

Desert Southwest Conference

2021 Report of the Pastor

The first four parts of the annual Pastor Report gives changes in membership since the previous report. #5 is also a significant part of the report. Pastors are encouraged to coordinate their report on "the state of the church" with the leadership team.

Below are some questions to consider. Include in #5 what you deem relevant and helpful.

1. How has your congregation been relaunching (since returning to in-person activity) with a vision for reengaging your current congregation as well as reaching new people?
2. How is your congregation understanding the felt needs of your mission field? In what ways are you connecting with neighbors?
3. What are the congregation's greatest strengths?
4. What are the congregation's greatest challenges?
5. What is your word of hope and challenge to the congregation?
6. What ministry does your congregation need to stop in activity, ministry, action? What is your plan to stop?



Report of the Pastor

The report of the pastor shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items as outlined in the 2016 *Book of Discipline* (§§ 234, 340). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Church Council, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Copies of this report should be filed with the recording secretary, pastor, district superintendent and chairperson of witness or evangelism ministries.

_____ Church _____ Charge
 _____ District _____ Annual Conference

For the period beginning _____ and ending _____
DATE OF PRIOR CHARGE CONFERENCE DATE OF CURRENT CHARGE CONFERENCE

1. List those who have been received into baptized membership since the last report.
(Attach as a supplement.)
2. List those who have been received into professing membership since the last report.
(Attach as a supplement.)
 - a. On profession of faith or restored.
 - b. From other United Methodist churches.
 - c. From other non-United Methodist churches.
3. List those who have been removed from the professing membership since the last report.
(Attach as a supplement.)
 - a. By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or by withdrawal.
 - b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches.
 - c. By transfer to other non-United Methodist churches.
 - d. By death.
4. Have the membership records and rolls been audited (§231)? Yes No
 If not, why not?
5. The Pastor shall give a report on the state of the church and an account of pastoral ministry as it relates to (§ 340): providing support, guidance, and training to the lay membership in the church; ministering within the congregation and to the world; and administering the temporal affairs of the congregation. Include as a part of the report a statement outlining the pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come (§ 349). *(Attach as a supplement.)*

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Report of Pastor / Church Conference 2017-2020

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