The Florida Conference Of The United Methodist Church

Gulf Central District

2016 Church Conference Agenda
(Provide Copies of Agenda for all Attendees)

Congregation: _____Date: _____
Presiding Elder:_____
Pastor(s): _____
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I. Pass the Attendance Sheet
II. Call to Order and Opening Prayer/Devotion Rev. Dr. Candace M Lewis, DS-GC
III. State of the Church
A. Lead Pastor's Verbal Report: "Where I see God at Work in and Through Our Church- Our Challenges and Opportunities."

(No more than 10 minutes; please include a written copy in the file.)

A. Membership (Figures taken from Official "Report of Pastor")
1. Average Worship Attendance:
January – September 2015 _____
January – September 2016 _____

Note: Other Missional Vital Signs are Recorded at www.flumc.org and can be reviewed by pastor and leaders

2. Members to be removed by Charge Conference Action (List the names of those who have been presented to be removed and the number of years those names have been presented to the Charge/Church Conference). Typically, a first year list; a second year list of those who did not respond to the First year inquires; and a third year list of those who over the two year period did not respond to inquiries and are thus to be removed from membership – should be provided to all Church Conference attendees.¶228.4 Provided that the member's name shall have been entered in the minutes of the annual charge conference for two consecutive years,… the membership record will reflect "removed by Charge conference Action"

IV. **"Who is My Neighbor?"** Every church is expected to have a written report and share orally about the mission field and people in the community surrounding your church (note: this could include a report on your existing or potential church/school partnership). (Presented by Church Council Chair, Lay Leader, or other designated Lay Person). *(No more than ten minutes please)*

V. 2017 Clergy Compensation (Taken from "2017 Appointed Pastor's Compensation and Benefits") Presented by_____

Pastor 1_____
Salary 2016 $_____ 2017 $_____
Accountable Reimbursement 2016 $_____ 2017 $_____
Continuing Education 2016 $_____ 2017 $_____
Check one: ___Parsonage or ___Housing Allowance $_____
If there is a Housing Exclusion, how much annually $_____

Pastor 2_____
Salary 2016 $_____ 2017 $_____
Accountable Reimbursement 2016 $_____ 2017 $_____
Continuing Education 2016 $_____ 2017 $_____
Check one: ___Parsonage or ___Housing Allowance $_____
If there is a Housing Exclusion, how much annually $_____

If more than 2 pastors please list on separate sheet

VI. Church Finances

(The Finance Chair should be prepared to address the following questions at the Charge Conference).

1. Total Amount apportioned for 2016 $_____
2. Total Amount given as of last month $_____
   (If less than 50% of the total 2016 apportionments have been paid, how will this shortfall be addressed in the final months of the year?)
3. Total Amount Apportioned for 2017 $_____
   Will 100% of the 2017 Apportionment be included in the 2017 budget?
   ___Yes ___No

4.a. Have the financial records of the church and all its organizations been audited for the prior fiscal year (¶258.4c)? Yes ☐ No☐ Date completed or projected _____. **Please include a copy of your last audit in your Church Conference Packet to the district office**.

b. If not, why not?

c. Were there any recommendations or exceptions? Yes ☐No☐

d. If there were recommendations or exceptions, how has the church addressed them?

VII. The Ministers of the Church

A. Election of Lay Leadership for 2017 — Senior Pastor
(Have copies for each participant)

B. Ministry Recommendations

1. New Candidates for Ordained Ministry:
   _____
   _____
2. Continuation of Candidacy for Ordained Ministry:
   _____
   _____
3. Certification of Lay Servant's:
   _____
   _____
4. Continuation of Lay Servant Certification:
   _____
   _____

VIII. Additional Business as Needed (Be sure to inform the DS at least 3 weeks prior to your scheduled Charge/Church Conference for any items that need to be added).

IX. Closing Comments, Prayer & Benediction — District Superintendent

PRESIDING ELDERS - PLEASE NOTE:

✓ Verify all forms are complete, signed and in the file. Pastor will mail completed, signed file to the District Office.

****The Appointed Pastor's 2017 Compensation and Housing Exclusion forms for each appointed clergy and the Agenda need to be faxed or emailed to the District Office (727-585-2038) or flumc-gc@flumc.org Ten Days prior to the church's conference date.**

****All charge/church conference forms (complete with all signatures), minutes and list of attendees are due in the district office no later than one week following the church's conference. Please do not fax this information.**