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It's time to think about becoming a new member or renewing your **Membership**. Our membership year is January 1 to December 31. Lisa can answer your questions. Dues of \$25.00 individual/\$40.00 staff are due by February 15 each year or payable at Spring Workshop.



Our logo is very symbolic. The chain represents the vital link of the Church Secretary.

Notice that the links are not alike! The triangle signifies the Trinity and The UMC is represented by a cross and flame.



Greetings from Ohio PAUMCS! We hope you will find some useful information within this email. Look on the left for 2016 officers of Ohio PAUMCS. Click on a name to send an email. We are here to be helpful to office professionals within the United Methodist Church.

WHY ATTEND SPRING WORKSHOP?

By Gail Baker, Communications Chair

Prior to becoming the Executive Assistant of my church, I was an Association Executive for 20 years. I realized that it is very common to suffer from what I call "the four walls syndrome".

It's easy to become so settled in your job within the four walls of your office, that you stop seeking outside ideas and stimulus.

Spring, the time of renewal, is the perfect time to open your mind - to be receptive to learning from others and from the scheduled speakers at the Spring workshop. It's time to break free from your four walls for a day!!!

This spring's agenda includes not only important information you can use about how to effectively communicate in today's online society, but also an afternoon session which focuses on whether we are "Spiritually Tired Out, or Fired Up?".

AND...often the very best outcome of attending a PAUMCS workshop is the time before the meeting begins, during lunch and those few minutes after when you have time to meet and fellowship with others in your profession.

I'll give you a great example. I was concerned about security at my church, where I am often the only person present. At my very first workshop I asked during lunch how

other churches provide security. I learned that I was not alone in my concern and got great ideas for security options I could pass on to my Trustee representatives. Now I feel safe at work.

At another meeting, I learned about the Blessing Bags a church gives to those in need who visit their church. Our Risk-taking Mission and Service Ministry Team now has a group of volunteers assembling our own Blessing Bags.

What might you learn? Join us on April 19 at WOC offices in Worthington, Ohio to break out of your four walls.

Contact Kelly O'Quinn at the email on the left if you did not receive a workshop registration form.



PAUMICS PURPOSE:

Recognizing the position of church secretary (including those with other titles such as Administrative Assistant) as a professional within the total church ministry, Ohio secretaries have joined together in a formal organization for spiritual growth, enrichment and mutual support. We have expanded to include office professionals in many settings within the General Church. The organization will strive to provide opportunities for continuing education, to establish and support area units of church secretaries, and to work together to affirm the ministry of the church secretary.