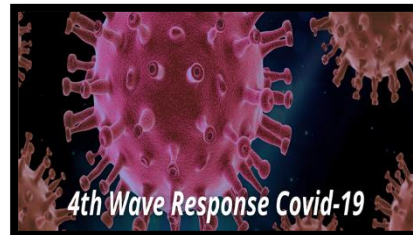


## Message from Bishop Scott Jones regarding the fourth wave of Covid-19

I write to you with a heavy heart as our nation seems to have entered a fourth wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Infections are on the rise, hospitals are filling up, and tragically the death toll related to Covid-19 is increasing at an alarming rate. While it is true that it is not as bad as it was this time last year, it is worse than it was only a couple of months ago. Medical experts are predicting that this fourth wave could continue to swell into October.

Read More.... [What can we do as people of faith?](#)



The staff of the Central South District has done their part by getting the vaccine and we encourage each one of you to do the same to help protect yourself, your families and those you encounter. We will continue to have meetings by Zoom until further notice unless it is less than ten people at which time social distancing practices will be put into place.

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## The Central South District is Moving

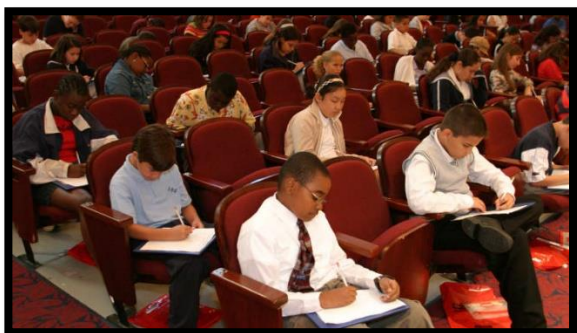
During the 2021 Annual Conference it was voted to sell Bethany UMC property where the Central South District office is located. The CSD presented to the District Leadership Team several locations where the CSD could relocate along with the proposed lease for office &/or meeting space for each one. It was agreed upon unanimously that the Central South District would move to the Conference Office located at 5215 Main Street where we will occupy most of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor office space. We will begin moving in December so that we can be ready to the first of 2022 in our new office space. New contact & location information will be sent out beginning December 1st so we do not miss any important information from our pastors and laity.

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## Op-ed: Make financial literacy in underserved communities a national priority

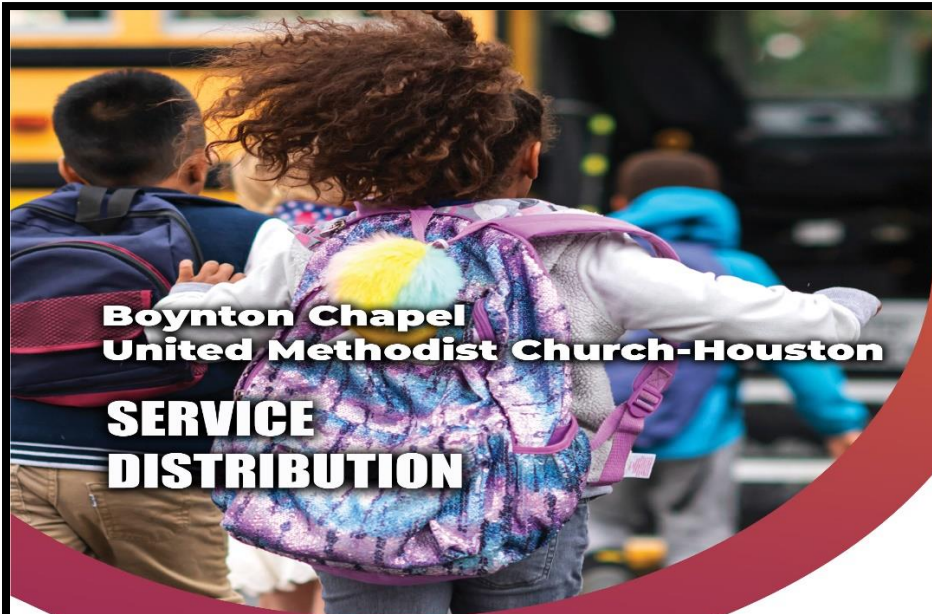
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Dr. Joanne Li, Dean, professor of finance at Florida International University College of Business



Elementary school students competing in the Miami-Dade & Monroe County Spelling Bee at Florida International University.  
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We know why financial literacy is important: the core concepts – how to spend, save and borrow, how to invest and accumulate wealth – promote financial independence. But where we teach financial literacy is just as important as what we teach. We need to invest in education for youths in underserved communities to develop this skill set.... [read more](#)



