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## AREA COMMUNICATIONS

(serving Kansas East and Kansas West conferences)

9440 E Boston St, Ste 110, Wichita 67207-3600  
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**Lisa Elliott Diehl**, director  
Ldiehl@kswestumc.org

Responsibilities: develop and evaluate communication strategies and tools, resource the bishop and area extended cabinet, and be staff liaison to the conference and area communication commissions.

Available to work with conference organizations and local churches to implement the Rethink Church campaign and prepare for crisis communication needs.

Additional responsibilities: coordinate media relations for the Kansas Area, develop Kansas East Web site and electronic newsletters, develop Mission and Ministry promotional campaign strategies and materials, consult for planning, implementing and evaluating mission interpretation strategies and programs, and provide communication support for "Bridges to the Future" capital campaign.

Conference committee responsibilities: Communications Commission, Sessions and Rules, Extended Cabinet, and Conference Leadership Team.



**Susan Cooper**, associate director  
Scooper@kswestumc.org

Assist the director to implement communication strategies of the Kansas Area conferences, including crisis communication needs.

Specific areas of responsibility: collect, write, and edit submissions for the Kansas East Communique' weekly e-newsletter, maintain the Kansas East Web site, collect and write news for area Web sites, resource local church communication questions, edit communication materials, and co-produce Mission and Ministry interpretation materials.



**Britt Bradley**  
electronic media specialist  
Bbradley@kswestumc.org

Responsible for video production and communication support.  
Specific areas of responsibility: mission and ministry promotional

videos, "Bridges to the Future" video segments, special project videos for the bishop and conference ministries, collect and write news for area Web sites, resource local church communication questions, and back-up for Kansas East Communique' weekly e-newsletter.



**Beverly Fanestil**  
communications secretary  
Bfanestil@kswestumc.org

Provides clerical support for the area communication staff. Specific responsibilities: processing video orders, assisting with Web site

maintenance and training, and secretarial support for the area communication commissions.

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## KANSAS AREA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

PO Box 605, Hutchinson 67504-0605  
888-453-8405

The foundation provides an array of financial and stewardship services to churches and individuals.

**Steve Childs**, president/executive director  
schilds@kaumf.org

Assists with investment services, estate planning, planned gifts, fiduciary services, educational seminars, church endowment funds, and church loan funds for capital and operating needs.

**Lee Sankey**, director of stewardship services  
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Helps nurture and develop Christian stewards through stewardship orientation, faith and generosity education, commitment program consultation, Christian money management seminars, and capital campaign consultations.



# KANSAS EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Your partners in  
making disciples  
of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation  
of the world*

## KANSAS EAST CONFERENCE OFFICE

Location: 4201 SW 15th St  
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Topeka, KS 66604-0187  
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Toll Free: 877-972-9111  
Fax: 785-272-9135  
Web site: [www.kansaseast.org](http://www.kansaseast.org)

## Kansas East Office Locations

### Five Rivers District

PO Box 565  
Baldwin City KS 66006-0565  
Location: 809 7th St #1  
785-594-4804 • 785-594-4820 (fax)  
Marvé Ralston, administrative assistant  
fiverivers@embarqmail.com

### Flint Hills District

104 S 4th St, Ste 3  
Manhattan KS 66502-6110  
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### Kansas City District

129500 Metcalf Ave, Ste 200  
Overland Park KS 66213-2600  
913-722-4775 • 913-722-0061 (fax)  
Janice Kocher, administrative assistant  
admin@kcdistrictumc.org

### Parsons District

PO Box 244  
Parsons KS 67357-0244  
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620-421-9149 • 620-421-2253 (fax)  
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parsonsdistrict@kansaseast.org

