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News from the Greenwood District

LOVE NOTES

LOVE IN ACTION!



Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love District Superintendent

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. *Luke 6:38 NIV*

I greet you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

In this second month of the year we celebrate the call upon all of our lives. As followers of Jesus Christ, our call centers around the gift of love that was given to us, so that we may share the love of Christ with others. You have made a tremendous difference in the lives of many this past year through your missional giving. Embracing the opportunity to work together, to serve together, to give together, and to love together aligns with the biblical mandate to "love our neighbors as ourselves." Thank you for your faithfulness that shows up through our ministry of love.

This is also the time of year that the Bishop and the Cabinet will be prayerfully considering churches and pastors where there may be change of appointments. I ask that you join us in praying for congregations and pastoral families who will have a change this year. Let us continue to spread the love Christ in all ways and in all places in mission and ministry within our communities and beyond. "Love

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bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." Love transforms lives and helps us to build up the body of Christ.

May the Lord bless and keep you!

Grace and peace,

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Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love



2022 IRS MILEAGE RATES

The standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck for 2022 are:

- 58.5 cents per mile driven for business use (up 2.5 cents from 2021)
- 18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes (up 2 cents from 2021)
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations (no change)

Pastors, it is recommended that you share this rate increase with your financial secretary, treasurer, or whoever handles checks at your church, since this will affect your mileage reimbursement requests. If you would like a copy of the travel log or the travel reimbursement form, please send an email request to the district office.

2022 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The annual District Leadership Training will be Sunday, February 6, 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m., via ZOOM.

Sessions offered are:

- PPRC led by Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love, District Superintendent
- Finance led by Beth Westbury, Conference Treasurer
- Our 4 Priorities led by Rev. Jim Arant, Congregational Specialist
- Using Technology in the Local Church led by Rev. Martin Quick

Each session will be a separate ZOOM meeting. Pastors have been sent the ZOOM link for each session. The sessions will be recorded and made available for 30 days following the training event.



February 1: Darlene Kelley February 3: Tim Jones

February 6: Mark Remchuk (Cheryl)

February 8 Bill Rogers
February 11: R. T. Bowling, III
February 14: Steve Brown
February 16: Mike Evans

February 17: Bobbie Jean Rogers (Bill)
February 20: Shawn Armstrong

February 8: Mark and Cheryl Remchuk
February 15: Stephen and Mamie Love



2022 SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Begins June 5, 2022

Meeting Virtually

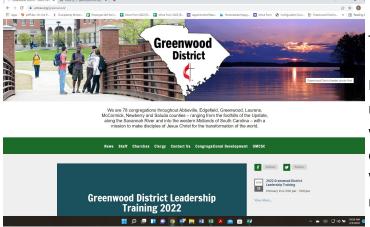
GNTV Media Ministry – our Annual Conference media partner – will host the virtual gathering and help coordinate participation via Zoom video conferencing and voting on a separate, secure platform. In the spirit of transparency, Annual Conference is traditionally open to the public. AC2022 will be livestreamed so anyone can observe the proceedings online.

All lay and clergy members are encouraged to participate in one of two virtual training sessions, which are tentatively scheduled for June 1 and June 6

Pre-Conference Packet and key video reports will be available online by mid-April.

Other information about AC2022 is available online at: www.umcsc.org/ac2022.

FIND THE GREENWOOD DISTRICT ONLINE



The district web page has a new home:

www.umcsc.org/greenwood/

Here is the path to our page if you don't remember the URL: Conference webpage; arrow over Connections; click on Greenwood in the list of Districts. We will no longer be updating our former web site.

You can now find district events on the

Conference calendar.

You are able to link to our Facebook page and to our Twitter account from our new home page. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

We are very appreciative of the help from Jim Crews and Dan O'Mara at the Conference for helping us make the transition from an independent web page to one easily found from the Conference home page.



2022 Salkehatchie Camps

Chester – June 11-18

- Winyah Bay (Georgetown) June 11-18
- Laurens County June 18-25
- **Union** June 18-25
- Bishopville June 25-July 2
- Piedmont June 25-July 2
- Bamberg July 9-16
- Black Swamp (Hampton) July 9-16
- Santee (Clarendon County) July 9-16
- Emerald City July 16-23
- **Columbia** July 16-23
- North Augusta July 16-23
- Moncks Corner July 16-22
- **Newberry** July 17-22
- Clover July 17-23

These camps will operate under strict COVID protocols:

- All campers, directors, homeowners and others in proximity to campers (such as those serving meals) must be maximally vaccinated at the time of the camp.
- Camps will focus on exterior repair work,
 such as accessibility ramps and roofs.
- Sleeping arrangements will be socially distanced.

Masks will be worn inside for evening programs, standing in lines or working near someone else.

Registration is set to open in mid-to-late February.

Additional information, including a roster of the camps with contact information, is available online at: https://www.umcsc.org/salkehatchie/

2021 STATISTICAL TABLES (TABLES I, II, III)



The new year has begun but we are not quite finished with 2021. Now is the time to begin thinking about, and planning for, entering your statistical data in Tables I, II, and III through EZRA. Your Tables are **due by February 28**

Some new questions have been added to the questionnaire relative to your 2021 facts and figures.

Printed below is a list of new information being requested in the 2021 Tables:

- 1. Number of persons who worship online (Please only include here those persons who are actually online **DURING** your live worship service. This does not mean those views your service gets during the week. EX: You may have 50 people actually online during your live service but your have 378 views during the week. Only those 50 should be reported in this question, #7a. To report otherwise is to over-inflate your average weekly attendance.)
- 2. Number of Non-Binary members
- 3. Question 16 asks for the number of ongoing small groups, support groups, or classes offered (other than Sunday School). Be sure to include here any ongoing classes or groups that meet via ZOOM or other online gatherings places such a Google Meet.
- 4. Question 17 asks for the number of support groups or small groups offered for a short term only. Be sure to include here any group offerings through ZOOM, Google Meet, or other online gathering options.
- 5. Number of UMVIM teams sent from this local church
- 6. Number of persons sent out on UMVIM teams from this local church
- 7. Total Number of community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy offered by this local church
- 8. Of the ministries counted in question 7 above, how many focus on global/regional health?
- 9. Of the ministries counted in question 7 above, how many focus on engaging in ministry with the poor/socially marginalized?
- 10. Number of persons from your congregation serving in mission/community ministries.
- 11. Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy

We hope that sharing these questions will help you and your church leaders be better prepared to answer the questions in your 2021 Statistical Tables.

If you would like a blank copy of this report, contact Martha in the district office.

2021 LOCAL CHURCH AUDIT



The annual local church audit is due by March 31, 2022.

The audit form is available online at

https://www.umcsc.org/wp-content/uploads/local_church_audit_2022-for-2021.pdf

gather data for your 2021 statistical reports (Tables I, II, III) since you will need financial information to complete your Tables.

The audit and statistical reports are due the same time every year so plan ahead in order to meet the submission deadlines.

If you have questions, contact the district office.

DISTRICT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



The next date for submission for the District Committee on Congregational Development and for the District Connectional Ministries Table is **April 1.**

The Congregational Development grant application and the Letter of Intent are available online:

https://www.umcsc.org/greenwood/greenwood-district-

<u>congregational-development/.</u> Prior to submitting the grant application, the Committee asks that a Letter of Intent be submitted to the Committee and a copy sent to the District Office.

Please contact the district office for a copy of the Connectional Ministries grant.