

WEST DISTRICT OFFICE RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Friends,

I know this news will create shivers of excitement up and down your back – annual charge conference time draws nigh!

With two districts it is a challenge to create a schedule that “fits” each church. Working with Liz and Amy we have come up with a schedule which you will find in this email. While I wish I could hold individual charge conferences for each church, that is just not possible given the number of churches and geographical bounds. This year I will have more individual charge conferences (though not all) in the West District than in the Hill Country District. Next year we’ll switch things around and I’ll have more individual charge conferences in Hill Country than West. Hopefully this works.

I know preparing for the annual charge conference isn’t the favorite part of ministry for many pastors. I get it. However, it doesn’t mean it’s not important. I ask you to give attention to preparing well for your charge conference. For most churches this will be the first time I get to meet and mingle with people from your church so we’ll want to take a few minutes to do that.

I want our charge conferences to be fruitful and meaningful and I want to honor your time and effort in your reporting and preparation. To that goal I commit to you that if you write it, I’ll read it. The pastor’s report functions as a window into the life and ministry of your church. Your pastor’s report is a wonderful gift to me. Thank you.

I’ll send you more information about any specific agenda items “beyond the normal reports” that will help create meaningful charge conferences in both districts. God bless each of you and thank you for your ministry, your prayer and your support.

Grace and peace,
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