

# Winchester United Methodist District

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## Something New for 2019...

We are doing something different for our training event this year. We have invited a Rev. Christian Washington to be with us for the morning of January 12th. Rev. Washington will be leading us through understanding what it means to be Lifelong Learners Influencing other to Serve, I hope that sounds familiar since it is our Virginia Conference Vision Statement. Throughout the morning we will hear ideas and experiences from Christian and then have the opportunity to think and discuss what this means for us, our churches, and our communities. You will have tools to go back to your churches and continue the conversation with leaders that weren't able to join you on the 12th. No matter where you are in developing your Path to Discipleship, this event will be helpful.

Be watching for future opportunities for sessions relating to the committees and offices (Lay Leader, S/PRC, Trustees, etc.) in the local church.

If you have any questions about this or any other event, don't hesitate to get in touch with me, Chad Hrbek. I am your district resource person.

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# Winchester District Training Event

## Clergy and Laity

January 12, 2019

Brandt Student Center, Shenandoah University



Keynote Speaker:  
Rev. Christian Washington

Pastor Christian is the co-founder, visionary and executive leader of Upper Room Heights., a campus of Chapelwood UMC in Houston, TX.

His calling is to unite, inspire and equip culturally diverse people to make a significant impact on their family, community, and world. Prior to the Upper Room he spent over 14 years in strategic management consulting to governments, for-profit corporations, and faith-based organizations. Christian studied theology and ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary and communications at the University of California, San Diego. Christian has published numerous articles and papers on innovative organizations and collaborated with Pastor Rudy Rasmus on his book *TOUCH: Pressing Against The Wounds of a Broken World* published by Thomas Nelson.

The morning will be a mix of presentation and small group discussions. Throughout the morning Churches and Individuals will have the opportunity to dive deeper in the three areas of the Virginia Conference Vision Statement: Being **Lifelong Learners Influencing Others to Serve**. Individuals engaged in or interested in these areas will have the opportunity to discuss and brainstorm ways of living into this vision in their local churches and communities.

### Schedule for the Morning

9:00 - Gather and Worship

9:30 - Keynote Speaker &  
Small Group Discussions

Breaks throughout the morning

12:30 - Conclude

For Registration or General Information visit the Winchester District Website, [www.winchesterdistrictumc.org](http://www.winchesterdistrictumc.org) or call the District Office, 540-662-7332.

Cost is \$10.00



**Winchester District Training Event**

**January 12, 2019**

**Cost: \$10.00**

**9:00 am – 12:30 pm**



**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of interest (Choose One):**     Lifelong Learner     Influencing     Serving

Ministry areas under each category:

Lifelong Learning: Worship, Discipleship, Age – Level Ministries, Stewardship

Influencing: Evangelism, Communications, Community Involvement

Serving: Mission, Outreach, Congregational Care

Please return this form and Payment to the Winchester District Office by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

158 Front Royal Pike, Suite 307, Winchester, VA 22602

Follow-Up communication will come closer to the event with specific details on location, directions, and parking instructions.

Please contact Chad Hrbek with any questions, [chadhrbek@vaumc.org](mailto:chadhrbek@vaumc.org)

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Does the Gospel Still Work? Gather with men from across our three districts for a time of reviewing the gospel in our Methodist tradition. We will speak to ways it is relevant in our world and culture with real life stories, including our own. We will affirm the gospel is as powerful as it has always been, offering hope not only for us individually, but also hope for our churches.

This is a powerful opportunity to start the new year off with a time of inspiration, reflection, good food, and fellowship with Christian brothers. Leave the business of daily life behind and give God your full attention. Your spirit will be refreshed by God's spirit!



This retreat will be held at Blessings Lodge. Check-in is at 6:00 pm on **Friday, January 4th, 2019**. We will begin our time together with dinner at 6:30. Two meals will be shared on Saturday and we will conclude our event at 2:00 pm. Reservations are available for double, triple or quad occupancy, as space allows. There is also a "day only" option. Prices range from \$43—\$84, depending on your choice. Register by December 20th to save \$10 on reservations with lodging.

