



Kansas West Annual Conference Staff Directory

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision:

As we make disciples of Jesus Christ,
the Kansas West Conference calls God's
people to ...

INVITE
through radical hospitality

EXCITE
for intentional faith-sharing

UNITE
in risk-taking mission for the
transformation of the world.

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of the United Methodist Church

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Four Strategic Priorities ...



guide the work of the Kansas West United Methodist Conference.

- Revitalizing existing congregations
- Strengthening student ministries
- Starting more and stronger new congregations
- Strengthening ethnic ministries

A successful capital campaign, Bridges to the Future, was conducted to raise money for infrastructure for camps, campus ministries, church revitalization and starting new churches.

The Purpose of the Annual Conference ...

is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by equipping local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.” – *Book of Discipline Paragraph 601*

■ Episcopal Office



Bishop Scott J. Jones

Resident Bishop, Kansas Area
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316-684-0600

Scott Jameson Jones currently serves as the resident bishop of the Kansas Area of the United Methodist Church with offices in Wichita and Topeka.

He was ordained deacon in the Kansas East Annual Conference and elder in the North Texas Annual Conference. From 1986 to 1997 he served as pastor of three congregations in North Texas. In 2003-2004 he served as interim pastor at Stonebridge UMC in McKinney, Texas. From 1997 to 2004 he served on the faculty of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. In 2004 he was elected a bishop by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to serve as the resident bishop of the Kansas Area as of September 1, 2004.

He currently serves as the Chairperson of the World Wide Nature of the Church Study Committee and the Council of Bishops' Taskforce for Theological Education. He also serves as a member of the South Central Jurisdiction Mission Council Executive Committee. From 1997 to 2006 he served as a member of the International Joint Commission for Dialogue Between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council.



Susan Steuber

Administrative Assistant
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The administrative assistant supports the resident area bishop. Manages the Episcopal office's finances in consultation with the conference treasurer's office. Manages all correspondence, makes travel arrangements and maintains the bishop's calendar. Susan has served the Kansas Area since 2004.



Denise Rogers

Secretary
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The Episcopal office secretary supports the resident area bishop and administrative assistant. She also provides secretarial support for the Wichita East and West district superintendents. Denise has served the Kansas Area since 2008.

■ District Superintendents and Administrative Assistants

District Superintendents are appointed by the bishop to the cabinet to serve as an extension of the oversight and supervision of the bishop for a district and for the conference. District superintendents cooperate with the bishop, staff-parish relations committee and the local churches to provide pastoral leadership for each congregation. They also strengthen the mission of the church by connecting the local church with the conference and the worldwide United Methodist Church.

The district administrative assistants perform administrative, secretarial, clerical and support duties for the district superintendent, the conference and the churches within that district.



Hays District

Rev. Max Clayton (*starts June 30*)

District Superintendent
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Hays District

Rev. Bob Cousins (*retires June 30*)

District Superintendent
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Mary Cousins (*retires June 30*)

Administrative Assistant
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Salina District

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District Superintendent
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Kathy Mastin

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Dodge City District

Rev. Kendal Utt

District Superintendent
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Patti Craghead

Administrative Assistant
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Hutchinson District

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Joyce Neahring

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Wichita East District

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Patti Biddle

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Wichita West District

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Patti Biddle

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■ Connectional Ministries



Rev. Dr. Linda Louderback

Director of Connectional Ministries
and Conference Staff Team Leader
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The Director of Connectional Ministries serves as steward of the vision to make disciples of Jesus Christ

for the transformation of the world, guiding the mission and ministry of the Kansas West United Methodist Church. Works closely with the Cabinet, the Focus Team, the Connectional Ministries Council and conference staff to ensure the alignment of total resources of the conference to its vision and to the priorities of the conference. Establishes systems to help local congregations become more fruitful and faithful. Responsible for the direction and supervision of the Connectional Ministries staff. Member of the Extended Cabinet.



