

# What is PAUMCS?

## The Professional Administrators of The United Methodist Connectional Structure

PAUMCS was organized April 14, 1982 in Dallas, Texas. Since then, meetings have been held annually, quarterly newsletters published, by-laws and logo adopted, working committees appointed, chapters organized and Certification Institute established.

At the 1988 General Conference, legislation was adopted that states the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) has the authority and responsibility, "To provide guidance and consultation of continuing education of church secretaries, including establishment of training and certification programs, and to provide assistance to the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries. The name change and a new logo were approved at the 2017 PAUMCS annual conference in Chicago, IL.

The Western NC Chapter of PAUMCS was established October 5, 1991, with the election of officers, adoption of by-laws and establishment of a quarterly newsletter. In the last 25 years, a regular Annual Meeting and a Spring Fellowship Day have been held. The chapter has hosted 2 National Conferences (2004, 2014).

**The Mission of PAUMCS is to provide a supportive base for the unity and fellowship of its members, individual growth, professional development, continuing education and spiritual enrichment.**

On-line Certification Classes are held annually through GCFA. Recertification is required and provided at the WNC Annual Meetings and National Meetings

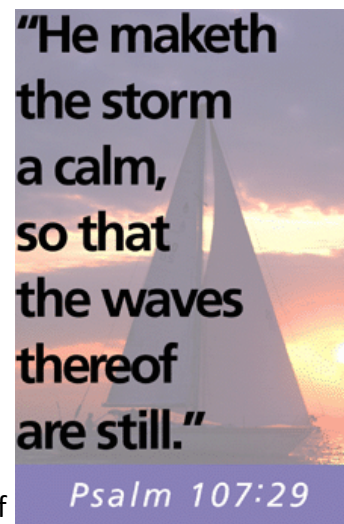
Dues are \$10 annually for the WNC PAUMCS Chapter and \$50 for the National PAUMCS Organization. To join the WNC Chapter, contact Robin Mays at [fumcc@fumconover.org](mailto:fumcc@fumconover.org) or 828-464-4635.

This year's retreat will focus on dealing with conflict. So many of our church members just "long to belong," but conflict can drive people away. And sometimes we find ourselves in the middle of it all.

## About our Sessions....

Rev. Dr. Timothy Roberts will lead a workshop on *Defusing Church WMDs (Words of Mass Destruction): Finding, Handling, and Disarming Times of Conflict.*

Conflict is inevitable in life. Nowhere is that truth more evident than in the Church. But with deeper understanding and appreciation for varying sides, conflict can be managed and even tempered to help foster greater growth within the Body of Christ. During our sessions, we will learn the etymology of hurtful words and practical techniques as how to defuse moments of tension in ways that may build stronger relationships.



laughter, despite everyday struggles.

Caroline Wood will lead a session on *Finding Laughter in the Midst of Chaos.* Inner peace is the key to happiness; laughter is the key to happiness. People are looking to find peace in this often stressful world. You can find Laughter in the Midst of Chaos. We will learn how to cultivate a sense of peace through



## 2018 FALL RETREAT

LAUREL RIDGE CAMP,  
CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER  
124 PENDRY DRIVE  
LAUREL SPRINGS, NC 28644

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2018

## LONGING TO BELONG—2018 RETREAT AGENDA

**Friday, November 16** - Arrival time 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Check in begins - 3:00 p.m. - **Higgins Lodge—Morning Star (A & B)**

Welcome/Mission Project Presentation - 4:00 p.m.

Ice Breakers - 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Session One - 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. - *Defusing Church WMDs - Dr. Tim Roberts*

Dinner - 6:00 PM - Dining Room

Session Two - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - *Defusing Church WMDs - Dr. Tim Roberts*

Worship Service - 8:45 p.m.

**Saturday, November 17**

Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. - Dining Room

Business Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - Morning Start (A & B)

Installation of Officers and Break - 10:00 a.m.

Session Three - 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. - *Finding Laughter in the Midst of Chaos - Caroline Wood*

Lunch - 12:30 p.m. - Dining Room

Session Four - 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - *Finding Laughter in the Midst of Chaos—Caroline Wood*

Conclusion of Silent Auction and Adjournment - 2:30-3:00 p.m.



Please remember to  
bring lots of  
Silent Auction items.

Proceeds will benefit  
our Mission Project.

### About our Speakers.....

**Caroline Wood, Director of Mission Engagement  
and Connectional Ministries, WNC Conference**

Her heart for missions and ministry spans 30 years of passionate leadership in The United Methodist Church and beyond. She and her husband Gary live in Bostic, NC, where they attend Salem UMC. They have three grown children, five grandchildren, a cat and three dogs.

**Dr. Tim Roberts, Pastor of First UMC, North Wilkesboro**

Tim has served in the WNC since 1996. During his time as a pastor, he has served in small, multi-point charges, large churches, rural churches and suburban churches. From 2016-2018, Tim served as the Church Vitality Strategist for the Appalachian District as well as working with new church starts within the conference. He is a graduate of Pfeiffer University, Hood Theological Seminary, and United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH, where he earned his Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development/New Church Starts. He is the husband of Rev. Karen Roberts who is the pastor of Wilkesboro UMC. They have two adult daughters, one son-in-law, and a beautiful granddaughter.

**Cost: includes workshops, lodging, and 3 meals Rooms will be Standard Double with 2 Queen Size Beds**

**NEW!!! Early Bird Registration (before August 15): \$125 for Standard/ Room \$150 for Private Room**

**After August 15: \$150 for Standard Room/\$175 for Private Registration deadline is October 1.**

**Commuter Cost: includes conference & meal options: 1 Day/1 Meal \$30 or 2 Day/2 meals \$60**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Roommates \_\_\_\_\_

**All lodging is non-smoking; pets are not allowed.**

**\_\_\_\_ I do not need lodging. I'll be commuting (see meal options below).**

**Commuters Only: Please check meals: Friday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail completed form and check to: **WNC PAUMCS, c/o Cathy Culver, 178 Wexham Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.**

**Scholarships** are available by contacting **Tish Schultheiss**, phone **336-812-4805** or email [tschultheiss@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:tschultheiss@wesleymemorial.org).

**Scholarship deadline is September 1, 2018.**



UMAR is the mission emphasis for the event.

UMAR is a nonprofit organization that promotes community inclusion, independence and growth for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through residential, employment and

cultural enrichment opportunities. UMAR maintains 24 group homes, 9 apartments, 3 art programs and vocational services across Western North Carolina. We will items available for purchase from their Arts Program. Perhaps an opportunity to pick up some early Christmas presents!