

2018 Annual Conference Working Agenda
The Alabama-West Florida Conference
June 3 – 6, 2018
Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama
IMAGINE a Church that is the Hope of the World! ~Ephesians 1:18

Sunday, June 3

- 2:00 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. Committee on Petitions and Resolutions – 7201
Global Ministries – 3101
Memorial Luncheon Set Up – 4100
- 4:15 p.m. Assistant Secretaries Orientation - Wesley Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Fellowship of Local and Associate Members Meeting – 7202/7209
Bishop’s Dinner – 7204
- 5:00 p.m. Pages Orientation – Wesley Hall
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: Bishop James Edward Swanson, Sr.
“The Sea is No More”, Revelation 21:1-5 CEB
Music: Mass Choir
Offering: Communities of Transformation
- 7:30 p.m. Clergy Session – Wesley Hall
Laity Session – Sanctuary

Monday, June 4

- 7:00 a.m. Sacred Space Prayer Room – Surge (7 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
Asbury Foundation Breakfast – 6101
- 7:30 a.m. Biometric Health Screening (Fasting) for Persons on Conference Health Plan
(closes at 12:30 p.m.) – Cokesbury Room
Board of Laity – 6111
- 7:45 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at 2:00 p.m.) – Atrium
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Worship – Wesley Hall
Sermon: Rev. German Gomez
Commissioning of Deaconesses
- 9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall
Gathering Music: Jarvis Wilson and Keith Wilson
Hymn: *And Are We Yet Alive*
Video: 50th Year Celebration of being the United Methodist Church
Opening Prayer: Rev. Teresa SeEVERS
- Welcome from the Host District Superintendent – Rev. Allen Newton
- Opening Business and Organization of the Conference – Wesley Hall
Setting the “bar” of the Conference
Election of secretarial staff
Approval of the 2017 Conference Journal
Adoption of the 2018 Conference Working Agenda
Presentation of the 2018 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. 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. June Jernigan

Monday, June 4 (Cont.)

- 12:00 p.m. General Lunch – Fellowship Hall
 Memorial Service Luncheon – 4100
 Asbury Club Luncheon – 8110 North Gym
 Wesley Heirs Luncheon – 6101
 Candler Club Luncheon – 6111
 Duke Club Luncheon – 7203
 CFA Investment Committee – 6105
- 1:30 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall
 Gathering Music: Jarvis Wilson and Keith Wilson
 Video: Methodist Homes of Alabama and North West Florida
 Opening Prayer: Christopher Tomlin
- Board of Laity Address – Beverly Maddox
 Reports of the UMM/UMW/Lay Servants
- Committee on Episcopacy – Alexis Tibbetts
- Committee on Nominations – Rev. David Saliba
- UM Children’s Home
- 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: Jarvis Wilson and Keith Wilson
 Opening Prayer: Emma Jackson
 Receiving Line for Retiring Clergy – Atrium
- 4:00 p.m. CFA – 6105
- 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 5

- 7:00 a.m. Sacred Space Prayer Room – Surge (7 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
COSROW – 6111
Deacon Breakfast – 6103
- 7:30 a.m. Biometric Health Screening (Fasting) for Persons on Conference Health Plan
(closes at 12:30 p.m.) – Cokesbury Room
Tables of Grace Facilitator Training - 7202/7209
- 7:45 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at Noon) – Atrium
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Worship with Holy Communion
Sermon: Rev. Sheila Bates
- 9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall
Gathering Music: Jarvis Wilson and Keith Wilson
Video: 30th Year Celebration of AWFC having our own Resident Bishop
Opening Prayer: Logan Hurston
- Report of the *Journal* Committee – Rev. Brennan Peacock
- Presentation from the Council of Bishops on The Way Forward, Bishop David Graves
- Forum on Consensus Decision Making moderated by Julia Kuhn Wallace, co-author of *The Church Guide for Making Decision Together*
- Prayer for the AWF Delegation to General Conference
- 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
- 1:30 p.m. Gathering Music: Jarvis Wilson and Keith Wilson
Video: Birmingham-Southern College
Opening Prayer: Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith, President, BSC
- Constitutional Amendment – Rev. David Saliba
- Action* on Standing Rules – Shirley Woodie
- Action* on Resolutions and Petitions – Christina Shaver

Tuesday, June 5 (Cont.)

Connectional Ministries – Celeste Eubanks

United States Disaster Response Award – Rev. Yollande Yambo, Africa Regional Representative

Special Awards and Recognitions

Local Church Heritage Award - COAH

One Matters Award – Town and Country Commission

Francis Asbury Award – BHECM

2:50 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Gathering Music: Jarvis Wilson and Keith Wilson

Video: Huntingdon College

Opening Prayer: Cam West, President, HC

Special Awards and Recognitions

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

Alice Lee Award – COSROW – Ruth Ann Powers

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

Susanna Wesley Award – Board of Laity

Scholarship Award and Report of the United Methodist Connectional FCU

Academy of Congregational Excellence – Rev. Ron Ball and Steve Furr

Conference Announcements and Recess

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

Nancy Graves, Speaker; Pastor Gina and Friends, Music

7:00 p.m. Plenary Session if needed to complete unfinished business

Wednesday, June 6

No conference registration

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

Reconciling Ministry Friends Breakfast - 6111

WCA Board - 3120

8:30 a.m. Opening Worship with Holy Communion

Sermon: Rev. Olivia Poole

Wednesday, June 6 (Cont.)

9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall
Gathering Music: Jarvis Wilson and Keith Wilson
Video: 50th Year Remembrance of the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Opening Prayer: Clara Ester

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

Council on Finance and Administration – Beebe Frederick

Action Item: 2019 Conference Budget

Statistician's Report – Mickey Wilson

Election of Annual Conference Treasurer/Statistician

Report of the Cabinet – Wesley Hall – Rev. June Jernigan

Change in Charge Lines

Property Resolutions

Closing Business of the Conference

Where shall the 2019 session be held?

Courtesies and Appreciation – Rev. Wesley Wachob

Conference Announcements

11:00 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY – Fixing of the 2018 - 2019 Appointments – Wesley Hall
Episcopal Address & Sending Forth Service
Gathering Music: Jarvis Wilson and Keith Wilson
Opening Prayer: Rev. Brian Dovey

Adjournment *Sine Die*

NO WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT HOST CHURCH

Meeting of the General Conference Delegation - 7202/7204