

**The Thirty-seventh Session of the
SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The United Methodist Church
Organized 1972**

Continuing the South Carolina Conference (1785) and the South Carolina Conference (1866)

Sunday, June 1 – Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Florence Civic Center
Florence, South Carolina
Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, Presiding

“Dare to Change the World”

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

June 1, 2008

Sunday Afternoon, The First Day

2:00 PM Registration – Civic Center Concourse (until 6:00pm)

5:00 PM Lay Orientation Session – Arena
Clergy Session – Exhibit Hall

Sunday Evening, The First Day

7:30 PM Opening of Annual Conference

Worship Service - Worldwide Ministries Celebration
Rev. H. Eddie Fox, Preacher
(Offering for – *UMCOR Response for Kenya. Make checks payable to SC
Conference Treasurer for “Kenya”. Designate church making offering.*)

June 2, 2008

Monday Morning, The Second Day

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Conference Organization

Welcome, Greetings, and Introductions
Organizational Motions by the Secretary
Report of the Committee on Standing Rules (SR 18)

9:00 AM Bible Study and Holy Communion
Rev. H. Eddie Fox, Bible Study Leader

10:15 AM Recess

10:30 AM Session Resumes

Report of the Board of Ordained Ministry
Election of Quadrennial Conference Officers (SR 30)
Report of the Committee on Nominations (Floor opened for add'l noms)* (SR 19)
Report of the Council on Finance & Administration (For Information)* (SR 21)
Committee on Resolutions & Appeals (For information & reference) (SR 76c)

12:00 N Lunch Recess

Monday Afternoon, The Second Day

2:00 PM Memorial Service
The Reverend Ernest Etheredge, Preacher

3:15 PM Recess

3:30 PM Session Resumes

Consent Calendar (For Information) (SR 22)
Presentation by Connectional Ministries
Report of the Ministry Advisory Team
Camps and Retreat Ministries Report
Report of the Commission on Equitable Compensation
Report of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits
Congregational Development Report

5:30 PM Dinner Recess

Monday Evening, The Second Day

7:30 PM Ordination Service
Bishop Robert Fannin, Preacher – President, World Methodist Council
(Offering for - *Bethlehem Bible College (Israel)* Make check payable to SC
Conference Treasurer for “Bible College”. Designate church making offering.)

June 3, 2008

Tuesday Morning, The Third Day

8:30 AM Bible Study and Holy Communion
Rev. H. Eddie Fox, Bible Study Leader

9:45 AM Session Resumes

Awards and Presentations
Report of the Conference Lay Leader (BOD 605.5)
Consent Calendar Adoption (SR 22) (Majority Vote)
Representative of the Black College Fund

11:30 AM Service of Recognition for Retiring Ministers and the “Passing of the Mantle”

12:30 PM Commissioning of Great Day of Service Volunteers
Lunch Recess

Tuesday Afternoon, The Third Day

Great Day of Service

Tuesday Evening, The Third Day

7:30 PM Worship Service – Service Day Celebration
Rev. Luronne Jennings, Preacher
(Offering for – *SC UMVIM*. Make checks payable to SC Conference
Treasurer for “SCUMVIM”. Designate church making offering.)

June 4, 2008

Wednesday Morning, The Fourth Day

- 8:30 AM Bible Study and Holy Communion
Rev. H. Eddie Fox, Bible Study Leader
- 9:45 AM Recess
- 10:00 AM Session Resumes
- Report of the Cabinet (BOD 424.5)
Elections – Committee on Nominations (SR 20)
Report of the Committee on Resolutions & Appeals (SR 76c)
Report of the Council on Finance and Administration (SR 21)
Report of the SEJ Connectional Table
Report of the United Methodist Theological Schools
Report of the Conference Chancellor
Report of the Board of Church and Society
- 12:00 N Lunch Recess

Wednesday Afternoon, The Fourth Day

- 2:00 PM Session Resumes
- Report by General Conference Delegation
Date of the 2009 Session of the Annual Conference
Recommendation for the Site of the 2009 Annual Conference
Report of Charge Line Changes
Resolutions to Discontinue or Abandon
Expressions of Appreciation and Omnibus Motion
- 4:00 PM Sending Forth Service – Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor
Fixing of the Appointments
- 5:00 PM Adjournment

Other Notes:

Dining:

Concession stands will be open on the concourse throughout the Conference.
Lunch will be served each day in the Exhibit Hall during the Lunch Recess. Meals are buffet style and cost \$10.00 each. Advance purchase of tickets is strongly encouraged.

Worship Participants:

Sunday evening worship participants gather at 7:00 PM in the Pee Dee Room.
Monday afternoon memorial service participants and family members gather at 1:30 PM outside the Santee Room.
Monday evening Ordination Service participants gather at 6:30 PM in the Waccamaw / Pee Dee Rooms.
Tuesday evening worship participants gather at 7:00 PM in the Pee Dee Room.

Tellers:

The organizational meeting for the Tellers will be held Monday morning at 8:00 AM in the Santee Room.

Committee on Resolutions and Appeals:

Monday afternoon at 5:45pm the Committee will meet in the Santee Room.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, June 2, 2008

Evangelism Awards Breakfast. The Evangelism Awards Breakfast is an event that recognizes churches who receive the Bishop's Five Star Award and individuals who receive the Denman Evangelism Awards. This breakfast (which is by invitation only) will be held at 7:00 AM on Monday, June 2 in the Pee Dee Room of the Florence Civic Center.

