



SALISBURY DISTRICT

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Peninsula-Delaware Conference*

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Pastors and Lay Leaders of the Salisbury District,

It is my honor and privilege to serve you as the District Superintendent on the Salisbury District. I pray these summer months have been a break from the regular church routine and you have been able to be refreshed by some extra Sabbath time.

This fall brings us to Charge Conference season again. There are always quite a few meetings and paperwork to fill out for Charge Conference. I hope you do not see it as drudgery, but as words on a page celebrating the ministry of your church for the past year. God has been moving in our district and it is time to celebrate.

We are in our second year of using a cluster model of having charge conference. It is a way for many congregations to acknowledge the same callings to share the grace and love of Jesus with the same hurting and broken communities. For many of our district churches, we will be continuing this model. For other churches, the single church/charge conference will take place this fall.

Included with this letter, you will find the charge conference schedule and a worksheet of forms to be included in your packet. The forms can all be found on the conference website. Please pay attention to the order when assembling the packet and have a completed packet in the District office a week before your charge conference date.

I am asking the host pastor to facilitate 20-30 minutes of worship of your choosing at the start of the charge conference. For the host pastor of a cluster charge conference, I encourage you to collaborate with the other pastors in your cluster to provide vibrant worship.

May God bless you as you gather leaders of your church to assemble these packets and prepare for charge conference. Consider it an offering to the Lord and a celebration of all that God has done through you this past year.

I am looking forward to praising God with you during your charge conference.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Rob Townsend