Bev Weber

Associate Director for Programs
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316-684-0266 or 800-745-2350

Provides administrative assistance to the director of connectional ministries and the program

committees of the Kansas West United Methodist Church. Assists with managing project time lines and planning of conference events. Helps coordinate volunteers and committee meetings.

*The six districts of
the Kansas West
Annual Conference:
Hays, Dodge City,
Salina, Hutchinson,
Wichita West and
Wichita East*





Rev. Justin Lefto

Associate Director for Student Ministries

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Oversees the youth and camping ministries for the conference. Trains and supports local church youth leaders. Oversees the Conference Council on Youth Ministry and the conference-wide events it plans. Works with the Commission on Camping Ministries to promote and advocate for our camps. Serves as a liaison to the college campus ministries across the state.



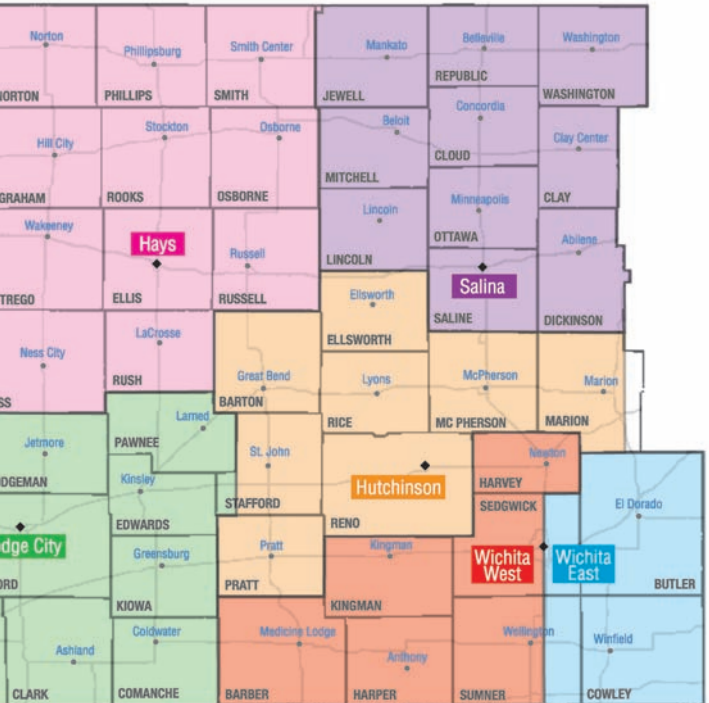
Corey Daniel Godbey

Hispanic Ministry Coordinator

cordangod@gmail.com

620-227-8181

Serves as a resource in the implementation of our mission in the following areas; Functional Structure, Advocacy, Effective Leader Training, Development of New Churches, and Congregational Connections. Corey works side-by-side with the Director of Hispanic Ministry and with the HUMM committee, focusing primarily on training, facilitation, coaching and creative communication.





Sergio Tristan

Associate Director for
Hispanic Ministries
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Oversees and secures resources for the conference's efforts in reaching out and ministering with its Hispanic/Latino population. Educates churches about the needs of Hispanic ministries in the conference. Serves as an advocate and resource person for the pastors and leaders involved in the conference's Hispanic ministries. Supports and guides the work of non-Hispanic churches in their efforts to reach out to, serve and empower the Hispanic community.



Dianne Tombaugh

Board of Ordained Ministry Registrar
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The registrar manages the paperwork for all candidates for ministry in the annual conference, coordinates interviews for candidates and supports the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the District Committees on Ordained Ministry.



Sandy Hendrickson

Coordinator for Disaster Response
and Volunteers In Mission
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Leads assessment and response to disasters within the Kansas West Annual Conference. Assists with development of long-term recovery plans for affected communities. Works closely with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and district Disaster Response coordinators. Coordinates early response team, basic disaster response and connecting neighbors trainings in the conference. Ensures implementation of the conference and area Disaster Response Plan, facilitates communication, deploys volunteers and secures their housing during disasters. Oversees the process of collecting and granting financial assistance to those affected by disasters.