African American Clergywomen's Luncheon, 12:30 pm, Florence Civic Center, Waccamaw Room across from Exhibit Hall. Speaker, Dr. Walter Kimbrough, Retired Pastor of Cascade UMC, Atlanta, Ga. \$15.00 per person. Contact the Reverend Connie Barnes, PO Box 815, Murrells Inlet, SC, 29576, (843-651-2458) for tickets and the Reverend Anna G. Miller (843-393-1855) for more information

Asbury Seminary Fellowship, 12:30 pm at Shoney's, located at David McLeod Blvd. and Dunbarton Drive near the Florence Civic Center.

Laity Luncheon, 12:00 noon, Civic Center Exhibit Hall, \$10.00 per person. Program is "Making A Difference: What Can We Do -The Corridor of Shame" presentation by Bud Ferillo and Mollie Bame.

President's Luncheon, 12:30 pm, Hilton Garden Inn, Salons A & B. Sponsored by Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry with the presidents of the four United Methodist related colleges and universities in South Carolina.

Duke Alumni Gathering, will be held at United Methodist Manor Of the Pee Dee located at 2100 Twin Church Rd Florence. If you need help with directions the Manor's phone number is (843) 664-0700. The cost will be \$11 per person and the gathering will begin at 5:00 pm. Please mail checks to Wesley Memorial UMC, 5412 Hwy 165, Hollywood, SC 29449 and make checks payable to Wesley Memorial UMC. The deadline for reservations is May 20th. If you have any questions please e-mail Michael Arant at jmarant@umcsc.org or Michael Turner at maturner331@earthlink.net

Ordination Service Reception, 9:30 PM, Civic Center Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Young Clergy Breakfast, 7:00 AM, Spears Fellowship Hall, Central UMC in Florence. For clergy 35 and under. For more information, contact Rev. Will Malambri at 843-662-3218.

Upper Room Prayer Center Remote, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, in the Civic Center Board Room. Sponsored by the United Methodist Men, the Upper Room Prayer Center is one of their most vital ministries. Currently, over 30,000 calls are received each month requesting prayer. The prayer only begins with the telephone call. Within four days, each prayer request will be shared with ten covenant prayer groups who will continue to pray for thirty days. Delegates are invited to stop by the UMM exhibit booth for additional information concerning this ministry. Lay and Clergy are invited to participate as part of the Tuesday afternoon Great day of Service.

The Diakonia Celebration Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. at **Percy & Willie's**, 2401 David H. McLeod Blvd. All newly commissioned and ordained deacons will be recognized along with retiring deacons and diaconal ministers. All members and friends of the diaconate are encouraged to attend. Lunch is dutch treat and reservations are required. Please contact Bobbie Taylor no later than **May 30, 2008**, at botaylor@umcsc.org or 864-378-1859 to confirm your attendance at the luncheon. All attendees should be at **Percy & Willie's at 11:00 in order for us to be seated in the same area.**

United Methodist Men Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Civic Center Exhibit Hall, \$10.00 per person. Everyone welcome. Rev William Green, Associate Pastor at First UMC, Cary, NC is the featured speaker. Come hear this passionate Christian.

UMVIM Luncheon, 12:30 PM at Pisgah UMC. Cost: \$10.00 per person - checks are to be made out to UMVIM-SC and can be mailed to: Lee McMillan, PO Box 3787, Columbia, SC 29230. (Ph: 803-735-8790; email: lmcmillan@umcsc.org) Reservations accepted until May 26. Guest Speaker: Billy Robinson, Chairman, SCUMVIM ERT.

Educational Opportunities Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Lamplighter Restaurant. Meal is free for those who attend. Presentation and information about EO trip opportunities. For information, contact Lee Cothran.

Candler Club Dinner, 5:30 pm, Methodist Manor of the Pee Dee. The cost is \$13.00 per person. Reservations should be made by Monday, May 19th, 2008 in the form of a check and payable to "United Methodist Manor of the Pee Dee." Please send your check to The Reverend Lyn Pace at Wofford College – CPO 132, 429 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303. If you have any questions, please call Lyn at 864.597.4402 or e-mail at pacepl@wofford.edu. A representative from Candler School of Theology at Emory University will speak to the group following the meal.

Lutheran Seminary Alumni Dinner, 5:30 pm. Red Bone Alley Restaurant, 1903 West Palmetto Street. RSVP to: Rev. Sandra Stevens-Poirel (Cell ph: 843-995-0623; email: agapah@aol.com)

Clafin/Gammon Alumni Dinner. Time and place to be determined. Contact Marian Anderson – 803-535-5655

Black Methodists for Church Renewal Worship Service, following the Tuesday evening worship service, in the Exhibit Hall.

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Ministers' Spouses Luncheon, 11:30 AM at Central United Methodist Church. Cost of the lunch is \$10 per person. Make reservations by Friday, May 23 with Carolyn Wagnon, 2517 Parkland Dr. Florence, SC 29501 (843-629-1401). Make checks payable to Florence District Ministers' Spouses. No reservations will be taken at Conference. ON YOUR REGISTRATION PLEASE NOTE IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION FROM THE CIVIC CENTER TO CENTRAL UMC.

Erskine Seminary Alumni & Student Luncheon. All Erskine Theological Seminary alumni, students, friends, and spouses are invited to join us for lunch at 12:15 PM at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1629 West Palmetto Street, Florence. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Randa Mammarella at 864-378-2376 or Randa@Erskine.edu.

Extension Ministries Dinner, 12:30PM, Waccamaw Room, Civic Center. Reservations are not required. Persons just pay for their lunch in the Civic Center dining hall and bring their tray to the Waccamaw Room. The contact person is Smoke Kanipe.