

**2016 Annual Conference Working Agenda**  
**The Alabama-West Florida Conference**  
**June 12 – 15, 2016**  
**Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama**  
***“The Great Commission: SEND Disciples”***

**Sunday, June 12**

- 1:00 p.m. Exhibits, Registration Set Up – Atrium
- 3:00 p.m. Registration Opens - Atrium  
Cokesbury Bookstore Opens  
Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM) Snack Bar – Servery  
Bishop and Appointive Cabinet Meeting – Parlor  
Tellers Orientation – Wesley Hall  
Church and Society – 3101
- 3:30 p.m. Assistant Secretary Orientation - Wesley Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Committee on Petitions and Resolutions – 7201  
Global Ministries – 3101  
Mass Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Fellowship of Local and Associate Pastors Meeting – 7207/7209
- 5:00 p.m. Bishop’s Dinner – 6102  
Memorial Luncheon Set Up – 8114
- 5:30 p.m. Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting – 6111  
Mass Choir Meal – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Conference Registration Closes for the Day**
- 6:30 p.m. Mass Choir gathers – Sanctuary  
Opening Worship Processional gathers in the Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION – Sanctuary  
Greetings from Host Pastor: Rev. Tim Thompson  
Sermon: Bishop Gregory Palmer, Resident Bishop of the West Ohio  
Conference  
John 20:19-23; “The Recovery of Sentness”  
Music: Mass Choir  
**Conference Mission Offering: AWF Disaster Response and Recovery**
- 8:30 p.m. Rehearsal for Ordination and Commissioning Service - Chapel  
Gathering of Pages, Youth Delegates staying at Huntingdon College

## **Monday, June 13**

7:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at 2:00 p.m.) – Atrium  
Experiential Prayer Room - East Sanctuary, Room 4100 (7 a.m. - 5 p.m.)  
Asbury Foundation Breakfast – 7102

8:00 a.m. Biometric Health Screening for Persons on Conference Health Plan  
(closes at 2 p.m.) – Cokesbury Room

8:30 a.m. Clergy Executive Session – Fellowship Hall  
Laity Session – Wesley Hall

10:00 a.m. Break – Preparation for Worship

*(Families of deceased clergy and clergy spouses gather in **Chapel**; members of annual conference are invited to come by to greet them prior to the memorial service. AWFC Cabinet and worship participants will gather in **Parlor**)*

10:30 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY - Memorial Service and Holy Communion – Sanctuary  
Liturgist: Rev. Pam Avery  
Sermon: Rev. Rurel Ausley

12:00 p.m. General Lunch – Fellowship Hall  
Bishop and Cabinet – Parlor  
Memorial Service Luncheon – 8114  
Asbury Club Luncheon – 8110 N. Gym  
Wesley Heirs Luncheon – 6102  
Candler Club Luncheon – 6111  
Duke Club Luncheon – 7203

1:30 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall  
Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Hymn: *And Are We Yet Alive?* UMH #553  
Opening Prayer: Mr. Duane Keck

Welcome from the Host District Superintendent – Rev. Timothy R. Trent

Opening Business and Organization of the Conference – Wesley Hall  
Setting the “bar” of the Conference  
Election of secretarial staff  
Approval of the 2015 Conference Journal  
Adoption of the 2016 Conference Working Agenda  
Presentation of the 2016 Consent Agenda

Committee on Resolutions and Petitions (to lie on the table overnight) –  
Rev. Kathy Knight

## Monday, June 13 (Cont.)

Committee on Standing Rules (to lie on the table overnight) – Rev. Fred Zeigler

Committee on Nominations - Rev. David Saliba  
Nominations for Quadrennial Boards

Episcopal Address – Bishop Paul Leeland

Committee on Episcopacy – Paulette Thompson

Board of Ordained Ministry – Rev. Libba Stinson  
Recognition of Commissioning and Ordination classes  
Recognition of First-Time Licensed Local Pastors  
Recognition of Clergy in Extension Ministries and Appointments Beyond  
the Local Church

*(Retirees gather in **Parlor** by 2:30)*

3:15 p.m. ORDER OF THE DAY - Recognition of Retiring Clergy – Wesley Hall

Reception for Retiring Clergy

Council on Finance and Administration Meeting – 6101

**\*\*\*NO MONDAY EVENING DINNER AT HOST CHURCH\*\*\***

7:00 p.m. Service of Ordination and Commissioning – First United Methodist Church,  
Montgomery

(Choral Concert at 6:20 p.m.)

