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THE MISSION of the West Ohio Conference is to equip local churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world… a world of justice, love, and peace filled with people growing in the likeness of Jesus Christ

January 28, 2019

ARE YOU CONNECTED WITH YOUR DISTRICT?

Visit our website! Contact us! Like us on Facebook!

2019 Annual Conference

Sunday, June 2 - Thursday, June 6, 2019
Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside Chautauqua
Registration begins March 1, 2019 at 10:00 am

Save-the-date!

Clergy/Laity Spiritual Retreat
Date: April 22-23, 2019
Presenter: Sister Kathleen Flood OP

More information coming soon!
Let us remember in prayer those grieving the loss of their loved one, and remember in thanksgiving the life and ministry of:

Claudia Damschroder who died Wednesday, January 23, 2019. She was married to Rev. Linden Damschroder who is a retired pastor from The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. He served appointments at Fremont Hayes Memorial, Trinity (Bloomdale), Central (Toledo), Asbury South, St Andrew Beavercreek, Wilmington, Westerville Church of The Master and Celina St. Paul's. She is survived by her husband; sons, Brian and Mark (Alise) who is a pastor in The West Ohio Conference. He is also survived by grandchildren: Cara, Drew, Emma and Ella. Her funeral will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 3:00 pm at Trinity UMC in Arlington, Texas. Send condolences to Rev. Linden Damschroder, 6924 Muirfield Drive, Arlington, Texas 76001. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to ABC Missions (Trinity UMC Arlington), 6924 Muirfield Drive, Arlington, Texas 76001.

Rev. Wayne Geissinger who died Wednesday, January 23, 2019. He was a retired pastor from The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. He served appointments at Middleburg, Lafayette, Clarksville Charge, Sherwood, Howard and John Stewart. He is survived by: wife, Connie; sons, Russ (Shauna), Linc (Dawn), J.Mac (Wendy) and Dale (Sara); sister, Audrey (Carl) Ritter; Grandchildren; Heather (Justin) Keith, Ty, Kimber, Sophie Hannah, Nick, Wayne, Chase, Kyllee, Bryce; Step-grandchildren, Levi White, Micah White, Sherah White and several Great-Grandchildren and Step-Great-Grandchildren. A celebration of life service will be held at John Stewart UMC, 130 West Johnson Street, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351 on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Otterbein UMC or C.O.D. at www.westohioumc.org.

UPDATES

Apportionments
- 2019 District Apportionment Statements are now in the mail — please be looking for them and if you have any questions, you can email Kim Tumblin at ktumblin@wocumc.org

Mileage
- IRS 2019 Mileage Reimbursement rate is $.58/mile.

2019 Fund Balance Sheets
- The Annual Fund Balance Report form was mailed along with the 2019 District Apportionment Statements. Deadline to be returned to the District Office is April 1, 2019

Year-end Reports
- Year-end reports are due no later than February 9, 2019. If you have any questions contact Jack Frost at 614-844-6200, ext 219 or at jfrost@wocumc.org.

At-Large
- Anyone interested in being an At-Large Member (Adults/Young or Youth) to the 2019 West Ohio Annual Conference scheduled for June 2-6, please contact the District Office at 419-523-9901 or email us at nwplains@wocumc.org.
**February 23rd Training Day Schedule**

8:30 – Gathering  
9:00 – Welcome and Keynote Message  
10:00 – Break (refreshments provided)  
10:15 – Breakout Sessions  
12:30 – End

Come and join us for a day of leadership training that has relevance for your church and ministry and will have lasting results in your local congregation. All pastors and staff are welcome.

