2021 brought about some changes for the Central South District office as we moved to our new location, inside the Texas Annual Conference Service Center. Our offices comprise most of the first floor. We have settled into our new office spaces and have continued our work without many interruptions. Our office hours remain the same, Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, however because of Covid we continue to work in office and remotely. If you need to visit the office, make sure you call before making a trip to make sure we are in. Our contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We are off to a wonderful start for 2022. We started the new year off with report day on January 11th and we are so thankful to our wonderful team, Dr. Howard Bruce, Ms. Juanita Jackson & Rev. Lataya Simpson for assisting our pastors with their EOY reports. We had a total of 51 out of 54 churches to pay 100% of their apportionments for 2021. We appreciate each of your efforts as your faithfulness enables the Central South District to be about the business of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some have even paid 2022 apportionments in full. We are thankful for your generosity.

As we continue to face Covid variants we are continuing to practice safe, social distancing. As we understand that many of you are Zoom weary, we are still hosting many of our meetings and appointments by Zoom. We have been trying to host an in person gathering since Dr. Stansell was appointed District Superintendent, but Covid continues to derail those plans. We cancelled hosting a Christmas gathering with the anticipation of having an Epiphany celebration and now because of the latest Covid variant and many in our district having tested positive, that was cancelled. We are now anticipating having a summer picnic after Annual Conference.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year with the Central South District.

Central South District Staff

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

The Central South District acknowledges the diversity in the world: abilities, age, beliefs, culture, experience, gender, language, race, skills, and values. Everyone is unique and made in the image of God. We welcome the contribution from each individual that enhances our knowledge and understanding of others. Our commitment is to nurture and support our communities in the progress toward greater health and financial stability, through educational opportunities.

One of the focal areas of the Central South District is social justice advocacy for racial reconciliation.
The Gathering will be held
February 22 - 23, 2022 @ Lakeview
For More Details:
https://www.txcumc.org/thegathering2022

Our camp coordinators are working
to get everything ready for our Tri-district
campers and counselors.
For more information about Summer Camp
Lakeview Summer Camp

Health Minister Certificate Registration
Wesley Theological Seminary's Heal the Sick program presents an 22 hour introductory health minister certificate in whole person health in an ONLINE or HYBRID learning format.
https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/heal-the-sick/hts-registration/

2022 Virtual African American Conference on Disabilities!
It's time to register for the 2022 virtual African American Conference on Disabilities (AACD) throughout the month of February. This conference is a FREE event!
CENTRAL SOUTH DISTRICT'S
ANNUAL LAY ACADEMY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Saturday, February 26, 2022
from 9:00 am - 11:30 am by Zoom

There will be breakout training sessions for Finance, SPRC, Trustees & Worship. If you work in these areas of your congregation, you will benefit from this training event.

Register for Lay Academy Leadership Training

Basic Lay Servant Ministries and Advanced Certification Part I
Saturday, February 19, 2022
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Basic Textbook:
Introduction to Lay Ministry
by Sandy and Brian Jackson

Advanced Textbook:
Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts
by William J. Carter

Purchase textbooks from Cokesbury Bookstore online at www.cokesbury.com or call (866-980-8661).

Register for Basic Lay Servant Ministries Part I

Basic Lay Servant Ministries and Advanced Certification Part II
Saturday, February 26, 2022 - 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Register for Advanced Lay Servant Ministries Certification Part II

Zoom links will be forwarded to participants after registration. For questions, please contact Juanita Jackson at jjackson3014@sbcglobal.net

Please share this information with your congregations and others who have a passion for Lay Servant Ministry. This training is open to all and not only the Central South District.

For more information contact Ms. Juanita Jackson @ jjackson3014@sbcglobal.net
2022 TAX SEMINARS
Tuesday February 22, 2022

If you plan to join us, please be sure to register online. The deadline to register is 2/15/2022. The link to register may be found on our website: [https://tmf-fdn.org/stories/2022-tax-seminars](https://tmf-fdn.org/stories/2022-tax-seminars)

Clergy Tax Session
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
2 Credit Hours of CPE
with Elaine Sommerville, CPA

Church Finance/Legal Update Session
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
4 Credit Hours of CPE
with Frank and Elaine Sommerville, CPA

For further information, please be in touch with [kwheeler@txcumc.org](mailto:kwheeler@txcumc.org)

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