Team Meeting, 2:00 p.m.  
24-25 Cabinet Meeting  
30 Amy – Out, Spiritual Retreat
- May 1-2 District Committee on Ordained Ministry Interviews, Sierra Vista UMC  
(If you are requesting an interview and have not received notice, contact Amy Moore)  
5 District Conference / Fiesta, First UMC San Angelo, 4:00 p.m.  
7 Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m.  
8-10 Andy – DS Group  
11-18 Licensing School for Local Pastors  
15-16 Cabinet Meeting  
17-18 Candidacy Summit  
20-21 Right Start, for all moving clergy  
27 Shush-free Worship, Sierra Vista UMC, 7:00 p.m.



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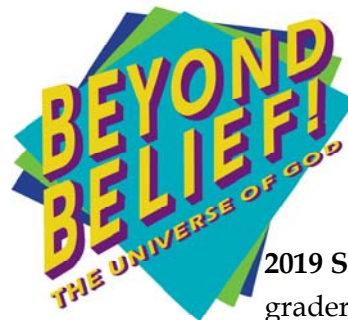
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2019 Summer Camp for 3rd -9th graders will be July 28-August 1, 2019.

Check out the District webpage for information and forms. (Under the "Forms & Events" tab)

District Web-Page:

[www.umcwayoutwest.org](http://www.umcwayoutwest.org)