

EAST DISTRICT E-ALERT FOR March 8, 2017

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EAST DISTRICT TOOLS for MINISTRY

Saturday, April 29, 2017

LOCATION: Bensalem UMC, 4300 Hulmeville Rd., Bensalem PA 19020

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register now to get your first choice workshops.

Online registration now available for East District Tools for Ministry:

Click [TOOLS](#) to register online.

Registration fee includes Plenary, 2 Workshops, & Food

- Standard registration is \$20
- Group registration is \$15 per person with 5+ registrants
- Late registration is \$25 after April 21st and walk-ins

Schedule

8 am-9am Sign-in and Breakfast Foods available

9 am-9:45 am Worship, Offering received, Plenary

10 am-11:45 am Workshop Session #1

Noon - 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 pm-2:15 pm Workshop Session #2

2:15 pm Adjourn

A 2+ page paper brochure is attached to this email. Online registrations are encouraged.

EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL PASTORAL INTERVIEW SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

This year's (2017) pastoral interviews for pastors who will be on the newly forming East District, effective July 1, 2017, are **ALL** calendared **to take place prior to the 2017 Annual Conference** (June 18-20). **Attached to this email E-Alert is the current schedule.**

Pastors who have been serving on the current East District will be meeting with District Superintendent Bass in cluster groups. If you believe your interview is erroneously placed within a particular cluster, please notify Clarita Krall (cakrall@epaumc.org or [215-914-2130](tel:215-914-2130)).

Pastors who have been serving on the current Central and Northeast Districts, but who will be on the newly forming East District, will be meeting individually with Rev. Bass. Some interviews will take place in various church locations and some will take place at the Central District Office at Simpson House.

Deacons working out of the Conference area and extension ministers have telephone call appointments. The schedule shows the telephone number to use when calling in at the appointed time.

Also **attached is the 2017 Clergy Profile**. Be sure to complete it and return it 2 weeks prior to your interview to cakrall@epaumc.org.

If you have not done so already, please check the schedule now to be sure you know when and where your interview is scheduled to take place, and **then please confirm your interview date and time via email to cakrall@epaumc.org**.

CHURCH FINANCE WEBINAR!

Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 pm CST

Offered at no cost thanks to your church's support of the World Service Fund.

Every congregation needs to do a church audit, but it doesn't have to be a big expense or an insurmountable obstacle. There is a great **Local church Audit Guide**, available free for United Methodist churches that will take you through it step by step. Going through the process builds confidence among your financial leaders and projects transparency to your donors. Join us as we explore the tools that can make this process easier than you thought. **It's not too late to [register!](#)** Email us at: stewardship@UMCdiscipleship.org.

REGISTER FOR FAITH-SHARING SEMINAR BY MARCH 13

The registration deadline for the Faith-Sharing Seminar on **Saturday, March 18**, has been extended to Monday, March 13. The registration cost is only \$10, which includes all materials, breakfast and lunch.

New Hanover UMC (2211 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville), will host the seminar, from **8:30 AM to 3 PM**, which will feature "prayer evangelist" the Rev. Terry Teykl, a popular speaker and author. With the theme "Transformation through Prayer," participants will gain new insights and inspiration about prayer and evangelism.

Teykl travels the world encouraging churches to develop and strengthen prayer ministries as a means of revival and transformation. He has spent his life teaching churches how to develop a heartfelt, meaningful relationship with the Lord. His warm, humorous style makes him a sought after speaker and seminar leader.

Learn more on the Conference [website](#), and be sure to register by Monday, March 13.

CHRIST SERVANT MINISTRY SPRING 2017 CLASSES

May 5 & 6 - A Basic Course taught in Spanish is scheduled for Emmanuel UMC in Allentown PA. The instructor for this course will be the Rev. Brunilda Martinez. This course needs at least 12 participants and is limited to the first 20 registrations. **Cost \$35** (Download [Registration Form – Asbury Basic - Spanish](#) in PDF at christsservantministries.net). For additional information, contact Northeast District Director, Judy Ehninger at ehninger@ptd.net or 610-442-3140.

May 12 & 13 - A Basic Course is scheduled for Asbury UMC in Allentown PA. The instructor for this course will be Judy Ehninger. This course needs at least 12 participants and is limited to the first 20 registrations. **Cost \$35** (Download [Registration Form – Asbury Basic](#) in PDF at christservantministries.net. For additional information, contact Northeast District Director, Judy Ehninger at ehninger@ptd.net or 610-442-3140.

May 12 & 13 – A Speaking 1 Course is scheduled for Asbury UMC in Allentown PA. The instructor for this course will be the Rev. Harold Burkett. This course needs at least 12 participants and is limited to the first 20 registrations. **Cost \$35** (Download [Registration Form – Asbury Speaking](#) in PDF at christservantministries.net). For additional information, contact Northeast District Director, Judy Ehninger at ehninger@ptd.net or 610-442-3140.