

2017 Annual Conference Working Agenda
The Alabama-West Florida Conference
June 4 – 7, 2017
Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama
IMAGINE: By Faith It Can Happen

Sunday, June 4

- 1:00 p.m. Exhibits, Registration Set Up – Atrium
- 2:30 p.m. Church and Society – 3101
- 3:00 p.m. Conference Registration Opens – Atrium
Cokesbury Bookstore Opens – Servery
Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM) Snack Bar – Atrium
Appointive Cabinet Meeting – Parlor
- 3:30 p.m. Tellers Orientation – Wesley Hall
Mass Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Assistant Secretaries Orientation - Wesley Hall
Committee on Petitions and Resolutions – 7201
Global Ministries – 3101
- 4:30 p.m. Fellowship of Local and Associate Members Meeting – 7202/7209
Bishop’s Dinner – 6102
- 5:00 p.m. Pages Orientation – Wesley Hall
Memorial Luncheon Set Up – 4100
Mass Choir Meal – Fellowship Hall
Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting – 6111
- 5:30 p.m. Conference Registration Closes
Mass Choir gathers – Sanctuary
Opening Worship Processional gathers – Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION with Holy Communion – Sanctuary
Greetings from Host Pastor: Rev. Larry Bryars
Sermon: Rev. Robin Wilson
Music: Mass Choir
***Local Mission Agency Offering: The Ark, Mary Ellen’s Hearth, Milk & Honey, Mobile
Inner City Mission, Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministries, Dumas Wesley***
- 7:30 p.m. Clergy Executive Session – Wesley Hall
Laity Session – Sanctuary

Monday, June 5

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- 7:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at 2:00 p.m.) – Atrium
Experiential Prayer Room – Surge (7 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
Asbury Foundation Breakfast – 6102
- 7:30 a.m. Board of Laity – 6111
- 8:00 a.m. Biometric Health Screening (Non-Fasting) for Persons on Conference Health Plan
(closes at 2 p.m.) – Cokesbury Room
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Worship – Wesley Hall
Sermon: Rev. John Brooks
- 9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall
Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson
Hymn: *And Are We Yet Alive*
Video: Baypines District Glory Sightings
Opening Prayer: Mandie Kinsey
- Welcome from the Host District Superintendent – Rev. Darren McClellan
- Opening Business and Organization of the Conference – Wesley Hall
Setting the “bar” of the Conference
Election of secretarial staff
Approval of the 2016 Conference Journal
Adoption of the 2017 Conference Working Agenda
Presentation of the 2017 Consent Agenda
- Committee on Standing Rules (to lay on the table overnight) – Shirley Woodie
- Committee on Resolutions and Petitions (to lay on the table overnight) – Rev.
Christina Shaver
- 10:10 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. Olivia Poole
Sermon: Rev. Ralph Sigler

Monday, June 5 (Cont.)

12:00 p.m. General Lunch – Fellowship Hall
 Memorial Service Luncheon – 4100
 Asbury Club Luncheon – 8110 North Gym
 Wesley Heirs Luncheon – 6102
 Candler Club Luncheon – 6111
 Duke Club Luncheon – 7203
 CFA Investment Committee – 6101

1:30 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall
 Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson
 Video: Demopolis District Glory Sightings
 Opening Prayer: Dale Pancake

 Board of Laity Address – Beverly Maddox

 Committee on Episcopacy – Alexis Tibbetts

 Committee on Nominations – Rev. David Saliba

 Constitutional Amendments – Rev. David Saliba

 Report of the Commission on the Way Forward

 Board of Church and Society Report – Pat Luna

 Board of Ordained Ministry – Rev. Jim Sanders

 Recognition of Commissioning and Ordination classes

 Recognition of First-Time Licensed Local Pastors

 Recognition of Licensed Local Pastors who completed Course of Study

 Recognition of Clergy in Extension Ministries and Appointments Beyond
 the Local Church

*(Retirees gather in **Parlor** by 2:45)*

3:30 p.m. ORDER OF THE DAY - Recognition of Retiring Clergy – Wesley Hall
 Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson
 Video: Dothan District Glory Sightings
 Opening Prayer: Phyllis Campbell

 Reception for Retiring Clergy

 Council on Finance and Administration Meeting – 6105

NO EVENING MEAL AT HOST CHURCH

Monday, June 5 (Cont.)

