

EAST DISTRICT

E-ALERT FOR

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Editorial Policy of the East District E-Alert:

Generally, articles will appear for only one week, and, if pertinent, will be posted on the East District website (<http://www.epaumc.org/districts/east>). Or, if you are on the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference website (<http://www.epaumc.org>), there is a link to the East District website at the bottom of any page. Previously published E-Alerts will be posted to the East District website.

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EAST DISTRICT CELEBRATION

Clergy are requested to encourage Laity of your church to attend the 5:30 pm Dinner with Bishop Peggy Johnson and the Laity Session afterwards. *Clergy are required to attend the 4 pm Session with Bishop Johnson.* Registration is open now. Click [here](#) to register by September 5.

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 (Note the change of location from what was previously announced.)

Location: Sanctuary United Methodist Church, 1346 E. Prospect Ave., North Wales PA 19454

Agenda:

4 pm Clergy Session with Bishop Johnson

- Devotions – Bishop Johnson
- Presentation on Leadership – Bishop Johnson
- Every clergy will receive a copy of Grace to Lead
- Report from Director of Connectional Ministries, Dr. Anita A. Powell
- Report from Mrs. Jo Fielding, Executive Director of Pension and Health Benefits & Director of Administrative Ministries
- Report from *new* Conference Treasurer
- Announcements from District Superintendent Tracy Bass

5:30 pm Clergy and Laity Buffet DINNER with Bishop Johnson for \$10 per person

- Hot Roast Beef; Sausage, Onion & Peppers; Baked Chicken
- Cold meats and cheeses: ham, roast beef, turkey breast, corned beef, Genoa salami, American & Swiss cheeses
- Salads: potato, macaroni, cole slaw, pickles, tomatoes
- Rolls & rye bread
- Desserts

6:30 pm Laity Session with Bishop Johnson

- Worship – District Lay Leader Mrs. Karen Fisher, DS Bass, and Conference Lay Leader Mr. David Koch
- Devotions – Bishop Johnson
- Presentation on Leadership – Bishop Johnson
- Conference Lay Leader Report – Mr. Koch
- Report from Director of Connectional Ministries, Dr. Anita A. Powell
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CHARGE CONFERENCE FORMS NOW AVAILABLE ON CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Charge Conference forms are now posted on the Conference website. Click [here](#) to access and download. **All forms except the Church Budget and Fund Balance report are due two weeks before your charge conference.** Completed forms may be emailed as attachments to the East District Office at cakrall@epaumc.org, mailed (East District Office, Simpson House, Suite 1, 2101 Belmont Ave., Philadelphia PA 19131), or hand-delivered to the District Office.

Pay close attention to the [2017 Church Forms Schedule](#). This is the “on year” for submitting the “**Safety and Accessibility Inspection**” form. The **Action Plan** does not have to be submitted. All Safe Sanctuary policies should be updated according to the Resolution 2016-09. **The Accountability Agreement between the EPA UMC and the BSA** was introduced in 2016 and must be completed every three years. Therefore this must only be completed this year:

- if it was not completed in 2016
- if there is a new BSA troop at your church
- if there has been a change in scout leadership

District Superintendent Tracy L. Bass will be conducting all the charge conferences for the churches that have recently become part of the *new* East District. Churches that have been under the supervision of District Superintendent Bass as part of the previous East District will participate in cluster charge conferences with an elder officiating. Information about dates, times, and facilitators is available in two formats: click [here](#) for the alphabetical format by church “location: name” or [here](#) for the calendar format.

LAITY RETREAT 2017

Responding to the Nearness of God... ..and the message of the Prophet Isaiah

When: Saturday, September 9

Time: 9 am to 1:30 pm

Where: 490 West Boot Road, West Chester PA 19380

Registration fee is \$35 and includes meals and retreat materials.

Attached to this E-Alert email is a registration form. To register on-line or for more information, visit the Conference website at <https://www.epaumc.org/conference-calendar/2017-laity-retreat/>.

PLANTING SEES FOR MINISTRY GROWTH 2017

When: Saturday, September 30, 2017 – 11:30 to 5:30 pm

Where: Hopewell UMC, 852 Hopewell Road, Downingtown PA 19335

Theme: Pray for the City

*“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city...
Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.
Jeremiah 29:7*

“Imagining the Possibilities” – Keynote: Pastor Scott Chrostek, Pastor of Resurrection Downtown Kansas City

When we are called to get up, get out, get moving, and give it all away... with joy and thanksgiving, simply by doing the same things that Jesus did first for us, imagine the possibilities! Scott will share the vision, the questions, the ups-and-downs, and the miracles that he and a new Christian community experienced along the way in planting RezDowntown, where 1,000 people worship every weekend in the city! Under Scott’s leadership, this new Christian community has built the first new church building in downtown Kansas City in over 80 years. The author of three books, Scott is part of Adam Hamilton’s Executive Leadership team at Church of the Resurrection, and is widely viewed as one of the brightest young leaders among United Methodist clergy nationwide.

Worship Speaker – The Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr., Director, Amachi, and former Mayor of Philadelphia
Special Music by the Philadelphia United Methodist Mass Choir

For more information, and to REGISTER, visit www.hopewellumc.org/planting-seeds. To register, go to <http://www.hopewellumc.org/planting-seeds-registration>. Address email inquiries to boyd@hopewellumc.org.

UPDATED MISSION CONNEXION GRID

The District Office is continually updating the District Mission ConneXion. Attached is the most recent update.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember **the Rev. Nancy L. Miller**, Extension Minister, in prayer as she mourns the loss of her mother, Dorothy (Dottie) DeBoer Miller, on July 26. Mrs. Miller was a resident of Cornwall Manor Retirement Community since 2004. Being a missionary kid, she was passionate about missions, local and global. She led Volunteers in Mission trips all over the world; taught at numerous Schools of Mission; gave leadership in local churches (Millersville: Grace and then Lebanon: Good Shepherd), District (former Lancaster), and Conference, and United Methodist Women, showing all, by humble example, how to be a true disciple of Jesus, how to not only accept but celebrate ALL people. She was also wife to Bill who died in 2011, and mother of 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grand-daughters, aunt to many, and sister to 2 clergy brothers. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Miller at 29 Wynndemere Ct, Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210 or revnancymiller@gmail.com.

Continue to remember the family of **the Rev. Elisandra García**, newly appointed pastor to Phila.: Espirtu Santo in the Juniata Park neighborhood, whose father, Angél García, passed on to glory on July 19.