



Dear Member of Annual Conference:

The 2010 Annual Conference will be held in Montgomery beginning with an inspiring worship service at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. CT on Sunday, June 6. The theme is "**Partnership in the Gospel – Nurturing Disciples.**" Guest speakers for Annual Conference are Bishop William Morris (preaching the opening and ordination services); Dr. James (Mickey) Efirm, Duke Divinity School, retired, (Monday and Tuesday morning Bible studies); Dr. John Ed Mathison, retired, (Memorial Service); Rev. Grace Imathiu from the Wisconsin Conference (Tuesday morning teaching moments); and Dr. David Stevens will deliver the Mary Ellen Bullard Leadership Address at the Tuesday evening laity banquet. The mission offering received Sunday night will be for the **Central Conference Pension Initiative (CCPI)** www.ccpi-umc.org. A special offering at the Monday evening Ordination Service will benefit the Ministerial Education Fund.

The most up-to-date agenda for Annual Conference, along with maps/driving directions, etc can be downloaded from the conference website www.awfumc.org/ac2010 and will also be included in the *Brochure of Reports*. Each District will distribute the *Brochure of Reports* and additional materials you will need to **BRING** to Annual Conference. Please check with your District Office for details.

Online registration will be **required** for all members this year. You can find a quick link for online registration by visiting awfumc.org/ac2010. In addition to registering online, members must also document their attendance by dropping into receptacles in the registration area in the Atrium at Frazer Memorial the registration card issued to them through their District Office. The times scheduled to verify your attendance and pick up any conference information are:

- Sunday, June 6, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (registration will close promptly at 6:00 p.m. to prepare for worship)
- Monday, June 7, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 8, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be no registration allowed after 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Meals and Special Meals The Annual Conference provides meals for Monday and Tuesday lunch, which **MUST be reserved online** – note this is a change for this year; we are trying to be the best stewards of our resources for the Annual Conference. The Conference Board of Laity will host a Laity Banquet on Tuesday evening, and the meal for this event **must be reserved online**. The Annual Conference will not provide the Laity Banquet meal this year; however a love offering will be taken to off set the costs to the Board of Laity. Also, if you are attending lunch or dinner hosted by a group, you must make a reservation for this meal **online** (i.e. Asbury Club, etc.) Information will be found online awfumc.org/ac2010.

Monday and Tuesday lunches are provided at no charge to the following: *Elders In Full Connection (active and retired); Deacons In Full Connection (active and retired); Provisional Members; Associate Members (active and retired); Affiliate Members (active and retired); Local Pastors Under Full Time and/or Part Time Appointment to a Pastoral Charge (The Book of Discipline ¶1602.1); Lay members of Annual conference (The Book of Discipline ¶1602.4) and Standing Rules 14A, 14B, 14B(h)); and Spouses of Retired Elders, Deacons, Associate and Affiliate Members.* Spouses and non-members must reserve and pay for Monday and Tuesday lunches (\$6.00 each).

*****ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID FOR ONLINE OR VIA CHECK IN THE REGISTRATION AREA*****

Displays MUST be coordinated only through Rev. Ed Deabler (dalraidaumc1@aol.com or 334-272-2190) and the request must be made before May 7, 2009.

Housing: NOW is the time to make hotel reservations or rooming arrangements. Please visit www.awfumc.org/ac2010 to download a **Huntingdon College Housing Registration Form** or contact the Conference Resource Center (traci@awfumc.org 334.356.8014) to request one. The deadline to reserve a room at Huntingdon is May 21. **Local hotel information** is available at the facilities listed below. The cutoff date for making reservations at one of these facilities using the discount rate varies. Please call by May 15 to assure a discount rate.

<u>FACILITY NAME (*)</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>CONTACT INFORMATION</u>
Hampton Inn & Suites	Room Rate = \$109.00	www.hamptoninn.com 334.265.7079
Courtyard Montgomery	Room Rate = \$79.00	www.marriott.com 334.290.1270
Comfort Suites	Room Rate = \$65.00	www.comfortsuites.com 334.387.2585
Baymont Inn & Suites	Room Rate = \$59.00; Handicap Rate = \$99.00	www.baymontinns.com 334.277.4442
Drury Inn & Suites	Room Rate = \$84.00	www.druryhotels.com 334.273.1101
Econo Lodge & Suites	Room Rate = \$49.95	www.econolodge.com 334.272.1013
Holiday Inn Express	Room Rate = \$84.00	www.hiexpress.com 334.271.5516
TownePlace Suites	Room Rate = \$65/\$72	www.marriott.com 334.296.5505
Drury Inn & Suites	Room Rate = \$84.00	www.druryhotels.com 334.273.1101

(*) All facilities listed above have handicap rooms available. Please call the facility to inquire.

Childcare: Childcare will be available during all worship services (Opening, Memorial, and Closing). Please contact First United Methodist Church, Montgomery (334.834.8990) to arrange for childcare during the Ordination and Commissioning service.

If you have any questions or comments regarding Annual Conference 2010, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Connectional Ministries 334.356.8014/traci@awfumc.org or Rev. Ed Deabler, Conference Registrar [334.272.2190](tel:334-272-2190)/dalraidaumc1@aol.com.