Choosing to invest in one of these strategic areas will help your church more fully live out its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER

- Register online at www.nwpumc.org  
- Call the district office at 1-800-589-7828

Fill in the form below and return it to the district office at 910 E. Third St., Ottawa, OH 43075

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:  
Church:  

### Breakout #

#### Breakout #2
**“Discovering God’s Vision For Your Church”**  
**Led by NWP District Superintendent Rev. Barry Burns**

We all remember the days when our churches were filled on Sunday mornings, and were the center of the community life. But as life has become more complicated and fewer people are attending church. It is important that we find a way to discover once again what God is calling us to be, and our purpose as a church. This class will help us with a process of discovering God’s vision for your congregation and ways to think strategically about how to go about building that vision. It is no longer enough to do things just because we have always done them that way. We have to center all of our efforts around our mission and vision in order to fully engage our communities and make disciples.

### Breakout #3
**A.L.I.C.E Training & Church Safety**  
**Led by Officer Damion Tibbs and David White of Church Mutual Ins.**

Officer Tibbs, 15-year veteran with the Allen County Sheriff’s Office will be sharing pertinent information on the A.L.I.C.E. program (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) as it would pertain to our churches in order for people to respond effectively in the crises event of an active shooter. Additionally, David White, Senior Risk Control Consultant with Church Mutual will share Security Basics For Your Facility. He will cover exterior and internal security as well as policy/procedure development for your church, often a neglected issue until an incident occurs. Fortunately, “a little preparation goes a long way” applies directly to church congregations and their facilities.

### Breakout #4
**“Financial ABC’s for Your Church”**  
**Led by Rev. Bruce & Kim Tumbin**

In this breakout session we will discuss best practices for audits, budgets, compensation and beyond. Among the themes we will discuss are administration, stewardship, budget development, connectional giving, internal controls and audits. The material we will be using was developed by Bill Bloesem – the CFO and Director of Administration for the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. The presenters will be Rev. Bruce Tumbin, pastor of the Eldora Immanuel Church and a member of the NWP Leadership District Team and Kim Tumbin, NWP District Financial Secretary.

### Breakout #5
**“Opiate Addiction and Recovery 101”**  
**Led by Rev. Mark Hollinger**

Ohio is among the top five states with the highest rates of opioid-related overdose deaths, killing significantly more people in Ohio than auto accident fatalities. Our families, churches and communities are affected and challenged by this escalating epidemic. This session will provide information with regards to how this epidemic developed, the signs of addiction, what sort of programs are available to people and families seeking recovery, what churches can do to assist people and their families facing the challenges of addiction and what individuals can do to help those seeking recovery. Pastor Mark Hollinger is a recovering addict and has real-life knowledge of the personal challenges of recovery and has a passion for people, families, churches and communities seeking information to help in the recovery process.

### Breakout #6
**“Why Youth Ministries are Failing (and what you can do about it)”**  
**Led by Rev. Dave Charles**

New to youth ministry and excited about the possibilities to grow your ministry? A seasoned youth worker who is in the trenches and seeing church’s ministry on the decline? Perhaps you even feel defeated or you just don’t know where to start. In this breakout session we will look at three main issues facing youth ministry and its decline. Then we will walk through the steps to begin building (or rebuilding) your ministry that focuses on growing disciples, partnering with parents, and helping your congregation see the value of youth ministry in the larger context of the church. Rev. Dave Charles has 25 years of youth ministry experience and is a Licensed Local pastor serving as the Associate Pastor at St. Mark’s UMC in Findlay.

### Breakout #7
**“All In Community”**  
**Led by Roba Collins, AIC Consultant**

Join your NWP All In Community Team for a workshop that provides guidance and direction for navigating the complex intersection of addiction and incarceration. Explore how you can create safe spaces of hope and healing in the midst of these slow burning crises affecting so many of our friends, neighbors, loved ones and communities. Learn how doing for one what you wish you could do for everyone is the key to recovery and redraction for all.

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*Northwest Plains District Leadership Training Day*

February 23, 2019  
Delphos Trinity UMC  
211 E. Third St.  
Delphos, OH 45833

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*“Game Changers: Leading in Anxious Times”*  
*Keynote Presentation And Breakout Session #1*  
*“The Missional Church”*  
*Led by Rev. Sue Nilsson Kibbey*

Keynote Message:

No matter what is happening in or around the life of a congregation, leaders who long to unleash “holy momentum” in and through their church must grasp and deploy a few core essentials that make all the difference. Be inspired and equipped to take home new perspective and practical steps that God can use right in your own setting now.

