

Greetings Salina and Hays District Clergy!

June 10, 2019

## DISTRICT NEWS!!! & Information

**Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!** Annual conference is over for 2019 and now we prepare for General Conference 2020. The dates of GC2020 are May 5-15, 2020 in Minneapolis MN.

Hey Everyone! I am blessed and honored on the GC2020 delegation for the Great Plains Annual Conference! To God be the glory! I am very EXCITED to serve in this capacity! I know there is a lot of learning to come and many conversations to listen to and coffee or tea to drink! I know it will not be easy, but in the words of John Wesley: "The best of all is God is with us!"

So, let us all covenant to pray for the Great Plains Delegation and our beloved United Methodist Church as the days approach and time marches onward towards GC2020!

Blessings and Peace Rev. Dee J. Williamston

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### **!!IMPORTANT NEWS --- BIG CHANGES DISTRICT OFFICE !!**

#### **SALINA DISTRICT OFFICE in Transition – After July 15, 2019**

Some of you have heard that our wonderful district Administrator Sabrina Aubuchon's husband, Coach Fred Aubuchon, was selected for the volleyball coaching position in Alva Oklahoma at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in January 2019. The Great Plains Conference Administrative services director, Scott Brewer has agreed for the Salina District Office to continue its ministry in a remote location.

Therefore, Sabrina will continue to be the Salina-Hays District Administrator and will work remotely in Wichita at East Heights UMC where the GP conference has leased space for the Salina District office and where the Wichita East and Wichita West District offices reside.

Our current district office will remain at KWU where the District Superintendent's office is located to conduct meetings and secure files. In addition, our office space will become a regional site to house the Polycom technology and available for video conferencing and meetings. Sabrina and I, after July 15, 2019 will begin to transition our office.

Until then, **ALL THINGS CONTINUE AS IS...**district phone numbers, email address and physical address **will remain the same until we notify you.** More details are forthcoming.

We are blessed to have an excellent district and conference administrator in Sabrina. We look forward to this new working relationship. Thank you to the Great Plains Annual Conference for letting us be creative in our ministry!

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## NETWORK NEWS!!

### **CHANGES – in Salina – Hays District Network Leaders and Configurations!**

Greetings All, there are Changes in the Network Configurations for the Salina – Hays District. Please review the attached Network List for Salina – Hays 2019-2020 Season.

And the change of some network leaders. Network Leaders will contact their churches in their networks for a time of connection.

### **Network Leaders serving the Salina and Hays District!**

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#### **Concordia & Belleville – \*Melanie Adams**

##### **Concordia Area**

- 🏰 Concordia First – Concordia Trinity
- 🏰 Jamestown – Huscher

##### **Belleville Area**

- 🏰 Belleville
- 🏰 Agenda
- 🏰 Courtland-Scandia
- 🏰 Republic

#### **North Central Ks – \*Jim Rice**

- 🏰 Trinity Jewell- Mankato-Ionia
- 🏰 Burr Oak
- 🏰 Cawker City – Glenn Elder
- 🏰 Beloit
- 🏰 Webber
- 🏰 Esbon

#### **Post Rock Network – \*Kaye Metzler**

- 🏰 Lincoln-Beverly
- 🏰 Hunter – Barnard
- 🏰 Minneapolis
- 🏰 Tescott - Culver

#### **Commuter Network – \*Doug Birdsong**

- 🏰 Salina Grand Avenue
- 🏰 Lindsborg Trinity
- 🏰 Brookville
- 🏰 Mentor – Gypsum

#### **(Hays#6) Synergy Ntwk \*Ted Stapleton**

- 🏰 Logan/Long Island
- 🏰 Stockton-Woodston
- 🏰 Phillipsburg
- 🏰 Plainville
- 🏰 Ellis/Placo
- 🏰 Lenora (UMC/UCC)

#### **(Hays#4) Smith Ctr– \*Michael Roberts**

- 🏰 Kirwin/Agra/Smith Center
- 🏰 Lebanon/Rose Valley
- 🏰 Downs
- 🏰 Osborne/Alton
- 🏰 Kensington United (UMC/UCC)

#### **Abilene Miracle Network – \*Kris Brinlee**

- 🏰 Woodbine – Lyona
- 🏰 Abilene Emmanuel
- 🏰 Bennington - Solomon
- 🏰 Enterprise
- 🏰 Chapman
- 🏰 Hope
- 🏰 Talmage – Bethany
- 🏰 Alida

#### **Clay County Clergy – \*Andrea Beyer**

##### **CC Council Min. \*Debra Tompett-Welch**

- 🏰 Clay Center
- 🏰 Longford – Mizpah
- 🏰 Wakefield
- 🏰 Countryside-Ebenezer
- 🏰 Morganville – Green
- 🏰 Mt. Liberty
- 🏰 Industry
- 🏰 Miltonvale – Glasco
- 🏰 Washington-Haddam-Barnes

#### **++District Superintendent Network**

- 🏰 District Superintendent
- 🏰 Salina Trinity
- 🏰 Salina First
- 🏰 Salina Church of the Cross
- 🏰 Beloit
- 🏰 Clay Center
- 🏰 Abilene Emmanuel
- 🏰 Abilene First
- 🏰 Salina University
- 🏰 Concordia First

++The District Superintendent Network is a resourcing network based on size transitions determined by the DS.

#### **\*Network Leader(s)**

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**Annual Church Audits – ALL Fund Balance Reports Due June 30 2019!**

Annually each local church is to complete their annual church audit/Fund Balance Reports and send to the district office. This is an annual conference requirement.

We graciously request that if your church is unable to complete the report by June 30, 2019 that you send us a note, email, or contact us by phone and let us know when to expect the report for the district records. Thank you!

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**\*Clergy Consultations June 12, – August 15, 2019**

Clergy consultation scheduling begin June 12 -August 15, 2019. You are encouraged to sign up for your consultation if you have yet to select your consultation time. There are limited opportunities. All new clergy to the district will have a summer consultation to check on your 100 day plan in your new appointment. There are 2 options to meet:

1. Salina District Office
- or 2. Video Meeting by ZOOM

\*There may come a time that your consultation will need adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances. We will do our best to notify you in a timely manner to adjust your consult if the need arises. Thank you in advance!.

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**Network Happenings – SAVE THE DATES**

**Smith Center Network Invites Clergy & Laity to:**

**Mental Health First Aid** Workshop **8-hour training** equipping the public to help persons with mental illness connect to care. (Flyer Attached)

**Cost:** Free

**Dates & Location:** August 10, 2019—Smith Center UMC, 301 E. Ks, Smith Center, KS

**Time:** 9am—5pm; Lunch will be provided.

**RSVP for Smith Center by August 3, 2019.**

**Contact:**

Pastor Laura Cherry @ Rose Valley UMC 785-454-3418 or [lcherry@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:lcherry@greatplainsumc.org)

Pastor Anna Borders @ Downs UMC 785-454-3327 or [aborders@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:aborders@greatplainsumc.org)

Pastor Dorothy Ellsworth @ Osborne UMC 785-346-2333 or [dellsworth@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:dellsworth@greatplainsumc.org)

Pastor Michael Ricci-Roberts@ Smith Center UMC 785-282-3728 or

[mroberts@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:mroberts@greatplainsumc.org)

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**Tuesday September 10th Salina-Hays Clergy Gathering**

**\*Important Fall District Training - Church Charge/Conference Season**

**Date: Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Time: 9am - 12 noon at Concordia First UMC**

**Location: 740 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Concordia Ks**

**What to Bring:** Your laptop, Tablet or Smart Phone and your 2020 compensation numbers i.e. base salary numbers, housing allowance & resolution numbers and reimbursable expense numbers.

**Everyone** will sign into the dashboard at the gathering to learn how dashboard works to submit your 2020 compensation sheets. Plan to attend!

*'Life happens!* However, all clergy, lay ministers and DSA's **servicing in full-time or three-quarter time** appointments or assignments are expected to attend this training.

Clergy, lay ministers and DSA's **servicing part-time or less** are highly encouraged to attend this training based on your availability to attend from your full-time employment or school schedule.

\*Those clergy absent are responsible to contact the Salina District Superintendent by email at [salinds@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:salinds@greatplainsumc.org) if a conflict arises and to arrange for further instructions to prepare for the fall church charge/conferences.

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**SAVE THE DATE: September 25-27, 2019**

**Leadership Event** – Church of the Resurrection September 25-27, 2019. For more information go to the COR website!

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**SALINA DISTRICT CLERGY** - **SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Save the Date:** –Bishop Saenz will gather with us at our Salina District Clergy Gathering to fellowship with us! **Time: 9am – 12noon, Location: Salina First UMC 122 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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**HAYS DISTRICT CLERGY** **SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**Save the Date:** –Bishop Saenz will gather with the Hays District Clergy Gathering to fellowship with us! **Time: 9am-12noon Location: Quinter UMC, 218 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Quinter Ks**

**2019 Church/Charge Conferences**  
**October 27<sup>th</sup> - November 30, 2019**

Below find the Church/Charge Conference schedule for Oct 27 – Nov 30, 2019. Note, there are variances in some network's configurations. Times and locations are listed below.

**This season is set solid due to logistics of drive times.**

The dates, locations and times are as follows:

- Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 2pm – Washington-Haddam-Barnes (at Washington UMC)
- Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 4pm – Clay Center Clergy Network/CCCOM – Clay Ctr. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Sunday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2pm – North Central Kansas Network (at Beloit UMC)

- Monday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> , 7pm – Commuter Network (at Trinity Lindsborg)
- Sunday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm – Hays Network #6 – (at Osborne UMC)
- Monday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – Post Rock Network (at Lincoln UMC)
- Tuesday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> , 7pm – Church of the Cross
- Thursday Nov 14, 6:30pm – Belleville Area (at Bellville UMC)
- Sunday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> , 2pm – Abilene Miracle Network (at Emmanuel UMC)
- Sunday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> , 4pm – Abilene Emmanuel
- Monday Nov 18<sup>th</sup> , 7pm – Abilene First UMC
- Tuesday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> , 7pm – Salina University UMC (\*tbc)
- Sunday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> , 2pm – Hays Network #4 – (at Stockton UMC)
- Thursday Nov 21, 7pm – Salina First UMC (\*tbc)
- Monday Nov 25, 6:30pm – Concordia Area (at Concordia Trinity UMC)
- Tuesday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> , 7pm – Salina Trinity

Note: The **Tuesday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Salina District Clergy meeting** at Concordia First UMC is an important training event to prepare us for the fall church/charge conference season.

**\*tbc= to be confirmed.**

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## **!!SAVE THE DATES**

- **Orders & Fellowship 2020- January 15-16, 2020 / St. Mark's UMC Lincoln Ne.**
- **General Conference 2020 - May 5-15, 2020 / Minneapolis MN.**

## **Great Plains Conference Congregational Excellence RESOURCES**

If you are looking for more resources or have questions about the opportunities listed below, contact the Great Plains Congregational Excellence team by email at [info@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:info@greatplainsumc.org) or call 785-414-4242

- Fresh Expression – Congregational Excellence
- Revitalization 360 aka R360 – Congregational Excellence
- Vital Signs Input on Dashboard