

Dear Florida Church Office Workers;

We hope this letter finds everyone well and blessed and we are writing you, to touch base and let you know of some important information.

First, we just completed our Annual Training Weekend in Leesburg this past month and we all had a wonderful time, learned, shared, and grew in your ministry positions. We had some wonderful guest speakers: Mont Duncan, Erik Alsgaard, Mickey Wilson, Trudy Rankin and Cathy Kraiza from Sager Brown Depot in Louisiana.

I know I personally had a wonderful time. I learned something important to my job and being Methodist, something for myself and my family from each of our speakers. I always enjoy being able to share what I learned with my congregation. So I am sharing with Finance (what I learned from M. Wilson), UMM and UMW (what I learned about Sager Brown), Church Council (what I learned from M. Duncan) and what I learned from E. Alsgaard I hope to share with you (more on that later).

Next Year (2010) we would love for you to come and share in this training with us. Our tentative schedule right now is January 15-17. As time gets closer we will be sending out updates via email and our newsletter. So keep an eye out for these things.

It is always great to see old friends and make new one. I really enjoyed our game night(s). That I feel was a nice way to get to know each other and I hope that everyone took the opportunity to get to know as many others as possible. Networking is very important in our job and it helps get us through some tough times when they arise and it can be great pats on the back when we have accomplishments to share.

Secondly, we wanted to invite you to feel free to contact any of our board members anytime throughout the upcoming year if you have any questions, suggestions or just would like to add us to your network. After our seminar closed on Sunday, the board had their annual elections and here is your new Florida Chapter PAUMCS Board for 2009:

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Also we have the 2010 PAUMCS National Conference we are working on and if any of you have offered to help out already or now want too you are still more than welcome. Please contact one of us to find out

how you can be involved. One way you all can be involved is to pass the word. Pass the word to your district offices, other local church offices, even within your own church. Start emailing your DS and letting him know that the Bishop and the Conference back us and we would love to have their support as well and right now that support is needed monetarily considering the way our economy is. Yes, we do know it is tight all over and yes, we know that funding for church support staff is usually one of the first things to go. However, if you share the things you learn with you churches and let them know with each opportunity you learn more that can help build and strengthen them, the more support you will get in every aspect of your job.

I am working on getting us our own Florida Chapter of PAUMCS website. There is also a group set up in Facebook for Methodist Secretaries in Florida that one of my local secretaries setup. This would be a great place to connect with others as well if you are on facebook. I plan to keep you in the loop of the upcoming year planning meetings and any dates we can bring you. For example: **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! January 15-17, 2010 will be our Leesburg Seminar for next year.** We decided to plan it early enough that it's months away from the 2010 Conference and can come out of 2009 Budget. That way you can use 2010 Budget for the Conference! Also remember ask your UMM, UMW, SPRC even your Youth to help support you and send you to these events. You always support them, let them support you too!

Well I think that's all for now but remember feel free to contact me or any of our board. We really appreciate you and all you do for your churches. You are called to these positions and the ministries you do here are the work of the Lord. Have a blessed week and a joyful Lenten Season.

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