



North East District of the North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church

District Conference
Sunday, May 23, 2021

Welcome & Call to Order

Rev. Dr. P Alice Rogers, District Superintendent

Election of District Conference Secretary

District Leadership Confirmation

District Union

- Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce, McEver Road
- Phil Eve, Lanier
- Rev. Dr. Hugh Hendrickson, Lavonia First
- J.C. “Bucky” Highsmith, Gainesville First - Secretary
- Rev. Don Landen, First UMC of Union County - Chair
- Liz Smith, St. Paul, Washington Street
- Sally Walden-Crowe, Mossy Creek
- Nancy Young, Midway - Treasurer

District Strategic Growth Team

- Kay Adams, Chicopee
- Gloria Buice, Cumming First
- Tim Cornelinson, Jefferson First
- Rev. Dr. Jason Danuser, Creekside – Chair
- Rev. Zack Martin, Clayton First
- Lindsey McCamy, Gainesville First
- Rev. Reginald Nolen, Ebenezer
- Rev. Jamey Prickett, Gainesville First
- Rev. Dr. David Sanders, Bethel
- Rev. Dr. Allen Stewart, Hartwell First

District Superintendency Committee

- Linda Breese, McEver Road
- Rev. Keith Cox, Clarkesville First
- Rene Grant, Ebenezer
- Harold Harbin, Lavonia
- Rev. Kathy Hardy, Warren Chapel
- Rev. Andy Hargrove, Gordon's Chapel
- Lee Highsmith, Gainesville First
- Kim Hudgins, Toccoa First
- Kim Powell, Gainesville First
- Rev. Kathie Stasko, Cumming First - Chair

District Committee on Ministry

- Rev. Jennie Andone, Midway
- Alan Brown, Hartwell First
- Jane Finley, Toccoa First
- Rev. Amanda Lane, New Liberty
- Dr. Pat McCollum, Toccoa First
- Rev. Liz Millar, Gainesville First
- Rev. Dana Overton-Garrett, Pleasant Grove – Registrar
- Rev. Matt Parker, Royston First
- Jan Pearce, Clayton First
- Rev. Sandy Skinner, Oakwood
- Rev. Bryan Smith, Candler; Redwine; Chicopee – Chair
- Justin Williams, St. Paul Summit Street
- Shirley Whitaker, St. Paul Washington St

District Board of Laity

- Michelle Alexander, Gainesville First
- Wilson Barber, Creekside – Youth Coordinator
- Kathy Cook, First UMC of Union County – UM Women
- Lamar Gailey, Trinity
- Kim Hudgins, Toccoa First – Sub-District B Lay Leader
- John Lee, Jefferson First – Sub-District D Lay Leader
- Kim Powell, Gainesville First – Sub-District C Lay Leader
- Mary Williams, Midway
- Heather Woods, Royston – Children Youth Coordinator

District Committee on Lay Servant Ministry

- Kenneth Bradley, Gordon's Chapel
- Ernest Craig, Lanier
- Diane Gilbert, Pleasant Grove
- Dr. Kay Haugen, Antioch – Chair
- Kim Hudgins, Toccoa First
- Jaye Masters, Clayton First
- Rev. Craig Murray, Bethlehem
- Kim Powell, Gainesville First
- Mary Williams, Midway
- Frank Zimmerman, Dahlonega First

District Lay Leader Report,
Kim Hudgins

District Union, Don Landen

District Union,
Rev. Don
Landen

The 2022 district budget will be set under the annual conference and will not require a vote at the district level.

District Union comprises former District Finance Committee and Trustees. Same across conference

Rev. Don Landen - President

Nancy Young - Treasurer

J.C. "Bucky" Highsmith - Secretary

District Strategic Planning,
Church Development & Building
and Location, Jason Danuser

What are the expectations of the work of each DSGT?

1. **Grants** – Local churches and Districts will be able to apply for a wide variety of grant funding for mission and ministry.
2. **Adaptation Needed** – The rhythm and way you do your work will need to adapt. Your team will need to (a) create processes for receiving and vetting grant applications from local churches as well as (b) spending time strategically planning what grant funding might be needed at the overall District level.
3. **Vet Excellently** – Every DSGT will become a gateway for local churches to apply for grant funding. If the application is incomplete, unworthy of consideration or half-baked... send it back, but don't send it on!
4. **Prioritize** – Communicate to BEAT the priority, of the grants you send for approval. “What are the best strategic investments that can be made in your area? The BEAT team has a priority to fund equitably between all districts.

Barnes Evaluation and Administration Team (BEAT)

District Strategic
Growth Team,
Rev. Dr. Jason
Danuser

- 1 church funded through the District for local food ministry
- 2 churches recommended to the Conference BEAT Team for funding

Superintendency Committee,
Kathie Stasko

District Committee on
Ordained Ministry, Chris
Laskey & Bryan Smith

District
Committee on
Ministry, Rev.
Bryan Smith

4 - Inquiring Candidates in Ministry &
attended Conference Summit

1 – Certified Candidate

3 - New Licensed to Preach Pastors

38 - Part time Pastors

1 – New Full time Pastor

2 - Elders & Deacons

2 - Full Provisioned Elders & Deacons

Committee on Lay Servant Ministry, Kay Haugen

Lay Servant Ministry, Dr. Kay Haugen

- Thank you to all who served on the committee in 2020, Thank you to all lay servants and speakers as we made it through a very challenging year.
- Reminder: Lay Servant annual reports **must** be completed online prior to charge conference. The director can help you if you are new or have only previously done them on paper.
- Lay Speakers certified in 2017 and 2018 will need to renew their certification through the conference. More information is coming via email from the director.
- More Zoom classes are coming in July and August as well as face-to-face classes in September. Check the conference and district websites for updates as plans are finalized.
- Congratulations to our associate, Mary Williams, who has been nominated as the new Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries.

Bishop's Offering at Annual Conference

North Georgia Conference Ministerial Education Fund

The Ministerial Education Fund provides scholarships to seminary and undergraduate students, course-of-study for local pastors, and license to preach school.

Grants from the Ministerial Education Fund help pay tuition and other costs for future clergy who will serve our churches or go on to be chaplains, teachers and missionaries.

MEF is a general church apportioned fund of which 25 percent is retained by our conference. But 100 percent of the giving to the Annual Conference Special Offering will go to United Methodist seminary and course of study students in the North Georgia Conference.

Churches are invited to collect the offering any time before or after the 2021 Annual Conference. Individuals are encouraged to give through your local church. Churches can make checks payable to the North Georgia Conference and marked for Fund #1147 - AC Special Offering.

Thank you for your
attendance.

A recording will be posted on
the North East website
Monday, May 24.

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