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The Journal is changing!

Technology is changing, and so are we! The 2018 Journal is now available primarily as a digital document on the Oregon-Idaho conference website (<https://www.umoi.org/journal>), although there is also a print-on-demand option for those who still enjoy the feeling of paper in their hands. The online Journal can be downloaded to a computer or mobile device, and is completely searchable. The reader can zoom in for a closer examination (think about the tiny print on all those statistical tables!), and all the photos are in color. Best of all, eliminating the complicated printing process means this important resource is available a full month earlier than with the old system.

Some things have not changed: I'm still the editor! And the same reports, directories, historical data, and statistics are included. These items are culled from a wide variety of sources, and I'm deeply indebted to all the persons who support me in the annual job of collecting information; many of them are listed as section editors throughout the book. Most significant in this task are our district administrative assistants, half of whom are new this year! But all four of them have proven their mettle repeatedly, and I consider it a deep blessing to have the opportunity to work closely with them throughout the year: Terri Bartish, Linda Grund-Clampit, Sheri Konowitz, and Sara Ross.

Greg Nelson, director of communications, has worked closely with me as we move to a new "vehicle" for delivering this important ministry tool. As always, I rely heavily on Greg for both technical and moral support in preparing the Journal.

As Editor of the Journal, I accept responsibility for the final product. Corrections are welcome—please direct them to me at laura@umoi.org. To update information in the directories, please contact your district office.

Laura Jaquith Bartlett
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The logo for Annual Conference 2018 is built around the words of Jesus from Luke's Gospel (10:26-28), where he defines a fully engaged love of God and neighbor as the key to abundant life. Jesus prioritizes this summation of the law in a way that suggests that we cannot accomplish the love of one without the other. The colored quadrants are intended to symbolize the four demands of the Shema, to love God with all of our heart, being, strength, and mind.

Our logo also incorporates a visual element from Dorotheus of Gaza, a 6th century Christian monk and abbot. Dorotheus asked people to "imagine that the world is a circle, that God is the center, and that the radii (like spokes on a wheel) are the different ways human beings live." As we move closer to God, we also move closer to others who live, walk and think differently. As we intentionally move closer to these, our neighbors, we also move closer to God. The arrows on the circle are intended to represent people on the journey oriented toward God and ultimately heading toward one another.

Jesse Love, former Graphic Designer & Print Manager for the Pacific Northwest Conference, served as the primary designer working to incorporate these ideas into a coherent and flexible visual image. Greg Nelson designed this year's Journal cover, using Jesse's logo.

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From 2012 – 2016 she served as the vice chair of the General Board of Discipleship.

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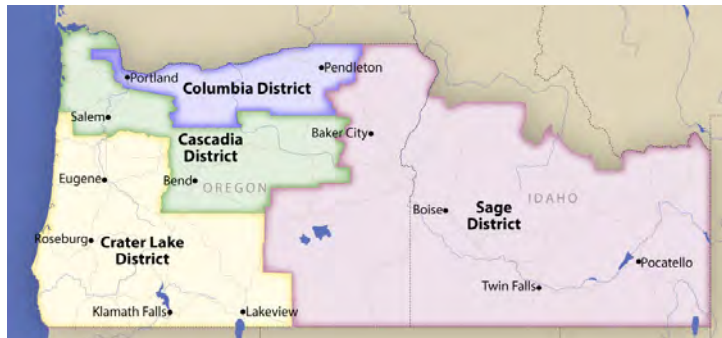
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We nurture persons so they may:

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- Affirm and expand their faith in God and their service as Christian disciples within God's world.

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Structure of the Annual Conference

Positions, Functions, Roles, and Relationships

June 2017

Annual Conference

Function as outlined in Paragraph 601—The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.

Ministry Leadership Team (MLT)

Function as outlined in Conference Rule 9.000:

The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference shall have a Ministry Leadership Team (MLT), which is charged with the responsibility of providing on-going oversight for the mission and ministry of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference within the Greater Northwest Area's vision and strategies. The MLT will accomplish this by helping to:

- (1) Contextualize the mission of the United Methodist Church to our settings within the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.
- (2) Prioritize and align our connectional resources to live out our mission and purpose as a church as described in the Book of Discipline, ¶601.
- (3) Encourage and support our local congregations throughout this process to demonstrate vitality and further this mission through their life and ministry.
- (4) Provide for the functions and maintain General Conference connections as appropriate and outlined in the Book of Discipline, ¶601.

MLT Membership

See Nominations Committee Report, page 13.

Bishop

Function as outlined in Paragraph 403.1—The role and calling forth of the bishop is to exercise oversight and support of the Church in its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Administrative connections: Cabinet, Annual Conference Sessions Committee, Ministry Leadership Team, Committee on Episcopacy, Mission and Ministry Coordinator, and Vital Church Project Director.

District Superintendents

Function as outlined in Paragraph 419-424—Serves as an extension of the office of the bishop to oversee the ministry of the churches and clergy of their district and assist the Bishop in providing overall leadership to the annual conference.

Administrative connections: Cabinet, District Lay Leaders, District Committee on Superintendency, District Committee on Ordained Ministry, District Board of Church Location and Building, and serves as the Bishop's representatives/liaisons to other boards as assigned by the Bishop.

Dean of the Cabinet

Function: To work in consultation with the Bishop to provide leadership to the cabinet.

Administrative connections: Cabinet

Conference Lay Leader

Function as outlined in Paragraph 607—Consult with the Bishop in providing leadership to the annual conference and represent the voice of the laity on the Ministry Leadership Team.

Administrative connections: Board of Lay Ministry, MLT.

Mission and Ministry Coordinator (DCM)

Function as outlined in Paragraph 608.6 and 630—Consult with the Bishop to help guide the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church within the annual conference and serve as steward of the vision, and coordinate, implement, and administer conference programming.

Administrative connections: MLT, Cabinet, and assorted Annual Conference program and administrative groups, including Nominations, Global Mission Team, Church and Society coordinators, Youth and Young Adult Ministries Teams, Campus Ministry, Board of Laity, CONAM, CORR, etc.

Conference Treasurer and Benefits Officer

Function as outlined in Paragraph 619—Oversees matters related to the stewardship and management of conference finances and property, and matters related to clergy and lay benefits.

Administrative connections: Any body with budget or other financial relationship, including CF&A, Board of Pensions, AC Trustees, United Methodist Ministers Retirement Fund, Equitable Compensation, MLT, Cabinet, Personnel Committee, BCRM, and CDT.

Director of Communications

Function as outlined in Paragraph 609—Helps to focus and guide the communications ministry of the annual conference.

Administrative connections: MLT and works with others in the annual conference to coordinate communications.

Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries

Function: To manage the camp and retreat assets of the annual conference to maximize lifelong faith formation and leadership development

Administrative connections: Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries, MLT, and supports other ministries of the annual conference as assigned by the Bishop

Vital Church Project Initiatives Director

MLT will be responsible for the allocation of church development funds for new starts and revitalization. The bishop and MLT are currently in the process of developing a position description and hiring process for the new Director of the Vital Church Project.

Administrative connections: The Director of the Vital Church Project will relate to the MLT regarding revitalization/renewal and work with the Greater NW Area Office to coordinate ministry related to church innovation, cultural awareness, and new faith communities.

Brian Brown leads the conference in one of three sessions exploring the book, *The Anatomy of Peace*.

