

August 5, 2020

STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT NEWS & NOTES

2020 Annual Conference Dates

The 11th Session of the Susquehanna Annual Conference has been rescheduled for **October 3, 2020**, as a virtual meeting, *we will not be meeting in person.*

The theme for 2020 is:

Better Together ... One in Ministry to All the World

[Read for more details](#)

Registration dates for Postponed Session of Annual Conference

Registration will be offered exclusively on our website at www.susumc.org/annual-conference beginning at noon on **Tuesday, August 4, 2020 and will run through August 31, 2020.**

As mentioned earlier this year, we continue to be thankful for the Spending Plan of the Susquehanna Conference that has for many years subsidized the cost of attendance at Annual Conference. You can imagine the expense of an undertaking of this magnitude is significant and continues to grow each year. Beginning this year there will be a **\$25 Administrative fee** assessed to all attendees. This fee will allow for partial coverage of conducting the work and worship of our Annual Conference meeting. Please know that the Sessions Committee is diligently investigating changes in how we meet to contain costs in the future.

Secure online payment may be made using a credit card or bank transfer by following the easy directions during registration. Payment may also be made by sending a check payable to "Susquehanna Conference UMC" to the attention of AC Registrar. Payment deadline is October 1, 2020. **NOTE:** *Your registration will not be completed until payment has been received in full.*

All **registered** members will receive an email closer to October 3 with their login information for the online sessions.

Questions should be directed to: Sarah Filizzi, Annual Conference Registrar, registrar@susumc.org.



YOU DID IT!!!! You, as a community of supporters, made the first ever Matching Monday an incredible success! **The goal was to raise \$18,800 in seven weeks, and we are overjoyed to share that you far exceeded that goal!** During the seven weeks, through specifically designated Matching Monday gifts and undesignated gifts, **you raised \$31,152** for Camp & Retreat Ministry. **WOW! You are making a difference!!** You have blown us away with your support and we are deeply humbled by your financial gifts. At the beginning of this matching challenge, we assumed it would take a few days to meet each week's match. But week-after-week you showed up in HUGE ways and met every Monday's goal in mere hours.
YOU. ARE. INCREDIBLE!!!!

The [Camp Comeback Campaign](#) is off to an EPIC start, *all thanks to YOU.*

There will be more giving events and more opportunities to support these beloved outdoor ministry spaces in the near future. Our [online donation platform](#) remains open for giving at any time. Today we celebrate your generosity, and we give thanks for your amazing support of this ministry, this mission, and these sacred places where all may come to know experience the deep love of God.

Donate [HERE](#) anytime.

Discovery Place Schedule Change

Discovery Place **will now be OPEN to fulfill requests July 30-August 7,** and **CLOSED August 10-14, 2020.** You may order at any time by visiting the online catalog at www.discovery-place.org, calling 717-766- 7968, or emailing discovery@susumc.org. We are still closed to walk-in visitors. If you arrange to pick up an order from the Susquehanna Conference office, we will leave it inside the first door.

Joni Robison

BOUNDARIES TRAINING

Led by Rev. Marian Hartman
via **ZOOM Meeting**

Saturday, August 29

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Register by August 21

Register at scrantonwilkesbarre@susumc.org or call 570-901-1569.

Once registered, a link for the ZOOM meeting will be sent several days before the event.

CEUs available.

Registration is open to **all Districts**.

If you are currently serving and have not yet had Boundaries Training, you must take this course by the end of August.

This Boundaries course will also fulfill the quadrennial requirement for those who need an updated Boundaries training certificate.

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Join us ONLINE for Leadership Institute 2020

September 24–25, 2020

We're excited to bring [Leadership Institute 2020](#) to you as an all-new **ONLINE** experience on **September 24-25**.

[Register Now](#)

The online format is packed with relevant and actionable leadership development content through a live-streamed event, plus on-demand bonus material for every member of your ministry team.

Individual tickets are just \$49. With the low ticket price and no travel expenses, you can include and engage more of your team leaders in every ministry area across the church.

You'll experience:

- Outstanding **General Session** content you've come to expect from Leadership Institute from speakers uniquely positioned to address the extraordinary issues church leaders face in 2020:

- 2 **Breakout Sessions** on Friday, with 6 topics to choose from at each session, followed by **Live Q&A**, giving you the opportunity to engage with the presenter(s).
- **PLUS a library of on-demand workshops** you can access any time over the next year. These workshops cover a wide variety of ministry topics, all with tangible takeaways to implement in your own setting.

All Sessions will be recorded and available to registered participants for replay... so no worries if the dog distracts you during a session or you can't decide which breakout to choose! **You'll have access to ALL the content to explore and review on-demand for an entire year after the conference.**

We're working on a variety of ways to **connect with each other** during the conference, including **chat rooms** for focused discussion and the ability to set "**meet-ups**" with colleagues from across the country. So, while we can't be together in person, we will still have the opportunity for a shared and connected experience.

We'd love for you to join us for this opportunity to learn and connect - so gather your team and register today for Leadership Institute 2020!

[Register Now](#)

Questions?

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Spiritual Transformational Leaders work hard at being self-aware of their own habits, norms, and values as they interact with other people. In his most recent podcast, Jack Shitama highlights intergenerational transmission and the role it plays, especially when a leader joins a new congregation. [Hear the whole message.](#)

Jack's point about assessing the situation in light of your own norms so that you can avoid taking things personally and unnecessary conflict can be most helpful to pastors and congregational leaders!

