

ABOUT PAUMCS

The **P**rofessional **A**dministrators of the **U**nited **M**ethodist **C**onnectiona**S**tructure was organized nationally on April 14, 1982 in Dallas, Texas. The 1988 United Methodist General Conference assigned oversight to the General Council on Finance and Administration. (The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2016 ¶ 807.18)

Membership in PAUMCS is open to anyone who is currently paid to engage in administrative and/or secretarial work in any United Methodist local church, extension ministries, or any agency of The United Methodist Church or any Annual Conference. It is also open to any person who maintains his or her General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) certification.

Membership provides UMC administrative professionals a supportive base and fellowship to promote:

- * individual growth
- * professional development
- * spiritual enrichment
- * continuing education
- * opportunity to become a GCFA Certified Professional Administrator

National Member Annual Dues are \$50

(Membership period is January through December.)

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF PAUMCS

Organized in 1990, the **Western North Carolina Chapter of PAUMCS** conforms to the same standards as the National Association, only within a smaller geographical area. Membership in the Chapter is open to any paid or volunteer person currently, previously, or retired who engages in administrative and/or secretarial work in any United Methodist local church, extension ministries, or agency. For a member to be in good standing in the Chapter, **membership dues of \$10** must be paid for the current year and are due annually by January 31. *To be eligible to vote on matters of the Chapter and elect Chapter Officers, dues must be current.*

Interested in being part of our PAUMCS chapter? Please make your check payable to **WNCC PAUMCS** and mail to our treasurer:

DeEtta Rivens, WNCC PAUMCS Treasurer
P.O. Box 480733
Charlotte, NC 28269

ABOUT LAUREL RIDGE CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

Nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Laurel Ridge Conference and Retreat Center offers year-round programming and rental facilities to communities of faith, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and individuals for their use and enjoyment. The facilities are owned and operated by the Southern Province of the Moravian Church of America and have offered youth, families, churches, and organizations an incredible mountain location for relaxation, recreation, reflection, and renewal since 1960. Laurel Ridge rises above 3,600 feet in Ashe County, North Carolina, and began as 115 acres. The Conference and Retreat Center has increased to 688 acres since the opening of its summer camp in 1960. Laurel Ridge thanks God for the vision and the faithfulness of the many people instrumental in starting and maintaining this ministry.



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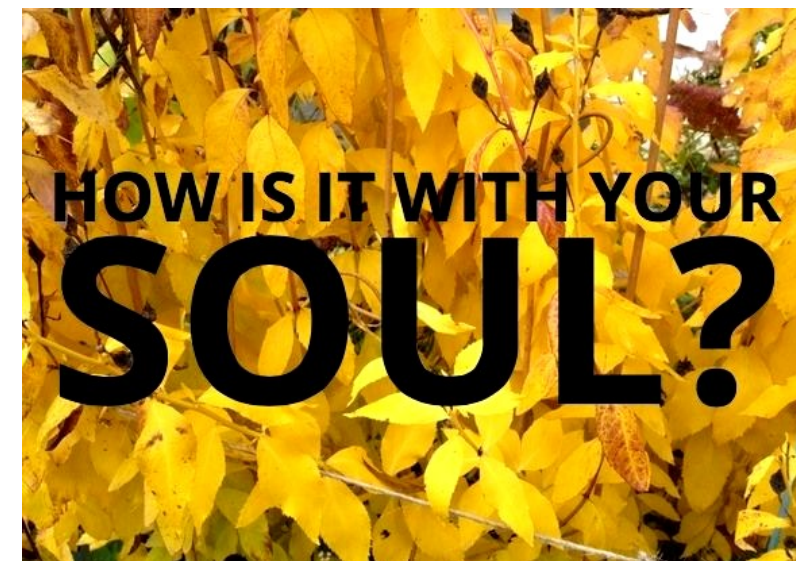
You do not have to be a National PAUMCS Member to join the Western North Carolina Chapter of PAUMCS.



Western North Carolina Chapter

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PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS
OF THE UNITED METHODIST
CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURE



2023 ANNUAL FALL RETREAT AND CONFERENCE



OCTOBER 27 -OCTOBER, 28, 2023
LAUREL RIDGE CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
LAUREL SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

“How Is It With Your Soul?” John Wesley

Keeping Your Faith While Serving the Church

Session 1

The Truth About Our Terrible-Horrible-No-Good-Very-Bad Day and Experiencing Peace in the Midst of it All

Session 2

Essential People Skills: Wounded People Wound People
How to Recognize and Respond to the Difference Between a Sin & a Wound

Session 3

“Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven”
Creating a Culture of Goodness in Our Hearts, Offices, and Churches

Bible Journaling

Learn about this artistic form of personal Bible study and how it can add a creative element to your quiet time with the Lord. Jana will provide supplies, tips, and ideas as we spend time in Devotion and peaceful meditation on Scripture.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

All sessions will be in the Morningstar Room.

