

WEST DISTRICT OFFICE RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 12, 2022

Dear colleagues,

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

Enclosed you will find the 2022-2023 Pastor Consultation Form document. Please prayerfully respond and return the form to the District Office **no later than Thursday, December 1, 2022. 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 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 2022-2023 Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Consultation Form. I need their form no later than Thursday, December 1, 2022. Bishop Schnase has scheduled the Cabinet's inventory session for January 11-13, 2023. 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 (956)605-3691 or by email at rsanderford@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: “. . . *that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*” *Ephesians 3:16-19.*

Peace,



Rev. Dr. Ricky Sanderford