



Roanoke District Charge Conference 2019 Information

Reports:

ALL entered on EVC. Need Assistance? View the free online training offered by the conference: <http://new.livestream.com/vaumc/evc> or contact the district office by phone or email.

These reports need to be entered into EVC by **1 week prior** to your CC, so that the DS 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.

Holy Conferencing: We will talk together about these questions. Share with your leadership ahead of the charge conference. These questions are meant only for conversation-written answers are NOT necessary.

- What does “moving forward in God’s mission” look like for your congregation?
 - How do you keep from moving backward?
 - How do you avoid moving aimlessly?
 - How do you keep it God’s mission and not your own?
- What questions do you have for the other churches in the room about the challenges, impediments, and opportunities of “moving forward in God’s mission”?
- What one thing should I pass on to the next DS about how your church is “moving forward in God’s mission”?

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 (for each person attending, in a church friendly format- not just the EVC report)

Budget (for each person attending, clearly showing clergy compensation, accountable reimbursement, and cash housing allowance-if needed)

Worship Sheet (unless projected)

Logistics:

Worship based

Holy Communion—Please have communion elements prepared

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. Often there is time before or after a charge conference for a meal or refreshments, just let the District Office know ahead of time.

Helpful Resources

Books

Dare to Lead, Brene' Brown

How to Lead When you Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season, Susan Beaumont

Humble Leadership: Being Radically Open to God's Guidance and Grace, N. Graham Standish

Mission Possible: A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness, Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford

Necessary Endings: Henry Cloud

Quietly Courageous, Gil Rendle

Rooted in Grace: Essays on Dialogue Without Division, Missional Wisdom Foundation

Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership, Ruth Haley Barton

The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Transformation, Richard Rohr with Mike Morrell

The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery, Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile

Uproar: Calm Leadership in Anxious Times, Peter Steinke

Where Do We Go From Here: Honest Responses from Twenty-Four United Methodist Leaders, Kevin Slimp

Wicked Problems: Problems Worth Solving, Austin Center for Design

Previously Recommended:

Congregational Studies:

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

Dialoguing With Dignity, Anna M. Cherry

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

Books:

A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix, Edwin N. Freidman

A Fellowship of Differents, Scot McKnight

A Sense of Urgency, John Kotter

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

Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Unchartered 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

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

Discerning God's Will Together: A Spiritual Practice for the Church, Danny E. Morris and Chalres M. Olsen

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

God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church: Elaine Heath

Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership, Dan Hotchkiss

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

Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregaitons, Alice Mann and Gil Rendle

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

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

Learning to Dream Again: Rediscovering the Heart of God, Samuel Wells

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

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

Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Pateint Way of Jesus, C. Christopher Smith and John Pattison

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

Soul at Work: Spiritual Leadership in Organizations, Margaret Benefel

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

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

The Art of Possibility, Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander

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