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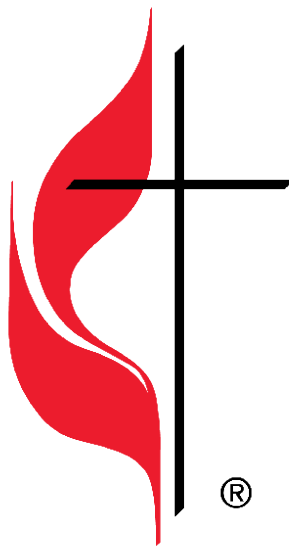
NORTH TEXAS

CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Journal of the
**The Special Called Session of the
North Texas Annual Conference**
of
The United Methodist Church

held in Richardson, Texas,
at First UMC

December 2, 2023

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August 31, 2023

Dear Clergy and Laity of the North Texas Annual Conference,

In accordance with our standing rules and ¶603.5 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, I hereby call for a special session of the North Texas Annual Conference to convene on Dec. 2, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. CST. The special session will be conducted in person at First United Methodist Church of Richardson (503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson 75080) and shall include the following business:

- Consideration of resolutions calling for the disaffiliation of local churches from The United Methodist Church per the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.
- Consideration of a 2024 budget for the North Texas Annual Conference.

Further information regarding the session and its business will be sent to the members of the North Texas Annual Conference and posted on the conference website in the coming weeks.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ruben Saenz Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.



Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.
North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

CLERGY ATTENDANCE SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

Allen Jr., John F.	Dowd, Chris	Henderson, Ronald D.
Allen, Christopher L.	Drenner III, Frank Edward	Henson, Julie Richter
Allen, James David	Dunagin, Richard L.	Hilburn, Rosalyn
Alvarez Bencomo, Ruben	Echols, Abbey	Hildebrand, Christina
Anderson, Joy	Echols-Richter, Laura	Hildebrand, Kenneth D.
Ash, Kay	Echols-Richter, William	Hoffman, Patrick
Atwood, Roy	Eckstein, Jon Michael	Holcomb-McLain, Scott
Atwood, William	Englert, Valarie	Hood, Don
Bandel, Holly Gaskill	Ensor, Virginia Beth	Hudspeth, Tom
Barton, Paul	Evans, Michael	Hughes, Barry
Bazan-Garza, Edgar	Facen, Lucretia	Humbert, Daniel Drew
Biggerstaff, Josephine M.	Finley, David	Jackson, Johnny
Bishop, Cheryl	Fiser, Andrew	Jacob, Sumesh
Bontrager, Scot	Flynn, Michael	Jacobs, Derek
Boone, Keith Payne	Folkerth, Eric Stewart	Jean, Allison
Boone, Mitchell	Froehlich, Patricia	Jenkins, Pavielle Chriss
Bosworth, Brian	Gallaway, Tamara L.	Johnson, Chad Taylor
Brimmage, Caleb	Gaston, Camille	Johnson, Jenna Morrison
Brumett, Thomas O.	Gaston, Matthew F.	Johnson, Kathryn E.
Bullock, Matthew Rhea	Gilliland, Raegan	Johnston, Jarrod
Burdett, Travis	Gilliland, Scott	Jones, DeLana
Burris, Dretha	Glover, Kristen	Jones, Jerry L.
Butler, Richie	Goforth, Abril	Kellner, Elizabeth
Butts, Walter	Grace, Jonathan	Kennedy, Cynthia
Casad, Victor E.	Grant, David	Kilpatrick, Jennifer
Chapman, Deborah	Griffin, Rachel	Kim, Danielle Buwon
Chickering, Jennifer D.	Grogan, Rebecca	Kim, Hyung Seop
Chraska, Karen L.	Hagan-Smith, Martha	King, Cottrell
Church, Charles	Hall, Beate	Knott, Kory
Clark, Christopher Craig	Hall, Maria Dixon	Kwon, Sung Chol
Clark, Joseph M.	Hancock, Justin	Laguardia, Levy E.
Coker, Dana	Hardesty-Crouch, Brian L.	Landis, Zachary Brian
Copeland, Stanley	Hardesty-Crouch, Mary Beth	Lane, Billy B.
Cousino, Jay	Hardy, Christina	Larkin, Sharon
Cowley, Edlen O.	Harris, Todd	Lee, Donald
Dickerson, Jake	Harrison, Georgia	Lee, Ouida
Dickson, Kenneth R.	Hatch, Melissa	Lewis, Andrew Joseph
Dieke, Phillip	Haywood, Donald	Littlefield, Patrick
Dietz, Dyan	Head, Keith L.	Logan, Aaron

CLERGY ATTENDANCE SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

Lowe, Deana	Noah, Emeral	Spore, Adam
Luginbill, Scott Edward	Noll, Caroline	Spore, Roy L.
Lyford, Nicki	Norton, Dana	Stamm, Mark W.
Lyons, Debra A.	Oliphint, Clayton	Stobaugh, Joseph
Magallanes-Coronado, David	Orr, Staci	Stobaugh, Phillip
Maletic, Paul	Ortiz, Rosedanny	Strempeke, Kathryn Taylor
Manning, Joshua	Palmer, Thomas O.	Strempeke, Kevin
Marks, Timothy E.	Park, Kenneth Kyoungwon	Tampke, Dale
Marsalis-Luginbill, Sarah Ann	Patton, Ramsey	VanGiesen, Duane
Marshall, Ben	Peckham, Denise	Vaughan, Christopher
Marshall, Karan	Pehl, Jeffrey	Volfe, Edilson
Mason, Debra Hobbs	Pellikan, Donald	Wade, Cassandra
Mason, Deniece Roane	Phelps, Bryant X.	Waitschies, Thomas W.
Masters, S. Dianna	Piyakhun, Stacey	Walker, Michael W.
May, Camille	Pool, Joe C.	Walters, Wayne
Mayberry, Lynda	Porter, Sarah B.	Wang, Silvia
McConnell, Jason	Presley, Nathan	Ward, Rodney
McDonald, Sean	Proshek, Margaret Kay	Welch Malvaez, Audrua
McGarvey, Paul	Rahm, Frank	White, Boston
McLarty, John	Ramirez, Carlos	Whitfield, Rodney
McNabb, Peter H.	Rasmussen, Paul L.	Wickware, Jackie
McRae, Nicholas Jarome	Reed-Meyer, Stefani	Wilkins, James
McSwain, Chad	Renshaw Jr., Donald F.	Willet, Ann
Melvin, Kristopher Michael	Rickwartz, Jon Chris	Williams, Alex
Middleton, Marsha Engle	Roberts, John Andrew	Williams, Angela Rose
Millard, Grace	Robinson, Alexandra	Williams, Emma
Miller, Justin A.	Ross, Owen	Williams, Robert Alan
Minor, James	Rowe, Michael	Williamson, Richard
Mitchell, Courtney	Sanford, Kellie Lynn	Wilson, Phyllis C.
Mitchell, Penny	Scott, Jennifer	Womack, Marcus
Montgomery, Carol	Scruggs, Meredith	Wright III, Stephen
Moore, Geoffrey	Sewell, Valleri	Wright, Jessica
Moore, Heather Gottas	Sherman-Carter, Nancy	Yost, Christopher
Moore, Michael D.	Shinn Jr., Benjamin J.	Zarate, Edwin
Morales, Jana Lunardon	Sipe, Ashley Anne	
Moseley, Elizabeth	Smith, Doris	
Nelms, Andy	Smith, Kerry	
Newsome, Katie	Smith, Leslie A.	
Nichols, Michael L.	Spaur, Amy	

