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# Hocking River District

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**Take 2**

Late Summer 2024

Please welcome  
Bishop Jung  
to the West Ohio Conference!



**Join us**

**AS WE CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION  
OF BISHOP HEE-SOO JUNG**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12  
4:00 P.M.**

**Trinity United Methodist Church  
1581 Cambridge Boulevard  
Columbus, OH 43212**



## LSM Classes Being Offered Around the Conference

**Public Prayer:** September 8, 10, 11, 15, 17 from 6:30-8:30pm on Zoom only. Sponsored by the Great Miami River District. [Register](#)

**Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries (Basic Course) - Date Change!:** Friday, October 4 from 6:30-8:30pm & Saturday, October 5 from 8:30am-5pm (either in person at the Hocking River District office or by Zoom). Sponsored by the Hocking River District. [Register](#)

**Justice in Everyday Life:** October 12 & 19 from 10am-2pm on Zoom only. Sponsored by the Western Lakes District. [Register](#)

**Leading Worship:** Friday, October 18 from 6:30-9pm (Zoom) and Saturday, October 19 from 8:30am-5pm (in person only at Parkview UMC in Columbus). Sponsored by the Olentangy River District. Registration opens August 30.

**Living our United Methodist Beliefs (UM Heritage):** November 3, 5, 7, 10, and 14 on Zoom only. Registration opens August 30. Sponsored by the Olentangy River District. Registration opens September 27.

Hocking River District will be offering an advanced course in the first quarter of 2025. Remember, even if you have completed the Basic Course and all of the Core Courses, you need to take an Advanced Course every 3 years as part of maintaining your certification. Not sure what you need next? Call the Hocking River District office at (740) 677-0136.



### **Festival of Sharing 2024**

The Festival of Sharing is a yearly service opportunity for United Methodists and others to prepare kits for hygiene, school, and cleanup to be delivered to those in need.

[Visit the FOS website](#) to find the list of kits needed and the packaging instructions for each one.

Drop-off location is our district office: 47 Johnson Road, The Plains, Ohio M-F 9-3 through September. Please call first to make sure there is someone available to accept your donation! 740-677-0136.



**PHONE NUMBER FOR HOCKING RIVER DISTRICT OFFICE:**  
**(740) 677-0136**

## **Regional Charge Conferences**

You will need to have a Church Council/ Leadership Team/ Administrative Board meeting **to complete all work before attending your regional Charge Conference**. (Note that you do *not* need to secure an Elder to preside at this meeting.) **You must also complete the online Charge Conference forms before attending your regional Charge Conference** (or on paper forms, if you are unable to use online forms).

Each church should bring with them copies of the following approved and uploaded forms, which will be received and blessed during worship:

- Lay Leadership Nominations
- Ministry Recommendations, if any
- 2024 Pastor Compensation Report
- ◇ Signature Page signifying that the Church Council/ Board/ Leadership Team has voted and approved all charge conference forms and that they have been completed online

All other items/forms which were cared for at your Church Council/Leadership Team meeting should **not** be brought forward at the Charge Conference but **should be entered/uploaded online**.

Note that these four regional Charge Conferences ([see bottom of page](#)) are *your* annual charge conference, so use these regional charge conference dates in your paperwork. You and your church leaders are to attend, and please invite all church members to attend with you. This should be a celebration of ministry!

### **What do you need to do to get ready for charge conferences?**

- Start your nominations/lay leadership team meetings soon to fill your committee positions for 2024.
- Meet with your S/PPRC to decide upon the pastoral compensation for 2024, including your housing allowance (if applicable), accountable reimbursement, and housing allowance exclusion amounts.
- Meet with your leadership board/team to determine your Breakthrough Goals for 2024.
- Review your membership lists to compose first and second year reading lists for removal from the church rolls.
- Make sure you have an updated Safe Sanctuary Policy. Note that the Pastor, Trustee Chair and S/PPRC Chair will all need to sign your Safe Sanctuary Policy Review form.

Let the Trustee Chair know that if they have not yet done it this year, they should complete the Trustee Legal and Property Report. And if the church has a parsonage and the Trustees have not done the parsonage inspection this year, they should do the parsonage inspection along with a representative from the S/PPRC committee.

Determine if your church has any candidates for ministry or certified lay servants, lay speakers, or certified lay ministers who must be approved at your charge conference. If so, have your laity complete and submit their annual report.