The final deadline to register is December 28th. Visit the website or contact the office to reserve your spot. [www.campoverlook.org](http://www.campoverlook.org) / (540)269-2267

**Tri-District United Methodist Men's  
Spiritual Retreat  
Friday-Saturday**

**January 4-5, 2019**

Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries

Staunton, Winchester,  
& Harrisonburg  
Tri-District United Methodist Men

[Click here to register](#)

<b>2019 IMPORTANT FINAL CHURCH STATISTICS DUE DATES</b>
<b>Due Midnight, Thursday, January 10, 2019 Membership Table I Lines 1 through 7a</b>
<b>Due Midnight, Thursday, January 31, 2019 Table I, Table II, and Table III</b>
<small>Table I: The pastor, in conjunction with the church secretary and others, is responsible for overseeing the completion of this report. Tables II, III: The pastor, in conjunction with the church treasurer and others, is responsible for overseeing the completion of this report.</small>
<small>Statistics Charts, Graphs, and Data Export to Excel are all available to in the Browse section of EVC. Click on the "Browse Information" button above.</small>



Basic ERT Training will be held at Braddock Street UMC on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 9:00am-5:00pm. We will have a hands on training for tarping a roof in addition to the classroom work. Bring work gloves and coat! Cost is \$30. Please contact Joanna Dietz [joannadietz@vaumc.org](mailto:joannadietz@vaumc.org) to register.

ERT Trip to Danville, VA to help with mucking houses and rebuild efforts will leave January 27-30. ERT certification is not mandatory, but helpful. Hurricane Florence did significant damage to this area, and we hope to send teams down for long weekends and during the week trips through 2019. Regardless of whether you can attend this trip or if you are interested in future trips, please contact Joanna Dietz at [joannadietz@vaumc.org](mailto:joannadietz@vaumc.org) to be put on the mailer for 2019 trips. Job training will occur on site!



United Methodist Day  
at the General Assembly  
Thursday, January 31, 2019  
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
at

Bon Air United Methodist Church  
1645 Buford Rd.  
North Chesterfield, Virginia

#### REGISTER NOW

Ever wanted to know how to create real change in our state government? Ever wanted to know more about real issues facing our legislature? United Methodist Day at the General Assembly is the place for you! This is our opportunity to help faith communities become empowered to serve as missionaries of justice, as well as the more traditional missionaries of mercy. We will make appointments for that morning with Senators for whom we have registrations. We encourage you to make an appointment with your Representative after you register.

#### JOIN US for the BRIEFING

Wednesday, January 30

7:30 p.m. - Briefing at Bon Air UMC, 1645 Buford Rd, North Chesterfield, VA 23235-4274

#### Hotel Reservations

Rooms for the night of January 30, are available at the Hyatt Place, 201 Arboretum Place, Richmond, 23236, near Bon Air UMC. Call (804) 560-1566 to make your reservation and mention "Virginia United Methodist Conference" to receive a special room rate of \$109/night (single or double). Hotel reservation deadline is December 31, 2018.

#### Registration Now Open

Register online at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/umday2019> or [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org) from the calendar. Credit Card preferred at time of registration. To register by phone, contact Mary Kaye Cochran at 1-800-768-6040, or 804-521-1100, ext. 155.

Register by December 28 and pay \$30 early registration. After December 28, pay \$40 until January 11 when registration closes. Registration includes information packet with reusable bag, hot breakfast, box lunch (sandwich or salad), parking, transportation to the Capitol grounds, and afternoon program. All other registration materials, maps, information on advocacy and other important documents will be sent to you by email. Busses will load at the top of Capitol Hill again. No refunds will be available.

Questions may be directed to the Rev. Barbara Lewis at [BarbaraLewis@vaumc.org](mailto:BarbaraLewis@vaumc.org) or (434) 594-6241.

Presented by the Board of Church & Society and The United Methodist Women of the Virginia Conference.

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## 2019 Bible Challenge

Since 2017, Bishop Lewis has been encouraging the Virginia Conference to read the Bible in a year. Each year has featured a different way of reading.

- 2017- read the Bible straight through
- 2018- read the Bible chronologically

For 2019, the Bible Challenge will be a blended style of reading; a mixture of Old Testament readings and New Testament each day. In this new year, challenge yourself to study the Bible and strengthen your faith in the process. Each month's readings will also be printed in each *Advocate* issue.



## From the Bishop

Tips on reading the Bible daily:

- Start reading the Bible today.
  - Set aside a specific time and place each day. Set your schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are great; but feel free to use any time that works consistently with your schedule.
  - Get a good study Bible to help to illuminate the meaning of the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek text.
  - Choose a translation to use during your reading.
  - Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding.
  - Dive in and enjoy the richness of God's Word!
- Apply God's Word to your life. Bible study should be practical and applicable. I assure you that these

seven steps will help you begin a journey in becoming a "lifelong learner" of God's Word.

[Click here for Monthly Readings](#)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**CLERGY & LAITY**

**COMING  
UP**

**Bishop's Chat & Chew 3.0**

**Saturday, March 23rd**

**St. Paul's UMC in Staunton, VA**