

**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
2019 FALL CHARGE CONFERENCES AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

We are changing the format of this year's Charge Conferences. Instead of having individual Charge Conferences, we are hosting three sub-district Charge Conferences.

The primary purposes of "The Main Thing" Charge Conferences are;

- Provide inspiration and encouragement for Church leaders to keep their focus and energy on the Mission of the Church- "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."
- Enhance and strengthen our connection by joining together in worship.
- Submit the required documents for Charge Conference reports.

The vision for the Charge Conferences are;

- Morris Matthis will be the keynote preacher at all three events.
- We will assemble a worship planning team from persons within the District to plan liturgy & music that is representative of the Southwest District's diversity.

The three Charge Conferences will be;

- **November 3 - Sugar Land FUMC at 6 PM**
- **November 10 - Katy FUMC at 6 PM**
- **November 17 - Columbia UMC at 6 PM**

In addition to the Charge Conferences, the District Superintendent will visit with the core leaders of every congregation for a "Stats and Stories" conversation.

The purpose of the "Stats and Stories" conversation is;

- Engage congregational leaders of approximately 12-25 persons in a statistical analysis of the last ten years of each congregation by utilizing the Church Summary report from Ezra.
- Engage congregational leaders in an analysis of growth and demographic trends in the mission field of each congregation utilizing the Mission Insite report.
- Listen & capture narrative stories of ministries that are engaging the mission field in every congregation toward the fulfillment of the Mission of the Church in Making Disciples of Jesus Christ.
- The Superintendent may offer recommendations of resources and or other suggestions on a case by case basis, to encourage congregations to fulfill their mission.

Sign up for your "Stats and Stories" date now:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DABA92AA2FD0-stats>