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Pastors and Lay Leaders
Congregations of District #9
Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church

Dear Pastors and Lay Leaders:

I greet and welcome you to District #9 of the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord! Beginning on July 1, 2018, your congregation will be a part of District #9. I am excited to be your District Superintendent and I look forward to our work together.

To organize the new district, I invite your congregation to send representatives to the Organizing Conference of District #9 on **Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Korean UMC, 42693 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48085**. Registration is 9:00 am; Conference begins 10:00 am; and Fellowship Meal will be 12 noon to 1 pm.

Each congregation should send the following officers and delegates with voice and vote: all appointed and retired United Methodist clergy, pastors serving district superintendent assignment, chairpersons of Church Council, Staff Parish Relations, Finance, Board of Trustees, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, and Young Adults, Lay Leader(s), Lay Member(s) to Annual Conference, and two at large lay members. Other members may register as observers.

I request each lead pastor and lay leader:

- Use the attached form to **gather** registration information for all delegates from their churches no later than April 10, 2018
- Using the form, please go to <http://D9.michiganumc.info/> to register everyone.
- If there are changes you will have the opportunity to update individuals registered.

Our International Fellowship Meal is coordinated by Mrs. Alice Tucker, (313) 357-5816, a member of Beverly Hills United Methodist Church. We welcome potluck meals and refreshments from all cultures and ethnicities in our district. If your church would like to share a dish, please call Alice.

The agenda of the conference includes selecting a name for our new district, electing District Lay Leader, Associate Lay Leader, Treasurer, and the following committees: Superintendency, Ordained Ministry, Church Building and Location, Local Church Assessment, and Board of Mission and Church Extension (United Methodist Union). We will also affirm our incorporation by-laws and the District Superintendent will appoint a visioning team to develop and recommend a district vision and mission, and a nomination slate for approval at our regular annual district conference in the Fall.

Everyone is invited to suggest a new name for our district. Please make sure that your suggested name has a geographic reference so it is easy to identify our district on a map. The name should include a written rationale. A visioning team appointed by the District Superintendent will select a slate of 2 to 4 names to bring to the conference for a vote to choose the new district name. Please encourage congregants to make their suggestions online at <http://D9.michiganumc.info/>.

I look forward to your registration, attendance and participation.
With faith and commitment,

Rev. Dr. Charles S. G. Boayue, Jr.
Superintendent, District #9, Michigan Conference, The United Methodist Church

Michigan Conference District # 9 Organizing Conference
Local Church Registration Form - **DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2018**

Name of Local Church:

REGISTERED PASTORS (WITH VOICE AND VOTE):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

REGISTERED LAY DELEGATES (WITH VOICE AND VOTE):

Church Council Chairperson or designate: _____

Church Lay Leader(s) or designate: _____

Lay Member(s) to Annual Conference: _____

SPRC Chairperson or designate: _____

Finance Chairperson or designate: _____

Trustees President or designate: _____

UMW President or designate: _____

UMM President or designate: _____

UMYF President or designate: _____

Young Adults President or designate: _____

First At Large Delegate: _____

Second At Large Delegate: _____

OBSERVERS (WITHOUT VOICE OR VOTE):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Pastor/Lay Leader:

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