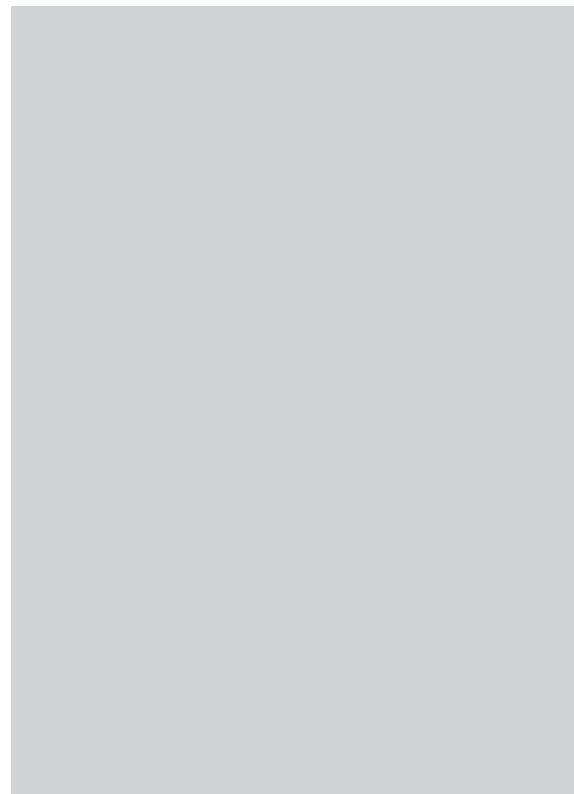
### Topeka District

PO Box 4187  
Topeka KS 66604-0187  
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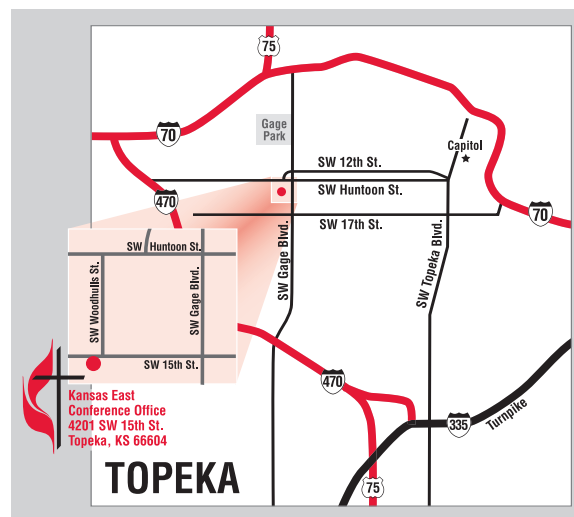
### Conference Office

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Topeka KS 66604-0187  
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## Districts of the Kansas East Annual Conference



## Where is the conference office?



## Kansas Area Office

9440 E Boston St, Ste 160  
Wichita 67207-3603  
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**Bishop Scott J. Jones**, resident bishop  
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**Susan Steuber**, assistant to Bishop Jones  
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**Denise Rogers**, assistant to Susan Steuber and  
Kansas West Wichita district offices  
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### AREA SUPERINTENDENT FOR NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

*(serving Kansas East and Kansas West conferences)*



**Rev. Kent Melcher**  
area superintendent  
kmelcher@kansaseast.org  
Relates to the Kansas East  
Commission on New Church  
Development (CNCD), the Kansas  
West Congregational Growth &

Development (CG&D), the Kansas Area appointive  
cabinet, and the extended cabinets. Resources these  
groups to establish new congregations by developing  
policies, procedures, strategic plans and priorities.  
Responsibilities include new church site demo-  
graphics, funding and resource development,  
leadership development, working with racial/ethnic  
teams to plan for and establish new ethnic churches.  
Available to visit churches to preach and/or speak.



**Bonnie DeBusk**  
administrative assistant  
New Church Development  
bdebusk@kansaseast.org  
Provides clerical and administrative  
support; is agency administrator  
for demographics resource sites

(MissionInsite and Percept); provides secretarial  
services for Kansas West CG&D and Kansas East  
CNCD; and researches demographics for churches,  
communities, and other related projects.

# Connectional Ministries

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## DIRECTOR OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES (DCM)



**Rev. Gary A. Beach**  
gbeach@kansaseast.org

The DCM is to focus and guide The United Methodist Church mission and ministry within the annual conference. Primary responsibilities: steward of the annual conference vision, including its development, clarification, interpretation, and embodiment; lead the continuous process of transformation and renewal necessary for the annual conference to be faithful to our Christian identity in a changing world; align total conference resources to its vision; ensure connections among local, district, annual conference, and general church ministries.

Committee responsibilities: Leadership Team; Extended Cabinet; Councils on Human Resources and Finance and Administration; Committees on Certified Lay Ministry, Nominations, Personnel, Sexual Ethics/Safe & Sacred Space, Hispanic Ministry, Native American Ministry, Ethnic Local Church Concerns, Area Disaster Response, Health & Wellness, and Sessions & Rules; Commission on Diversity & Advocacy; and Revitalization of Existing Churches Task Force.



**Kay Inman**  
administrative assistant  
kinman@kansaseast.org

Handles connectional ministries' projects and operations, domestic and international travel insurance, Web site updates, database issues, and mailings.



**Sue Hughes**  
certification and staff support  
shughes@kansaseast.org

Handles all Safe and Sacred Space Certification records, Institute registration, CCLC licensure, and other assigned projects.

## VOLUNTEER IN MISSION/DISASTER RESPONSE



**Julie Pohl**, coordinator  
kseastvim@yahoo.com

Facilitates all conference mission trips; coordinates all disaster response activities of the conference; researches mission opportunities; recruits and trains

volunteers; develops, updates, and implements the conference Disaster Response Plan; assists local churches to develop and implement their own disaster response plans; communicates mission and disaster response opportunities to the conference; develops and implements volunteer training programs and disaster response certification protocol; works with the conference, local churches and organizations to train, provide speakers, and coordinate responses to local disasters.

Relates to the Kansas Area Disaster Response Committee, the Conference Board of Global Ministries, and Volunteers-In-Mission/Disaster Response Committee.

