

**The Fifty-Third 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: On the Leading Edge of Ministry
Sunday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

Greenville Center, Greenville, 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.
- This online agenda will be updated as changes are made. This especially applies to the Special Events portion. Please revisit the online agenda often prior to Annual Conference.

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

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

Sunday, June 9, 2024 – Day One

- 2:00 pm Packet Pick-Up for Registered Lay & Clergy Members *(until 6 pm)*
(until 5pm on Sunday, and reopens Monday morning)
- 3-3:45 pm New Lay Member Orientation (Session 1)
- 4:30 pm Clergy Session (in person)
- 4-4:45 pm New Lay Member Orientation (Session 2)
- 7:00 pm 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 Frank J. Beard
Resident Bishop, Illinois Great Rivers 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 10, 2024 – Day Two

- 8:00 am Packet Pick-Up for Registered Lay & Clergy Members *(until 1 pm)*
- 9:00 am Opening Worship Service
- 10:15 am 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 (SR 19)
Quadrennial Conference Officer Nominations (SR30)
Report of Committee on Episcopacy
- 12:00 pm Lunch Recess
Retiree Lunch
- 2:00 pm 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 pm Report of the Board of Ordained Ministry *(including the recognition of those who have completed the Licensing School of Pastoral Ministry)*

- 5:00 pm Evening Praise and Prayer
Rev. Morgan Barner Byars - 2024 Ordained Elder, Mt. Hebron UMC Associate, Columbia District
- 6:00 pm Evening Recess *(unless the president feels the need to reconvene after dinner)*

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – Day Three

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion – *(in room 203)*
*Liturgist: Rev. Margaret Cantey - 2023 Ordained Deacon,
 New Beginnings UMC Associate, Spartanburg District*
*Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Price, 2023 Licensed Local Pastor
 Summerton UMC, Florence District*
*Celebrant: Rev. Kenneth Bernard Middleton, 2024 Ordained Elder,
 Mechanicsville UMC, Hartsville District*
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Praise and Prayer
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther Quick- 2024 Ordained Elder, Cumberland UMC, Florence District
- 9:35 a.m. The Report of the Commission on Equitable Compensation
 The Report of the Board of Pension & Health Benefits
 Conference Connectional Ministries
 Report of General Delegation
 Elections-Committee on Nominations
 Quadrennial Conference Officer Elections (SR30)
 Claflin University *(President Introduction)*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Recess
- 2:00 p.m. Report of the Chancellor
 Report of the Conference Board of Trustees
 Report of the Ministry Advisory Team
- 5:00 p.m. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
*Preacher: Rev. Dr. Sandra Stevens Poirel
 Marion District Superintendent*
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Recess *(unless the president feels the need to reconvene after dinner)*

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – Day Four

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion – *(in room 203)*
*Liturgist: Rev. Kim Moultrie Bryant - 2023 Provisional Deacon,
 Grace UMC Associate, Charleston District*
*Preacher: Rev. Dr. Margo Williams, 2023 Licensed Local Pastor
 St. Mark UMC, Columbia District*
*Celebrant: Rev. James William Smith, 2024 Ordained Elder,
 Lyttleton Street UMC Associate, Hartsville District*
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Praise and Prayer
Rev. Edward (Ed) Timothy Stallworth III- 2024 Associate Member, Pelion & Sharon UMCs, Orangeburg 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 2025 Session of Annual Conference
 Expressions of Appreciation and Omnibus Motion
- 11:30 a.m. Sending Forth and Fixing of the Appointments,

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

(Added as scheduled with the Conference Secretary's Office)

Sunday, June 9, 2024 – Day One

- 3-3:45 pm **New Lay Member Orientation** (Session 1) *attend either session* *102 A-B*
 Come learn about Annual Conference if this is your first time attending as a lay delegate.
- 4-4:45 pm **New Lay Member Orientation** (Session 2) *attend either session* *102 A-B*
 Come learn about Annual Conference if this is your first time attending as a lay delegate.

- 4:30 pm **Clergy Session** *202 A-B-C*
Active & Retired, Full & Provisional Clergy Members; Licensed Local Pastors; and Clergy & Lay Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry.
- 7:00 p.m. **Ordination, Commissioning & Retirement Service** *Ballroom*
Robing for worship participants, Ordination & Commissioning Candidates, Retirees & Spouses and BOM members will be in rooms 202A.
- 9:00 p.m. **Ordination Service Reception** *Concourse*
Immediately following the ordination service.

