

2021 Annual Conference Working Agenda

The Alabama-West Florida Conference

May 16, May 23, June 6-9, 2021

Theme: "Come to the Table" – Luke 24:35

Virtual by Zoom and Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama

Sunday, May 16

4:00 p.m. Laity Session

Sunday, May 23

4:00 p.m. Clergy Session

Sunday, June 6

1:00 p.m. Conference Staff/Personnel Set Up- Wesley Hall

4:00 p.m. Ordination – Sanctuary
Sermon- Bishop Mike Watson
Ministerial Education Fund Offering

Monday, June 7

8:30 a.m. OPENING WORSHIP
Devotion-Tamela Stallworth, Theodore First UMC

9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION
Gathering Music-Jarvis Wilson
Hymn- *And Are We Yet Alive*

Welcome from the Host District Superintendent – Rev. Dr. Debora Bishop
Prayer- Karl Whiting, Mobile District Lay Leader

Opening Business and Organization of the Conference – Wesley Hall
Setting the "bar" of the Conference
Election of secretarial staff
Approval of the 2020 Conference *Journal*
Adoption of the 2021 Conference Working Agenda
Presentation of the 2021 Consent Agenda

Committee on Standing Rules (to lay on the table overnight) –
Rev. Dr. Kathy Knight

Committee on Nominations – Rev. Ashley Davis

10:00 a.m. Laity Address – Beverly Maddox, Conference Lay Leader
UMM, UMW, Lay Servant Ministries

10:30 a.m. Report on the Annual Conference Staff Priorities

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY – Memorial Service
Remembering those who passed since the 2019 Annual Conference Session
Sermon: Rev. Misty Barrett

12:15 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall
Gathering Music- Jarvis Wilson
Prayer- Will Edmonds, Spring Hill Avenue UMC

Board of Ordained Ministry – Rev. Dr. 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
Recognition of Retiring Clergy

3:30 p.m. Conference Announcements and Recess

4:00 p.m. Service of Commissioning – Sanctuary
Sermon: Bishop David Graves
Ministerial Education Fund Offering

Tuesday, June 8

8:30 a.m. OPENING WORSHIP
Sermon- Deaconess Celeste Eubanks

9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION
Gathering Music- Jarvis Wilson
Opening Prayer- Kimi Oaks, Dauphin Way UMC

Report of the *Journal* Committee

Action on Standing Rules- Rev. Dr. Kathy Knight

10:00 a.m. Special Awards and Recognitions (video presentation)

10:15 a.m. Board of Global Ministries Presentation-
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary of Global Ministries and UMCOR

10:30 a.m. Blue Lake Strategic Report- Beth Allen and Jessie Spangler

Congregational Development/Disaster Response- Rev. Bill Kierce and
Rev. Chris Ackerman

Teaming with Tanzania (video presentation)

Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries- Rev. Jenni Hendrix

Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits- Tara Sanders, Chair

Commission on Equitable Compensation- Rev. W. Michael Cobb, Chair

Action on Trustees Report- Rev. Dr. Olivia Poole, Chair

12:00 p.m. Conference Announcements and Recess

Wednesday, June 9th

8:30 a.m. OPENING WORSHIP
Sermon- Rev. Michael Precht

9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION
Gathering Music- Jarvis Wilson
Prayer- Rosalind Pettaway, Mobile Site Director, QuadW Mission Outreach

Report of the *Journal* Committee

Council on Finance and Administration- George Mingledorff
Action Item: 2022 Conference Budget
Statistician's Report- Suzanne Krejcar

Report of the Cabinet- Rev. June Jernigan
Change in Charge Lines
Property Resolutions

Where shall the 2022 Session be held?

Break

11:30 a.m. Gathering Music- Jarvis Wilson
Hymn: *To God Be the Glory*

Fixing of the 2021-2022 Appointments- Wesley Hall

Episcopal Address- Bishop David Graves

Adjournment *Sine Die*