Breakout #1

According to learnings from West Ohio Conference’s MCCII (Missional Church Consultation Initiative), one key shift of approach can move your church from wondering why visitors to your outreach events, worship, or service projects don’t return — to creating “sticky” relational connection that helps your church become inviting for newcomers to connect into again and again. Learn this new practical strategy in order to take what your church is already doing to the next level — and to help you shape your future new outreach efforts to more effectively reach new persons for Christ.

Rev. Sue Nilsson Kibbey is the West Ohio Conference Director of the Office of Missional Church Development.

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NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MISSION TRIP TO HENDERSON SETTLEMENT
Sunday, May 5—Saturday, May 11, 2019
BE A PART OF A MISSION PROJECT! DON’T MISS OUT! GET ON BOARD!

Where is Henderson Settlement? HS is close to the Kentucky/Tennessee border about 35 miles east of Interstate 75.

What is the schedule? Participants need to be at Henderson Settlement before the 7:00 PM orientation on Sunday, May 5. (Eat your evening meal before arrival.) Everyone will depart for home after breakfast on Saturday, May 11.

What will we be doing? There will be construction/maintenance crews (ladies welcome). There is also work to be done in the greenhouse, library, food pantry, senior center and community store.

What is the cost? $360/person with accommodations in the mission dorm. $440 per person for more private housing (Baldinger Dorm, Zuki house). (3 meals Monday – Friday and breakfast Saturday.). Travel and food to and from Henderson Settlement is the responsibility of the participant. No additional insurance is available – your own insurance is the only insurance in effect.

What is to be expected? Weather – hot to cool, rain possible. Be prepared.
Clothing – work clothes.
Area – 50%+ unemployment, coal mining, forestry, mountainous.

How do I sign up? Complete and return the registration form with your deposit of $50/person by February 22. Remaining balance due by April 13. Please make check payable to: Northwest Plains District – Henderson Mission Trip. Send check and registration form to: Northwest Plains District Office, 920 East 3rd St., Ottawa, OH 45875. For more information, contact Ruth Pease at 260.402.1888. A planning meeting for all registered participants will be held to determine who is driving/riding and to answer all other questions. This meeting will be on Sunday, April 28, 2:00 PM at Trinity UMC, 220 S. Walnut St., Van Wert, OH 45891.


- Henderson Settlement Mission Trip
May 5 thru 11, 2019

Name(s) ____________________________________________ (First and Last Names)
Address: __________________________________________ City/State/Zip: ______________________________
Telephone ____________________________ E-Mail: ______________________
Church name __________________________________________
Work area interest: _____________________________________________________________
(Construction/maintenance, electrical, plumbing, painting, gardening, etc.)
NEWS FROM AROUND THE CONNECTION

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TOURS

Alpine Odyssey 2020
JULY 27-AUGUST 4

IF INTERESTED: REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE NWP DISTRICT OFFICE

Join the West Ohio Conference

Alpine Odyssey 2020

9 Day European Adventure to see the Oberammergau Passion Play

July 27 - Aug. 4, 2020

www.eo.travel • 800-247-0017
# Clergy Gatherings

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***Please NOTE: Gatherings for 1/28/1/29, 1/30 2019 have been canceled. Barry/Lynda will be attending BOM interviews on these days***
BY GEORGE! Campaign

This spring, we are inviting the congregations of the Northwest Plains District to be a part of a special effort to help Grace Children’s Hospital in Haiti. This hospital that has served countless numbers of children and their families over the years has been devastated by the earthquakes and hurricanes and is in desperate need of help. So, we are inviting you to be part of a special campaign.