LAY MEMBERS OF SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

* lay member attended; + alternate attended

EAST DISTRICT

Members Elected by Charge Conference

TAMU-Commerce Wesleyan Campus Ministry

Degrate, Xavier

Aley

Swinnors, Betty

Birthright

Bailey, Thelma

Blossom

Graham, Beverly

Bogata

Torres, Mary

Bonham: First Bonham

* Massey, Lori

Caddo Mills

* Farmer, Shelby

Clarksville: McKenzie Memorial

* Christophersen, Marlene

Clarksville: St. Paul Clarksville

Ricks, Tevis

College Mound

Boltin, Kathy

Commerce: First Commerce

Helton, Jeff

Crandall

Tomlinson, Matt

Cumby

Fallis, Don

Deport

Strickland, Abby

Detroit: Martin Memorial

Stuart, Debbie

Detroit: Woodland

Dykes, Patty

Ector

McMurry, Carolyn

Eustace: Market Street

Loar, Carol

Greenville: Wesley Greenville

Haayen, Pete

* McClellen, James

* Perkins, Dan

Honey Grove McKenzie/Forest Hill

Gadberry, Richard

Kaufman

Aga, Bobby

Ladonia/Pecan Gap

Franklin, Cindy

Lone Oak

Osborn, Glenda

Mt Vernon First

* Sample, Tom

Mulberry

Hall, Derrell

North Lamar Parish: First Powderly/Belk/Chicota/Mt. Tabor-Sumner

Hutchison, Marion

Oak Grove: Wilson Chapel/First Rosser

West, James

Paris: Calvary

Cotton, Carolyn

Dunlap, Barbara

Paris: First Paris

Barbee, LeAnn

Bulls, Shelley

Johnston, Leanne

Paris: Mt. Zion

Hicks, Chonda

Pattonville: Shady Grove

Wood, Chasity

Poetry

Drew, Ann

Quinlan First

* Ensor, Larry

Roxton

Rosson, Sabrina

Old Saltillo

Dennis-Monzingo, Vivian

Sulphur Springs: First Sulphur Springs

* Willmann, Anne

Sulphur Springs: Wesley Sulphur Springs

* Wilder, Gina

Terrell: First Terrell

* Thies, Launny

Terrell Warren Chapel

* McKelvey, Greta

Trenton

Brown, Julia

Virginia Point

Jaynes, June

Windom

Hook, Don

Winnsboro: First Winnsboro

Haynes, Shiela

Winnsboro: Tinney Chapel

Nelson, Jenna

Wolfe City

* Dickeson, Ronda

Boxelder

* Benton, Shelley

Como

Evans, Patsy

Kemp

Riley, Callie

AT-LARGE STANDING RULE IIIA (1c)

Core Leadership Team

* Haynes, Ted

Wesley Foundation Director

* Wood, Michelle

Young Person 12-17

Clark, J.C.

Young Person 18-30

Risko, Rachel

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Paris Junior College

White, Jordan

Commerce: First Commerce

* Cramer, Jordan

* Kemp, David

Ector

Reamer, Lea

Eustace: Market Street

* Neighbors, Alison
 Risko, Rob

Greenville: Wesley Greenville

Banks, Kevin
 Haayen, Nancy

Oak Grove: Wilson Chapel/First Rosser

* Gibbs, Steven

Paris: Calvary

Edwards, Betty

Paris: First Paris

Johnson, Lisa

Paris: Mt. Zion

Lee, Michael

Sulphur Springs: First Sulphur Springs

Chapman, Jan

* Wade, Kelly

Sulphur Springs: Wesley Sulphur Springs

Clark, Joseph M.

Dixon, Diane

Winnsboro: Tinney Chapel

Doke, Sarah

METRO DISTRICT

Members Elected by Charge Conference

Metro District

Spivey, Dee Dee

Carrollton: Holy Covenant

Hunt, Preston

Cedar Hill

* Gallagher, Debbie

Dallas: Agape Memorial

Rendon, Beatrice

Dallas: Camp Wisdom

Clark, Johnny

Miller, Frances

Dallas: Casa Emanu-el

* Martinez, Joaquin

Dallas: Cochran Chapel

* Watson-Ferris, C. Dessa

Dallas: Cockrell Hill

Strang, Karen

Dallas: Elmwood-El Buen Samaritano

Pe'rez, Carmen

Dallas: First Dallas

- * Boone, Dianne
- Holcomb, Craig
- Vittorio, Jessica
- Wang, Jennifer

Dallas: Glen Oaks

Rogers, Wilbert

Dallas: Grace Dallas

Leveille-Bonner, Ed

Dallas: Greenland Hills

Mims, Diane

Dallas: Hamilton Park

- * Robinson, Ruth

Dallas: Highland Hills

Jefferson, Judy

Dallas: Highland Park

- Booker, Petrella
- Chisum, Brock
- Foster, Allison
- Gardner, Graham
- Ghormley, Cate
- * Leffert, Carla
- * Shute, Brenda
- Terry, Isaiah
- Turner, Carly
- * Wightman, Bob
- Wilcox, Don
- Wilson, Mary

Dallas: Kessler Park

Smith, Mike

Dallas: Lake Highlands

- * Kelly, Pat

Dallas: Lakewood

Hoover, Sally

Dallas: Lovers Lane

- Andrews, Daniel
- * Bell, Cathy
- Brown, Jeff
- * Judd, Susan
- Mupingo, Anita
- * Ozmun, Becki
- * Rapp, Naomi
- * Todd, Anne

