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Dear Annual Conference Members:

Please share with the members of your church that once again this year the entire annual conference will be live streamed – tune in to www.umcsc.org during Annual Conference. We would encourage all United Methodists to follow the action of the conference. Also again this year, there will be daily wrap-up postings to assist you in making your report to your congregation. The media team has expanded social media this year to include Twitter and Instagram.

The reports, recommendations and resolutions received to date for consideration for the 2014 Session of the South Carolina Conference are enclosed for your review. Additional material will be distributed in your registration packet at Annual Conference.

The Agenda and the Special Events Calendar can be found in the section containing Table of Contents, Program and Events of the enclosed material. Registration for clergy and lay delegates will begin at 1:30 pm, Sunday, June 1. Laity and retired clergy will register on the concourse and all active clergy will register in the prefunction area (hallway outside ballroom) of the Florence Civic Center. The registration will be open until 6:00 pm. The Orientation for Lay Delegates will be held in the arena of the Civic Center. The Clergy Session will be held in the ballroom of the Civic Center. All registration will move back to the concourse Monday morning and will begin at 8:00 am.


Information on lodging in the Florence area, together with maps of the Florence Civic Center location, is included in the hospitality section of this packet. If you have not already made housing arrangements, please take time to make this reservation immediately.

During the Monday lunch break this year the Lay Leadership Area is providing a "Mission Fair" so that local churches can showcase the mission and ministry with which they have been involved this past year. Keeping with the fair theme the Civic Center will offer fair type food. Tickets will be available through Lyna Munn at the Florence Civic Center for \$8.00 through May 27, 2014. Please see the Local Church Mission Fair flyer in the hospitality section of the Pre-conference Journal.

Tuesday, again this year, will be a wonderful day of service and worship in Florence and around the Annual Conference. The God-Size Vision this year is collecting 1 million books. We are inviting everyone who is a member of a United Methodist church to participate. The evening service will be a time of celebrating "A More Excellent Way."

There is a great deal of excitement about Annual Conference this year, and I know you are making your plans to be in Florence June 1-4 for an amazing time of worship, service and conducting the business of the Annual Conference. Thank you in advance for all you are doing to make the United Methodist Church a great place where the Gospel is shared to all people in "A More Excellent Way."

Shalom,


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