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**THE EIGHTH DAY**

A RESPONSE TO HOW THE WORLD HAS CHANGED  
DUE TO THE PANDEMIC AND OTHER CURRENT EVENTS

**God created for six days... on the seventh He rested...  
AND ON THE EIGHTH... HE BEGAN RE-CREATING!**

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>COST</u>
AUG 7:	Huntington UMC, Huntington, TX	(10am-2pm)	\$25 (lunch included)
August 14:	FUMC, Dayton, TX	(10am-2pm)	\$25 (lunch included)
AUGUST 21:	Linden UMC, Linden, TX	(2pm-5pm)	\$15 (no meal)
SEPTEMBER 11:	FUMC, Madisonville, TX	(10am-2pm)	\$25 (lunch included)
SEPTEMBER 25:	Frankston UMC, Frankston, TX	(10am-2pm)	\$25 (lunch included)

**REGISTER TODAY**  
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or text the same information to Cindy Doran at 936-852-4123

**TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**African American Church Initiative**  
presents  
**Transformational Generosity**  
**Webinar Series**

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

Generosity and stewardship practices and strategies based on books by Rev. Melvin Amerson – *Stewardship in African American Churches* and *Celebrating the Offering*. Rev. Amerson will also share trending best practices, and year-round strategies. This webinar series is designed for Clergy-Laity Teams.

**SERIES SCHEDULE**

September 2 Biblical Foundations for Transformative Generosity  
September 9 Leading Transformative Generosity  
September 16 The Offering and Transformational Generosity Post COVID-19  
September 23 Year-Round Generosity  
September 30 Next Steps...

*\*All webinars are scheduled at 6:30 PM via Zoom.  
\*Post-webinar series group follow-up will be offered by Rev. Amerson.*

**WORDS FROM COLLEAGUES**

*Melvin Amerson is a prophetic voice who leads with conviction and profound wisdom involving generosity and economic empowerment.*  
—Rev. David Briggs, Abundant Life UMC

*Rev. Melvin Amerson has been an amazing stewardship mentor throughout my ministry journey. He guided our Wesley Foundation in raising over \$30K this year for programming and other needs.*  
—Rev. Tabitha Rankin, Tyler Junior College Wesley House

*Rev. Amerson's wealth of experience culminates in engaging, theologically sound, and practical stewardship presentations that empower the workshop participants to share their learnings with others. Melvin has made a lasting positive impression in The Western North Carolina Conference.*  
—Rev. David Snipes, United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina

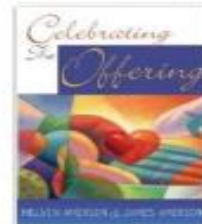


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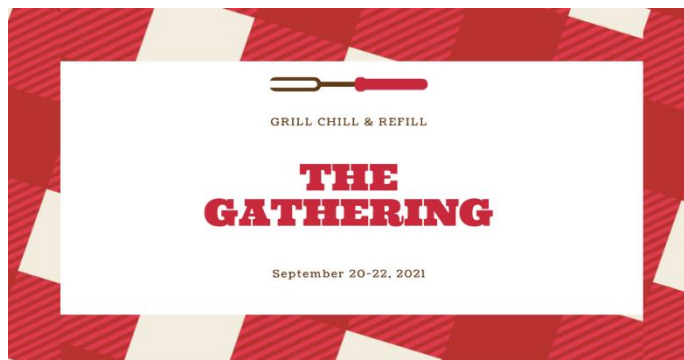
Presenter  
Rev. Melvin Amerson  
Texas Methodist Foundation

**Books by Rev. Melvin Amerson**



To register for the Transformational Generosity Webinar Series, send your name, email & church to [AACI@txcumc.org](mailto:AACI@txcumc.org). This is only for those who live/attend church in the Central South District, others must register with their respective districts.

**Clergy: Please register for the 2021 pastor's retreat, called [The Gathering](#)**



This will be a time to Grill, Chill and Refill with friends and colleagues. Steaks and other great food will be provided along with a Christian comedian, and speaker who will teach us all how to take care of ourselves mentally, physically, and spiritually during COVID-19.

## Helping to Spread the Word

We continue to work diligently to make sure our clergy, laity, and members of the communities that surround our Central South Districts stay informed. We are updating our website ([www.csdistrict.org](http://www.csdistrict.org)) and our social media sites as quickly as we receive information. If your church is hosting a community project or event, please email the details to [csdistrict@txcumc.org](mailto:csdistrict@txcumc.org) along with a flyer or poster (pdf or jpeg formats) and we will do our best to share it.

## Important Dates

### **September 3, 2021 @ 6:00 pm - Central South District Charge Conference**

This meeting will be held by Zoom, the link will be shared the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Charge Conferences** begin October 2, 2021, the schedule can be found at <https://csdistrict.org/calendar>, we are updating the schedule if your church is not listed today it will be by the end of the week. It is important to have your charge conference paperwork in to the district office one to two weeks prior to your charge conference to give the District Superintendent ample time to review the documents prior to your meeting. You can mail or email ([csdistrict@txcumc.org](mailto:csdistrict@txcumc.org)) your paperwork. The forms should be on the district website by next week.



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