



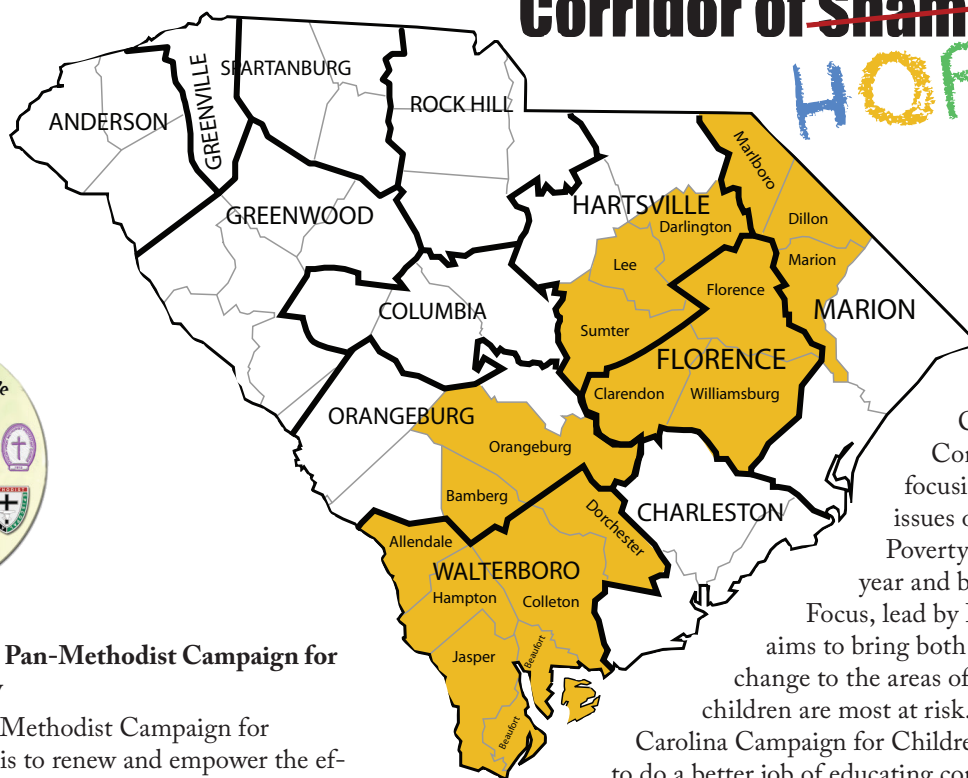
The South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

ConnX

January - June 2014

Children in Poverty a focus for 2014

~~Corridor of Shame~~
HOPE



Partnering with the Pan-Methodist Campaign for Children in Poverty

The goal of the Pan-Methodist Campaign for Children in Poverty is to renew and empower the efforts of Methodist churches, agencies, and seminaries already serving children and youth at risk to poverty and to challenge and enable all Methodist churches and seminaries to establish ministries to children and youth at risk to poverty.

For More information visit:

<http://www.panmethodistcampaignforchildren.org/>

The South Carolina Conference will be focusing heavily on the issues of Children in Poverty during the 2014 year and beyond. The Focus, lead by Bishop Holston aims to bring both awareness and change to the areas of our state where children are most at risk. The South Carolina Campaign for Children in Poverty wants to do a better job of educating congregations about the needs of children and the poor and to sensitize congregations to circumstances faced by children in order that churches might respond with acts of compassion and justice. The Task Force is encouraging partnerships with other community advocates, educators, and our legislators. Our new vision is to reach into "The Corridor of Shame" and help that area become "The Corridor of Hope."

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Get Connected, Stay Connected

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



Youth Basketball Tournament | January 24-26

The South Carolina Youth Basketball Tournament will be held January 24-26 in North Augusta. This year's host church is Grace UMC in N. Augusta with support from Belvedere UMC.

For more information about who can play, registration and participant forms, visit <http://www.scmethodistbasketball.org> or contact Doris Seals at dseals@umcsc.org



Granville Hicks Leadership Academy | January 31

The Granville Hicks Leadership Academy honors the Rev. Dr. Granville A. Hicks, a distinguished 1957 graduate of Claflin University, recognized for his leadership as a pastor and district superintendent in the South Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. This year's theme is "Reclaiming the Art of Preaching."

The purpose of the Academy is to equip laity and clergy for ministry and leadership within the church. The academy will empower individuals with biblical knowledge, intellectual growth and theological reflection, thus enhancing church development, renewal, and mission outreach.

<http://www.umcsc.org/PDF/upcomingevents/2014GranvilleHicksBrochure.pdf>



Older Adult Spiritual Life Retreat | February 4-6

The 2014 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 Rev. Dr. Richard Gentzler, Jr., former director of the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries for the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church.

Two hundred rooms have been reserved at Springmaid Beach for the Older Adult Retreat. If you want to secure a room and meal ticket, call the Springmaid Reservation Line at 800-770-6895. <http://www.umcsc.org/PDF/upcomingevents/olderadultretreat>.

DO YOU HAVE ONE HEART?



Revolution | February 14-16

Revolution is a weekend in Columbia, SC where 3,500+ UMC youth come together to worship our awesome God!

Revolution began in 2010 to provide a place for young people in South Carolina to have a powerful, life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

The weekend retreat is designed to invite more and more people to know and live for Christ through passionate worship and spiritual renewal.

