

WEST DISTRICT OFFICE RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 15, 2021

Dear colleagues,

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Enclosed you will find the 2021-2022 Pastor Consultation Form document. Please prayerfully respond and return the form to me **no later than Wednesday, December 1, 2021. This is a firm deadline.** As you know, this is the primary means by which you give valuable counsel to the Bishop and Cabinet about your pastoral appointment. (Please note the addition of item 4) *Please attach a copy of your most current Safe Gatherings certificate.*

Included in the attachments is also the form for your Staff Parish Relations Committee to complete. This form is being sent directly to your SPRC chairperson as well. Additionally, the forms are posted on the district website. Note that you as the pastor and the SPRC chair are asked to sign both forms. This practice ensures open communication and honest sharing in the consultation process.

In cooperation with the SPRC chairperson, you need to call a meeting of the committee so they can complete the 2021-2022 Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Consultation Form. I need their form no later than Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Bishop Schnase has scheduled the Cabinet's inventory session for January 12-14, 2022. In order for me to best represent you and the churches of the Hill Country and West Districts, please make every effort to honor the deadline of December 1.

If you have any questions or want to visit prior to returning the form, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 921-2529 or by email at asmith@riotexas.org.

I am grateful for you and all you do on behalf of Christ and His church and the world. You remain in my prayers: *I thank my God every time I remember you. I always pray with joy in my every prayer for all of you because of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am sure of this very thing, that the one who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6)*

Peace,



Rev. Andy Smith