* Williams, Scott

Dallas: Northaven

* Mason, Mike

Dallas: Oak Lawn

* Toler-Debus, Gretchen

Dallas: Preston Hollow

* White, Christopher

Dallas: Ridgewood Park

* O'Connor, Mary

Dallas: St. Luke "Community"

James, Diane

Marshall, Carrie

Patterson, Juliet

Dallas: St. Paul Dallas

* Simon, Vanessa

* Stewart, Richard

Dallas: Spring Valley

* Servais, Cheryl

* Smith, David

Dallas: Umphress Road

* Yadav, Trining

Dallas: Union Mission Congregation

Tuzin, Eric

Dallas: University Park

Baker, Christy

* Bunn, Jillian

* McCurley, Mary Jo

Dallas: Warren Dallas/Dallas Community

Randon, Elnora

Warren Dallas/Community

Dangerfield, Essie

Dallas: Wheatland

Cavender, Janet

Dallas: White Rock

* Austin, Randall

DeSoto: Life Center

* Alexander, Mae

DeSoto: First DeSoto

Collins, Larry

DeSoto: The Village

Jones, Alicia

Duncanville: First Duncanville

* Amundson, Beverly

Duncanville: Trinity Duncanville

Elliott, Janis

Farmers Branch: Chapel Hill

* Scheihagen, Vin

Farmers Branch: Christ Farmers Branch

Eaker, C.W.

Garland: Axe Memorial

* Runion, Jeanie

Garland: Buckingham

Vann, Vicky

Garland: First Garland

Hilbun, Tom

Garland: New World

* Townsend, Sondra

Garland: St. Philip's

McGee, Mark

Grand Prairie: First Grand Prairie

* Gilmore, Ben

* Harding, Julie

Irving: Kirkwood Casa De Dios Huerto De Oracion

Palacios, Jose

Irving: Northgate

* Blythe, Gail

Irving: Oak Haven

Owen, Patti

Irving: Plymouth Park

* Holloway, Holly

* Montigue, Beth

Lancaster: First Lancaster

Lattier, Enid

Mesquite: First Mesquite

Akins, Peggy

Bassinger, Anita

Mesquite: St. Marks Mesquite

Arnold, Millie

Mesquite: St. Stephen

* Council, Wini

Richardson: Arapaho

* Goar, Ann

Hames, Lauren

Petersen, Mark

* Salamone, Marcie

Richardson: Faith

Requiman, Helen

Richardson: First Richardson

- * Bierck, Laura
Bishop, Cheryl
- * Burns, Kevin
Edwards, Bonnie
- * Hughes, Pamela
Smelko, Debbie

Sunnyvale: New Covenant

- * Crownover, Doug

AT-LARGE STANDING RULE IIIA (1c)

Agency Chair

- * Roberts, Kent

Conference Lay Leader

- * Brannon, Kim

Conference Lay Leader Elect

- * Nickson, Mary

Conference UMW President

- * Campbell, Wendy

Core Leadership Team

- * Hutchins, Phiebie
Vela, Deborah

Deaconess

Justo-Sales, Roselle E.
Ramos, Omega Lee S.

Diaconal Minister

Ashley, Grace E.
Baker, Philip Eldridge
Elms, Linda
Hardaway, Royce
Love, Ann
Manning, Doris V.
Peyron, Opal
Wiksten, Janet H.

District Lay Leader

Lee, Holly

Home Missioner

Ballesteros, Jonah

Wesley Foundation Director

Melrose, Brittany
Sloan, Haley

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Carrollton: Holy Covenant

- * Eckeberger, Laurie
- * Gentry, Helma
- * Odell, Elise
- Trimble, Mary Mitchell

Dallas: Camp Wisdom

- * Stevens, Wilford

Dallas: Christ's Foundry Fellowship

Alvarez Bencomo, Ruben

Dallas: First Dallas

- Barlow Jr., Sam
- * Fletcher, Leslie
- Holloway, Mike
- Schayot, Jason
- Shell, Nathaniel
- Shrewsbury, Melissa
- Watt, Chad

Dallas: Glen Oaks

Lengyon, Ethleen

Dallas: Grace Dallas

Dawkins, Spencer
Elbel, Jacquelyn
Ott, Paul
Ozley, Chris

Dallas: Greenland Hills

- Deeds, Christine
- * Gavitt, Bill
- * Gavitt, BJ

Dallas: Hamilton Park

Harry, Cynthia
Harry, Dwight

Dallas: Highland Hills

Sharp, Terri
Snowden, LaVerne

Dallas: Highland Park

- Dombrowski, Christine
- * Martin, Laurie
- * Noel, Julie

Dallas: HP/Munger Place

- * Harkey, Dana

Dallas: HP/The Grove

* Roberts, Susan

Dallas: Lake Highlands

* Atkinson, Marj

Dallas: Lakewood

* Cherry, Eva

Dallas: Lovers Lane

Johnson, Mackenzie

Dallas: LL/Walnut Hill

Emery, Haven

Dallas: Northaven

Benson, Ken

Boyer, Betty

* Leavitt, Darryl

Marshall, Connie

* Toal, Stephen

Dallas: Oak Lawn

* Jones, Kathy

Larson, Scott

Marquez, Isabel

Dallas: Preston Hollow

* Henderson, Jane

Dallas: Ridgewood Park

Krone, Carl

Dallas: St. Luke "Community"