Sermon: Bishop Gregory Palmer, Resident Bishop of the West Ohio  
Conference

Ephesians 4:11-16; “Sent to Serve and Build Up”

Music: First United Methodist Church, Montgomery

**Special Offering: Ministerial Education Fund**

Reception – Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, Montgomery

## Tuesday, June 14

7:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at Noon) – Atrium  
Experiential Prayer Room – East Sanctuary, Room 4100 (7 a.m. - 5 p.m.)  
COSROW – 6111

Deacon Breakfast – 6102

Upper Room Prayer Line - United Methodist Men – 3131  
334-495-6360 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

8:00 a.m. Biometric Health Screening for Persons on Conference Health Plan  
(closes at 2 p.m.) – Cokesbury Room

**Tuesday, June 14 (Cont.)**

- 8:00 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall  
Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Opening Prayer: Mrs. Jeanne Pew
- Report of the *Journal* Committee – Rev. Fred Zeigler
- Action* on Standing Rules – Rev. Fred Zeigler
- Action* on Resolutions and Petitions – Rev. Kathy Knight
- 8:30 a.m. Teaching Session: Dr. Kevin Watson, Candler School of Theology – Wesley Hall  
*‘No Holiness but Social Holiness’: The Theology and Practice of Wesleyan Small Group Formation*
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Teaching Session: Dr. Kevin Watson, Candler School of Theology – Wesley Hall  
*Reclaiming the Wesleyan Class Meeting Here and Now*
- 11:30 a.m. Connectional Ministries – Rev. Cory Smith  
Clergy Spouses (active, retired, surviving) Gathering – 7202/04
- 12:00 Noon Clergy Spouses Luncheon Gathering – 7202/04  
General Lunch – Fellowship Hall  
Bishop and Cabinet – Parlor  
Spiritual Formation – 7207/7209  
Birmingham-Southern Luncheon – 6111  
SBC 21 (Strengthening the Black Church) – 7208  
Young Clergy Lunch – 6102
- 1:30 p.m. ORDER OF THE DAY  
Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Opening Prayer: Bill McBroom
- General Conference Report – Steve Furr and Rev. Lawson Bryan
- Conference Board of Laity – Steve Furr
- Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry – Rev. Rob Couch  
Greetings: Dr. Edward F. Leonard III, President, Birmingham-Southern College  
Dr. Cam West, President, Huntingdon College  
Francis Asbury Award – Rev. Rob Couch

**Tuesday, June 14 (Cont.)**

2:30 p.m. Break - sponsored by the United Methodist Children's Home

2:50 p.m. Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Prayer: Rev. Ashley Meyer

United Methodist Children's Home – Blake Horne

Special Awards and Recognitions

Denman Evangelism Award – Division of Evangelism –  
Rev. Allen Newton

Alice Lee Award – COSROW – Ruth Ann Powers

Local Church Heritage Award – Commission on Archives and History –  
Rev. Pam Avery; Sharon Tucker

Methodist Homes Corporation – Christopher Tomlin

AWF Special Presentations

Imagine No Malaria Celebration – Rev Emily Kincaid, Rev Pam Barnhardt  
“*We Are Marching*”

Conference Announcements and Recess

5:00 p.m. Laity Banquet - Mary Ellen Bullard Address – Fellowship Hall  
Speaker: Coach Tim Horton

**Wednesday, June 15**

No conference registration

7:00 a.m. Experiential Prayer Room - East Sanctuary, Room 4100 (7 a.m. - 10 a.m.)

8:00 a.m. Organization of Conference Boards and Agencies

Administrative Review Committee – 7201

Board of Congregational Development – 7203

Board of Ordained Ministry – 7207/09

Board of Laity – 7202

Conference Board of Trustees – 7204

Standing Rules Committee – 7206

Committee on Resolutions and Petitions – 7206

8:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall  
Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Opening Prayer: Mr. Billy Russell

Report of the *Journal* Committee – Rev. Fred Zeigler

**Wednesday, June 15 (Cont.)**

*Action Item:* Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits –  
Rev. Bob McKibben

*Action Item:* Task Force on the Work of the Districts – Shirley Woodie

*Action Item:* Commission on Equitable Compensation – Rev. Matt Mobley

Council on Finance and Administration – Beebe Frederick

*Action Item:* 2017 Conference Budget

Statistician's Report – Frank Dunnewind

Break

Report of the Cabinet – Wesley Hall – Rev. Timothy Trent

Change in Charge Lines

Property Resolutions

Closing Business of the Conference

Where shall the 2017 session be held?

Courtesies and Appreciation – Rev. Wesley Wachob

11:00 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY – Sending Forth Service – Fixing of the 2016 - 2017  
Appointments – Wesley Hall  
Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Opening Prayer: Mrs. Beverly Maddox

Noon Adjournment *Sine Die*

**\*\*\*NO WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT HOST CHURCH\*\*\***

After dismissal: General and Jurisdictional Delegations meeting – 3101