Meals will be in the Dining Room.

Friday, October 27

3:00-3:45 PM	Check-in (Front Desk)
4:00 PM	Welcome and Mission Project
4:30-5:45 PM	Session 1 (Dr. Mary John Dye)
6:00 PM	Dinner
6:45-8:00 PM	Bible Journaling (Jana Alexander)
8:15-9:00 PM	Business Meeting

Saturday, October 28

8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:15-9:45 AM	Morning Praise
9:45-10:30 AM	SOUL Time <i>(Take time to walk, meditate, refresh your soul)</i>
10:30-11:45 AM	Session 2 (Dr. Mary John Dye)
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-2:15 PM	Session 3 (Dr. Mary John Dye)
2:30 PM	Closing Worship/Installation Service
3:15 PM	Adjournment

RETREAT LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Mary John Dye is a third-generation United Methodist Pastor who retired from the Western North Carolina Conference (WNCC) earlier this year. She has served for 49 years in various settings, beginning with her ministry as the first cross-racial appointment in the North Mississippi Conference. In 1984, Mary John moved to the WNCC and began her service at Bethel-Piney Grove Charge outside of Waynesville. Other appointments have been at Spruce Pine UMC, Jackson Park UMC in Kannapolis, Archdale UMC, Hawthorne Lane UMC in Charlotte, Mt. Zion UMC in Cornelius, Broad Street UMC and as an intentional interim appointment at Triplett UMC, both in Mooresville. She served as the Statesville District Superintendent from 2008-2012. Dr. Dye is the mother of two daughters, Rev. Christi DeSha Dye, minister at Millbrook UMC (North Carolina Conference), and Mary Allen Dye Conforti, a graduate of Duke Divinity School. She is the proud grandmother to Jordan, Hanna Emmanuel “Emma”, Connor, Tyler, and Mia Rosalie.



Jana Alexander serves as the District Office Administrator for the Catawba Valley District of the Western North Carolina Conference and is a very creative and talented soul. She serves our Chapter as Executive Committee Secretary. Jana is married to Rev. Byron Alexander, the pastor at Mt. Pleasant UMC in Sherrills Ford, NC.



WNC Chapter of PAUMCS Annual Fall Retreat

Registration Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Best Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 Church _____
 District _____
 Room Preference: Private Double (please note roommate below)
 Roommate _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 25

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE (Deadline to apply: September 15)

For more info, contact Donna Ireland (hgumcsec@bellsouth.net)

ABOUT OUR 2023 CONFERENCE & RETREAT MISSION PROJECT

This year, our WNC PAUMCS chapter has chosen **Alleghany CARES, Inc.** as our mission project. The organization’s mission? To collect and process donations, operate a thrift store selling low-cost items, give free assistance in times of crisis, and contribute monetarily to the needs of the community. Thrift store proceeds benefit needs in the Alleghany community and make the following ministries possible: Fueling Hope (*gasoline vouchers for cancer patients in active treatment*), Educational Scholarships (*for adults and youth*), Adult Dental Program (*income based for adults without access to insurance*), Hearing and Vision Programs (*income based*), and a Medication Assistance Program (*assisting those with no insurance and are on regular prescriptions*).



Current needs are gas cards, Food Lion gift cards, Dollar General and Family Dollar gift cards, toiletries, socks, underwear, children’s winter coats, and backpacks. **Pick up some items to bring with you to help this worthwhile ministry. All donations are appreciated!**



MISSION MARKET BAZAAR

Enjoy a shopping pleasure while helping someone else. We invite you to bring pre-priced yard sale items or handcrafted gems for our **Mission Market Bazaar**. The Bazaar will be **open for Conference attendees beginning at 5:45 PM on Friday** and will continue to be open during meals and breaks. Purchases will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, with all the money earned donated to this year’s Conference Mission Project, **Alleghany CARES, Inc.**

Remember... one person’s trash is another one’s treasure.

REGISTRATION INFO

Registration fee includes workshops, lodging, & 3 meals.

Rooms are furnished with 2 queen size beds.

All lodging is non-smoking ~ No pets allowed

COST OF RETREAT

\$175 Private Occupancy ~ \$160 Double Occupancy

Paying by check?

Make your check to **WNC PAUMCS** and mail to:

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Paying online?

Go to <https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/PAUMCSFallRetreat2023>