

**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.**

2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

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

June 4, 2023, Sunday Afternoon – The Second Day

- 2:30 p.m. Clergy Session (virtual)
- 4:00 p.m. Laity Orientation Session *(includes voting platform training)*
- 5:00 p.m. Retiree Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Commissioning, Ordination and Retirement Recognition Service *(retiring clergy will participate in-person) – Bishop Jonathan Holston, Presiding
Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, Resident Bishop, West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church*

June 5, 2023, Monday – The Second Day

- 9:00 a.m. Voting Orientation & Testing for both Clergy & Laity
- 9:30 a.m. Opening Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. Business Session 1
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Recess
- 2:00 p.m. Business Session 2 *(including recognition of those being licensed)*
- 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)*

June 6, 2023, Tuesday – The Third Day

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Praise and Prayer – *Rev. Cameron Thomas Levi, 2023 Ordained Elder, St. Paul UMC Pastor, Saluda, Greenwood District.*
- 9:00 a.m. Business Session 3
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Recess
- 2:00 p.m. Business Session 4
- 5:00 p.m. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving - *Rev. Timothy Julian Rogers, Marion District Superintendent.*
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Recess *(unless the president feels the need to reconvene after dinner)*

June 7, 2023, Wednesday – The Fourth Day

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Praise and Prayer – *Rev. Tae Suk Park, 2022 Ordained Elder, Associate Pastor, Surfside UMC, Marion District.*

- 9:00 a.m. Business Session 5
 12:00 p.m. Lunch Recess
 2:00 p.m. Business Session 6 (*concluding with the Sending Forth and Fixing of the Appointments*)
Bishop Jonathan Holston, Preacher

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

- 5:00 PM **Retiree Dinner:** Dinner held for retirees and their families in room 104 & 103. **This gathering is by invitation only.**
- 7:00 PM **Ordination, Commissioning & Retirement Service:** in the Arena. Robing for worship participants, Ordination & Commissioning Candidates, Retirees & Spouses and BOM members will be in rooms 108 and 109.
- 9:00 PM **Ordination Service Reception:** in the Ballroom (107) immediately following the ordination service.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023

- 7-10:30 am **Health Screening** located in 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.
- 12:00 pm **African American Clergywomen's Luncheon** will be in 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 pm **Diakonia Luncheon** 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 pm **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, located in Room 110 (Santee Room). Help save up to three lives by donating blood! Register on-line at www.redcrossblood.org before annual conference (enter sponsor code: scmehodist), or register in person when you arrive in Greenville. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood!

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

- 7-10:30 am **Health Screening** located in 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 am **Holy Communion** in room 106 (**LEADERS TBN**)
- Noon **Hood Theological Seminary Alumni & Prospective Students Luncheon** located in 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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

- 7-10:30 am **Health Screening** located in 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 am **Holy Communion** in room 106 (**LEADERS TBN**)