If every one of our congregations would challenge their members to give just $1 per week per member, we could rally to give not only a dramatic amount of financial help, but also hope that they are not alone. The money will be collected at the District Office and sent on to Haiti. There will be much more information coming in the form of videos, pamphlets, etc. But we invite you now to begin praying about your congregation being a part of this effort. In a time where we see so much brokenness and disunity, this is one way we can truly show how we can do more together than we can apart.

Watch for more information to come!

Summer Impact 2019

Are you a youth group, women’s group, men’s group, young adult group, or an otherwise eclectically congregating group of individuals with a desire to serve and give back this summer?

Your group is invited to come and serve for a week (Sunday - Friday) alongside ministries in Cincinnati participating in building projects, day camps, delivering furniture, communing with those who are experiencing homelessness and sickness, and more.

The heart behind Summer Impact is transformation through serving experiences, meaningful interactions, and individual/group reflection time in order to see the work that God is already doing and calling us to partner in that Kingdom work. The hope is that teams will return home with a renewed energy and sense of where God is leading them to serve throughout the year.

To find out more information about what your week will look like, cost ($190/person if registered by the end of 2018), and to register please visit: http://hydeparkchurch.org/summer-impact/
NWP Directors of Pulpit Supply

Pastors, if you are in need of Sunday morning pulpit supply and would like to arrange for a Lay Speaker to fill in for you, please contact our District Directors of Pulpit Supply.

- **Linda Hoover** is responsible for the southern part of NWP District including Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Mercer, Van Wert and Wyandot counties. She can be reached at 567-204-0329 or by email at bhoover1@woh.rr.com.

- **Larry Zuvers** is responsible for the northern part of NWP District including Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams counties. He can be reached at 419.636.2329 or by email at lzuvers@gmail.com.

Lay Servant Training Events

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs already available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

- "**Spiritual Gifts (CORE course)**", will be offered Saturday, March 2, 2019. More information to come at a later date.

- “**Conflict Management (Advanced course)**”, will be offered Saturday, March 2, 2019. More information to come at a later date.

- “**Lead and Worship (CORE Course)**”, will be offered Saturday, April 6, 2019. More information to come at a later date.

- “**Dealing with Grief (Advanced Course)**”, will be offered Saturday, April 6, 2019. More information to come at a later date.

Please help get the word out. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in participating, please register when the time is open to do so!
The Walk to Emmaus is a global ministry of the Upper Room dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation of Christians and the development of Christian servant leaders for the local church. If you would like to experience this spiritual retreat or learn more about it contact Brad Martin.

I am also looking for clergy who are interested in serving in the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community. The clergy listing needs updating. If you took your walk in another community, if you took another three-day retreat, or if your contact information has changed, please send the information to Brad Martin, Emmaus Community Spiritual Director | bmartin4477@gmail.com

Findlay Emmaus Walks @ St. Marks UMC, Findlay, OH
http://www.findlayemmaus.org/

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http://www.sidneyemmaus.org/

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Chrysalis is a three day experience of spiritual renewal open to members of any Christian denomination, ages 15 to 24. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way. Chrysalis is meant to inspire, challenge, and equip youth for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work.

St. Andrew’s UMC, Findlay
Girls
#51--January 25-27, 2019
#52--July 12-14, 2019

Boys
#51--February 22-24, 2019
#52--July 26-28, 2019
http://www.findlaychrysalis.org/

Greene Street UMC, Piqua
http://www.westohiochrysalis.com/

Delta UMC, Delta
Girls -June 22-24, 2018
http://www.nwoemmaus.com/
Local Church and Community Events

Community Meal PSA

The Pandora United Methodist Church will be hosting a FREE Community Meal on Wed Jan 30 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the church fellowship hall, 108 E. Washington Street, Pandora. The meal this month is provided by 7’O’clock Flock. Menu is tomato soup, grilled cheese, relish tray, Val cake, and beverage. ***CANCELLED DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS***

Clergy Breakfast

Clergy Breakfast
AT
Blanchard Valley Hospital

Thursday, February 7
8-9 a.m.
Aller Meeting Room

Blanchard Valley Health System invites you to a special breakfast to learn about the spiritual care programs within the organizations. You will have the opportunity to meet chaplains from Blanchard Hospital, Birchaven and Bridge Hospice.

