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November

Georgia Chapter Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Denise Wilson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in and had a hand in planning our 2010 Annual Conference and Retreat that was held this past August at the Salem UMC in Covington. During the course of the weekend, I heard several people say it was the best conference we have ever had. Part of that was due to our outstanding workshop leaders – Rev. Phil Schroeder, Rev. Renita Thomas, and Rev. Karen Kagiya. Part of the success is due to the wonderful hospitality we experienced from the Salem UMC. The entire Executive Committee deserves special thanks for all the work they did for the entire year leading up to the conference. And a big thank you to Vice President, Brenda Johnson, and the Site Committee for all the work they did in handling the many details of the conference. Those serving on the Site Committee include Denise Louis, Chris Hurd, Miriam Champion, and Annette Harmon. These annual events are meant to be a time of fun and fellowship, spiritual growth, and continuing education. I think we succeeded in a big way this year.

The Executive Committee has already started working on plans for next year's conference which will be held at **Epworth By the Sea August 25-28, 2011**. I hope you will put this on your calendar and make plans to join us for another outstanding event.

Our conferences have always been open to anyone whether or not they are members of PAUMCS. We will continue this tradition, but let me just share with you what I see as the benefits of being a member of PAUMCS. First of all, by becoming a member of PAUMCS, you are supporting the work of our organization with your dues, which are just \$35 a year. As with any organization, it takes money to carry out our work and put on these conferences. In order to keep the conference registration fees affordable, we often use money that we collect from dues to help offset those costs. Being a member of PAUMCS allows you a vote at our Annual Business meeting where you can have a say in the activities of the organization. All members are encouraged to become more active by serving on a committee or by being an officer. Executive Committee meetings are open to all members. If you would like to sit in on a meeting or come and share your ideas, we welcome you. We do have a great networking opportunity among our members where you can get ideas and answers to questions you might have about things going on at your church. As we approach the end of the year, I would encourage you to consider renewing your membership with PAUMCS if you are currently a member, or joining our organization in January. Look for membership information in our this newsletter or on our website, at [www.ga-paumcs.org](http://www.ga-paumcs.org).

Your 2010-2011

## Executive Committee

is here to serve you!

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## Treasurer's Report



January 1, 2010 -  
October 21, 2010

**BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2010**  
Operating Account **\$ 4,959.68**

**ACTUAL REVENUES:**  
Membership Dues @ \$35.00 \$1,645.00  
Conference Registrations 4,703.00  
Ways and Means 644.00

**NON-BUDGETED REVENUE**  
Scholarship/Memorial Fund 217.00

**TOTAL REVENUES \$7,209.00**

**EXPENSES:**  
Conference Expense \$3,250.74  
Annual Meeting Expense 482.62  
Conference Refund 162.50  
Speaker Expenses 1,500.00  
Secretary of the Year 27.82  
Promotional Material/Handbooks 85.00  
Executive Committee Expense 524.98  
Committee Meetings/Expense 17.97  
Newsletter Expense 385.99  
National Meeting 850.00  
Postage 263.06  
Publicity 592.99  
Ways and Means 647.99  
Contingency 200.00

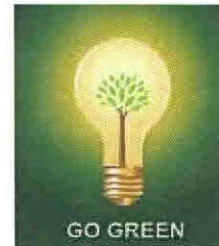
**NON-BUDGETED EXPENSE**  
Scholarship/Memorial Fund 265.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 9,256.66**

**BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 25, 2010**  
**Operating Account \$ 2,912.02**  
**Scholarship Account \$ 827.73**

*Submitted by: Josie Hickom*

## The Georgia Link On Line – Newsletter



**We are going Green**

Many of you have asked – Why don't you send the newsletter by pdf and save postage. **We have taken your advice.** This issue of *The Georgia Link* will be the final issue by postal mail, unless you do not have email. Please remember that in order to save money and get the news to you more quickly, we will only be postal mailing *The Georgia Link* to members who do not have email addresses or who specifically request a hard copy.

