

## **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 David Graves  
Ministerial Education Fund Offering

### **Monday, June 7**

8:30 a.m. OPENING WORSHIP  
Sermon

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

Welcome from the Host District Superintendent – Dr. Debora Bishop  
Prayer

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. Kathy Knight

Committee on Resolutions and Petitions (to lay on the table overnight) –  
Rev. Christina Shaver

Committee on Nominations – Rev. Ashley Davis

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

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

12:15 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall  
Gathering Music  
Prayer

Board of Ordained Ministry – 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  
Opening Prayer
- Report of the *Journal* Committee – