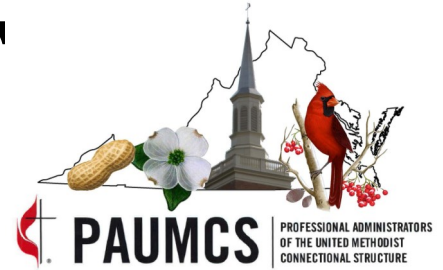

PAUMCS POST

*A Newsletter for and about the Virginia Chapter
Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure*

September 2019



VA PAUMCS Experience Your Conference Connection 2019

Your VA PAUMCS invites you to our fall event: Experience Your Conference Connection 2019, Wednesday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Virginia United Methodist Center 10330 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen, VA 23058. Attendees who participate in all sessions will earn .5 CEU (continuing education units).

Our speakers for the event are Chris Malak and MaryKaye Cochran, members of the Conference Center staff. Chris Malak will give an overview of the new data plan for the Conference, showing how church data is collected and used. He'll explain the plan currently underway to improve this, and show how the changes will impact persons at the church level. MaryKaye Cochran will facilitate an interactive presentation on MissionInsite, a website that provides access to a great quantity of demographic information about your community. We will look at the reports MissionInsite can generate as well as Mosaic segments which provide detailed information about folks' religious perspectives, worship preferences, key behaviors, and much more. Bring your laptop or tablet so you can manipulate the website as MaryKaye walks you through its different components.



Chris Malak is the Virginia Conference's new Database Manager. Prior to joining the VA Conference, he spent over 12 years in the software development industry. Over that time, he held nearly every position within the software development life cycle, from requirements gathering, architecture, project management, development, quality assurance, installation, and support. His specialty is Business Intelligence, a subset of software devoted to the storing, querying, and presentation of information in an actionable format for stakeholders to make decisions. He holds an undergraduate degree in Computer Science and a Master's in Business Administration. Chris and his family live in Richmond.

MaryKaye Cochran is the administrative assistant for the Center for Congregational Excellence since April 2, 2018. The Center is responsible for new faith community development and church revitalization. Prior to joining the VA Conference, MaryKaye served as the Director of Discipleship at Woodlake UMC for 12 years. She has also been on staff at Farmville UMC and Duncan Memorial UMC. Prior to her positions in Christian Education, she worked at Longwood College (now University) for 12 years. MaryKaye has degrees from The College of William and Mary and Bowling Green State University (Ohio). MaryKaye is married to the Rev. Larry Cochran who serves as the senior pastor at Belmont UMC in Richmond.

Find registration information at vaumc.org/paumcs.

Confession from a Reluctant PAUMCS Member Michelle Pinheiro



I was encouraged to join PAUMCS but was very reluctant to do so. I finally looked at what PAUMCS was and had to offer. Once I did, I have not regretted the decision to join such a fun and supportive organization. It offers a wealth of tools and education opportunities to help you be successful in your job.

You also have the opportunity to meet others and learn from their experiences. My recommendation is to take advantage of those training and networking opportunities PAUMCS offers. PAUMCS is an organization that is worth being a part of and by being active in it you gain a network of resources.

PAUMCS Certification

Cindy Martin, Roanoke District Office Administrator

The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church sponsors an online certification institute. The institute provides outstanding advanced professional training and enrichment for United Methodist church administrators. A participant who completes the program and meets the requirements set forth by the GCFA is eligible to apply for certification as a *Professional United*

Methodist Church Administrator. The class for 2019 has ended, but now is the time to plan for 2020. As budgets and work schedules are prepared for next year, start having conversations with your church leadership on how your church can support your certification efforts. The course is designed to be self-paced. Each participant has 2 months (usually in the summer) to complete the course work and group project. More information can be found at: [PAUMCS Online Certification Brochure](#).

There is also the opportunity to receive Advanced Certification which is a three-day in-person training in Nashville. More information Advanced Certification can be found at: [PAUMCS Advanced Certification](#). No dates for the next class are available yet.

Several years ago I attended PAUMCS training (now online) in Nashville with a local church secretary in my district. She was one of those life-long learners who wished to know as much as possible about the UMC so she could better serve her church as their administrative assistant. She received her PAUMCS certification and attended many Virginia Chapter and National PAUMCS events, earning her required CEUs. Then “life” happened and she was required to relocate out of state. Her passion continued to be to in the ministry of church administration and because of her PAUMCS connection, she learned of an opening in a district office near her new home. When I was called as one of her references, I spoke about her PAUMCS certification, her service to the Virginia Chapter as an officer, and her dedication to learning through PAUMCS. I learned later that being certified by and active in PAUMCS was one of the attributes that made her stand out among the other applicants. She was offered the job and continues to joyfully serve as a district administrator today.

I am happy to talk with you more about PAUMCS certification!



