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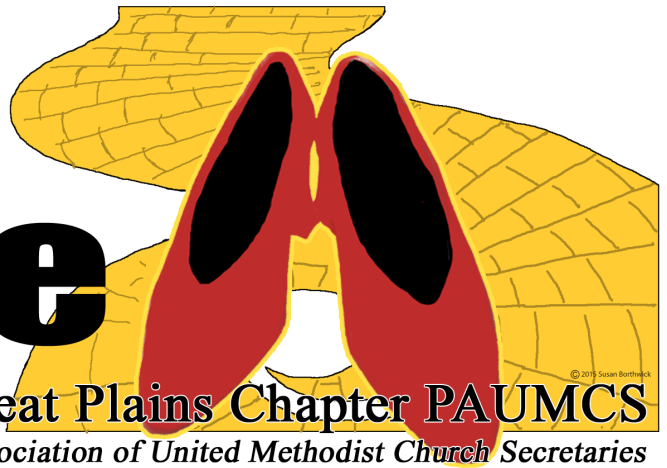
April 14-16, 2016  
Wichita, KS

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in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14*

Great Plains Chapter PAUMCS

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**Online registration this year!!**

**There will be NO paper registration this year.**

**The link to online registration can be found here:**

**<https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=2016153E&TID>**

## Hotel Information

Wichita Marriott  
9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS 67207  
For reservations call the hotel directly at:

1.316.651.0333 or 1.800.228.9290

**You must mention PAUMCS 2016 Annual Meeting when making your reservation"**

**Room Rates: \$103 + tax — single/double/triple**

Please make sure to have your roommate selected prior to calling the hotel.

Cancellations must be received by the hotel at least 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid being charged one night's room and tax.

**\* There is free internet access in guest rooms \***

\*After March 29, 2016, room availability maybe limited and rates are subject to change.

*Free shuttle service is available to and from the hotel. Additional information will be included in your welcome letter.*

## Registration Fees:

**NOTE: Cancellations after March 1, for whatever reason, will result in the loss of your conference registration fee.**

2016 PAUMCS National Member registering on or before March 1, 2016 : \$360

2016 PAUMCS National Member registering after March 1, 2016 : \$410

Non-Member registration : \$410 (\$50.00 can be applied to membership within 30 days of conference)

Non-Member registering after March 1, 2016 : \$460

Guest Registration : \$300

Ruby Red Slipper souvenir Charm (order deadline is March 1st) : \$ 7

Wednesday Pre-Conference Outing Hutchinson Trip—OPTIONAL: \$75

Saturday excursion Botanical Gardens — OPTIONAL: \$17

Make checks payable to PAUMCS and mail with a copy of your online registration form to:  
Marvé Ralston, Registrar, 3300 Clinton Parkway Court, Suite 110, Lawrence, KS 66047-2629  
5riversdistrict@greatplainsumc.org | 785.841.4804



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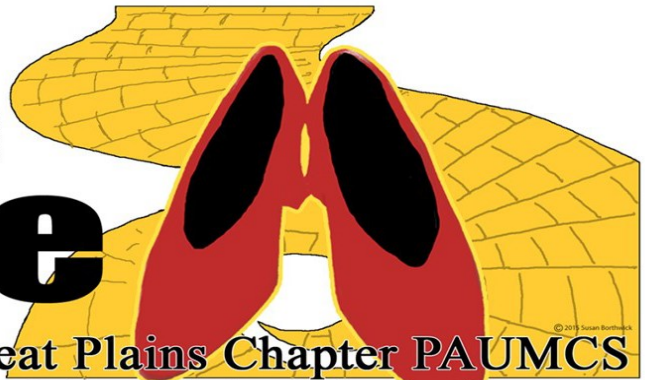
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## **Rev. Adam Hamilton**



Rev. Adam Hamilton is the founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. He earned a B.A. degree in Pastoral Ministry from Oral Roberts University and a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

Adam has received the Denman Award in Evangelism, and the Circuit Rider Award for excellence in church leadership. He was named Distinguished Evangelist of the United Methodist Church by the Foundation for Evangelism, and he was named one of the "Ten People to Watch in America's Spiritual Landscape" by Religion and Ethics Newsweekly. Adam is married with two daughters.



## **Bishop Scott Jameson Jones**



Scott Jameson Jones currently serves as the resident bishop of the Great Plains Area of the United Methodist Church. He received degrees from the University of Kansas (B.A. in Philosophy), Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University (Master of Theology) and Southern Methodist University (Ph.D. in Religious Studies). His dissertation research was focused on Wesley Studies and the History of Biblical Interpretation.

Recent books are *The Future of the United Methodist Church*, and *Staying At the Table: A Gift of Unity for United Methodists*.

Scott is married with three children.



## ***Sue Thompson***

Sue Thompson is the Executive Assistant to Senior Pastor, the Rev. Adam Hamilton, at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. She and Adam will encourage you and your pastor to work together as a team.

