

The Pensacola District comprises 52 connected congregations in Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties in Florida and part of Baldwin County in Alabama. This has been a fruitful year in the Pensacola District.

In 2016 we offered quarterly Spiritual Formation workshops. The first was "The Enneagram," presented by the Rev. Pamela Avery. Dr. Robbins Sims led us in our second workshop, "Formational Reading of Scripture." The next offering was "Practicing the Presence," led by Rev. Marshall Craver. The last one was "Contemplative Community in a Frantic Culture," presented by Rev. Dr. William Thiele. Each participant received .5 CEU per workshop offering.

Gonzalez UMC is the first church in our Conference to complete the Antioch Project. We are thankful for this process and the difference it has made in this church.

Meltdown, the annual youth retreat in Panama City Beach, was attended by about 900 youth and adults. We are grateful to Rev. Stuart Worth and the dedicated team of youth directors and Wesley Foundation students who put this event on each year. Our youth also participate in the District Fused Event held during our fall District Conference. About 400 youth and adults attended this event.

Our Lay Servant Ministry is very active under the leadership of Bruce Knecht. They are serving the Haven as well as pulpit supply and other ministries. It has been noted that we have more lay servants than clergy in our District!

Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministries (PUMCM) continues to minister to those in need in one of the most poverty-stricken areas in the entire state of Florida. They serve over 20,000 meals a year. They provided over \$12,000 in clothing and household vouchers, and Celebrate Recovery averages around 55 persons.

United Methodist Women remain active in our District. In March they had a mission study on "Happiness," led by Rev. Tonya Elmore. About 90 people attended. There was also a study on "Latin America," led by Susan Hunt. Our UMW are involved in so many ways in mission and ministry. We thank God for their continued good work.

Dr. Donna Jacobi Pruett, chairperson of our Older Adult ministries, has done a great job in helping us learn more about dementia and Alzheimer's. There have been several Alzheimer's walks in our district that we have helped promote. We have also had several workshops on Alzheimer's in the district to help us be more knowledgeable of this dreadful disease. In September we held a Dementia Caregivers Education workshop and virtual tour of dementia. These workshops have been invaluable for those who are caregivers.

The Pensacola District sponsored held two "Fresh Expression" workshops. We also hosted a Conference "Fresh Expressions Vision Day" at Pensacola FUMC.

We are thankful for the partnership of laity and clergy in the Pensacola District. We have had a good year in doing Kingdom work. We cannot thank enough our District Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Mary Hernandez, for the great work she does in helping us all!!!

We look forward to serving Christ and His Church this next year as we do ministry together.

Respectfully submitted,
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