

North West District FEBRUARY 2018 News

DS's FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- 3 World Culture Festival, Good Sam. UMC
- 3 FSU Wesley Garnet/Gold Banquet
- 5-9 Cabinet Meeting
- 10 District Gathering
- 19- Board of Ordained Ministry
- 22- Missio
- 23 Ecclesia
- 26- Emory Visits
- 27

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9 Year-End Statistics Due
- 10 Missional Vital Signs Due
- 10 District Gathering
- 22 Workers Comp. Audit Due
- 23 NW

DISTRICT WIDE EVENT

There will be a District-wide event on Saturday,

Feb. 10

Clergy & Laity,

Please plan to join us

FEB 10, 2018

10 AM - 2:30 PM

Killeam UMC, Tallahassee

for a Congregational Vitality Day.

The logo for 'The Big Event' features the words 'The' and 'Event' in green, and 'Big' in blue. A large blue exclamation point is positioned to the right of the text.

Never heard of Fresh Expressions? ***This event is for you***

Heard the term "Fresh Expressions" but unsure what it is? ***This event is for you***

Know about Fresh Expressions but haven't put it into practice yet? ***This event is for you***

Have Fresh Expressions at your church but ready to go to the next level? ***This event is for you***

Here is what the day will look like:

Session 1 - Overview of Fresh Expressions with Michael Beck

Session 2 - How to Go Back with Michael Beck

Session 3 - Immersive Experiences - small group work - choose one to attend

(Example: Creative space-making by Jania Kadar "Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven.")

Honestly, what does the kingdom on earth even look like? *Using art as a vehicle for authentic dialogue, we will explore the ways our personal narratives both harm and help the world around us. No art experience is required in this playful activity.*

Lunch

Session 4 - Planning for Upcoming "Steeple to Street" April event

Children's
Home Rep.
Workshop
Madison

24 NW
Children's
Home Rep.
Workshop
Tallahassee

5 - Q&A and Round Table Discussions

Closing - The Table

Michael Beck is Pastor at Wildwood UMC and spoke to us at the May 2017 district event. You won't want to miss his dynamic energy and wealth of information. Lunch will be provided and we hope you will be our guest.

This event is for clergy & laity. You are encouraged to come as a team so please share this information with your leadership.

[Register Here.](#)

FEBRUARY REPORTS DUE

February 9

Year-end local church statistics (Table 1, Table 2, Table 3) close on Friday, February 9 at 5:00 pm. Complete online annually.

This form is available online via the Statistics link at your church dashboard login on the conference website. Must be completed by February 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.



February 22

Workers Compensation Payroll Audit is to be completed online annually. Report actual payroll for calendar year 2017. Must be completed between February 1 and February 22, 2018. In order to comply with State of Florida requirements related to workers' compensation coverage, we ask that you complete the brief online payroll form. Please review your payroll records (941's etc.) for the calendar year 2017 and complete the form as accurately as possible. Please note that your responses will not affect your workers' compensation insurance costs for 2018 as this updated information is simply required to comply with State of Florida regulations.

February 28

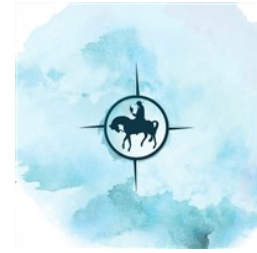
Ensure Lay Member to Annual

Conference name and contact information is correct in church dashboard.

If you need any assistance, please contact the District office at (850) 386-2154.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

This year's Annual Conference will be **June 7-9, 2018** at Florida Southern College,
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.,
Lakeland, FL 33801.



Please visit the flumc.org website, then choose AC 2018 for all of the latest information including hotels with group rates.

As in previous years, our district is allotted 66 slots for **District Lay Delegates** to attend the conference in addition to each church sending a representative.

We are now accepting names for people who would like to attend the conference, at your own expense, and serve as **District Lay Delegates** with voting privileges. If interested, please contact Peggy Fox in the District office by phone at 850/386-2154 or by email at flumc-nw@flumc.org.

For church delegates

We have the names that were submitted with your Charge Conference forms. **If there have been changes to who your church delegate is since the fall Charge Conferences, please let Peggy know immediately.**

FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN HAVANA

Salem UMC is offering Subs & Scripture. This is a small group of authentic and caring people that meet at Subway in Havana every Wednesday at noon. After a



time of food and fellowship they use three scriptures to ask questions that have no wrong answers but are based on personal experiences, thoughts and questions about God's love. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S HOME LOCAL CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE'S WORKSHOP

Remember when the churches elect their committee's / leadership in the Fall of each year? One of those elected positions is "Children's Home Local Church Representative".



This workshop is for them!!

They are encouraged to attend one of these workshops to receive an overview of the Children's Home ministry, as well as an overview of their role. Information about various resources available, the 2018 Day on Campus festivities and opportunities for connection will highlight the workshop.

The North Central District offers it on **Feb. 3** at First UMC Gainesville, 9 -11 am.

The **North West District offers it** on **Feb. 23** at First UMC Madison, 10 am - noon OR **Feb. 24** at Tallahassee Heights UMC, 10 am - noon.

Please call Trista Calvin with any questions and RSVP at 386/668-4774 ext. 2296 or email trista.calvin@fumch.org.

MISSIO ECCLESIA

February 22 & 23, 2018
at First UMC Lakeland,
FL



Why should you, other

church members, other clergy, and leaders in the church attend Missio Ecclesia / Church on Mission?

To hear from experts and practitioners of the forward mission of the church.

To attend and learn with others - either church leadership, covenant groups, colleagues, small groups, etc. There is a higher percentage of implementation than if attending alone.

Who will be presenting?

Bishop Ken Carter

Rev. Dr. Martyn Atkins (from the UK)

Panel of practitioners

What will I take back that will be useful?

Reality of where we are and where we are heading (advice from UK)

Tips and tools from practitioners of the missional church

Rev. Atkins will be bringing his books and also Cokesbury will be present with a small and great selection of resources for you

Cost of event? \$50. Before 1/31/2018 (After 2/1/2018 the cost will be \$60.)

Registration: <https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/2018MissioEcclesia>

PLAN NOW! EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH BISHOP CARTER SLATED FOR APRIL 2018

Led by Bishop Carter, travelers will visit Venice, Assisi, Siena, Florence and Rome while studying the Gospel of Mark and the legacy of Peter during April 3-12, 2018.



From Bishop Carter: "We will learn more about the gospel of Mark in Venice and the legacy of Peter; we will read the dialogues of Catherine of Siena and the meditations of Dante; and we will reflect on the renewing vision given to Francis of Assisi," and more.

For more information, a brochure with a detailed itinerary and online registration, [click here.](#)