

# **EAST DISTRICT E-ALERT FOR September 1, 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.

## **DISTRICT DATES**

### **DISTRICT COMMITTEE/BOARD ORGANIZING GATHERING**

This is to remind members of East District Committees and Boards that a training and organizing gathering is planned for **Saturday, September 10**, from **9 am to 10:30 am** at the UMC of Huntingdon Valley (3470 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley PA 19006). Gather first in **Lenhart Hall** (enter the church on the south side of the building near the flag pole in the lawn) as a large group and then convene in distinct groups to begin organizing for the 2016-2017 conference year. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so via email to [cakrall@epaumc.org](mailto:cakrall@epaumc.org).

### **BISHOP JOHNSON ENDORSES TRAINING EVENT FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADERS**

Please give/forward this information, no later than this Sunday, to your church Children Ministry leaders for participation in this training event on **September 10**. Also, attached to this email E-Alert is a copy of the contents below that can be forwarded via email or printed to pass out.

*September 1, 2016*

*To all those who teach, supervise, advocate for and work with children:*

*It is my privilege to personally invite you to a new training event for children's ministry leaders on Saturday, September 10, 2016. It will be held from 8:30 am – 3:15 pm (lunch included) at West Lawn UMC, 15 Woodside Avenue, Reading, PA.*

*This event features Melanie C. Gordon, Director of Ministry with Children from the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, TN. Ten workshops will be offered by experts in children's ministry.*

*Register online at [epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/35927](http://epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/35927) by September 7, 2016.*

*Reaching our children with the Good News is not only a priority but a sacred privilege. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.*

*Blessings,  
Bishop Peggy A. Johnson*

## **DAY ON THE EAST DISTRICT**

East District Church Lay Leaders and other Laity are invited to meet with **Bishop Peggy A. Johnson** on **Thursday, October 20**, beginning at **5 pm** for a light supper. **Save the date** on your calendar now and look for more information in the coming days for the location, still to be determined.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR CONVERSATION ON RACE RELATIONS: ATTENDANCE REQUIRED FOR EAST DISTRICT APPOINTED CLERGY; OTHERS PERSONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

This upcoming year of 2017, there is no Bishop's Mid-Winter Retreat planned. Instead, the East District will host an **Overnight Gathering for Conversation on Race Relations, Friday, January 20 through Saturday, January 21** for East District clergy and laity. **District Superintendent Bass considers this to be one of three REQUIRED District events that appointed clergy are to attend.** A retreat site has not yet been confirmed, but we are negotiating for a location that is not too distant from the East District with comfortable sleeping accommodations. **We need your commitment to attend and participate as we move forward with plans.** Please email the East District Office ([cakrall@epaumc.org](mailto:cakrall@epaumc.org)) with your commitment to participate so that we can move forward with the best negotiated venue.

## **CLASSIFIED**

### **CHURCH CHOIR DIRECTOR/ACCOMPANIST POSITION**

**St. Paul's UMC** in Warrington PA is seeking a **church choir director/accompanist** to attend weekly choir rehearsals and play for the 10:30 am service on Sunday mornings. Applicants must have a sincere Christian faith and be able to direct and play a variety of musical styles. Applicant must also have good piano skills and be willing to learn to play the organ if not already an accomplished organist. Send resume to: St. Paul's UMC, 2131 Palomino Drive, Warrington, PA 18976 or contact the church office at [stpaulsumcwarrington@aol.com](mailto:stpaulsumcwarrington@aol.com).

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