

Mid-Michigan District of The Michigan Conference—creating the spaces and leaders through which hospitality and wholeness can thrive in communities.

Dear Clergy and Lay Leadership,

This memo is to give you needed information on a new (for some) format for holding our Staff-Parish Relations Committee meetings with the District Superintendent, and the fall Charge Conferences. To foster closer relationships and partnerships between our local churches, explore common vision, while caring for the necessary business of charge conferences, we will be holding Missional Hub Charge Conferences in several locations across our new district this fall. Please find the attached Missional Hub alignments and schedules. We are also hosting the SPRC meetings in common locations, so that every local church SPRC will have time with the DS.

Please place the dates and locations on your calendars right away and notify your leaders accordingly. Due to the complexity of arranging for all of these gatherings we will not be adjusting dates or locations. For the SPRC meetings, a local church has been identified for each hub group. Because of scheduling some of the SPRC meetings will not take place at the missional hub charge conference location. Please look carefully at the location of your SPRC meeting and time as it may differ from the location of your charge conference. The pastor is not expected to attend the SPRC meetings, just the members of each SPRC at their designated time.

The missional hub charge conferences will begin at 7 PM with worship, followed by individual charge conferences in breakout rooms. Again, please check the location of your charge conference as it may be differ from where your SPRC will be meeting. Each of these will be conducted by an ordained elder selected and prepared by the DS.

The 2018 Charge Conference forms are available on the Michigan Area Website – click on this link:

<http://resources.michiganumc.org/resources/fall-2018-michigan-umc-church-conference-forms/>

The forms that are highlighted in blue on the website are available now, the others will be available in the coming weeks, so please keep checking back.

The following forms are due to the District Office 10 days before your SPRC meeting:

- SPRC Evaluation of Clergy
- SPRC-Clergy Joint Dialogue
- 2019 Pastoral Compensation Recommendation (will be available on the website July 30)
- Profile of the Church

The remainder of the forms are due to the District Office 10 days before your charge conference. (Excluding the GCFA Fund Balance Report which is due to the District Office between January 1 and February 1, 2019)

Because this is a new day, we ask that you pray for these gatherings that they may be fruitful.

Blessings,



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