## ***Rev. Delores “Rev. Dee” J. Williamston***



Dee Williamston earned her Masters of Divinity specializing in Black Church Ministries and Evangelism in May 2007. In 2004, she retired from the Kansas Army National Guard after completing 22 years of service. She worked as a full-time National Guard technician and became the Chief Supervisor of the Accounting and Finance Operations at the United States Property and Fiscal Office in Topeka.

In 2000 she heard the call of the Lord to go into church ministry. In July 2014, she was appointed to serve as the Salina District Superintendent. She has one adult son.



## ***2016 Mission Project—Ember Hope***

EmberHope, Inc. was founded as the Kansas Methodist Home for Children in 1927. Today, they are a statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit faith-based agency committed to developing innovative programs that inspire change in at-risk youth and families. They remain rooted in the Christian Scriptures and are shaped by the Methodist tradition as a ministry of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference. They help thousands of at-risk youth and families each year who depend on the generosity of supporters like you. On Saturday, we will be making ‘Life Bags.’ Needed items for the Life Bags are: Hand written notes or cards, gift cards (Walmart, Target, Best Buy, Toys R Us, fast food or iTunes), MP3 players or iPods, small stuffed animals, children’s books, teen fiction novels, watches or wrist bands, and small alarm clocks. Your donations will be dedicated at the Thursday worship service.

## ***Prairie Rose Church Wagon—Friday Outing (included in registration)***

On Friday, conference attendees will be transported by bus to the Prairie Rose Chuck Wagon where you will enjoy good wholesome entertainment and great food. The Prairie Rose features the Prairie Rose Rangers: Cowboy Music and comedy. Also located on the property is the Silver Screen Cowboy Museum, a large collection of memorabilia from the Silver Screen Cowboys, from the early, little-known cowboys, to the major Cowboys, such as Tom Mix, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and Hopalong Cassidy.



### **Hutchinson Trip on Wednesday (Optional) Departs at 8am & Returns at 5pm**



The Cosmophere-Out of this world...right in the heart of Kansas! Take a journey through the history of space travel. Witness the world's most significant collection of U.S. and Russian space

artifacts that included the actual Apollo 13 command module, Liberty Bell 7 Mercury capsule and a flown Vostok spacecraft. Located in Hutchinson, KS The Cosmophere is like no other place on Earth!

Kansas Underground Salt Museum (now known as Strataca) – Located in Hutchinson, KS, the museum was named by trip advisor as one of the top 2014 Museums worth traveling to. One of the largest in the world, the extent of this bedded salt deposit is 27,000 square miles in central and south-central Kansas.



### **PAUMCS MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries is to provide a supportive base for the unity and fellowship of its members in order to provide individual growth, professional development, continuing education, and spiritual enrichment.

### **A BRIEF HISTORY**

The Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries was organized on April 14, 1982, in Dallas, Texas. Since the beginning, meetings have been held annually, a quarterly newsletter published, by-laws and logo adopted, working committees appointed, chapters organized, and Certification Institute established.

Legislation was adopted at the 1988 General Conference stating the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) has the authority and responsibility: "To provide guidance and consultation for continuing education of church secretaries, including establishment of training and certification programs, and to provide assistance to the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries" (United Methodist Book of Discipline, 2012, ¶807.19).

### **CERTIFICATION**

The Institute for Professional United Methodist Church Secretaries is held at the GCFA building in Nashville, Tennessee. All United Methodist church secretaries, administrative assistants, general agency, Episcopal, district and annual conference office personnel may attend. Only national PAUMCS members who annual dues are paid are eligible for certification after successfully completing the course of study. Each class is limited to thirty participants. Please visit [www.paumcs.org](http://www.paumcs.org) for more information about PAUMCS.

### **Saturday Free Time Botanical Garden (Optional)**

Botanical, The Wichita Gardens, is open year-round and repeat visits offer new surprises as The Gardens change with the seasons. In the spring, more than 50,000 tulip bulbs and 120,000 daffodil bulbs bloom along with an assortment of wildflowers and flowering shrubs. You will need to register for this outing on the conference registration form.



**Shopping at Bradley Fair:** Shop at one of the most unique and exquisite areas in Wichita! Shops include Banana Republic, Barnes & Noble, Chico's, The Fresh Market, GAP, Loft, On the Border, Sephora, Williams-Sonoma and much more. The hotel van will be your transportation for this event so the only cost is what you purchase.



### **There's No Place Like Home**

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### **AM I REGISTERED FOR THE CONFERENCE?**

Upon receipt of your registration and payment, the registrar will email a schedule and detailed information about the event to you.

### **HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? NEED INFORMATION?**

Please contact Marvé Ralston, Registrar ([5riversdistrict@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:5riversdistrict@greatplainsumc.org)) or visit [www.paumcs.org](http://www.paumcs.org) for more details about the 2016 PAUMCS conference.

