



# Get Connected, Stay Connected

Here's a glimpse at what's coming up in and around the South Carolina United Methodist Conference.



## 2010 Annual Conference - DVD Order Forms

DVDs of all the worship services and Bible Studies from the 2010 Annual Conference are now on sale. Order forms can be found on the conference website: <http://www.umsc.org/2010AC.html> under the 2010 Annual Conference page. DVDs are \$20.00 each or a complete set of all Annual Conference services is only \$89.00.

You can also find the 2010-2011 pastor appointments on the website as well as the awards newsletter. Visit <http://www.umsc.org/2010AC.html>

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## Laity Convocation | July 9-11

The S.C. Laity Convocation is built on the foundation of "A Weekend of Personal Spiritual Growth for Local Church Leaders and Practical Ideas for Your Church" and features numerous workshops dealing with church leadership, lay speaking ministries, safe sanctuaries, family ministries and many other topics. These workshops give the attendees practical and understandable information about how United Methodist laity can serve Christ through the local church. The registration form is available on the South Carolina Conference website.

<http://www.umsc.org/PDF/upcomingevents/07July/LAITY%20CONVOCA-TION%202010.pdf>



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## The Gathering of Native American Men | Oct 1-3

"God's Warrior: The Man, The Christian, The Native:" This event is designed to bring together national Native American leaders and United Methodist Church leaders for dialogue and increased understanding about issues and concerns facing the Native American community and to begin developing a framework and support for ministry and covenant relationships. We hope the Native American Men's Conference will raise awareness about society's roles that affect Native Americans as men, as Christians, and as United Methodists. Participants will have an opportunity to be in dialogue with other Native American men and United Methodist leaders to examine ways to strengthen each other while providing for spiritual broadening and understanding.

Visit <http://www.lakejunaluska.com/native-american-men/> for more information.



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## Connection Ministries Structure Change Passes.

The proposed structure change for the South Carolina Conference Office of Connectional Ministries passed at the recent Annual Conference session in Florence, S.C. The new structure will help move the conference from programming to connecting and equipping churches for ministry.

The District Connectional Ministries Councils will be named soon and training for the district will begin in the fall and implemented by the first of January. The transition committee will be put in place and will be presenting the detailed structure plan for the Conference Council on Connectional Ministries to the Annual Conference in 2011.



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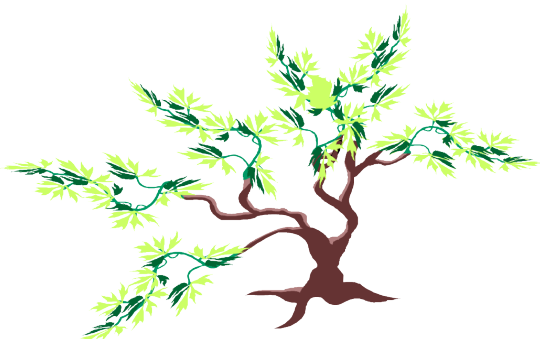
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# Connect, Equip, Inform...



## Summit on the Black Church | September 23-25

The 2010 Summit on the Black Church: Rekindling the Flame will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Columbia, S.C. This is the first conference gathering of African American clergy and laity to be held every other year for the purpose of celebrating the presence and ministry of the African American congregations in the S.C. Annual Conference. The summit will provide resources and training opportunities that would further strengthen, equip and empower local congregations in the S.C. Annual Conference to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The deadline for purchasing advertisements is August 4th and the hotel registration deadline is August 24. For more information, contact Ken Nelson, (803) 312-2824 or (803) 786-9486 ext. 315.



## Older Adult Spiritual Life Retreat | February 1-3, 2011

The 2011 Spiritual Life retreat for Older Adults will be held at Springmaid Beach, 3200 S. Ocean Blvd. in Myrtle Beach. The retreat is for older adults who are 55 years or older and who desire to explore and enhance their relationship with Christ.

This year's keynote speaker will be Bishop Violet L. Fisher from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Two hundred rooms have been reserved at Springmaid Beach for the Older Adult Retreat. These rooms will be held until December 31, 2010, for retreat participants. After January 15, 2011, rooms are on a first come basis. If you want to secure a room and meal ticket, call the Springmaid Reservation Line 1-800-770-6895.

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To register for the retreat, download the brochure online at <http://www.umcsc.org/> or contact Doris Seals in the Conference office 803-786-9486 or 888-678-6272.