* Peace, Derryle

* Rowlett, Mae Frances

Dallas: St. Paul Dallas

Doyle, Carolyn

Hamilton, Kevin

Shaw, Carol

* Williams, Freddie

Dallas: Spring Valley

* Ridings, Myrna

Dallas: Union Mission Congregation

* Carpenter, Kelly

Dallas: University Park

* Emery, Carmen

Dallas: Warren Dallas/Dallas Community

James, Dorothy

* Matherson, Thalia

Dallas: Wheatland

Fannin, Janice

Medina, Colleen

Owens, Geneva

Priester, Kathy

Dallas: White Rock

* Frazier, Monica

DeSoto: Life Center

Gilbert, Jim

* Pierce, Dorothy

DeSoto: First DeSoto

Esquivel, Alina

Duncanville: Trinity Duncanville

Elliott, Bill

Glass, Evelyn

Manuel, Carolyn

Farmers Branch: Chapel Hill

* Lubbers, Adam

Garland: Axe Memorial

Hester, Lu

* Knagg, Bea

Garland: First Garland

* Buford, Mark

* Medlock, Josh

Pendleton, Yolanda

* Proulx-Willis, Dana

Garland: St. Philip's

* Doyle, Gary

Lawson, Pam

Grand Prairie: First Grand Prairie

* Vonner, Sally

Grand Prairie: The Woods

Anderson, Lance

Norris, Grace

Pond, Stephanie

Irving: Plymouth Park

* Martin, Patti

Lancaster: First Lancaster

Orr, Valerie

Mesquite: First Mesquite

Griffeth, Richard

Logan, Melissa

Mesquite: St. Marks Mesquite

Fornero, Linda

Mesquite: St. Stephen

* Astle, John

- * Council, Tom
- Cowley, Sara
- Fulenwider, Keith

Richardson: Arapaho

- * Douglas, Bob
- * Koo, Ron
- Pena, Clelia
- * Richards, Adam

Richardson: Faith

Capili, Regina

Richardson: First Richardson

- * Klein, Shandon
- * Longacre, Janeva
- * Richards, Alys

Sunnyvale: New Covenant

- * Easton, Linda
- * Matus, Marcia

Dallas: HP/Uptown Church

Sestak, Christi

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Members Elected by Charge Conference

Denton Wesley Foundation

Ivy, Evan

Allen: Creekwood

Mundy, Chuck
Richardson, Janey
Stelly, Julie

Allen: First Allen

- * Lessner, Henry
- * May, Glenda
- * Schulmeister, Jeanie

Allen: Suncreek

- * Hutchins, Dale
- * Schneider, Sandy

Argyle

Chiles, Larry

- * Mason, Deana Ferguson

Aubrey

Biggs, Steve

Carrollton: Aldersgate

Branson, Cindy

* Farnam, Blanche

Celina

Barley, Amy

Kearney, Tammy

Chambersville/Cottage Hill

Newsom, Don

Copeville Community

* Piekarski, David

First Coppel

* Evans, William

Kemp, Susie

* Monroe, Nancy

Corinth: Faith

* Davis, Laura

Denton: Denton Asbury

* Drake, Duane

Denton: Blue Mound

* Teeter, Aubrey

Denton: Cooper Creek

Lawrence, Cathy

Denton: First Denton

* Bates, Jenny

* Murphy-Chadwick, Nancy

Rogers, Carol

Rogers, Wayne

Denton: Trinity Denton

* Clark, Patty

Fairview Korean

Kim, Daniel

Farmersville

Brandon, Judy

Flower Mound: Flower Mound

Farrer, Mike

* Sandstrom, Jeannine

* Scruggs, Gavin

Flower Mound: Trietsch Memorial

* Hyde, Ted

* Pearce, Tracey

Taylor, David

Watkins, Jackie

Frisco: First Frisco

* Thorpe, Melanie

* Whitlock, Trish

Frisco: Grace Avenue

Bouis, Deborah

- * Hecht, Jim
- * Keck, Matt
- Krieg, Tiffany
- * Maxwell, Michael
- Wang, Stanley

Garland: Cornerstone

- * Fleming, Melissa

Heath

Rohde, Barbara

Krum

Johnston, Betty

Lake Cities

Ford, Jim

Lewisville: Chinn's Chapel

Hartgraves, James

Lewisville: First Lewisville

Crenshaw, Harry

Lewisville: Vista Ridge

- * Christoffersen, Angie

Little Elm: Button Memorial

- * Gladden, Terri

Lucas: Good Shepherd

- * Armstrong, Sue

McKinney: First McKinney

- * Croissant, Tracey
- Dorff, Michael
- Foreman, Rick
- * Forrester, Chrys
- * Forrester, Monty
- Petkovsek, Betty
- Sine, Ashley
- Smidt, Roger
- * Winkler, Ron

McKinney: Stonebridge

Furchak, Carol
 Serven, Jana
 Smith, Nelson

Pilot Point

Ambrose, Donald

Plano: Christ Plano

- Baxley, Bill
- * Cain, Nelson
- Ellis, Kami

- * Hudec, Laura
Wilson, Amy

Plano: Custer Road

- * Chesnut, Shelby
Dickel, Margaret
- * Gallman, Carol
- * King, Rodd
Smith, Austin

Plano: First Plano

- * Clanahan, Kevin

Prosper

- * Ashby, Gloria
Kincaid, Jeremy

Rockwall: First Rockwall

- * Bishop, Gloria
- * Cherry, Dale
Sears, Ruth

Rowlett: First Rowlett

- * Ortiz, Darrell
- * Watson, Alicia

Sachse: First Sachse

- * Yager, Frances

Sachse: Pleasant Valley

Fuller, Karen

Sanger

- * Hutcherson, JW

Stony

Bluhm, Donna

The Colony First

- * Putnam, Jay

Trophy Club Fellowship

- * Corder, Dave

Wylie

- * Trask, Helayna

Balch Springs: Jahweh Rafah Mission Congregation

Cruz, Karen

AT-LARGE STANDING RULE IIIA (1c)

Agency Chair

- * Anderson, Susan
Christian, Tom
- * Totten, Herman

* Womack, Larry

Conference Associate Lay Leader

* Farish, Dave

Conference Youth Ministry President

* Sipe, Jorja

Diaconal Minister

Hitt, Alan

District Lay Leader

* Wolverton, Kenneth

Young Person 18-30

Balsamo, Colbie

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Allen: First Allen

* McQueeney, Brady

Anna New Church Start

Wenzel, Paul

Argyle

* Mason, Richard Neal

Carrollton: Aldersgate

Kim, Yohan

Celina

Boswell, Russell

Cronin, Tom

Grayson, Jessica

Groce, Randy

Portis, Emily

Skertich, Katie

Copeville Community

Key, Darrel

First Coppell

Hinds, Ron

Smith, Tom

Denton: First Denton

* Chadwick, Doug

* Crouch, Tim

Stroud, Krystal

Farmersville

Fryman, Regina

Flower Mound: Flower Mound

* Moshier, Brian

Flower Mound: Trietsch Memorial

Beck, Paul

Bonner, Buddy
DeFord, Mike
Ingram, Rachel
* Shelton, Yolie

Frisco: First Frisco

Granier, Amy
Rasband, Deborah
* Winston-Hall, Anniel

Frisco: Grace Avenue

* Bouis, Jeff
* Dirks, Carol
* Keck, Keri
* Lane, Kristen
* Patredis, Karyl
Roberts, Laurie Hanson
Schulze, Marian