Monday, June 10, 2024 – Day Two

- 7:30 - 11:30 am **Blueprint for Wellness** *Hall 1*
On-Site Blueprint for Wellness Screening at the South Carolina Annual Conference. Registration is strongly recommended for this event. Walk-ins are very limited. There are two ways to register:
 - Online: Log in to your Virgin Pulse® account and find Blueprint for Wellness under the “Benefits” tab or through Benefits Access (for participants).
 - Phone: 1-855-623-9355 Employer group: Wesp2024
- 8:30 am - 12:30 pm **Red Cross Blood Drive** *104*
Every 2 seconds in the US someone needs blood. Help fill the need by donating at the South Carolina UM Conference Blood Drive. Register online now:
www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=scmethodist.
 Sponsor Code: scmethodist
- 12:00 p.m. **Retiree Luncheon** *202 A-B*
Dinner held for retirees and their families in. **This gathering is by invitation only.**
- 12:00 p.m. **Aldersgate Special Needs Luncheon** *202 c*
Contact Kim Thomas for more information. director@aldersgatesnm.org
- 12:00 p.m. **African American Clergywomen’s Luncheon** *102 A-B-C*
Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly will be the speaker. The cost of the lunch is \$40 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.
- 12:00 p.m. **Diakonia Luncheon** *TBA*
Information TBA. Contact Rev. Meg Bryce Jiunnies (mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net) for more information.
- 2:30 p.m. **Minister’s Spouses Meeting** *100*
- 5:30 p.m. **Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR) Soul Food Dinner & Worship** *John Wesley UMC*
Catered Soul Food Dinner (5:30 pm – 6:45 pm) at John Wesley UMC (101 E. Court Street, Greenville, SC 29601) - \$20.00 per person, tickets will be available at the BMCR Display. Free transportation for those needing it leaving the Greenville Convention Center at 5:00 pm and will return to the Convention Center after Worship. Worship will begin at 7:00 pm in John Wesley’s Sanctuary.
- 6:00 p.m. **Candler School of Theology Alumni Dinner**
Location TBA. Contact Rev. Kathy James (kljames@umcsc.org) or Mallory Forte Nickerson (mjforte@umcsc.org) for more information.
- 6:00 p.m. **Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University Banquet** *202 C*
All Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) alumni, students, and friends are invited to the LTSS dinner on LTSS Monday, June 10th at 6pm at the Greenville Convention Center. The

meal is provided free of charge, thanks to the Lenoir-Rhyne University Office Advancement. LTSS Rector and Dean Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer will deliver remarks and assistant professor of Methodist Studies Rev. Dr. Melanie Dobson will provide greetings and celebrate any LTSS commissioned, licensed, or ordained clergy in 2024. Please register at this link: <https://engage.lr.edu/e/ltss-alumni-dinner-at-sc-methodist-annual-conference/>

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – Day Three

7:00 am South Carolina Reconciling Ministries Breakfast

Off Site

Will meet on Tuesday June 11th from 7:00-9:00am at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 703 E Washington St. Contact SC Reconciling Ministries Network at reconcilingministriessc@gmail.com for more information

7:30 am Holy Communion

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7:30 - 11:30 am Blueprint for Wellness

Hall 1

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12:00 p.m. Gammon Theological Seminary Fellowship Dinner

202 C

SC Gammon Alumni and Friends luncheon with the dynamic preaching of Rev. Dr. George Ashford. \$50 Luncheon Tickets will be sold at the door. Vegetarian meal upon request. Contact Rev. Redonia Thomas for more information rmthomas@umcsc.org.

12:00 p.m. ADVOCATE Meet the Author/Book Signing Drop In

202 A

Information TBA.

6:00 pm Claflin University Alumni & Friends Reception

202 C

Reception for Claflin Alumni and Friends to be held immediately following the afternoon business session. RSVP HERE: <https://alumni.claflin.edu/claflin-reception->

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – Day Four

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

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12:30 p.m. Board of Ordained Ministry

The newly elected Board of Ordained Ministry will meet with Bishop Holston immediately following the last session of Annual Conference to elect the new executive officers.

202 A

12:30 p.m. Hood Theological Seminary Alumni & Prospective Students Luncheon

202 C

Hood Theological Seminary Alumni & Prospective Students Luncheon located in Room 202c. The cost of the lunch is \$10.00 per person. For additional information, contact Rev. Kimberly Clarke Turner at 704-636-6891 or kclarke@hoodseminary.edu. To register, please click or cut/paste this link: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/MM3DRQCV27JFY>