

November 19, 2017 @ Shawnee Heights Methodist Charge conference 2017

In attendance from Lecompton, Pastor Rob, Donna, Linda Smith, Deb Fuston, Linda Stauffer, Bonny Fugett, Gina Clement, Rhonda Banks and Mary Jane Hoffer

Churches in attendance, Stull, Shawnee Heights, Berryton, Lecompton, Big Springs, Tecumseh.

DS, Kay opened, "this charge conference is a little different than in the past".

Workshop starting with devotion and discussion time, discussion with with members from other churches.

Several minutes to introduce yourself to persons form other churches, etc.

Sang "When the Saints go marching in".

DS, Kay gave a short message,

Learning, Information and conversation. 3 conference offices into one, the one conference office will be in Topeka. All other office staff will be moved in by June, Bishop has moved to Topeka and is looking for a church home. As well other staff members will be looking for a church home. Overall in the past 20 years have closed 129 churches. Kay had information she shared on slides and shared lots of information.

A short discussion of what your church does.

Discussion about relations, who are we not reaching. Most challenging to reach.

4 DS's retired July 1, have not been filled.

Sharing knowledge with other churches, circuit sharing doing ministry with other churches, network.

Discussion , what's the strengths of your congregation? What do you do well? What is missing?

Where can we make connections? What ministries can we share?

Shared district Mission, Alders gate village, Fellowship and faith, Nueva Vida, Washburn campus ministry

Flood buckets. collected 640 buckets.

Questions, celebrations, business part of charge conference.

This cluster has the largest pay out of mission shares of the church clusters.

Churches shared celebrations in their churches

Lecompton: Rob recommendation on behalf of, pastoral compensation packet, including housing , all reports in packet, moved to accept annual report, seconded by Rhonda , approved.

Strengths and weaknesses, Strengths of our district, collections, food pantry's etc. get outside of out church walls, outside of our comfort zone.

Share information etc. without DS being there.

Meeting adjourn with prayer. By ds