Frisco: GA/Grace Chapel

Bassett, Angel
* Eiffert, Kim
Meek-Rogers, Sara

Garland: Cornerstone

England, Anna

Heath

Davidson, Tom
* Halbert, Kara

Krum

Johnston, Becky

Lake Cities

* Aldag, Virgil

Lewisville: First Lewisville

* Hamilton, Don
* Williams, Evelyn

Lewisville: Vista Ridge

* Potter, Melissa

Little Elm: Button Memorial

Bazzell, Ann
Bazzell, Ted

McKinney: First McKinney

* Angeles, Cat
Bradley, Joseph
* Griego, Anneliese

McKinney: MCK/Melissa

Conklin, Dana

Davis, Baylee

- * Dobbs, Judy
- Probst, Thomas

Pilot Point

- * Ambrose, Bonnie

Plano: Christ Plano

McBride, Meredith

Plano: Custer Road

- * Davis, Bill
- Hammer, Chris
- Hammer, Heather
- Lilley, Marte
- * Schneider, Sarah
- Shipp, Liz
- Wallace, Marlane

Plano: First Plano

Cox, Gavin

- * Craig, Joyce
- Samuels, Jan
- Shell, John
- Stoel, Jill

Prosper

Brown, Jenn

- * Standifer, Misty
- * Worley, Ron

Rockwall: First Rockwall

Hancock, Gary
Hildebrand, Will
Thompson, Rich

- * Womack, Shirley

Rowlett: First Rowlett

- * Bowdre, Nancy
- Liston, Pam
- Shiple, Anna

Sachse: Pleasant Valley

Lunsford, Brenda
Nichols, Ginger

The Colony First

Ellis, Bobby
Gehrke, Sandi

- * Shaw, Marguerite

Trophy Club Fellowship

Sweatt, Tyler

Balch Springs: Jahweh Rafah Mission Congregation
Mejias, Carmen

NORTHWEST DISTRICT
Members Elected by Charge Conference

Alvord

Nivens, Melissa
Outlaw, Dalton

Archer City

Barton, John

Bells: Bells/Tom Bean

Brooks, Suzanne
* Kelly, Nanci

Boyd/Rhome

* Miller, Estelle

Burkburnett

Miller, LeeAnn

Collinsville

Stopher, Teresa

Decatur: First Decatur

Haley, Barbara

Denison: Harless Memorial

Robinson, Harold

Denison: Haven Chapel

* Wilson, Deborah

Denison: Waples Memorial

* Gulley, Janie

Electra

Gilbert, Kim

Forestburg

Roberts, Sheree

Friberg-Cooper

Woods, Kathy

Gainesville: First Gainesville

Cuellar, Greta

Gainesville: Sivells Bend

Lopez, Margaret

Gainesville: Whaley

* Weaver, Jane

Henrietta

Leaverton, Cindy

Iowa Park

Spruiell, Karen

Jacksboro

Hale, Alison

Nocona

* Washington, Pamelyn

Petrolia

Fox, Jo

Pottsboro: Lakeway

* Minnis, Shelley

Sadler

Burge, Cheryl

Sherman: First Sherman

Cain, Landon

Mitchell, Brandi

Sherman: Friendship

Waldrum, Shirley

Sherman: Grace Sherman

* Avlos, Sidney

Valley View

* Bryant, Michele

Van Alstyne

Nance, Gerry

Whitesboro

Luton, Clay

McCutcheon, Rod

Whitewright

Littrell, Debbie

Wichita Falls: Beverly Drive

White, Debbie

Wichita Falls: First Wichita Falls

* Deal, Pat

* Hoggard, Lynn

Lynskey, Adam

Wichita Falls: Floral Heights

* Prickett, Brad

Wichita Falls: Mt. Calvary-Falls Chapel

Hightower, Dee

Wichita Falls: WF Trinity/WF Wesley

Clark, William

Wichita Falls: University

Bennett, Wayne

Decatur: Oak Grove Decatur

* Latham, Steve

AT-LARGE STANDING RULE IIIA (1c)

Core Leadership Team

- * Muller, Laura

District Lay Leader

- * Aaron, Anne

Wesley Foundation Director

Puac-Romero, Julia

Young Person 12-17

- * Miller, Hannah

Young Person 18-30

Fleming, Maggie

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Boyd/Rhome

- * Dorsett, Jennifer

Boyd/Rhome

- * Lobdell, Gerry

Burkburnett

Kimbrough, Terry

Decatur: First Decatur

Caraway, Virginia

Renfro, Fred

Denison: Waples Memorial

Gulley, Barney

Gainesville: Whaley

- * Beall, Kevin

Wilson, Becky

Henrietta

Neville, Jan

Jacksboro

Brimberry, Eva

Nocona

Parr, Genna

Petrolia

Erwin, Beth

Sherman: Grace Sherman

- * Spencer, Sue Ann

Van Alstyne

Brewer, Dede

Whitesboro

Galaviz, Audrey

Wichita Falls: First Wichita Falls

* Smith, Jessie

Wichita Falls: Floral Heights

* Parks, Linda

Wichita Falls: WF Trinity/WF Wesley

Clevenger, Pennie

Wichita Falls: University

Bennet, Jan

* Southard, Gary

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, December 2, 2023 First United Methodist Church, Richardson, Texas

The North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church met in special called session on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church Richardson. The special session was called by Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. for the purposes of finalizing the disaffiliation process for five North Texas Conference congregations, and for the approval of the 2024 Pension and Health Benefits budget as well as the 2024 Apportionment budget from the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr., presiding Bishop of the NTC, called the conference to order.

Clayton Oliphint, Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church Richardson, offered a word of welcome.

The Call to Worship was offered by: Katherine Strempeke, Joshua Manning, Tommy Brumett, and Amy Spaur. The conference joined in the opening hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

Kenny Dickson, Secretary of the North Texas Conference, organized the conference. The agenda was limited to two items, consideration of resolutions presented by the conference Board of Trustees regarding the disaffiliations of five congregations, and consideration of 2024 North Texas Conference budgets for the Board of Pension and Health Benefits and for the conference Committee on Finance and Administration.

Dickson moved that the bar of the conference be set to include the chancel and floor of the sanctuary of FUMC Richardson. The motion was seconded and carried by a show of hands.

Kenny Dickson moved the agenda as presented would be the agenda for the conference session, providing for appropriate adjustments should they be needed. Further, he reminded the body that privileges of voice and vote are governed by members’ name tag color, in accordance with the *Book of Discipline* as described in the Pre-Conference Workbook. Finally, Kenny moved that Marsha Middleton and Sharon Larkin be approved to serve as assistant secretaries for the conference session, and that Kellie Sanford be approved to serve as Head Teller with clergy and lay members from the various districts within the North Texas Conference serving as tellers. The motion was seconded by the body and carried by a show of hands.

