

EAST DISTRICT E-ALERT FOR November 22, 2016

Editorial Policy of the East District E-Alert:

Check this out – have you really read this paragraph lately? Do you realize that the East District now has a website? Because of the recent launch of a redesigned Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Website (<http://www.epaumc.org/>) which has a link, at the bottom of the Home Page, to a new East District website (<http://www.epaumc.org/districts/east/>), articles will appear for only one week, and, if pertinent, will be posted on the District web site. Previously published E-Alerts will be posted to the East District website.

The E-Alert is sent to Pastors and Church Offices on the East District and to lay people who have requested being added to the distribution list. Feel free to clip or copy any article for your church's bulletin or newsletter unless permission has specifically been granted to the East District for publication, in which case, request permission from the source. The District Office requests that pastors forward the E-Alert to church leaders and congregants who might find the E-Alert helpful and informative.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Peggy Johnson announces the appointment of **the Rev. Sally W. Ott**, retired supply pastor) to Newtown UMC (Southwest District) at half-time, effective January 1, 2017.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2017 HEALTH COVERAGE

Open Enrollment for Clergy and Lay Staff 2017 benefit programs will take place **online from November 28 through December 9, 2016. You MUST participate in Open Enrollment** in order to have coverage in 2017. No current elections will continue next year unless participants choose them when enrolling online. Open enrollment information will be emailed to the participants' primary email addresses by **November 22, 2016. Learn more about 2017 Healthcare costs and options on the Pension & Health Benefits page.** Further information will be sent with open enrollment mailings and budget updates. Below is a list of planned OE Information meetings around the Conference.

Open Enrollment Meetings:

Date	Time	Location
November 28 th	10 AM	Downingtown UMC 751 E. Lancaster Avenue Downingtown PA 19335
November 29 th	1 PM	Huntingdon Valley UMC 3470 Huntingdon Pike Huntingdon Valley PA 19006
November 30 th	1 PM	Lititz UMC 201 Market Street Lititz PA 17543
December 1 st	10 AM	Faith Alive UMC 678 Pine Street Palmerton PA 18071

DATES

EAST DISTRICT CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST WITH DS BASS

District Superintendent Tracy Bass looks forward to your presence at the annual **East District Ministerium Christmas Breakfast** on **Tuesday, December 6** at **8:30 am** at **Bensalem: Korean UMC** (2820 Mechanicsville Rd., Bensalem 19020). **RSVP** to cakrall@epaumc.org, so that the gracious breakfast cooks at Bensalem Korean will have an idea of how many to prepare for.

WALKING WITH: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

What: East District Conversation on Race Relations

When: Friday, January 20th and Saturday, January 21st in 2017

Time: 6 pm (Friday evening with dinner; recess at 9 pm)
8 am (Saturday morning; adjourn at 3 pm)

Where: Washington Crossing United Methodist Church
1895 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing PA 18977

Who: East District clergy and laity

Theme: **WALKING WITH: The African American Experience**

Cost: \$35 per person (includes supper, breakfast, and lunch)

Registration deadline: December 21, 2016

District Superintendent Bass considers this to be one of three **REQUIRED** District events that appointed clergy are required to attend. The conversation will begin at 6 pm. The cost to register is \$35 per person and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch. To register, send your name, mailing address, email address, and the name of your church, with a check payable to "**East District Superintendency Clergy Fund**" and mail to East District Office, c/o Clarita Krall, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, The United Methodist Church, 3470 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley PA 19006. The memo line should read "**Conversations on Race Relations.**" **Registration deadline is December 21, 2016.**

CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFERS "REAL TALK ABOUT RACISM

Last Minute Opportunity for both Laity and Clergy: Register Today!

Real Talk about Racism on **December 3, 2016** from **9 am-3:30 pm** (lunch provided) at **Phoenixville: First UMC** (865 South Main St., Phoenixville, Pa. 19460). **Cost: \$10 register by Nov. 30; \$15 at the door.** **Registration**

Link: <https://epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/46034>.

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