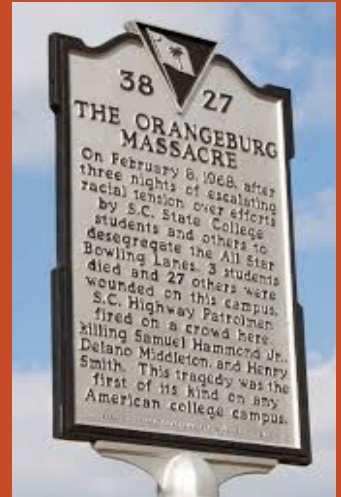


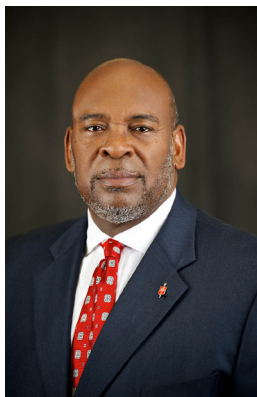


# Racial Reconciliation Pilgrimages May 15-16, 2015



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South Carolina State University  
300 College St. NE. Orangeburg, SC 29115

## Pilgrimage Presentors



Bishop L. Jonathan Holston is the resident bishop of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. Bishop Holston possesses extraordinary knowledge gained by his presence throughout the years on numerous boards and committees of the United Methodist Church at the conference and general church levels.



Joe Benton, 11th President of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW). Prior to his retirement, he was the Special Assistant for Faith Initiatives working primarily with the AME Church. He also attended both Claflin University and Benedict College.

*How does your story of race relations affect your understanding of God's mission in the world? Being a disciple is a blessing. God's mission, according to 2 Corinthians 5:17, is reconciling the world to himself. And there is a sense of journey or pilgrimage that is connected with that.*

## Schedule

### Friday, May 15, 2015

**5:00 to 6:30pm**

Registration and Reception

**5:30 to 7:00pm**

Dinner and Round Table Discussions

**7:30 to 8:30pm**

Film Clips Orangeburg Massacre

### Saturday, May 16, 2015

**8:00 to 9:00am**

Continental Breakfast & Registration

**9:30 to 11:30am**

Orangeburg Massacre Speakers & Student Protestor Bobby Eaddy

**11:45am to 12:30pm**

Debrief & Processing Part 1  
Racial healing around the Orangeburg Massacre:  
How do we move forward in South Carolina?  
(Facilitator, Joe Benton)

**12:30 to 1:30pm**

Lunch  
Walking Tour The Historic Massacre sites on SCSU Campus

**1:30 to 2:30pm**

Debrief & Processing Part 2  
Healing Racism in the Church: How do we move forward as an institution? (Facilitator, Joe Benton)

**2:30 to 3:30pm**

Closing Worship  
Bishop L. Jonathan Holston  
The James and Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel,  
Claflin University

## *You Are Invited to Come With the RRDT as a Pilgrim*

- The Racial Reconciliation Design Team, RRDT, is calling the members of the South Carolina Annual Conference to take serious the concept of Pilgrimages of Pain and Hope. We invite you to have conversations that address racism and social injustice.
- Travel with us to the tragedy at Orangeburg. The Orangeburg Massacre has remained one of the least known and most misunderstood events of the civil rights era. On a basic level, Orangeburg is a chilling history lesson on the horrors of law enforcement motivated by racism and hatred.
- We are inviting the South Carolina Annual Conference to come as pilgrims to places of Pain and Hope. On May 15-16, 2015 on the historic campus of South Carolina State University, the members of the RRDT and the members from across the Annual Conference will be working to heal the sin of racism.
- Pilgrimages of Pain and Hope are one way we are called to follow God's heart and join God's mission in the world. Through any pilgrimage, we learn more about sisters and brothers in communities and more about our relationship with Christ.

*Yes, there is a need to travel together and place feet on the sacred ground of places in South Carolina that cause the historic blood in the veins of the heart of Methodism to shutter.*

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

*Below are some comfortable reasonable lodging locations:*

### **Fairfield Inn by Marriott**

663 Citadel Road, I-26, Exit 145, Orangeburg, SC 29115

Phone:(803) 533-0014

### **Country Inn & Suites**

Address: 731 Citadel Rd, Orangeburg, SC 29118

Phone:(803) 928-5300



*The Orangeburg Massacre* centers on the February 8th, 1968, Killing of three students: Samuel Hammond, Henry Smith, and Delano Middleton, by police gunfire on the South Carolina State University campus in Orangeburg.

Twenty-seven others were wounded. None of the students were armed and most were shot in their backs or the soles of their feet.

***Registration is \$10.00***

Registration instructions are online at

<https://umcsc.wufoo.com/forms/racial-reconciliation-pilgrimage-registration/>

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