

WELCOME TO OUR

Weekly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

PASTORS: Please check with your lay leader(s) and church council chair (or equivalent church officer) to ensure they have received this invitation by either mail or email (or maybe even both!)

LET'S **connect** INVITING ALL

LOCAL CHURCH LAY LEADERS
CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRS



Join us for conversation and making connections on
January 31, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Tranquil United Methodist Church
1702 McCormick Hwy.
Greenwood SC

R.S.V.P. to the District Office by January 26



Building Bridges Across Generations

MEN N MINISTRY RETREAT

February 20-21, 2026

Journey UMC

1151 Longreen Pky

Columbia

Full details, including the registration link, are
online



SOUTH CAROLINA
MenNMinistry



Become a Sponsoring Church

\$600.00 Major Sponsor receives 12 registrations

\$300.00 Local Sponsor receives 6 registrations

Sponsorship registration is now available

Be a sponsor church even if your church may not use all the registrations available through sponsorship, the extra registrations could be given to other churches so their men can participate.



Help With Filing W-2 Forms

For churches that file their own W-2s without the assistance of a payroll processing company, the Conference Treasurer's Office recommends using the Social Security Administration's website – [Business Services Online](https://www.irs.gov/businesses/businessesonline) – to create, file and print the W-2s. More information is available from the [Conference Treasurer's Office](#).

Also available from the Treasurer's Office is an example of how to transfer information from a pastor's Ministerial Support Form (MSF) to a W-2 form and what information on the MSF is needed for completing the annual statistical tables in February.

<https://www.umcsc.org/wp-content/uploads/Handout-Ministerial-Support-Form-2021.pdf>

11:06 AM Ministerial Support Form 20788

Red box references statistical tables

Blue box references W-2

SC CONFERENCE OF UMC CHURCHES (330001) Columbia District

Status [E] Service Time [L] Tax [P] Pension Participant [N]

Is a percentage available? [N]

If yes, from the pastor file or the percentage? [N]

Calculated for the year, effective from 01/01/2021 until 12/31/2021. MSF properly replaced, or this appointment ends.

Church/Institution	UM Conference Center	Totals
Number	330001	
Revolving Allowance as % of average	15,000.00	15,000.00
Adoption Agreement on file with Pension Office		
Gross Compensation	47,353.00	47,353.00
Health Savings Account + 1	984.00	984.00
Full Service Participant + 1	156.72	156.72
Dental HMO-Participant +1	312.00	312.00
IFSA		
Health Savings Account with	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dependent Care		
Tax Deferred Personal Contribution	625.00	625.00
Utility/Pension Exclusion	10,000.00	10,000.00
Taxable Compensation	32,275.28	32,275.28
Total	63,000.00	63,000.00

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Benefits Tools and Q&A Workshops

Questions about your health, wellbeing, retirement, death and disability benefits? Plan now to attend one of these workshops to learn more and to ask questions.

Upstate Workshop: January 29, 2026:
 Open Hearts UMC,
 2703 August St, Greenville, SC 29605
 11:00 am - Noon.
 Register by January 27, 2026

Midlands Workshop: February 9, 2026:
 Central UMC,
 1005 College St., Newberry, SC 29108
 11:00 am - Noon.
 Register by February 6, 2026

Pee Dee Workshop: March 3, 2026:
 Cumberland UMC
 163 S. Coit St, Florence, SC 29501
 11:00 am - Noon.
 Register by March 1, 2026

Participation is voluntary, and participants may choose to participate in any regional workshop regardless of their district. There will not be a hybrid option. Those unable to participate may contact the Benefits Office or Clergy Services to schedule individual conversations if desired.

[Register Online](#)



Annual Statistical Reports

Due by February 28

Now is the time to begin gathering data for completing your 2025 statistical reports. TABLES I, II, III The website, ACStats (stats.gcfa.org), is open and ready for you.

All previous user logins have been deleted. Your initial login for this year is the church's GCFA number. The password associated with the church's GCFA number is byyourlove25! (NOTE: it is case sensitive and must include the exclamation point).

Once you have logged in using the church's login, you can set up your own personal login; however, the church's login will not change.

You can find resources to help you with the statistics input at <https://www.umcsc.org/statistics/>. You may also contact your district office (gwdist@umcsc.org or 864-223-2650).

Be sure to address any red flags before submitting your report.



Looking Ahead

The Spring Lay Servant Ministry School is scheduled for April 19 and 26, 2026. Registration will be online and by mail.

Mark your calendars now and watch your email, this publication, the [district webpage](#), and [Facebook page](#) for details, including registration information.



A New Ministry Resource from Garrett Seminary *The Garrett Collective*

The Garrett Collective is theological education brought to your fingertips! The Collective is available for clergy and laity alike and offers the world's most comprehensive, attractive and intuitive digital platform for free and low-cost theological education resources. There are free prayers, liturgies, and webinars. You can join micro-courses and cohorts to learn with others—all in a beautiful, intuitive streaming-style platform. Check it out!

[Watch this video to learn more about the Garrett Collective.](#)