Carl Ellis

Director

Center for Small Membership Churches
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Directs the Center for Small Membership Churches. The Center focuses on developing programs that strengthen the small membership

churches. First, Carl is available to work one on one with churches wanting to develop new attainable goals for vitality and growth. Second, he directs the Certified Lay Minister Program which trains lay persons who feel called to Lay Ministry. Third, he works with teams to develop workshops, webinars, and other resources for local United Methodist Churches.



Kent Melcher

Area Superintendent for
New Church Development
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877-972-9111

Staff liaison to the Congregational Growth and Development Committee. Leads the conference in the develop-

ment of new congregations. Recruits, assesses and trains new-start pastors and offers them coaching and support. Member of the Cabinet. Bonnie DeBusk is Kent's administrative assistant in the Kansas East Conference Office.



Maria Miranda

Program Secretary

Works with Volunteer in Missions trip registrations and the VIM Voice newsletter. Schedules Boundary Awareness Training and handles Disaster Response registrations.



Nancy Cadwell

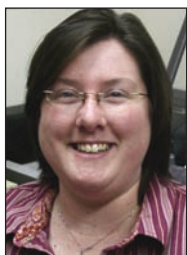
Librarian

Kansas Area Resource Center
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Resources local churches seeking materials for Sunday school and small group ministries. Fulfills resource

requests, manages center subscriptions, and processes new resources.

■ Area Communications Office



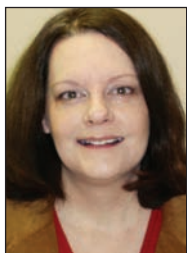
Lisa Elliott Diehl

Area Director

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866-915-3638 or 316-684-3638

Directs and implements the overall marketing and communications plan for the annual conference and the Kansas Area. Publisher of the Kansas West Connection newspaper. Responsible for all aspects of conference electronic and social media. Serves as consultant/trainer for districts and local churches on marketing and communications topics and skill development. Provides media training to conference leadership to enhance their ability to manage and relate to the media, and takes the lead in crisis communications situations. Member of the Extended Cabinet.



Susan Cooper

Associate Director

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Assists the director in implementing communication strategies. Responsible for collecting, writing and editing submissions for conference print and electronic publications, maintaining conference websites, editing communication materials, and overseeing production of the Kansas West Connection.



Britt Bradley

Electronic Media Specialist

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Responsible for video production and communication support including mission and ministry promotional videos, "Bridges to the Future" campaign updates, special project videos for the bishop and conference ministries, and resourcing local churches in the use of video for storytelling.



Beverly Fanestil

Communications Secretary

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Provides clerical support for the area communications staff. Processes video orders, assists with web site maintenance and training.

■ Administrative Ministries



Debbie Maltbie (*until May 30, 2010*)

Treasurer/Director of
Administrative Services
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Oversees the financial and administrative services of the conference.

Available for consultation with pastors, church treasurers and appropriate church committees regarding financial reporting, pastor compensation reports, employee benefits programs and other administrative issues. Serves as the staff liaison to Conference Trustees and Council on Finance and Administration, Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits, Commission on Equitable Compensation, and Moving Committee. Member of the Extended Cabinet.



Jane Voelkel (*as of March 15, 2010, pending Annual Conference election*)

Treasurer/Director of
Administrative Services
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Mary Conrad

Assistant Treasurer
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Responsible for the financial transactions of the conference and the proper recording and reporting of those transactions. Responsible for the annual

auditing of the books by an outside auditing firm. Response to questions and special requests from the Conference treasurer, staff and committees.



Carol Jackson

Assistant Benefits Officer
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Responsible for the administration of the total benefits package of the Kansas West United Methodist Conference for clergy and lay employees. This includes pension, health insurance, death and disability insurance and worker compensation insurance.



Brenda Anderson

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Cara Cox

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