

West District News

April, 2021

SAVE THE DATES

Virtual Hunger Summit

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 - Collaborations with the Community
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 - Collaborations with Health and Hunger
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021 - Collaborations with the Faith Community
10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Together at the Table

WEST TEXAS
HUNGER SUMMIT

COLLABORATIONS TO ADDRESS HUNGER

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL MARY_HERBERT@BAYLOR.EDU OR CALL

325-656-4170.

[Register Here](#)



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Are you considering a call to ministry? You will need to attend . . .

Candidacy Summit

JULY 16-17, 2021

All Applications must be submitted electronically to Alicia Leyva, alicial@riotexas.org no later than **JUNE 16, 2021. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

PLEASE NOTE: This includes approval from your District Superintendent via copy of signed Candidacy Summit application or via email sent directly to Alicia Leyva by your District Superintendent.

More information and applications can be found at:

<https://riotexas.org/candidacy-summit>

Notes from Ken



I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.

Isaiah 41:18 (NIV)

Spring is upon us. The trees are budding, crops are sprouting, and flowers are blooming. I love this time of year. Our world has begun to refresh itself. During this there are many opportunities for us to refresh our souls. Join a small group at your church, follow the West District on our Facebook page for a daily devotional. Look for volunteer opportunities in your city. Start a bible study. One of the ways to refresh is to join Pastor Janet Larson in Discover Your Spiritual Gifts in person or via Zoom starting April 7. [DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS \(first-methodist.org\)](https://www.first-methodist.org). I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and a great Spring. (See page 3 for additional information)

Blessings!

Ken

Ministry through Administration

PAUMCS—Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional System is an organization I have been a member of since 2007. I attended the certification course and have retained my certification by attending annual conferences every other year. The conference last year was canceled due to the COVID outbreak.

The Missouri Chapter of PAUMCS is excited to invite all pastors, administrators, and anyone else involved in the UMC connection to the PAUMCS Virtual Conference on April 15-17, 2021. You can find more information at paumcs.org. You don't have to be a member of PAUMCS to attend the virtual conference, but you can join for \$50/year.

I have learned so much during my time as a member of PAUMCS and at the conferences when I attended. I know it is always better to be gathered in one room, but this is better than not getting together. I am excited to attend this virtual conference. More information is below, but you can contact me for more information as well. I hope you will check out this wonderful organization.

Let's stay connected,

Amy Moore

Lay Servant Ministries Course



Rev. Janet Larson at First UMC in Eldorado will be leading “Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts”, an advanced course in Lay Servant / Speaker Training, for her congregation. She would like to offer this to those in the West District who are interested. She plans to begin the first Wednesday evening in April. The course will be offered in person and by zoom. If you are interested in this course or for more information, please contact Janet, 512/626-8441.

PAUMCS 2021 Virtual Conference—PAUMCS.ORG

The theme for the 2021 Virtual Conference is **Keeping our Eyes Focused on Christ**, and is based upon Hebrews 12:2, “And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

The conference is centered around 3 different themes, while remaining Christ-focused.

- ◆ Thursday, April 15—Keeping our Eyes on Christ through **the Role of Administrators**.
- ◆ Friday, April 16—Keeping our Eyes on Christ through **the Development of Disciples**.
- ◆ Saturday, April 17—Keeping our Eyes on Christ through **growing the Kingdom of God**.

Registration is open! Registration closes on Wednesday, April 14.

PAUMCS National Member Registration: \$75

Non-Member & Guest Registration: \$125

When registering, you can pay by credit card. If you need to pay by check, please reach out to Barbara Buck at mopaumcs@gmail.com for instructions.

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Calendar

April	2-5	District Office Closed, Easter
	6	Coffee with Andy
	6	Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m.
	7-8	Cabinet Meeting
	13	Coffee with Andy
	14	Cabinet Meeting
	15-17	Amy—Virtual PAUMCS Conference
	20	West District Committee on Ordained Ministry Interviews
	21	Cabinet Meeting
	27	Coffee with Andy
28-30	Andy—DS Group	
May	3	Cabinet Meeting
	4	Coffee with Andy
	4	Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m.
	11	Coffee with Andy
	12	Cabinet Meeting
	18	Coffee with Andy
	19-20	Right Start
	20	Cabinet Meeting
	25	Coffee with Andy
	26	Cabinet Meeting
31	District Office Closed—Memorial Day	