

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT



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NED – North East District

August 7, 2019

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Closed 12-1 pm

Sad but Great News!

Well, it is official. The NE District will be officially combining with the NC District on Monday August 19, 2019 as I have obtained another position. I will be working at the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Department. I am blessed to have met so many wonderful people in the almost 3 years that I have been here. I know that the NE District will continue to be the very best that we have been and get all your forms and papers returned on time for Alanna Warren in the NC District. She is awesome and please be patient with her as she is now in charge of 2 districts. Thank you all for your kindness you have shown me. Karen Wersinger

Paul Wilcox is on vacation until Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> and I will be on vacation starting August 12<sup>th</sup>, so my last day in the NE District office is Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Charge conference dates will get posted on the NE District web page for you to see after Friday.

Elders who wish to assist with charge conference, the dates you signed up to come to training will be on the NE District web page after Friday.

### **Mastery or Misery: Dealing Effectively with Conflict in Congregations**

Conflict is a natural phenomenon when people come together. Conflict can divide a congregation; it can be hurtful to individuals and stifle congregational operations if left unresolved. Yet, there are ways to utilize conflict as an opportunity to learn and grow as in community. Resolved conflict provides a path toward a shared mission and purpose....[READ MORE.](#)

Phase 1: October 24, 9:00AM-5:00PM and October 25, 9:00AM-4:00PM

Phase 2: Monthly peer group video calls of 4-5 peers and a facilitator.

Phase 3: Thursday, April 23, 2020, 9:00AM-5:00PM

For more information: [www.dmpcc.org/MasteryorMisery](http://www.dmpcc.org/MasteryorMisery)

[Starts September 25 - Register Here](#)

On the Brink: A Group for Ordained Religious Professionals Transitioning into Retirement

Retiring from active religious and spiritual leadership evokes many emotions- dread, joy, fear, anxiety, excitement...Questions arise: "How will I find meaning and purpose?" "What is my call now?" "How do I adapt to all of the changes that aging brings?" "How do I share my spiritual gifts while maintaining healthy boundaries?"

Utilizing Parker Palmer's book, "On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity and Getting Old", clergy approaching retirement, or recently retired, will gather four times to support one another by exploring the existential challenges retirement brings...[Read more.](#)

**Wednesdays from 1:00-3:30PM / Sept 25, 2019, Nov 13, 2019, March 11, 2020, April 29, 2020**

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Iowa Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation – for Laity and Clergy – see flyer [here](#).

Save the Date:

Fall 2019 Orders & Fellowship event will be October 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ankeny, First UMC Christian Life Center. See flyer [here](#).

Saturday, April 4, 2020, will be a LAITY DAY. More information will be coming when it has been finalized so mark your calendars.

CALLING ALL YOUTH:

Saturday August 17, 2019 will be the re-scheduled "Tubing and Pizza" day. See more information [here](#).

The permission slip to attend – click [here](#).

For more information – click [here](#).