



West District News

December, 2020



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HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

West District Charge Conference—2020

Sunday, December 6th at 4:00pm

Rev. Andy Smith, District Superintendent, will be hosting a Virtual Charge Conference. All churches in the West District will be meeting together by Zoom.

The conference will begin at 4 pm and Bishop Robert Schnase is scheduled to speak to us at 4:30 pm.

All Charge Conference forms are to be approved and perfected by the Administrative Council/Board and sent to the District Office with a copy of the minutes and any voting records you might have from the meeting. If you have not sent in your packet please do so ASAP.

Jozlin Parker from the Conference Office will be assisting with the zoom registration and meeting. By registering prior to the meeting, we will have a sign-in sheet. Please note how to register below:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Dec 6, 2020 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://riotexas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rfuqhqzlrHtyA1wj9zEIXGGUnBZ9MPCq4>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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January Due Dates:

Conference Deadlines for January—

2020 apportionments are due in the Conference Office no later than January 8, 2021.

The deadline for Local Church Reports will be January 22, 2021 online; UMCData will open on January 4.

The Worker's Compensation adjustment deadline will be January 29, 2021.



Mission. **BORDER HOPE**

Hello MBH friends, GREAT NEWS. MBH is serving asylum seekers again. Looks like it will be 100 a week or so. They are sheltering in the center. All community shelters were closed as a result of COVID 19. Pandemic restrictions have been lessened, but currently no volunteer teams are being requested. When Pastor Becky left she notified the Post Office and they closed the box. **New Box # is 7536, Eagle Pass 78853.** All mail was returned to sender. All food & clothing was dispersed to the Eagle Pass community since it had been there for a year. They are prepared to receive donations of clothing & non-perishable food again. I was in Eagle Pass 2 weeks ago to meet with Valeria & Pastor Leyva.

IMMEDIATE DONATION NEEDS:

1. New underwear for men & women underwear-small & medium
2. Female personal hygiene items, especially those for new mothers.
3. **Coats** for adults & children. Adults should be small & medium.
4. Rice - many coming at this time are from Haiti. Rice is to Haiti as tortillas are to Mexico.
5. Large refrigerator & chest type freezer.
6. Privacy fence to secure area where burned out parsonage was received.

We are not receiving Mission Teams at this time still due to COVID. Although the protocols have been lessened, we have no accommodations at this time for teams. They would have to stay in one of the motels.

We will be doing a **Virtual Mission Trip** (call me or Abel Vega for information) for our **Thanksgiving** Celebration this year. We are trying to put together a plan for Thanksgiving like we have done in previous years. If you or your church are interested in helping us with this please contact, Pam. (see information below)

If you want to schedule **delivery of donations**, if you have questions, or want more information contact me, Pam Elliott.

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Calendar:

- 1 Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Sierra Vista UMC
- 1 Coffee with Andy, Zoom, 8:30 a.m.
- 4 Cabinet
- 6 West District Zoom Charge Conference, 4:00 p.m.
- 8 Coffee with Colleen, Zoom, 8:30 a.m.
- 15 Coffee with Colleen, Zoom, 8:30 a.m.
- 21-1 District Office Closed
- 22 Coffee with Andy, Zoom, 8:30 a.m.

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