RSVP by February 1 by emailing Chaplin Chris Schilling at cschilling@bvhealthsystem.org or by calling 419-429-6463.

Blanchard Valley Health System/1900 South Main St./Findlay OH 45840

Where are you connected?

We have become increasingly aware of the value of having those under appointment as pastors being in some sort of supportive setting like a clergy cluster or other type of group. As we begin a new year, it will be useful to update our list of clergy cluster participants and the other support groups our pastors are a part of. We are asking each pastor under appointment of any type to let us know what clergy cluster or support group they are connected with. Please drop a quick email or text to Duane Kemerley, DKe-merley@gmail.com, 567.376.9741 with that information. If you are a group leader, please send a list of those currently a part of your cluster/group.

Would you be willing to be a cluster leader? Is there a group theme or affinity/common interest idea that you would like to gather with others to discuss/study/research? Share those thoughts also. We are looking at a time in the church when there may be many changes and challenges to consider and it is doubly important for all of our pastors to be connected somewhere for useful information and mutual support.
Why Belong to The Preachers' Relief Society?

Most members of The Preachers' Relief Society give two answers:

- So that The Preachers' Relief Society can provide help for them and their families if it is needed, and
- So that The Preachers' Relief Society can continue to provide help for their clergy colleagues.

Your membership in The Preachers' Relief Society makes possible this support for West Ohio clergy and their families.

The Preachers' Relief Society

The Preachers' Relief Society is a voluntary, non-profit benevolent organization of clergy and their families in the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. It is an affiliated organization of the conference.

Founded in 1837, PRS predates pensions and medical insurance in the conference and the denomination. Ministers in the former Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church decided that an organization such as The Preachers' Relief Society would help "tired, worn-out preachers and their families."

Almost two centuries later, the phrasing is quaint but the purpose is the same: to bring relief where it is needed. While clergy and their families now participate in pension plans and health care coverage, both sometimes fall short, and The Preachers' Relief Society stands ready to help its members in situations such as when:

- High deductible medical insurance policies leave a gap before full coverage
- Vision or dental plans require prepayments
- Births or deaths bring extraordinary expenses
- A fire, storm, flood or other natural disaster requires immediate response

On application from a member, The Preachers' Relief Society may make a grant for these or other needs. The grants are made outright; they are not loans and no strings are attached.

Grants are not for fixed or specific amounts, and they are not guaranteed, but are based entirely upon the needs of members, and so are not IRS taxable.

Every appointed clergy in the West Ohio Conference (Elders, Deacons, provisional on elder or deacon track), associate members, licensed local pastors, clergy from other conferences/denominations appointed in West Ohio, and clergy from other denominations appointed in West Ohio is eligible for membership in The Preachers' Relief Society, subject to age limit and conference membership requirements.

Membership is voluntary, not mandatory. Payment of annual dues and continuing conference membership guarantees eligibility for grants. Life memberships are also available.

Membership rates:
- Application and one year $25
- Renewal for one year $25
- *Lifetime ages 25-40 $200
- *Lifetime ages 41-59 $200
- *Lifetime ages 60 and above $100

(*To become a lifetime member, a person must have been a member of the Society for at least one full year)

PRS Membership Application

Detach and fill out this application and send with $25 initial membership fee to address below.

First name:
Middle name or initial:
Last name:
Street:
City:
ZIP:
Telephone: (  )
E-mail:

I am (please circle below)

- Elder
- Deacon
- Associate Member
- Provisional
- Licensed Local Pastor
- Clergy from another conference
- Clergy from another denomination

Mail to:
The Rev. Sharon Hausman
9822 Bradysville Road
Aberdeen, Ohio 45101

Questions?
Telephone 740-621-0973
E-mail: pastor.sharon62@gmail.com

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Use this contact for dues payments, questions about membership, information about life memberships, and Application for PRS Grant forms.