Chris Yost, chair of the North Texas Conference Board of Trustees, presented Legislative Items #1 through #5, recommending the disaffiliation of five congregations including Oak Grove UMC in Decatur Texas, Boxelder UMC in Annona Texas, Como UMC in Como Texas, Floyd UMC in Greenville Texas, and Kemp UMC in Kemp Texas. Legislative items #1 through #5 were presented to the conference with an automatic motion and second by the conference Board of Trustees. The motion carried by a show of hands.

The Bishop led the conference in prayer.

Conference members then joined together in singing all three verses of “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”.

Christy Drenner, Conference Treasurer and Chief Benefits Officer presented the 2024 Conference budget for the conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits. After describing the diligence put into the Pension and Health Benefits budget for 2024, Legislative Item #6 was brought to the floor with an automatic motion. The motion was seconded by Bishop Saenz and was passed by hand vote.

Mr. Larry Womack, Chair of the conference Council on Finance and Administration, presented the 2024 Apportionment Budget. Womack explained that the conference remains in solid financial shape. Apportionment revenue for 2024 will be 17% less than 2023 revenue. To accommodate struggling congregations, the traditional decimal system used to determine the apportioning of funds to local churches has been changed to a percentage formula; therefore, each local congregation will receive a 5% decrease in apportionments in 2024 over their 2023 apportioned amount. Womack noted that this formulaic change is not a long-term solution but is instead what CF&A deems most appropriate for this season. Legislative Item #7 was presented to the body for consideration with an automatic motion. The motion was seconded by the body and carried.

Bishop Saenz complimented Christy Drenner, members of the Council on Finance and Administration, members of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits, and members of the conference Board of Trustees for their diligent effort on behalf of the people and congregations of the North Texas Conference.

Conference members joined together in singing the hymn “In Christ Alone.”

Bishop Saenz introduced those sitting with him in the chancel area.

Bishop Saenz offered a homily using 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 (MSG), the lectionary epistle lesson for Sunday, December 3.

The Bishop shared his strategies for 2024 which included sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, pursuing and embracing diversity, and becoming more and more like the mission field. Bishop Saenz shared that we want to be good ancestors and pass on a church that future generations will value and embrace. The Apostle Paul spoke to a “messy church.” Paul did not give up on the church. God does not give up on us either. God gave us the gift of Jesus Christ through his life, death, and resurrection. We must continue to encourage and pray for one another.

The conference celebrated together the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Sarah Marsalis-Luginbill, Deacon, assisted the Bishop in the Great Thanksgiving. The elements were taken, blessed, broken, and distributed to the annual conference. Special thanks goes to Geoffrey Moore who made fresh, gluten-free bread that morning so that all might communion from common loaves.

Following Holy Communion, the Bishop noted that some chairs will be empty this holiday because some of our loved ones have gone before us into the Church Triumphant. He reminded conference members to give special care to grieving persons during this time of year. Names were raised by conference members of those now in the great communion of the saints.

Conference members joined together in “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.”

Rev. Andy Lewis, Assistant to the Bishop, noted that Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Booker’s service of remembrance will be held Monday, December 5, 2023, 1:00 PM at Highland Park United Methodist Church. Additionally, a service of remembrance for Rev. Dr. Charles Aaron will be held Friday, January 5, 2024, 11:00 AM at Oak Lawn United Methodist Church.

Bishop Saenz then thanked those who travelled a long distance to be present for this special called session, clergy and staff on the Conference Planning Team, clergy and staff of FUMC Richardson as well as their faithful volunteers, musicians for the morning, Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Moore for baking the communion bread, members of the cabinet, conference staff, and district administrators.

Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. send the conference forth with a blessing.

The conference session was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

**LEGISLATIVE ITEM #1
APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION
OF OAK GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Oak Grove United Methodist Church located in Decatur, Texas (“Church”) has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”).

LEGISLATION:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church’s new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God’s blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #2
APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION
OF BOXELDER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Boxelder United Methodist Church located in Annona, Texas (“Church”) has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”).

LEGISLATION:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church’s new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God’s blessing upon its continued ministry.

**LEGISLATIVE ITEM #3
APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION
OF COMO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Como United Methodist Church located in Como, Texas (“Church”) has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”).

LEGISLATION:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church’s new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God’s blessing upon its continued ministry.

**LEGISLATIVE ITEM #4
APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION
OF FLOYD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Floyd United Methodist Church located in Greenville, Texas (“Church”) has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”).

LEGISLATION:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church’s new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God’s blessing upon its continued ministry.

**LEGISLATIVE ITEM #5
APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION
OF KEMP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Kemp United Methodist Church located in Kemp, Texas (“Church”) has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”).

LEGISLATION:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church’s new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God’s blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #6
2024 BOPHB APPORTIONMENT BUDGET

FROM: Board of Pension and Health Benefits

BACKGROUND: The Board of Pension and Health Benefits (BOPHB) oversees all conference pension and health benefit plans which are administered by Wespath.

Knowing the Annual Conference has lost 12% of its apportioned churches, the Board voted unanimously to use unrestricted pension reserves to fund the BOPHB 2024 Budget.

The proposed BOPHB 2024 Budget is listed on Page 38.

