

IN MISSION & MINISTRY

United Methodists at Work

Preparing the Way



The area superintendent for new church development lays the groundwork for new church locations all over the state of Kansas where new disciples are being made every day.

"New churches are vital for the future of the United Methodist Church," said Rev. Rob Schmutz, pastor of the new United Methodist Church at Park City. "They provide important entry points that are attractive to people who are new to faith and the church."

The start in Park City had several stops and starts along the way. Schmutz said he puts a lot of trust in the direction of his new church start coach, a connection through the work of the new church development office.

In the past five years, the conferences have started eight new churches across the state. ■

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The area superintendent for new church development leads a process of recruitment, training and assessment of potential new church pastors, and reviews demographic information for population

growth and growth in key demographics not reached by current churches to identify locations where new starts may be successful.



New church starts vital to our future

Providing conference accountability

Staff in the administrative ministries office have the responsibility of distributing the funds that come to the conference as they are directed by the local church. Whether those funds are to be sent to partner congregations in the Zimbabwe East Annual Conference for Kansas West or Haiti for Kansas East, used to help disaster survivors in the southeast, or to carry out ministry in Kansas, the staff in the administrative ministries office make sure the funds go where they are supposed to go.

"One of the benefits of the United Methodist Church is transparency and accountability in our finances," said Bishop Scott Jones. "The staff in our administrative ministries offices ensure our conferences conduct business with integrity on your behalf."

In addition to handling the money that passes through the conference office each year, the administrative ministries staff also work with the conference board of trustees to maintain physical assets such as the conference office, district parsonages, and mission church buildings. ■

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The administrative ministries office

handle the business of the annual conference, paying bills, monitoring receipts, managing budgets, obtaining financial audits, researching risk-management issues, planning for information technology needs, managing properties, and directing donated funds toward the designated ministries. This staff works behind the scenes to make sure mission and ministry funds help those who need it most. For a break-down of how your church's mission and ministry share is directed, visit www.kswestumc.org/2012.



Your mission and ministry apportionments make possible the groundwork for starting new churches. For more on new church development: www.kswestumc.org/newchurches.

Your mission and ministry funds provide support for the administration of hundreds of ministries. For more on administrative resources, visit www.kswestumc.org/admin.