



Desert Southwest Conference  
Clear Openings Update  
May 1, 2022

**East District**

**St. Paul's UMC – Globe, AZ – Lead Pastor – ½ Time**

Worship Attendance: 30 – This historic mining town sits east of metropolitan Phoenix. This church is committed to its mission work. Innovation and creativity will be needed for the next pastor of this congregation to empower the church to move into its missional calling, expanding individual engagement to reach new people beyond the church walls.

**East District**

**First UMC – Gilbert, AZ – Associate Pastor – ½ Time**

**Three pastors expressed an interest in this clear opening. The appointment was filled by one of those pastors.**

**North District**

**Hope UMC – Bullhead City, AZ – Lead Pastor – Full Time**

Worship Attendance: 50 – Hope UMC regained its stability and stopped a steep decline pre-Covid and as a result of the Pandemic is again challenged to sustain a full-time appointment and cost of facility. However, they have a strong vibrancy in spirit and outreach with an increasing return of activity since the height of Covid. They have created effective partnerships with community agencies and faith communities in serving the needs of persons in the community.

**North District**

**Federated Community Church – Flagstaff, AZ – Lead Pastor – Full Time**

**Two pastors expressed an interest in this clear opening. The appointment has now been filled.**

**North District**

**Page Community UMC – Page, AZ – Lead Pastor – ½ Time**

Worship Attendance: 15 on average, with an active adult congregation that totals 30. Page Community UMC is a small-town ministry in a spectacular setting, that is close to several National Parks. This area provides many opportunities for outdoor activities, such as hiking, fishing, and hunting. As the Gateway to the Grand Circle, Page is a haven for nature lovers. Page has a strong sense of community, that is evidenced by the city sponsored community events throughout the year. Page is host to a fabulous Hot Air Balloon Regatta each November. The congregation is caring, compassionate, generous, and quite active. We have great potential for growth in our community. In addition to a great facility, a parsonage is provided.

**West District**

**First UMC – Sun City, AZ – Lead Pastor – Full Time**

Worship Attendance: 80 Virtual Attendance: 150 - This Church is in a retirement community serving the Sun City, Youngtown, and Peoria communities. A church that shows friendliness and openness to first time guests. Exceptionally good worship services with wonderful music program. Mission-minded concern for the community and hospital/bound visitation.

**West District**

**Shepherd of the Hills UMC - Sun City West, AZ – Lead Pastor – Full Time**

**One pastor expressed an interest in this clear opening. The appointment was filled by that pastor.**

**West District**

**Shepherd of the Hills UMC - Sun City West, AZ –Assistant Minister of Care - ½ Time**

**The church notified the Appointive Cabinet that this position was filled by a lay person. It is no longer a clear opening.**