

**The Fifty-Second Session of the
SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Organized 1972, Continuing the South Carolina Conference (1785) and the South Carolina Conference (1866)

Seeking A More Excellent Way: Breathe and Believe, Hewing Hope

Sunday, June 4 – Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Florence Center, Florence, South Carolina | Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Presiding

NOTES:

- All Registration will be Online. Pastors should make sure any changes to Lay Members reported at Charge Conference is made prior to Annual Conference.
- Electronic Voting will utilize Lay and Clergy member's personal electronic devices. Clergy and Lay members will need to bring a smart phone/tablet/lap top capable of connecting to a WIFI network and accessing the internet in order to vote.
- A Prayer Room will be available throughout the Annual Conference in Room 106, hosted by MennMinistry SC.

2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

(All sessions and events in-person unless noted otherwise)

Sunday, June 4, 2023 – Day One

- 2:00 p.m. Packet Pick-Up for Registered Lay & Clergy Members *(until 6 pm)*
(until 5pm on Sunday, and reopens Monday morning)
- 2:30 p.m. Clergy Session (virtual)
- 3-3:45 pm New Lay Member Orientation (Session 1)
- 4-4:45 pm New Lay Member Orientation (Session 2)
- 5:00 p.m. Retiree Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Commissioning, Ordination and Retirement Recognition Service
(Retiring Clergy, Ordination & Commissioning Candidates will participate in-person)
Presiding: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
Resident Bishop, South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
Preacher: Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball
Resident Bishop, West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
(The offering received this evening is for the SC Conference Seminary Students Scholarship Fund, an endowment of the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, which provides scholarship awards to candidates for ministry from South Carolina attending United Methodist seminaries and theological schools. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, SC Conference, memo line: Seminary Students Scholarship Fund. Donations can also be mailed to: The Office of the Conference Treasurer, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29203)

Monday, June 5, 2023 – Day Two

- 8:00 a.m. Packet Pick-Up for Registered Lay & Clergy Members *(until 1 pm)*
- 9:00 a.m. Voting Orientation & Testing for both Clergy & Laity
- 9:30 a.m. Opening Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. Conference Organization *(Welcome, Greetings, Introductions & initial reports)*
Call to Order
Greetings from Host DS
Greetings from Host Pastor
Organizational Motions
Consent Calendar (SR 22)
Committee on Standing Rules (SR 18)
Committee on Nominations (SR19)
Report of Committee on Episcopacy

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Recess
- 2:00 p.m. Committee Council on Finance and Administration (SR21)
 Committee Resolutions and Appeals
 The Report of the Cabinet (BOD 605.4)
 Report of the Conference Lay Leader (BOD 605.5)
- 4:15 p.m. Epworth Children's Home (*New President Introduction*)
- 4:20 p.m. Report of the Board of Ordained Ministry (*including the recognition of those who have completed the Licensing School of Pastoral Ministry*)
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Praise and Prayer
Rev. Kim Moultrie Bryant - 2023 Provisional Deacon, Charleston District
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Recess (*unless the president feels the need to reconvene after dinner*)

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – Day Three

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion – (*in room 106*)
Liturgist: Rev. Norma Bartelle, Local Pastor
Jeremiah & Kennedyville UMCs, Florence District
Preacher: Rev. Claire Van Den Berg, 2022 Provisional Elder
Liberty Chapel-Friendship Charge, Florence District
Celebrant: Louis Ashley, 2023 Ordained Elder,
Bethel UMC, Kingstree, Florence District
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Praise and Prayer
Rev. Cameron Thomas Levi, 2023 Ordained Elder
St. Paul UMC Pastor, Saluda, Greenwood District.
- 9:35 a.m. The Report of the Commission on Equitable Compensation
 The Report of the Board of Pension & Health Benefits
 Conference Connection Ministries
 Report of General and Jurisdictional Delegation
 Elections-Committee on Nominations
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Recess
- 2:00 p.m. Global Ministries (Video Report)
- 2:05 p.m. Report of the Chancellor
 Report of the Conference Board of Trustees
- 5:00 p.m. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Preacher: Rev. Rev. Timothy Julian Rogers
Marion District Superintendent
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Recess (*unless the president feels the need to reconvene after dinner*)

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – Day Four

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion – (*in room 106*)
Liturgist: Rev Margaret Wilkes, Deacon
Clemson United Methodist Church, Anderson District
Preacher: Rev. Gerald Clinkscales, Local Pastor
Crossroads-Martha's Chapel-Mays Charge, Saluda/Ninety-Six, Greenwood District
Celebrant: Rev Amanda Richardson, 2023 Ordained Elder,
Johnston-Harmony Charge, Johnston, Greenwood District
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Praise and Prayer
Rev. Tae Suk Park, 2022 Ordained Elder,
Associate Pastor, Surfside UMC, Marion District
- 9:30 a.m. Adoption of Consent Calendar
 Resolutions to Church Closing and Charge Line Change
 Council on Finance and Administration (SR 21)
 Date and Location of the 2024 Session of Annual Conference
 Expressions of Appreciation and Omnibus Motion
- 11:30 a.m. Sending Forth and Fixing of the Appointments,
Preacher: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
Resident Bishop, South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, June 4, 2023