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## DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

(directs programming for Camp Chippewa and youth)



**Brenda Davids**  
bdavids@kansaseast.org

Works in the areas of youth and camping ministries. Oversees planning conference-wide events for students; resources and

consults with churches and districts for youth and camping ministries; mentors youth leaders and summer camp staff; networks youth, youth workers, and camp volunteers within the conference and jurisdiction; and promotes youth ministry events and camp programs to local churches and districts.

## CAMP CHIPPEWA



**Rev. Howard Sudduth**, director  
hlsudduth@hotmail.com

Responsibilities: plan, direct, organize and carry out daily and special programs; define camp goals and plan programs to meet these goals; recruit campers and staff; conduct pre-camp and in-service trainings; work closely with the Camping Ministry Team; monitor safety for all campers and staff.



**Becky Moore**  
office manager and wrangler  
office@campchippewa.org

Managing the administrative office includes: guest reservations, event registrations, employee and facility files, data entry, insurance needs, supplies, accounts payable, and budget information for the director of camping ministries and the Camping Ministry Area Team. As head wrangler, develops and implements horse-related programs, events and activities.



**Clancy Moore**, site director  
office@campchippewa.org

Residing on site, main responsibilities are: handle the daily care and maintenance of the facilities, property, and livestock; manage camp operations in conjunction with the director of camping ministries; recommend year-round operational needs to the Camping Ministry Area Team.

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## LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY CONSULTANTS

The consultants empower individuals and groups to live into their God-given potential by motivating, educating and equipping them with foundation strategies and tools to develop gifted leaders for community ministry.



**Lonnie Bailey**

[lbailey@kansaseast.org](mailto:lbailey@kansaseast.org)

Available to work with conference, district, and local church organizations, committees, and individuals one-on-one; relates more with small- to mid-sized churches; has a passion for working with rural ministry issues, poverty, and social justice issues and how churches can be in ministry with their communities; helps connect people regionally to social service agencies, local disaster response and Volunteer In Mission teams and other ministry options; and relates to district and conference committees as needed.

Committee responsibilities: United Methodist Men, Hispanic Committee, and Nominations Committee.



**Becky Stebbins**

[bstebbins@kansaseast.org](mailto:bstebbins@kansaseast.org)

Available to work with conference organizations and mid-sized to large local churches to facilitate revitalization and leadership development; provide other training opportunities including, but not limited to, small group ministry, young adult ministry, singles ministry, and New Consecration Sunday; work with conference committees to clarify ministry direction; consult with District Superintendents and provide workshops for district events.

Committee responsibilities: Boards of Discipleship and Laity, Committee on Nominations, and Holy Boldness. Responsibilities beyond conference include South Central Jurisdiction Singles Ministry Task Force and United Methodist Single Adult Leaders (UMSAL).

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## Administrative Services

### DIRECTOR & TREASURER



**Russ Hinshaw**

[rhinshaw@kansaseast.org](mailto:rhinshaw@kansaseast.org)

Responsibilities: oversee the financial and administrative services of the annual conference; be available for consultation with pastors, church treasurers and appropriate church committees regarding financial reporting, pastor compensation reports, employee benefit programs and other administrative issues.



**Jan Swift**, administrative support staff (*left*)

[jswift@kansaseast.org](mailto:jswift@kansaseast.org)

Support activities related to the treasurer's office and administrative services duties.

**JoEllen McGranahan**, receptionist and support staff (*middle*)

[office@kansaseast.org](mailto:office@kansaseast.org)

Receives and directs calls, assists callers, is receptionist, maintains the conference Web site calendar, and handles building staff support activities.

**Sherrie Antholz**, administrative support staff (*right*)

[santholz@kansaseast.org](mailto:santholz@kansaseast.org)

Support activities related to the treasurer's office and administrative services duties.

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### PENSIONS & HEALTH BENEFITS



**Carol Fusaro**

pensions & benefits officer  
[cfusaro@kansaseast.org](mailto:cfusaro@kansaseast.org)

Manages the benefit products which include pension, health and wellness; consults with participants and families in preparation for retirement, benefit enrollment, incapacity leave, and other benefit-related programs and concerns; is a resource and conference contact for the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits.

Committee responsibilities: Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits and Area Health and Wellness Committee.



**Christie Robinson**

administrative assistant  
[crobinson@kansaseast.org](mailto:crobinson@kansaseast.org)

Assists with insurance and pension plans; prepares monthly billing for insurance and pension; posts payments; assists with plan enrollments and with informational seminars.

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### PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS



**Rev. Frank Pritz**

consultant [fpritz@kansaseast.org](mailto:fpritz@kansaseast.org)

Directs two-year Residency Programs for provisional members and anyone entering full-time local pastor ministry; works with district superintendents to utilize conflict intervention, mediation, and prevention for effective and healthy ways to work through conflict and change; consults regarding sexual ethics issues as a member of the Sexual Ethics Implementation Team and Crisis Intervention Team; serves on the Kansas Area Sexual Ethics Committee and works with this committee to plan and lead required Quadrennial Sexual Ethics training for clergy.