**North Texas Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits
Proposed Budget for 2024**

	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Employee Expenses					
51100 Salary	\$123,000	\$119,269	\$125,500	\$130,000	
Total Compensation	\$123,000	\$119,269	\$125,500	\$130,000	3.59%
51400 Employer FICA, Medicare	\$9,800	\$8,897	\$10,000	\$10,000	
53300 Lay Pension	\$7,500	\$7,127	\$7,600	\$7,800	
54100 Employer Health Insurance	\$23,000	\$22,200	\$24,648	\$23,688	
54200 Life Insurance	\$1,400	\$1,440	\$1,400	\$1,500	
54300 Workers Compensation	\$600	\$357	\$600	\$600	
Total Benefits	\$42,300	\$40,021	\$44,248	\$43,588	-1.49%
Total Employee Expenses	\$165,300	\$159,290	\$169,748	\$173,588	2.26%
62150 Travel-Staff	\$5,200	\$78	\$5,200	\$500	
62350 Meals-Staff	\$400	\$321	\$400	\$500	
Total Travel and Meetings	\$5,600	\$399	\$5,600	\$1,000	-82.14%
76600 Dues and Subscriptions	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	
77100 Supplies-Office	\$1,000	\$112	\$1,000	\$500	
77300 Postage	\$1,800	\$1,076	\$1,800	\$500	
77600 Printing	\$800	\$955	\$800	\$500	
Total Administrative Expenses	\$3,800	\$2,143	\$3,800	\$1,500	-60.53%
Total Operations	\$174,700	\$161,832	\$179,148	\$176,088	-1.71%
58970 BOPHB Disability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
77700 Retiree Expenses	\$10,000	\$5,829	\$10,000	\$8,000	
58950 CRSP Supplement	\$12,000	\$13,051	\$15,000	\$15,000	
58900 CPP	\$705,500	\$644,999	\$705,500	\$650,000	
Total Pension Expenses	\$727,500	\$663,879	\$730,500	\$673,000	-7.87%
55000 Insurance-Medical Leave	\$52,000	\$63,156	\$73,944	\$71,064	
55100 Insurance-Supplement	\$35,342	\$25,206	\$32,000	\$28,000	
Total Health Insurance Expenses	\$87,342	\$88,362	\$105,944	\$99,064	-6.49%
78400 Actuarial Services Retiree Medical	\$16,000	\$11,500	\$16,000	\$16,000	
82405 Insurance-Retiree Current Year	\$340,000	\$303,802	\$340,000	\$320,000	
77450 Pcori Expense	\$700	\$522	\$700	\$600	
99900 Insurance-Retiree Med for New Entr	\$215,000	\$175,000	\$215,000	\$0	
Total Retiree Health	\$571,700	\$490,824	\$571,700	\$336,600	-41.12%
Total Net Program and Events	\$1,561,242	\$1,404,897	\$1,587,292	\$1,284,752	-19.06%

**LEGISLATIVE ITEM #7
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

FROM: Council on Finance and Administration

INTRODUCTION

The Council on Finance and Administration (Council) and the Conference Treasurer continue to update reports in order to provide the information conference leaders and members expect in a more open and transparent way. The Council takes seriously its fiduciary responsibility and is working with conference leaders to ensure faithful and effective stewardship of conference funds. The 2022 year end financial overview can be found in the [*June 2023 North Texas Conference Journal on Page 378*](#).

Overall, the conference remains in a very strong financial position despite the loss of 12% of our apportionment revenue through church disaffiliations. The conference carries a relatively low level of debt in relationship to its assets. The conference currently maintains a little over six months of reserves. A best practice for NFP organizations is to carry 3-6 months of operating reserves. The pensions remain fully funded on a funding basis. Our board chairs, conference directors and staff members have worked very hard the past few years to streamline tasks, share personnel and resources.

2024 APPORTIONMENT BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND: The Annual Conference budget includes the Episcopal Area Fund, the Communications Office, the District Superintendents Fund, and the four centers: (1) the Center for Leadership Development, (2) the Center for Church Development, (3) the Center for Missional Outreach, and (4) the Center for Connectional Resources.

The District Administration Fund budgets are set at the District Conferences which were held on November 18 and 19, 2023. They are not included in the total apportionment budget recommendation as they are not considered by the Council. These apportionment items are billed to the churches within each district.

In setting the budget for 2024, several factors facing our local churches were considered including the continued financial impact of the pandemic and the rising cost of operations. The Treasurers of the North, Central, and North-west Texas Conferences have been meeting bi-monthly since April to work on a plan for the coming year. Each conference built a 12-month budget for 2024 knowing that we will be working toward a unified conference in 2025. We knew that in this “liminal” time between 2023 and 2025, it was important to not sacrifice all of the good work of the annual conferences because of the unknown. The effect target date of unification from a finance and benefits standpoint is January 1, 2025.

According to the NTC Standing Rule II.A.10, the District Superintendent base salary was evaluated. For 2021 and 2022 salaries were frozen. There was an increase in 2023. For 2024, the Council recommended, and the Annual Conference approved in June that the salary be frozen again. The base salary will remain \$127,009. Parsonages or a Housing Allowance are provided by the districts. Travel and other business expenses are reimbursed through an Accountable Reimbursement plan.

**North Texas Conference
2024 Apportionment Budget**

Description	2022 Budget	2022 Actuals	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change
GENERAL CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS					
World Service Fund	\$ 1,318,214	\$ 1,075,688	\$ 1,318,214	\$ 1,318,214	
MEF - Global	\$ 334,000	\$ 272,488	\$ 334,000	\$ 334,000	
MEF - North Texas Conference	\$ 111,231	\$ 116,054	\$ 111,231	\$ 111,231	
Black College Fund	\$ 177,599	\$ 144,924	\$ 177,599	\$ 177,599	
Africa University Fund	\$ 39,746	\$ 32,734	\$ 39,746	\$ 39,746	
Interdenominational Coop Fund	\$ 34,820	\$ 28,414	\$ 34,820	\$ 34,820	
General Administration Fund	\$ 156,527	\$ 127,729	\$ 156,527	\$ 156,527	
Episcopal Fund	\$ 582,067	\$ 582,067	\$ 582,067	\$ 582,067	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,754,204	\$ 2,380,098	\$ 2,754,204	\$ 2,754,204	0.00%
JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE					
Lydia Patterson Institute	\$ 72,897	\$ 59,485	\$ 72,897	\$ 72,897	
Jurisdictional Administration	\$ 44,918	\$ 36,654	\$ 44,918	\$ 44,918	
Sub-Total	\$ 117,815	\$ 96,139	\$ 117,815	\$ 117,815	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL	\$ 2,872,019	\$ 2,476,237	\$ 2,872,019	\$ 2,872,019	0.00%
CENTER FOR CHURCH DEVELOPMENT					
Staff	\$ 313,683	\$ 332,569	\$ 328,000	\$ 400,000	
Travel and Meetings	\$ 23,000	\$ 11,420	\$ 18,000	\$ 20,000	
Administration	\$ 12,050	\$ 6,290	\$ 11,000	\$ 8,550	
NFNS	\$ 141,500	\$ (1,885)	\$ 147,000	\$ 97,500	
Vitalization	\$ 63,800	\$ 22,286	\$ 44,650	\$ 35,000	
New Faith Communities	\$ 53,000	\$ 1,663	\$ 37,000	\$ 46,000	
New Campuses	\$ 488,500	\$ 364,534	\$ 465,500	\$ 409,500	
Planters	\$ 102,000	\$ 33,213	\$ 111,000	\$ 77,000	
TOTAL	\$ 1,197,533	\$ 770,090	\$ 1,162,150	\$ 1,093,550	-5.90%
CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT					
Staff	\$ 610,739	\$ 604,599	\$ 618,477	\$ 550,000	
Travel and Meetings	\$ 20,200	\$ 10,310	\$ 13,700	\$ 13,700	
Administration	\$ 11,350	\$ 13,189	\$ 11,850	\$ 11,350	
Board of Ministry (Professional Ministries)	\$ 52,150	\$ 21,113	\$ 50,450	\$ 50,450	
Board of Laity	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,308	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
Faith & Leadership Formation	\$ 29,250	\$ 46,302	\$ 29,250	\$ 29,250	
Texas Methodist Colleges	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,801	\$ 50,000	\$ 10,000	
Effective & Fruitful Leaders Program	\$ 21,800	\$ (25,179)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	
Conflict Management	\$ 12,600	\$ 1,480	\$ 12,600	\$ 12,600	
Campus Ministries	\$ 537,777	\$ 504,105	\$ 535,777	\$ 535,777	
Equitable Compensation	\$ 50,832	\$ 22,277	\$ 51,594	\$ 51,594	
Intentional Interim Pastors	\$ 15,000	\$ 48,952	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	
Transitional Care for Clergy	\$ 35,000	\$ 17,104	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Emerging Leadership Programs	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,749	\$ 5,000	\$ -	
Leadership Dev Standing Committee	\$ 1,000	\$ 131	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Coaching Initiative	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,893	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	
Camping Ministries	\$ 373,050	\$ 298,701	\$ 383,050	\$ 383,050	
TOTAL	\$ 1,851,748	\$ 1,624,835	\$ 1,833,748	\$ 1,714,771	-6.49%

