

Mid-Ohio District News



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Strategic Ministries

Many in church life realize the practical benefits of moving into a more simplified committee structure. Join together via ZOOM this month with other congregations around the conference to learn about this model and to have opportunities to continue learning throughout the year. These classes would also be good for churches already in a simplified structure who would like a tune up or want to continue learning.

For more information and to register go to: East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church (eocumc.com). This training is on ZOOM but we do recommend you gather together and stream it as a group to help with conversations.

Annual Conference - The 2022 Conference Journal is Available Online

Per our Conference rules, *The 2022 Conference Journal* is available for viewing on and for downloading from the East Ohio Conference website. To access the digital version of *The Journal*, click on the resource tab of the website and in the drop-down menu select Conference Journal. The publication contains the reports and records of the past conference year as well as the daily proceedings of the Annual Conference session. Use the bookmark feature in the upper right corner of the pdf window to easily access any section of *The Conference Journal*.

[View and download The 2022 Conference Journal.](#)

EOC Database in Brick River to be Released Soon

The database is almost ready for church use. Additionally, East Ohio Conference staff is working with General Council on Finance & Administration (GCFA) so that the new Brick River program AC (Annual Conference) Stats will be used for submitting year-end local church reports that are due this month. We appreciate your grace and patience as we diligently work on these projects. You will receive another update soon.

Advance Special Application Now Available

Every year the East Ohio Conference Mission Awareness Committee approves Advance Specials from among submitted applications. The application for 2023-24 Advance Specials, available for download on the Conference website, is due by January 15, 2023. As an Advance Special of the East Ohio Conference, your mission or ministry will be assigned an EOCUMC fund number for donor-directed giving through Financial & Administrative Services office. That fund number will be added to the list of Advance Specials posted on the East Ohio Conference website and published in The Conference Journal and promoted in our 600+ local churches.

If you have any questions about Conference Advance Specials, please [e-mail the Rev. Kathy Dickriede](#), Connectional Ministries office Mission & Community Engagement director. She can also be reached by calling the Missions & Community Engagement office at 330-499-3972 ext. 102.

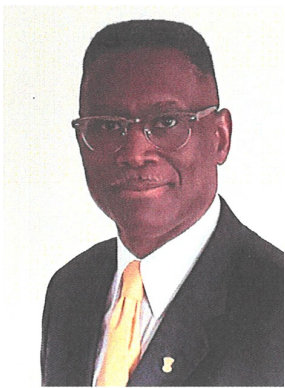
[Donate to a 2022-23 EOC Advance Special](#)

[Access the 2023-24 Advance Special Application](#)

SEEKING PEACE with JUSTICE... In Our Time

An enriching and challenging event for Lay and Clergy who seek to find ways to implement the totality of Jesus' message concerning injustice issues.

East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) is hosting the event at Cory United Methodist Church (1117 E. 105th St, Cleveland, OH. 44108) **on Jan. 21, 2023.**



Keynote Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Executive Director of the Ohio Council of Churches followed by interactive breakout sessions addressing injustice issues.

Register Now - Deadline, Thursday, January 19, 2023

Registration Fee: \$20.00 - Checks payable to: East Ohio MFSA
(Hospitality, Lunch and Materials Included)

Scholarships available to cover fee if it might prevent you from coming!

Advance registration is needed but payment can be sent or made at the door. Reservations are confirmed with email address, otherwise,

“see you at the door!”

Registration Options:

Email Tom Douce: doucethomas@yahoo.com

Phone Tom Douce: 330-936-9543

Snail Mail Tom Douce: 6648 Marelis Ave. NE, Canton, OH. 44721-2469

24-HOUR YOUTH LEADER NETWORK RETREAT

JANUARY 20-21

7:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Clergy and laity who minister to and with young people are invited to the Embassy Suites Akron/Canton Airport on January 20-21 for a time of fellowship, support, and an opportunity to experience different ways to engage in scripture that you can take back to your churches. Bishop Tracy S. Malone will lead us in morning devotions on the second day of the YLN retreat.

[Register for the YLN Retreat on the Events Registration page of the Conference website.](#)



Lay Servant Ministries is the United Methodist system for lay leadership development. It is the most significant lay leadership development program 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.

Being called to ministry is a serious endeavor. It takes a disciple to make a disciple. Thus we must do all we can to prepare ourselves to serve others. Are you ready to answer God's calling for you as a lay servant leader? View additional info about [LSM in Mid-Ohio here](#).

The 2016 *Book of Discipline* no longer uses "Local (Basic) Lay Servant." Persons completing the Basic course will not need to complete an annual report for charge conferences. Persons are encouraged to take the Basic course as a step toward discerning a call to ministry that may include becoming a Certified Lay Servant. A certification of completion is issued upon completing the Basic course. Persons may apply to become Certified Lay Servants after completion of both Basic and an Advanced course. Learn more about [EOC Lay Servant Ministries here](#) including a new video resource for CLM.

Mid-Ohio District's 2023 Lay Servant Training will be on February 18, 2023 from 8:30a - 7:30p at Trinity UMC (75 East High St., Mt Gilead, 43338).

More info on the [Brochure](#) or go directly to [Registration](#).

You can also get a brochure/registration through the district office or from your pastor.



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