If you prefer to be left on the postal mail list, please email [jpowers@gfumc.com](mailto:jpowers@gfumc.com) or call 770-536-2341.

## Membership

*Lynn Creech*

**We celebrate our newest members:**

**Charlene Carr** of Tifton First UMC  
**Bonnie Claridad** of Atlanta First UMC  
**Carol Hill-Clarkston** of the  
Atlanta-College Park District Office  
**Andria Laktzian-Van** of New Covenant UMC  
**Mozelle Mitchell** of the  
Atlanta/College Park District Office  
**Beth Steed** of the  
Gainesville District Office

January is when your membership should be renewed. Many who have allotted funds left from the current year go ahead and renew in order to use the upcoming years funds to go to the state annual conference. I hope you will renew your membership and encourage other Methodist Administrative Assistants and Secretaries to join PAUMCS. Forms will be mailed the middle of November or use the form in this issue to renew your membership.

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

**Brenda Johnson**



Along with Denise, I want to say many thanks to each person who participated in our 2010 Annual Conference. It was truly an excellent conference and learning experience! Those of you who did not attend missed a real treat! Also, thank you to our worship leaders, facilitators and musicians for consenting to give of their time and effort to be a blessing to us by giving of themselves to help train, equip and entertain us. We are ever so grateful to each of them.

Thank you to each person who filled out and turned in an evaluation sheet. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. Your rating of the modules, your comments and suggestions will help in the planning and design for the 2011 conference. It is our desire to make the 2011 conference better than the 2010 conference.

Epworth By The Sea is a great place to be! Our next Annual meeting is August 25-28, 2011. It would truly be a great place to be if every member of the Georgia PAUMCS Chapter attends and brings new members or guest along with them to expand our network and learning experiences. Now is the time for you to join in and roll up your sleeves to help plan our next conference by becoming a part of the site committee. We welcome every person, every head, every heart and every hand willing to work together to enhance the work we do for the United Methodist Church. "Many hands make light the work for the committee".

It takes all of us working together to make GA-PAUMCS a successful and meaningful organization. Your membership and support means we are a connected body and are willing to learn and grow from each other. We, as a collective body shine brighter than the light of any one of our individual members. We need one another as viable members of the body of Christ and as soldiers on the front line in our respective positions throughout the United Methodist Churches in Georgia. God blesses each of us to be a blessing to all with whom we come in contact.

There is still much work for us to do. Please continue to be a part of PAUMCS and encourage others to join the network and fellowship of Georgia PAUMCS and National PAUMCS. We are one in the spirit of Christ. May you continue to grow closer to God and to others within this organization and others in ministry on the outside. May you come into the fullness of your calling for the Lord our God!

### Georgia PAUMCS Membership Form

New Member     Renew My Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years employed by church or agency \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Certified  Yes     No    If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Dues **\$35.00**

**Make check payable to Georgia PAUMCS and mail with completed form to:**

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***Memorials / Honorariums  
Scholarships to GA PAUMCS***

Church budgets, as well as personal budgets, are feeling the pinch of the economic crisis. Scholarships are available for persons to attend the PAUMCS Certification School at Emory, the National, and the Georgia Annual Conferences through the Juanita Brannen Scholarship Fund.

One great way to fund these scholarships would be to recognize a friend or loved one with a gift to the Scholarship Fund. A card will be sent to the friend or family member letting them know of your gift. It's simple, make check payable to Georgia PAUMCS and mail with completed form to: Josie Hickom, 400 North Fifth Ave., Suite 201, Rome, GA 30165

If you have questions about our scholarship fund, please Contact **Shirley Corders** at [scorders@gfumc.com](mailto:scorders@gfumc.com).

*"In all your ways acknowledge  
God, and God will make  
your paths straight."*

*Proverbs 3:6*

**National  
PAUMCS 29<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Conference  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
April 7-10, 2011**

*"Blossoming in God's Love"*