

# ***EAST DISTRICT***

## **E-ALERT FOR**

### **December 1, 2016**

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#### **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). Gather in the Sanctuary at **8:30 am** for opening worship; breakfast to follow at **9 am** in church fellowship hall. If you haven't already, please **RSVP** to [cakrall@epaumc.org](mailto:cakrall@epaumc.org), so that the gracious breakfast cooks at Bensalem Korean will have an idea of how many to prepare for.

#### **OPEN ENROLLMENT PACKETS FOR 2017 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

**Only 8 days left of open enrollment!!** Open enrollment ends on **December 9** for 2017 health insurance coverage in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference group health insurance plan. Participants in the plan for 2017 **MUST** participate in Open Enrollment in order to have coverage in 2017. No current elections will continue next year unless participants choose them by enrolling online. Click [here](#) for the Open Enrollment brochure. Click [here](#) to enroll. (Username is first initial last name, as in John Doe = jdoe; password = date of birth, as in mmddyyyy or a custom password that was created at the initial login.

#### **WALKING WITH: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE**

**What:** East District Conversation on Race Relations  
**When:** Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 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 dinner, breakfast, and lunch)

**Registration deadline: December 21, 2016 (earlier is best!)**

**District Superintendent Bass considers this to be one of three REQUIRED District events that appointed clergy must 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.**

### **ST. JAMES UMC PRESENTS AARON PATTERSON & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Members of **St. James UMC** (199 East Tabor Road, Philadelphia) invite East District churches to join them this **Sunday, December 4** at **4 pm** for their **first Christmas Service Concert**, presenting **Aaron Patterson & Friends**. A flyer is attached to this E-Alert email.

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