## eChristian Ed | Web-based Training for Christian Educators

eChristianEd is for youth directors, Christian educators, church school teachers, congregational leaders and you! Six online courses, written by nationally recognized scholars and taught by professional Christian educators, equip you with the essential tools for teaching the faith to all ages. Supported by a caring, online community, you learn from the convenience of your home or office. Successful completion of five courses fulfills the academic requirements for United Methodist paraprofessional certification in Christian Education. For more information please visit <http://www.eChristianEd.com> or contact Dr. Dawn Compton, executive director at 803-394-2357 or [dcompton@columbiasc.edu](mailto:dcompton@columbiasc.edu)

## The Resource Center

The Resource Center provides videotapes, DVDs and choral music to enhance the ministry of the churches in the S.C. Conference. Resources are available for borrowing on a wide range of topics, including Bible study, parenting, confirmation, church history, mission and ministry, leadership, spiritual growth, stewardship, United Methodists, world religions, worship, youth, children and more. The music library provides seasonal musicals, praise and worship collections and anthems.

Located in The United Methodist Center in Columbia, S.C., the Resource Center is available to clergy, chairpersons, Sunday school teachers, youth directors, music directors and any group in your church that needs additional resources for ministry.

Visit [www.umcscumcsc.org/resourcecenter](http://www.umcscumcsc.org/resourcecenter) for more resources.



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Want to know what else is going on in the South Carolina Conference?

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## SAVE THE DATE



## Lake Junaluska

Conference & Retreat Center

**September 18-21**

### Peace Conference: Peace for the World's Children

Sept 18-21 Peace Conference\*

Sept 23-25 Summit on the Black Church

Oct 24-26 Diakonate Gathering\*

Oct 22-27 Bridging the Gap\*

Dec. 17-19 SEJ Student Movement Retreat\*

\* Event being held at Lake Junaluska

Join children's advocates at the 2010 Lake Junaluska Peace Conference to work to bring "Peace for the World's Children." The plight and promise of children will be featured during the 2010 Lake Junaluska Peace Conference. Keynote speaker presentations led by Marian Wright Edelman and other notable children's advocates, as well as hands-on workshops, will prepare us to be strong advocates for children in every arena of our lives.

For the first time, the Lake Junaluska Peace Conference includes a Saturday-Sunday session specifically for children, youth and their adult leaders, led by Jeni Stepanek. Everyone is welcome, and we hope that many of those coming for the Sunday-Tuesday conference will arrive in time for a "bridging" of the two sessions on Sunday afternoon during the first annual Peace Walk around the lake and Festival of Peace, which will be led by youth and children. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.lakejunaluska.com/peace/>

### Upcoming Special Days

**Aldersgate Special Needs - Aug. 8**

**Call to Ministry - Aug. 22**

**Hispanic Heritage Month - Sept. 15**

**Work Day Offering - Epworth - Sept. 12**

**Youth Service Fund Sunday - Sept. 19**

**World Communion Sunday - Oct. 3**

**Children's Sabbath - Oct. 8-10**

**Laity Sunday - Oct. 17**

**World Community Day - Nov. 5**

**Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday - Nov. 14**

**United Methodist Student Day - Nov. 28**

**World AIDS Day - Dec. 1**

### December 31 - February 21 MYP INFUSE Youth Winter Retreats



Join us at Lake Junaluska this winter for Ministries with Young People's INFUSE Christian youth winter retreats. Our winter ski programs, formerly known as THAW, include relevant contemporary spiritual messages and awesome Christian music concerts. For a full schedule of speakers and bands and to register, visit [www.myp.lakejunaluska.com/infuse-retreat/](http://www.myp.lakejunaluska.com/infuse-retreat/) or call 828-454-6681.

<http://www.umcsc.org/connx/specialsundays.html>



### Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday - August 8

The lack of housing for adults with developmental disabilities is at a crisis stage, with growing numbers of aging parents struggling to care for their special needs adult children.

Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry is an agency of the S.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church, founded to provide homes where special needs adults can live in a loving Christian environment, overseen by a dedicated staff. Sunday, August 8 is Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday. You can help Aldersgate by donating money and/or property, lend professional expertise, adopt Aldersgate as an ongoing mission project for your church group and lend your prayers and support. For more information on Aldersgate, how you can help and for bulletin inserts please visit <http://www.umcsc.org/aldersgate.html> or contact Tammy Fulmer at the South Carolina United Methodist Conference Office of Connectional Ministries, [tfulmer@umcsc.org](mailto:tfulmer@umcsc.org) or 1-888-678-6272.

Applications for residency can also be found on the Aldersgate website: <http://www.umcsc.org/aldersgate.html>

Want to help us connect?

Send information for ConnX to Matt Brodie [mbrodie@umcsc.org](mailto:mbrodie@umcsc.org) or call 803-786-9486, ext 265.

Deadline for ConnX is the 20th of February, April, June, August, October and December

Please submit material at least 6 months in advance.