



## Roanoke District Charge Conference 2018 Information

### Worship based

Baptismal renewal—Please provide: Water, Pitcher, Bowl or Font

At the conclusion I will invite those who desire to be anointed by the pastors for service in Christ's name.

### Schedule

The schedule has been made based on feedback about individual and church schedules submitted earlier this summer. It is very difficult to change, though, of course, in an emergency we will work with you.

### Food

We (the DS and District Lay Leaders) love to eat and will gladly enjoy delicious hospitality; but the church is not required to feed us. On Sundays we have tried to allow time for lunch prior to the first one, for light refreshments around the middle one, and for dinner on last ones. On week nights, dinner is possible prior to a 6/6:30/7pm start, and dessert before or after the ones scheduled for 7/7:30pm.

### Reports:

**ALL** entered on EVC. Need Assistance? View the free online training offered by the conference: <http://new.livestream.com/vaumc/evc>.

These reports need to be entered into EVC by **1 week prior** to your CC, so that I can read them ahead of time and note items for further conversation or clarification

The officer listing contact information will be used by the District and Conference. Please make sure all required information is entered correctly.

## **Work of the Charge Conference**

**Holy Conferencing:** We will talk together about these questions:

- Describe a time in the last year when you feel your church was at its most fruitful and effective in serving other outside of your church.
- What is your best advice for engaging people in your church to serve those outside of your church?
- What question do you have for the other churches in the room about the challenges of serving people outside of your church?

**EVC Reporting Follow-up:** Further conversation about any items noted in my review

### **Action Items:**

**Elect** Leadership Team,

**Set** Clergy Compensation,

**Adopt/Confirm** Budget,

**Recommend** Candidates for Ordained/Licensed Ministry and Lay Servants

### **Print:**

**Minutes Pages (to be signed at Charge Conference and uploaded afterward by the District Office staff to EVC Dashboard)**

**Clergy Compensation Pages, including Accountable Reimbursement and Housing Exclusion forms (to be signed at Charge Conference and uploaded afterward by the District Office staff to EVC Dashboard)**

**Nominations Report** (in a church friendly format, not just the EVC report),

**Budget** (clearly showing clergy compensation, accountable reimbursement, and cash housing allowance-if needed)

## Helpful Resources

### Books

*The Art of Possibility*, Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander

*The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else in Business*, Patrick Lencioni

*Deep Change: Discovering the Leader Within*, Robert E. Quinn

*Engaging Your Community: A Guide to Seeing All the People*, Junious B. Dotson

*Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*, Diana Butler Bass

*Leadership Directions from Moses: On the way to the Way to the Promised Land*, Olu Brown

*Love is an Inside Job: Getting Vulnerable with God*, Romal Tune

*Regenerations: Why Connecting Generations Matters (and how to do it)*, Jessica Stollings

*A Sense of Urgency*, John Kotter

*Small Church Check-up: Assessing Your Church's Health and Creating a Treatment Plan*, Kay Kotan and Phil Schroeder

*Who Stole My Church: What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Gordon McDonald

### Congregational Study

*Dialoguing With Dignity*, Anna M. Cherry

(<http://www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/Events/DialoguingWithDignityCurriculum.pdf>)

Previously Recommended:

### Congregational Study:

*Choosing the Faithful Path / Conversation at the Crossroads* by Plowpoint Ministries—

*Holding Up Your Corner: Guided Conversations about Race*, F. Willis Johnson

*See All the People: Developing an Intentional Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations*, Junius B. Dotson

### Books:

*The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict*, The Arbinger Institute

*Becoming a Blessed Church: Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence, and Power* by N. Graham Standish

*Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*, Tod Bolsinger

*Changing the Conversation: A Third Way for Congregations*, Anthony B. Robinson

*Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What* by Peter L. Steinke

*Crucial Conversation: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High*, Kenny Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan, and Al Switzer

*Leadership and Self-Deception: Getting Out of the Box*, The Arbinger Institute