This year's keynote speaker is Brooklyn Lindsey. Bands include Soul Fruit and the Josh Ridings Band. There will also be a special performance by The Skit Guys.

Go online to: <http://scmvp.org/revolution/>

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Connect, Equip, Inform...



Men's Spiritual Weekend | February 28 - March 2

South Carolina men are embarking on a leap of faith to partner clergy and laity to grow the Church for Jesus Christ with an emphasis on the discipleship of men in South Carolina and beyond. We are asking that laity and clergy come together to make disciples for Jesus Christ. To do this we are partnering with several pastors, who have growing ministries to share their successful methods for growing churches and ministry to men.

The UMM will kick this off at Springmaid Beach Feb. 28 through March 2, 2014. Over the next three years these same pastors and their churches will be Teaching Churches to continue to help churches grow disciples and thus grow God's Church. For more information visit: <http://www.umcsc.org/umm/>



UMW Assembly | April 25-27

The 2014 United Methodist Women Assembly will take place April 25-27, 2014, in Louisville, Ky. Registration ends April 1.

"We Make It Happen: A Living Timeline," an interactive project about sharing the stories of UMW members, will include an exhibit in the assembly's experience hall and a workshop during the event. For more information go online to: <http://new.gbgbm-umc.org/umw/assembly/>



Older Adult Mission Event | April 28 - May 1

Mark your calendars! The Older Adult 2014 Mission Event will be held in the Anderson District April 28 through May 1.

Older Adults 50+, from the South Carolina Conference, gather each Spring to serve in one of the Districts in the South Carolina Conference. Possible opportunities include painting, building a handicap ramp, redoing a kitchen, cleaning yards, planting flowers, replacing light fixtures and ceiling tiles, organizing food pantries or clothing closets. We also have redone floors, replace windows and window panes.

This group has lovingly been called Salkehatchie for Seniors. (but no roofs). Please come join us this April as we worship and work together in the Anderson District.

Brochures will be posted on the umcsc.org web site in February.



Annual Conference | June 1-4

The 2014 South Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference will be held June 1-4 at the Civic Center in Florence. This will be an exciting year as we take new strides in telling our story. This year's theme is "A More Excellent Way: Creating Corridors of Faith, Hope and Love."

More information, including hotels, restaurants, speakers and schedules can be found on the conference website at www.umcsc.org and then clicking on the resources tab and looking for 2014 Annual Conference.

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Want to know what else is going on in the South Carolina Conference?
Sign up to receive elink email information on the conference website: <http://mail.umcsc.org/list/elink>

SAVE THE DATE

June 1-4 Annual Conference

July 25-28 Immerse*

Oct. 2- 4 - Summit on the Black Church

** Event being held at Lake Junaluska
www.lakejunaluska.com*



Lake Junaluska

Conference & Retreat Center

Upcoming Events at Lake Junaluska

United Methodist Women Spiritual Growth Retreat

May 3-4

Caring for God's Creation is an experience for laity and clergy addressing how the faith community can promote justice for Earth and all living things. Join us at Lake Junaluska to discover your residential and faith communities' role in environmental care!

<http://www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation>

Lake Junaluska Peace Conference

March 27-30

Faith, Health, and Peace: Seeking the Basic Right to Good Health for All God's Children. The 2014 Peace Conference seeks to affirm the basic right to good health from the perspective of faith traditions, lift up "the leading causes of life," and explore ways faith communities can combat the causes of poor health, such as disease, violence, and poverty.

<http://www.lakejunaluska.com/Peace/>

Lake Junaluska Singers

January - December

The Lake Junaluska Singers, directed by Dr. Melodie Galloway, are a 14-voice professional ensemble, which serves as the Ambassador choir for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church and of the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. The group began in 1954 and has performed nationally and internationally for conferences, dignitaries, and major events. Their music ranges from classical choral and contemporary works to gospel, folk and musical theatre styles.

<http://www.lakejunaluska.com/singers/>

Upcoming Special Days

Human Relations Day - January 19

Golden Cross Sunday - February 2

Scouting Sunday - February 9

Camps and Retreats Sunday - March 16

One Great Hour of Sharing - March 30

Native American Sunday - May 4

Epworth Mother's Day offering - May 11

Peace with Justice Sunday - May 18

United Methodist Men's Day - June 15

Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday - August 17

<http://www.umcsc.org/>

Immerse 2014 | July 25-28 at Lake Junaluska



Immerse is the summer retreat for the youth of South Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Scheduled for July 25-28 at Lake Junaluska.

Immerse began in 2011 as a summer experience designed for Christian teenagers in South Carolina who have a desire to grow deeper in their faith and to strengthen their relationship with Christ.

The four-day retreat uses powerful worship, spiritual conversations, and Christian fellowship to encourage our relationship with God and each other. This year Immerse will once again be held at Lake Junaluska Assembly on the last weekend of July – July 25-28.

To register go to <http://scmvp.org/immerse/> and check it out on at Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ImmerseSC>

Want to help us connect?

Send information for ConnX to Matt Brodie mbrodie@umcsc.org or call 803-786-9486, ext 265.

Deadline for ConnX is the 20th of May and December.

Please try to submit material for the issue before your event.