PRESS RELEASE ~ 2019 PAUMCS Annual Conference
Lori L. Sluder, PAUMCS Communications

The 37th Annual Conference of the Professional Administrators of The United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS) was held on the Atlantic Ocean aboard the Independence of the Seas cruise ship. The National PAUMCS Executive Team along with Mark Yeh of Educational Opportunity Tours (EO) served as the conference host.

Those attending the conference worshipped, learned, and networked with other church professionals from across the denomination. We began each morning in session together hearing from Mike & Carolyn Slaughter and their administrative assistant, Catherine Crowell, from Ginghamburg United Methodist Church in Tipp City, Ohio. Following the morning sessions, we met in focus groups to discuss what we heard during the sessions and how we can apply them to our day-to-day ministry. On Sunday evening, we had the opportunity to celebrate those who completed the 2018 online certification class and those who completed the Advance Certification class. We were blessed to hear from William Amperse, a member of the 2018 online certification class.

The mission focus was the Ciudad de Angeles home. We were a part of sharing Christ's love with orphaned children in Mexico during the visit to the Ciudad de Angeles home. The mission provides a home for orphaned children in an environment of love and develops them into godly adults who are responsible citizens in their community.

Established in 1982 under the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church, the organization fosters individual growth, professional development, and spiritual enrichment for members from around the world. To learn more about the organization and certification as a church professional, visit www.PAUMCS.org

<p>PAUMCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE APRIL 16-18, 20/20 K A N S A S C I T Y , M O</p>  <p>KEEP OUR EYES FOCUSED ON CHRIST</p>	<p>PAUMCS National Conference 2020</p> <p>Member registration fee \$365</p> <p>Guests meals only: \$325</p> <p>Non-Member registration fee: \$419</p> <p>Deadline with no refunds: March 15, 2020</p> <p>Late fee: \$50</p> <p>Find more information as it becomes available:</p> <p>paumcs.org</p>
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Join the VA Chapter of PAUMCS today!

Virginia PAUMCS offers you a chance to make a conference connection with other church administrative professionals. Your \$28 annual membership dues defray the administrative costs of the chapter so that event fees can be used to secure locations and speakers.

Who are the members of Virginia PAUMCS?

United Methodist Church administrative assistants, secretaries, financial directors, office managers, and newsletter editors, full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer, local church or conference agency personnel - all make up the Virginia PAUMCS.

What is the mission of Virginia PAUMCS?

The mission of Virginia PAUMCS is to provide a supportive base for the unity and fellowship of its members, individual growth, professional development, continuing education and spiritual enrichment.

We'd love to have you join us!

[Join or Renew Online](#)

or mail in using the

[Membership Brochure](#)



PAUMCS National Organization

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PAUMCS National membership is \$50 annually. Consider budgeting for membership in 2020!

The Vital Link:

National PAUMCS provides a seasonal newsletter by email, which is a compendium of upcoming events, news, information, and other content of interest and value to members.

E-Links & Linking Hands:

News, announcements, concerns, and other information. is also emailed on an as-needed basis. Emails are also used as a forum to share prayer requests, praises, or job-related questions or tips.

Facebook Group

Another part of PAUMCS' supportive base includes a members-only Facebook group used for crowd sourcing job-related questions, sharing accomplishments, events, and photos, and fostering discussions about professional issues.

2019 Badge Buddy Sales Brisk at Annual Conference



Susan Petrey managed the VA PAUMCS display table at Annual Conference in Roanoke, June 20-22. The display table in the exhibit hall offers us the opportunity to talk to lay and clergy members to conference about VA PAUMCS and why they should encourage their church administrative staff members to become involved. Brochures for membership and our fall event were handed out and explained. AND there were Badge Buddies!

For several years we have sold red VA PAUMCS name tag holders, proceeds to benefit our VA PAUMCS training events. They have become quite the “thing to have” at Annual Conference and members seek out our table to purchase the badge that makes them “one of the team.” At \$5.00 each, this year we sold \$650 worth, a wonderful supplement to our event funds.

Mark your calendar now for Annual Conference 2020, June 18-20 in Roanoke; volunteer to represent your church as a local church delegate or call your district office to be added to the nominees for District lay member at-large; and join us for our next opportunity to share VA PAUMCS with the world!

Prayer Chain & Care Ministry

The Virginia Chapter has a PAUMCS Prayer Chain and solicits your prayers for those who submit a request. Many pray daily for the requests, send cards and notes via regular or email to those listed, or simply hold the requests in their hearts.



Your Care Ministry team of VA PAUMCS enjoys being in ministry with you and celebrating your special joys, giving encouragement when needed and a word of sympathy at a time of sorrow. Our Member Care Coordinator is Donna Desper, StauntonDistrict@vaumc.org.

Anyone interested in becoming part of this ministry is encouraged to email Donna Desper by email at stauntondistrict@vaumc.org.

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