

WEST DISTRICT OFFICE RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 1, 2019

Dear colleagues,

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

Enclosed you will find the 2019–2020 Pastor Consultation Form document. Please prayerfully respond and return the form to me **no later than Monday, December 2, 2019**. As you know, this is the primary means by which you give valuable counsel to the Bishop and Cabinet about your pastoral appointment.

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 – www.umcwayoutwest.org. 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 2019–2020 Staff/Pastor–Parish Relations Consultation Form. I need their form no later than Monday, December 2, 2019. Bishop Schnase has scheduled the Cabinet’s annual assessment session for January 15–17, 2020. In order for me to best represent you and the churches of the West District, please make every effort to honor the deadline of December 2.

If you have any questions or want to visit prior to returning the form, please do not hesitate to contact me at the District Office (325/486–1500) 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