7:00 p.m. Service of Ordination & Commissioning – Montgomery First United Methodist Church (Choral Concert at 6:20 p.m.)
Sermon: Bishop David Graves
Music: Montgomery First United Methodist Church Choirs
Ministerial Education Fund Offering
Reception – Fellowship Hall, Montgomery First United Methodist Church

Tuesday, June 6

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7:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at Noon) – Atrium
Experiential Prayer Room – Surge (7 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
COSROW – 6111
Deacon Breakfast – 6102

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

8:30 a.m. Opening Worship with Holy Communion
Sermon: Rev. Sung-kuk Hong

9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall
Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson
Video: Marianna/Panama City District Glory Sightings
Opening Prayer: Rev. Emily Kincaid

Report of the *Journal* Committee – Rev. Brennan Peacock

Teaching Session: Claire Bowen

10:40 a.m. Break – sponsored by Reconciling Friends of the AWF Conference

11:00 a.m. Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson
Video: Mobile District Glory Sightings
Opening Prayer: Rev. Dianne Everette/ Red Level UMC & Mt. Zion East UMC

Teaching Session: Victor Dingus

11:45 a.m. Clergy Spouses (active, retired, surviving) Gathering – FUMC, Montgomery

12:00 Noon General Lunch – Fellowship Hall
Cabinet – Parlor
Spiritual Formation – 7207/7209
Birmingham-Southern Luncheon – 6111
Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century – 7208

Tuesday, June 6 (Cont.)

1:30 p.m. Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson
Video: Montgomery/Opelika District Glory Sightings
Opening Prayer: Major Tunstall

Action on Standing Rules – Shirley Woodie

Action on Resolutions and Petitions – Christina Shaver

UM Children's Home – Blake Horne

Connectional Ministries – Rev. Nancy Watson

2:45 p.m. Break - sponsored by the United Methodist Children's Home

3:15 p.m. Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson
Video: Montgomery/Prattville District Glory Sightings
Opening Prayer: Rev. Ed Glaize

Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry – Rev. Scott Hohn
Greetings: Huntingdon College and Birmingham Southern College
Francis Asbury Award

Special Greeting – Bishop Lawson Bryan

Special Awards and Recognitions

Denman Evangelism Award – Division of Evangelism –
Rev. Larry Anderson

Alice Lee Award – COSROW – Ruth Ann Powers

One Matters Award – Town and Country Commission – Rev. Lance
Eiland

Bishop's Scouting Award – Board of Laity – Vaughn Nichols

Scholarship Award and Report of the United Methodist Connectional FCU

Special Called Session of General Conference, February 23-26, 2019

Conference Announcements and Recess

5:00 p.m. Laity Banquet - Mary Ellen Bullard Address – Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Patricia Barnes (Sister Schubert)

Wednesday, June 7

No conference registration

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7:00 a.m. Experiential Prayer Room – Surge (7 a.m. - 10 a.m.)

8:30 a.m. Opening Worship with Holy Communion
Sermon: Rev. Meghan Kelley

9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall
Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson
Video: Pensacola District Glory Sightings
Opening Prayer: Rev. Tony McCullough

Report of the *Journal* Committee – Rev. Gillian Walters

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

Action Item: Commission on Equitable Compensation – Rev. W. Michael Cobb

Cabinet Report, Task Force on the Work of the Districts – Rev. Robbins Sims

Council on Finance and Administration – Beebe Frederick
Action Item: 2018 Conference Budget
Statistician's Report – Frank Dunnewind

Report of the Cabinet – Wesley Hall – Rev. June Jernigan
Change in Charge Lines
Property Resolutions
Closing Business of the Conference
Where shall the 2018 session be held?
Courtesies and Appreciation – Rev. Wesley Wachob

Conference Announcements

11:00 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY – Episcopal Address & Sending Forth Service
Fixing of the 2017 - 2018 Appointments – Wesley Hall
Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson
Opening Prayer: Eli Peacock

Adjournment *Sine Die*

NO WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT HOST CHURCH

Meeting of the Board of Directors for Hispanic-Latino Ministries – 7201