Description	2022 Budget	2022 Actuals	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change
CENTER FOR MISSIONAL OUTREACH					
Staff	\$ 333,379	\$ 336,721	\$ 340,556	\$ 290,000	
Travel and Meeting	\$ 13,000	\$ 7,912	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,500	
Administration	\$ 114,873	\$ 8,450	\$ 82,696	\$ 5,020	
Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns	\$ 1,000	\$ 196	\$ 1,000	\$ 700	
Church & Society	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,199	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,200	
Ethnic Local Church Concerns	\$ 116,620	\$ 45,239	\$ 116,620	\$ 99,700	
Global Ministries	\$ 18,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 12,700	
Extension Ministries	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,624	\$ 47,500	\$ 42,500	
Ministry With	\$ 77,000	\$ 84,980	\$ 77,000	\$ 156,500	
Journey Towards Racial Justice	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,849	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,700	
TOTAL	\$ 734,872	\$ 560,170	\$ 709,872	\$ 633,520	-10.76%
CENTER FOR CONNECTIONAL RESOURCES					
Staff	\$ 561,900	\$ 584,600	\$ 561,900	\$ 585,000	
Travel and Meeting	\$ 22,500	\$ 16,374	\$ 22,500	\$ 17,500	
Administration	\$ 170,000	\$ 230,166	\$ 170,000	\$ 200,000	
Administrative Agencies	\$ 47,400	\$ 47,762	\$ 47,400	\$ 77,400	
Annual Conference	\$ 90,000	\$ 87,929	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	
Ministry Center Operations	\$ 197,000	\$ 188,781	\$ 197,000	\$ 210,000	
Ministry Center Debt Service	\$ 250,000	\$ 201,780	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	
Board of Pension & Health Benefits	\$ 1,561,242	\$ 1,054,897	\$ 1,587,292	\$ 1,284,752	-19.06%
Moving Fund	\$ 110,000	\$ 59,490	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
TOTAL	\$ 3,010,042	\$ 2,471,779	\$ 2,981,092	\$ 2,769,652	-7.09%
EPISCOPAL OFFICE					
Area Office	\$ 65,000	\$ 43,263	\$ 65,000	\$ 55,000	
Episcopal Residence	\$ 42,000	\$ 44,169	\$ 42,000	\$ 17,000	
TOTAL	\$ 107,000	\$ 87,432	\$ 107,000	\$ 72,000	-32.71%
COMMUNICATIONS					
Staff	\$ 296,005	\$ 295,848	\$ 308,662	\$ 311,000	
Administration	\$ 199,150	\$ 152,189	\$ 175,493	\$ 98,893	
TOTAL	\$ 495,155	\$ 448,037	\$ 484,155	\$ 409,893	-15.34%
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS					
Administration	\$ 74,000	\$ 60,902	\$ 65,000	\$ 70,000	
Staff	\$ 532,480	\$ 533,039	\$ 550,691	\$ 550,691	
TOTAL	\$ 606,480	\$ 593,941	\$ 615,691	\$ 620,691	0.81%
ANNUAL CONFERENCE TOTAL	\$ 8,002,830	\$ 6,556,284	\$ 7,893,708	\$ 7,314,077	-7.34%
TOTAL BUDGETED APPORTIONED EXPENSES	\$ 10,874,849	\$ 9,032,521	\$ 10,765,727	\$ 10,186,096	-5.38%

Notes:

1. The General Conference apportionments are allocated to the annual conferences based on the expenditures of the annual conference and adjusted for an income factor related to geographical area. The apportionments for General Conference presented here reflect the proposed changes to the budget prior to the onset of the COVID-19 virus. The proposed budget reflects a 28% decrease in General Church apportionments. While the delay of General Conference necessitated the formerly established formula be used in presenting the budgets to the annual conferences, the General Agencies have prepared their budgets in alignment with the budget we believe will be adopted at General Conference when it meets in 2024. At that time, the budgets will be adjusted to the final amount as passed by the General Conference.
2. The Jurisdictional apportionments are expected to remain the same for each of the four years of this quadrennium.
3. The Annual Conference budget will decrease by 7.4%.
4. The total budget will decrease by 5.4%.

GUIDELINES FOR APPORTIONMENTS FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

Knowing that most churches have not fully recovered to their pre-pandemic numbers, the Council voted to reduce apportionments by an additional 5%. This means that for 2024 the total apportioned revenue will be a reduction of 17% from 2023.

Each local church will have a flat 5% decrease in their conference apportionments from their 2023 calculated rate. Example: If your conference apportionment was \$1,000 in 2023, the amount for 2024 will be \$950. Final 2024 apportionment numbers will be distributed to churches by Friday, December 8, 2023.

The Council continues to expect 100% payout of our apportionments and urges every church to take seriously the recommended 10-month payment plan in which 10% of the annual apportionment amount is remitted monthly. Without a doubt, making monthly payments beginning in January or February is an important step in paying apportionments in full.

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