- 3-3:45 pm **New Lay Member Orientation (Session 1)** *attend either session* Ball Room
- 4-4:45 pm **New Lay Member Orientation (Session 2)** *attend either session* Ball Room
Come learn about Annual Conference if this is your first time attending as a lay delegate.
- 5:00 p.m. **Retiree Dinner** Rooms 104 & 103
Dinner held for retirees and their families in. **This gathering is by invitation only.**
- 7:00 p.m. **Ordination, Commissioning & Retirement Service** Arena
Robing for worship participants, Ordination & Commissioning Candidates, Retirees & Spouses and BOM members will be in rooms 108 and 109.
- 9:00 p.m. **Ordination Service Reception** Prefunction Lobby
Immediately following the ordination service.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023

- 7-10:30 a.m. **Health Screening** Room 110
Open only to Health Plan Members free to those members. Offered by the Conference Benefits Office. Online registration details will be mailed to you in April. It is imperative that you pre-register so we will have the necessary supplies.
- 11:30 a.m. **Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry BBQ lunch** At Rick's House
Rick's House is located on the property of The Manor at 3700 Hamer Circle, Florence, SC 29501. RSVP to Kim Thomas at asnm-sc@att.net by May 15th.
- 12:00 p.m. **African American Clergywomen's Luncheon** Room 104
Rev. Millie Nelson Smith is the speaker. The cost of the lunch is \$ 35 per person. Please contact Rev. Blondell Miller at 843-307-0513, blon1949@aol.com, or Rev. Doris Bright at 843-542-6543, drbright@umcsc.org for tickets.
- 12:30 p.m. **Diakonia Luncheon** Central UMC
For all Deacons, Deacon Candidates, Diaconal Ministers, and Deaconesses will be held in the Spears Fellowship Hall at Central UMC (167 South Irby Street Florence, SC). Newly Ordained and Commissioned Deacons, and retiring Deacons will be recognized.
- 12:30-4:30 p.m. **American Red Cross Blood Drive** Room 110
Help save up to three lives by donating blood! Register on-line at www.redcrossblood.org before annual conference (enter sponsor code: scumc), or register in person when you arrive in Greenville. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood!
- 6:00 p.m. **Clafin University Alumni & Friends Reception** Room 104
Reception for Clafin Alumni and Friends to be held immediately following the afternoon business session.
- 6:00 p.m. **Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University Banquet** Rooms 101-102
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University will host a dinner for alumni, students, and friends (including the spiritual direction certification program) in room 101-102. Rev. M'lilian 'Mili' Scott, Lenoir Rhyne/LTSS Senior Graduate Admissions Counselor, and Rev. Dr. Melanie Dobson, Assistant Professor, Lefler and Wohltmann Chair in Methodist Studies, will be speakers. The dinner is free, courtesy of Lenoir-Rhyne University. Please use this link to register for the meal: <https://alumni.lr.edu/SCconference>. The contact person for reservations is Melanie Dobson-melanie.dobson@lr.edu.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

- 7-10:30 a.m. **Health Screening** *Room 110*
Open only to Health Plan Members free to those members. Offered by the Conference Benefits Office. Online registration details will be mailed to you in April. It is imperative that you pre-register so we will have the necessary supplies.
- 7:30 a.m. **South Carolina Reconciling Ministries Breakfast Buffet** *Homewood Suites by Hilton*
The South Carolina Reconciling Ministries is holding a buffet breakfast on Tuesday morning, June 6th, at 7:30 am at Homewood Suites by Hilton on 3450 West Radio Drive, a short distance from the Florence Convention Center. A special speaker is planned. SCRNM is covering part of the cost. Your cost is just \$10.00. Seating is limited so advance registration would be appreciated. Send your registration request to: reconcilingministriessc@gmail.com
- 7:30 a.m. **Holy Communion** *Room 106*
Liturgist: Rev. Norma Bartelle
Preacher: Rev. Claire Van Den Berg
Celebrant: Louis Ashley
- 12:00 p.m. **Hood Theological Seminary Alumni & Prospective Students Luncheon** *Room 102*
The cost of the lunch is **TBD**. For additional information or tickets, contact Kimberly Clarke Turner at 704-636-6891 or kclarke@hoodseminary.edu.
- 6:00 p.m. **Gammon Theological Seminary Fellowship Dinner** *Rooms 103-104*
Cost per person TBD. RSVP by Friday, May 23. Dean Candace Lewis will be in attendance. Contact Amelia Tucker-Shaw for more information or to RSVP execasst.atuckershaw@gammon-itc.org.
- Black Methodist for Church Renewal Worship Service** *Rooms 106*
At 8pm, or following the end of the Gammon Theological Seminary Fellowship Dinner. Contact Rev Reginald E. Lee for more information. RLee@umcsc.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

- 7-10:30 a.m. **Health Screening** *Room 110*
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