The Preachers' Relief Society of the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions from congregations, groups, and individuals to its Capital Fund for permanent endowment are tax-deductible as permitted by law. An annual meeting of The Preachers' Relief Society is held during the West Ohio Annual Conference session each year.
Classifieds

**Free Cantata Books**
Middle Point UMC has song books for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and Patriotic seasons. Donating. Really good condition. Please call Sandy Moore at 419-968-2443 if interested.

**Choir Robes**
Chattanooga United Methodist Church has approximately 32 green choir robes/white sashes, free to a church that can use of them. For more information please phone Judy Stetler, 419.942.1252.

**Vacation Bible School Materials**
Mt. Cory/Pleasant View Charge has Vacation Bible School materials from two summers available free of charge to any church that needs/wants them—still available is Sonquest Rainforest. Material includes the kits, some of the posters and scenery, music DVD’s, teacher manuals, and some of the materials for crafts are available with the kits. They were each used once. Anyone interested can call 419.302.9641 for more information.

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**Choir Sheet Music**
St. Mark’s UMC in Lima, has choir sheet music available for you to go through. You are welcome to call and make an appointment to look – just call 419-222-3601. They are free for the taking, but donations would be accepted.

**TV Stand for Sale**
We have recently wall-mounted our media and have 1 TV stand available for $25.00 to the first interested purchaser. Please phone 419/238-0631 x302 for more information. Sherri Arn/Van Wert First United Methodist Church

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**Vacation Bible School Materials**
Looking for Rolling River Rampage VBS to be able to use this summer. If you have and would want to sell or share, please contact Nora Davis at St. Mark’s UMC Lima 419-222-3601
St. Andrew's UMC in Findlay, Ohio has 125 wood/metal folding chairs to give away. You can take all or some of them. Also, we still have 49 cream color chair cushions left. Give us a call at 419-422-4845 if you are interested.

Pray for our General Conference in February
Free Active Shooter Prevention Guide

Recently, attention has been drawn to the unthinkable action of active shooters in a house of worship. UMI is offering this resource to you as a way to prepare you, your church leadership, the congregation and visitors in the event this should occur. Being prepared helps everyone cope with these realities and begin to re-focus attention on core ministries.

Conducting the ministries of The United Methodist Church takes on many forms. Our first call to ministry is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This crucial part of our ministry as a denomination begins in the local church. Everything else we do on a daily basis supports this core commission. (Matthew 28:19)

There are many supportive actions taking place every day to support the local church. One of them is to insure the church properties so that a church can continue its core ministries in the community.

DOWNLOAD http://tiny.cc/hf6sry

Local Church Officer Job Descriptions

Positions Required in All Congregations

Every congregation must make provision for including these functions according to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, ¶244, ¶249. Positions may be combined except for the financial functions. "The positions of treasurer and financial secretary should not be combined and held by one person, and the persons holding these positions should not be immediate family members (¶258.4)."

Nominations and Leader Development Committee (¶258.1)
Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee (¶258.2)
Trustees (¶258.3 and ¶2524 to 2550)
Finance Committee Chairperson (¶258.4)
Lay Leader (¶251.1)
Lay Member of Annual Conference (¶251.2)
Financial Secretary (¶258.4)
Church Treasurer (¶258.4)
Membership Secretary (¶234 and ¶235 to 242)
Leadership Team (also called Church Council, Administrative Board) Chairperson (¶251.3)

LEARN MORE http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/local-church-officer-job-descriptions

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Paperless Compass Newsletter

The Northwest Plains District is starting to transition to paperless Compass Newsletters. If you would like a paper copy of the Compass Newsletter, please email nwplains@WOCUMC.org.