**Complete your charge conference forms online, if possible.** Online submission can be started by your designated 'Church Data Administrator' and by all pastors. If you need assistance with this process, contact the District Office. *Online Submission Process:* The online charge conference forms for your church can be found at [www.westohioumc.org](http://www.westohioumc.org). Log in. If you cannot remember your login information contact the District Office, do not create a new account as you will not have the right permissions. Once you log in, click on My Church, then Local Church Reports, Charge Conference, 2024. You may want to have your church leadership sign-off on the completed forms electronically. If they need help logging in or accessing the forms they need to sign have them contact the District Office. In order to print out completed forms, go to "View all Forms" at the bottom of the charge conference dashboard. There you can download the set of completed forms to a PDF that you can save to your computer, then print any pages that you need. Be sure to announce the date and time of your Charge Conference at least 10 days and two Sundays in advance.

**October 20 at 2:00pm      McArthur First UMC**

**October 20 at 6:00pm**

**The Plains UMC**

**November 10 at 2:00pm      Zanesville Central Trinity**

**November 10 at 6:00pm**

**Marietta Christ**



### **All in Community Fall Offerings**

All in Community's mission is to train, resource, and connect United Methodist congregations and ecumenical partners to embrace members and neighbors impacted by crime, incarceration, and systems of injustice. They have several events they are hosting this fall. Click each link to find out more:

[Lunch, Learn & Live Well Workshops](#)

[Resilience Clergy Retreats](#)

[Trauma Resilience Worship Arts Workshops](#)

### **The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio**

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio and its 15 foundation affiliate partners are accepting grant applications Aug. 20 through Oct. 1 for projects developed and implemented by youth under age 18.

[Additional information and the grant application are available here.](#)

Please visit their website at <https://appalachianohio.org>

To be placed on their newsletter list and receive notices about funding as it comes available.



FOUNDATION FOR  
APPALACHIAN OHIO  
Give. Grow. Create.

**To Be Rescheduled for our district SOON!**

# DISCOVER FX

Discover FX is coming to your district!

Fresh Expressions are an effective way to build relationships, serve the people within your context and community, and revitalize your church. Fresh Expressions are about going outside of the norm, going beyond the typical boundaries of ordinary church to build human community with and among people with whom the church has forgotten, ignored, marginalized, or dismissed.

Discover FX is a 5-hour immersion into what Fresh Expressions are and how to launch your own expression of church. After the training, optional coaching sessions will be available via zoom to walk with you through launching a fresh expression of church.

Discover what FX can do for your church in a convenient location in your district and learn from your colleagues who are already doing Fresh Expressions in your region.

# WEST OHIO GO! GRANTS



**2025 Go Grant Applications go live on  
September 1, 2024 and are due in by October 15, 2024!**

Need help brainstorming your Go Grant ideas? Have questions about your Go Grant ideas? Join us for a WhiteBoard Zoom session over your lunch hour at one of the following dates: Wednesdays at noon. Click on the date to register:

**9.4.24**

Feel free to check out our **Q&A page**



All In Community's *Ministry Monday* information session in September will feature Jonathan Platt, Executive Director of Storychain. Join us for a conversation on how Storychain is transforming families by helping parents read bedtime stories to their children to nurture them and care for them . . . even from inside prison walls.

**Monday, September 23, beginning at 7:00pm on ZOOM.**

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**<https://qrco.de/bfK0Dv>**

**Cost: FREE**

Questions and requests for the ZOOM link can be directed to Jami Nathan, AIC Ministries Coordinator, by email ([jami.nathan.22@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nathan.22@gmail.com)) or by phone (419-591-9717).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Fresh Expressions Training**

To Be Rescheduled Soon!

### **Installation of Bishop Jung**

Saturday, October 12 - Trinity UMC, Columbus 4:30pm

### **Healthy Boundaries Training**

Saturday, October 19 - Athens First UMC

Tuesday, October 22 - Trinity UMC, Chillicothe

Wednesday, October 23 - Lancaster First UMC

### **Church/Charge Conferences to be determined soon.**

Regional church conferences have been scheduled for the Hocking River District:

Sunday, October 20, 2pm - at McArthur First UMC, 200 S. Market St., McArthur

Sunday, October 20, 6pm - at The Plains UMC, 3 N. Plains Rd., The Plains

Sunday, November 10, 2pm - at Central Trinity UMC, 62 S. 7th St., Zanesville

Sunday, November 10, 6pm - at Marietta Christ UMC, 301 Wooster St., Marietta

**Please make certain that all charge conference documents have been completed and voted upon by the appropriate committee prior to the Regional Charge Conference. Bring your paperwork to the Regional Charge Conference to be signed and a blessing given for your church!**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Office Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

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