



West District News

January, 2020



Important Dates:

January 10 – 2019 Apportionments are due in the Rio Texas Conference Office no later than 5:00 p.m. to be counted as a 2019 payment.

January 15-17 – Cabinet Assessment

January 20 – The year-end reports are due online on or before this date. The year-end reports were emailed and they can also be found on the District website under the “Forms and Events” tab. If you want to see last year’s numbers login and print last year’s reports. You CANNOT enter 2019 numbers until after January 2nd.

February 29 – “Building Bridges” the 2020 West District Leadership Training. See page 2 for more details and watch for registration information coming soon.



BRIDGING the *Distance*

**Connecting
and Cultivating**

Saturday, February 29, 2020

2020 West District Leadership Training **Saturday, February 29, 2020, 10 a.m.—2:30 p.m.** **First United Methodist Church** 37 E. Beauregard Ave, San Angelo, Texas **with Keynote Speaker, Rev. Carl Rohlf**

Morning Sessions at 10:00 a.m. choice of:

- ◆ **Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee Training:** This session will focus on the appointment process for pastors and responsibilities of SPRC/PPRCs in the local church setting. Led by DS Andy Smith.
- ◆ **Trusted con Confianza Training, Part 1.** This session begins the third step in the required Rio Texas Conference training for those who work with youth, children, and vulnerable adults and who are seeking safety training for the first time. Led by certified trainer, Megan Getman. Online registration required.
- ◆ **A Listening Session: How Can We Help You?** In this session, the District Strategy Team (DST) will solicit feedback from clergy and laity as to how their group can best meet the needs of the District Churches. Led by Melanie Noble, DST Chair.

Keynote Speaker & Worship

Lunch—provided

Plenary Session: How do we Bridge the Distance? Led by Rev. Stan Whites.

Ministry Fair

Afternoon Sessions at 1:30 p.m. choice of :

- ◆ **Bridging the Distance in Communities of Faith:** This session will provide the opportunity to learn about successful feeding ministries and their implementations. Led by Rev. Bun Jackson.
- ◆ **Bridging the Distance in Faith Development:** This session will provide participants with the chance to share ideas on Christian Education at all levels. Led by Rev. Leigh Lloyd.
- ◆ **Bridging the Distance in Technical Ministries:** This session will provide the technology that can help to bridge the distance between the church staff members, congregants, the community, and even other churches and organizations. Presentation appropriate for all levels of technical understanding. Led by Jozlin Parker, Director of Technical Ministries at Rio Texas Conference.
- ◆ **Bridging the Distance in Ministries of Mental Health:** West Texas Guidance and Counseling will provide valuable information on suicide, pastoral counseling, tele-counseling, and other topics related to mental health. Led by Greg Hickey, LPC
- ◆ **Trusted con Confianza Training, Part 2.** This session continues and completes the third step in the required Rio Texas Conference training for those who work with youth, children, and vulnerable adults and who are seeking safety training for the first time. Led by certified trainer, Megan Getman.

Calendar

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| Jan. 1-3 | District Office Closed |
| 3 | Cabinet |
| 7 | Concho Country Emmaus Community Gathering |
| 8-9 | Andy in San Angelo |
| 10 | 2019 Apportionments Due in Conference Office |
| 15-17 | Cabinet—Assessments |
| 20 | District Office Closed |
| 20 | 2019 Year-end Reports Due Online |
| 27 | Shush-free Worship, Sierra Vista UMC, 7 pm |
| 27-28 | Cabinet |
| 29-31 | Andy—DS Group |
| Feb. 4 | Concho Country Emmaus Community Gathering |
| 5-6 | Cabinet |
| 13-14 | Cabinet |
| 19-20 | Cabinet |
| 24 | Shush-free Worship, Sierra Vista UMC, 7 pm |

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