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


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


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

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