

# **THE BISHOP'S SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**



## **Our Clergy Covenant: Living into a more Excellent Way!**

What do we mean when we say that we are a people of covenant? How can we best honor our covenant with God, our families, and one another? Are we serious about the vows taken when we are licensed, commissioned, or ordained? Are we committed to itineracy? Will we go where we are sent?

Do we honor one another's ministry, or do we interfere, undermine, or hinder one another's ministry? Are we called servant leaders or career oriented clergy? How can we move towards better self-care and living a "called and disciplined life?" Does our character reflect positively upon our calling and the God who called us? Let's have some real conversation on serious issues?

**SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2014**

**SPRINGMAID BEACH RESORT  
MYRTLE BEACH,  
SOUTH CAROLINA**

# KEYNOTE PRESENTERS 2014 BISHOP'S



Rev. Meg Lassisat

The Rev. Meg Lassisat is Director of Candidacy, Mentoring, and Conference Relations in the Division of Ordained Ministry of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. She has served on the staff of GBHEM since 2006 and in her current position since 2011. Prior to 2006, Lassisat served as director of student ministries, vocation and enlistment with General Board.

Meg served as the primary editor of *The Christian as Minister: An Exploration Into The Meaning of God's Call*, the primary text to introduce and explore with persons considering God's call to ministry in the United Methodist Church.

Meg has worked closely on issues related enlistment and candidacy and brings unique experiences and knowledge to her position. She serves as a liaison to annual conferences, Boards of Ordained Ministry, the BOM Staff Network.

Meg earned a B.A. degree from the University of North Florida and a M.Div. from Emory University's Candler School of Theology. She is an ordained deacon and a clergy member of the Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Dr. Carl Arrington

Dr. Carl Arrington serves as the Senior Pastor of the two hundred-member Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church in King, North Carolina. Since arriving at Chestnut Grove, the church has begun experiencing increased worship attendance as well as persons joining the church family and its various ministries. The congregation is making plans to rebuild and expand the sanctuary and educational facilities of the church.

Prior to being appointed to Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church, Dr. Arrington served as the Director of African-American Ministries and Coordinator of Social Justice Ministries at the Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center.

Dr. Arrington is an ordained Elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke Divinity School. He received his Doctor of Ministry from Drew University Theological School of Madison, New Jersey. He has completed life coach training from Coach University, Coach Training Alliance and is a certified New Life Story Wellness Coach and Executive Coach. Dr. Arrington has provided life coach training for pastors throughout the Western North Carolina and South Carolina annual conferences of The United Methodist Church. He has pastored congregations for over twenty years.



Dr. Earl Nichols

Earl J. Nichols, D. Min., presently serves as Director of Clergy and Congregational Care at the Pastoral Institute in Columbus, Georgia. Previously he served as the pastor of churches in Pennsylvania and Florida. He is a Diplomat in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and an Approved Supervisor in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He has been an ordained pastor for more than 40 years. He and his wife, Bea, are the parents of two and the grandparents of three.

# SCHEDULE

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## TUESDAY, September 2

3:00-P.M. Check in at Hotel  
7:00 P.M. Banquet -Bishop Holston

## WEDNESDAY, September 3

9:00 A.M. Keynote presentation  
Rev. Meg Lassiat, GBHEM

10:15 A.M. BREAK

10:30 A.M. WORKSHOPS

*A Conversation with Local Pastors*  
Rev. Valerie Harvard

*Faithfully Entering and Exiting Appointments*  
Dr. Tim McClendon

*Itinerancy: A Word From the Cabinet*  
Rev. Patti Parrish

12:00 P.M. LUNCH

1:30 P.M. Keynote Presentation-Dr. Carl Arrington  
*Self Care: Finding Balance for Effective Ministry*

2:45 P.M. BREAK

3:00 P.M. WORKSHOPS

*Self Care & You: A Fuller Conversation*  
Dr. Carl Arrington

*Faithfully Entering and Exiting Appointments*  
Dr. Tim McClendon

*A Conversation with Deacons-*  
Rev. Meg Lassiat

5:00 P.M. DINNER

7:00 P.M. Worship-Rev. Matt Yon-Preacher

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 A.M. Keynote Presentation-Dr. Earl Nichols  
Pastoral Institute, Columbus, Georgia

10:00A.M. BREAK

10:15A.M. WORKSHOPS

*“Caring for all the Broken People and Places”*  
Dr. Earl Nichols

*“Your Leadership Style and Its Impact on  
Your Local Church Setting”\*\*\**  
Rev. Sara White

*“Self Care & You: A Fuller Conversation”*  
Dr. Carl Arrington

11:30 P.M. Break & Transition

12:00P.M. Worship/Communion  
Chair of the Orders

**\*\*THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE LIMITED 20 PERSONS. YOU WILL NEED TO E-MAIL MS. LAURA HILL (lhill@umcsc.org) IN THE OFFICE OF CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN TAKING THE DISC PROFILE ONLINE PRIOR TO THE BISHOP’S SCHOOL OF MINISTRY. PLEASE COMPLETE YOU DISC PROFILE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2014 TO ENSURE YOUR RESULTS ARE BACK IN TIME. THERE IS A \$10.00 FEE FOR THIS WORKSHOP. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SC CONFERENCE TREASURER. PLEASE PUT “CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT” IN THE MEMO LINE. YOU MAY PAY MARTHA LILES AT THE BISHOP’S SCHOOL OF MINISTRY.**

# REGISTRATION ONLINE

## ANNUAL BISHOP'S SCHOOL OF MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2014 - SPRINGMAID BEACH, SC

NAME (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELLPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate box:

FEE-INCLUDES REGISTRATION & TUESDAY BANQUET\* .....\$105.00

FEE-INCLUDES REGISTRATION, TUESDAY BANQUET & MEALS\*\* .....\$.155.00

SPOUSES BANQUET AND MEALS.....\$.81.50

\*\* Registration includes Tuesday Banquet, Wednesday, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Thursday Breakfast and Lunch

For more information, contact Clergy Services  
PHONE (803) 786-9486 or toll free 1-888-678-6272  
E-MAIL clergy/services@umcsc.org

- ▶ Room reservations must be made directly with Springmaid Beach Resort  
Room deadline is August 8, 2014
- ▶ 1 1/2 CEUs (Continuing Education Units) will be awarded to all participants who attend all scheduled events.

( ) REGISTER ME for BOTH RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS  
(SEND AN EMAIL TO clergy/services@umcsc.org)

### LEROY SPRINGS & COMPANY, INC - SPRINGMAID BEACH RESERVATION SCHOOL OF MINISTRY—September 2-4, 2014

RESERVATION DEADLINE: The deadline for making reservations is 8/04/2014. All requests for additional nights will be confirmed when you call Springmaid. For accuracy and verification call or mail reservation to Springmaid Beach using ID# 11866.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Guests canceling reservations at least 15 days prior to the arrival date will be refunded their entire deposit less a \$25.00 processing fee. Cancellations made within 15 days of arrival will result in complete forfeiture of deposit. Changes in length of stay made within 15 days or upon arrival will result in complete forfeiture of deposit.

VISA OR MASTERCARD ACCEPTANCE Cost per night is \$82.46. tax (2 queens, private ocean view balcony, sleeps 4)

Springmaid Beach  
3200 South Ocean Blvd.  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
PHONE: 1-800-770-6895

Please make your housing reservations directly with Springmaid Beach —  
THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS August 4, 2014