2020 Camp & Retreat T-shirts

The online T-Shirt Fundraiser is still on! Order your limited edition super cool looking and incredibly soft feeling camp swag TODAY! Attention churches, youth groups, and anyone else who knows A LOT of people who love camp: bulk ordering is available through each center's store. If you're interested in ordering 3+ t-shirts from any one store, please contact us at camps@susumc.org so we can tell you about bulk order savings.

**The online stores stay open until, August 7,
so click on the Camp Center's name below to order your shirts TODAY!**

[Camp Penn](#)
[Greene Hills](#)
[Mount Asbury](#)
[Wesley Forest](#)

Attention Local Pastors: Course of Study Books Available

The following Course of Study books are available (FREE) at the Harrisburg District Office. If you are interested, please contact the Harrisburg District Office at 717-766-8124

- **Biblical Interpretation: A Roadmap** (COS Yr 5/2) - *Frederick C. Tiffany and Sharon H. Ringe*
- **Treasure in Clay Jars: Patterns in Missional Faithfulness** (COS Yr. 5/2) - *Lois Y. Barrett et al.*
- **Thirsty For God: A Brief History of Christian Spirituality** (COS 2) - *Bradley P. Holt*
- **Christian Mission: How Christianity Became a World Religion** (COS 5/2) - *Dana L. Robert*
- **Practical Divinity: Theology in the Wesleyan Tradition** (COS 4/2) - *Thomas A. Langford*
- **Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief** (COS 5) - *Rowan Williams*
- **Eucharist: Christ's Feast With The Church** (COS 4) - *Laurence Hull Stookey*
- **The Sacred Journey: A memoir of early days** (COS 5) - *Frederick Buechner*
- **Good News to the Poor: John Wesley's Evangelical Economics** (COS Yr 5/2) - *Theodore W. Jennings, Jr.*
- **Protestant Christianity: Interpreted Through It's Development** (Second Edition) (COS 3)
- **Fortress Introduction to Contemporary Theologies** (COS 5) - *ED. L. Miller and Standley J. Grenz*
- **Philosophy and Theology** (COS 5) - *John D. Caputo*
- **Leadership in the Wesleyan Spirit** (COS 5) - *Lovett H. Weems, Jr.*

Reminder for Local Pastors Taking Course of Study Classes

You MUST get your District Superintendent's signature on your course registration BEFORE sending the registration to the Local Pastor Registrar. *Thank you!*

Pastor Dave Walker
Local Pastor & Associate Member Registrar, SUSUMC

Bible Studies for the Time of Pandemic

In **Healing the World: Bible Studies for the Pandemic Era**, the World Council of Churches offers eight Bible studies to facilitate coming to terms—as individuals, groups, and communities of faith—with the loss, fear, and confusion engendered by the pandemic, and the bracing prospect of building the world anew. [Learn more](#)

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S1E7 – Fresh Expressions

Gary Shockley and Hannah Pratt-Sledge discuss Fresh Expressions and how it can help churches in the time of pandemic.

Guests: Matt Lake, Mitch Marcello and Chris Backert

[Listen](#)

Anti-Racism and Beloved Community Resources for Leaders and Congregations

Congregations and leaders are encouraged to check out two new resources.

The first is [Readings for Learning, Reflection and Discussion](#).

The second is [Anit-Racism and Beloved Community Resources from the UMC](#)

Thanks to all of you who are leading efforts to dismantle racism, work for justice, and establish new relationships of Beloved Community. This is a vital aspect of Christian faith and discipleship as we shape our congregations and society through love.

A special thanks to Kris Sledge and Lenore Hosier for their vision and efforts with others to make these resources available. Look for additional resources in upcoming Quiklinks.

Retiree Pension & Healthcare Webinar

Questions about the changes in Retiree Healthcare benefits? Join Rev. Michelle Bodle on **August 4 at 1 pm**, as she walks you through the proposed changes and answers your questions. If you are unable to participate, a recording will be made available.

[Register Here](#)

Wespath Wednesday

Are you a newer pastor? Do you have questions about your retirement or health insurance? Take an hour to learn all about Wespath. Hear first-hand from the Benefits Education Team about the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) and get a tour of our online WebMD portal available to all HealthFlex participants. The webinar will be **Wednesday, August 19 at 11 am**. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://bit.ly/3jGBT9>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For questions, contact Jason Mackey at jmackey@susumc.org.

[Register today](#)

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Blessing of the Devices

As the back-to-school season nears, consider expanding a "Blessing of the Backpacks" worship service to include digital devices that many students and families are relying on this year. A new article shares a "Blessing of the Devices" prayer and other ideas to enhance your service.

[Discover Resources](#)

Praying for Teachers and Children

Rev. Francis Daniel shares a song he wrote to honor and celebrate teachers as Bishop Ward offers a prayer for teachers and children.

[View Prayer](#)



October 25 – 31, 2020

Our Mission Central annual 5K has turned into the first ever virtual run – the Mission Central Monster Mash and Dash! We are invite all runners/walkers/movers and shakers to participate! The event will run October 25, 2020 through October 31, 2020. Please join us with your best

Halloween costume and share your experience on social media – #MCmonsterdash.

Registration is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children and includes our Mission Central Mash and Dash T-shirt. We look forward to 'seeing' you!

[Register Today](#)

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Prayers for our world

Harry Heikes and Jennifer

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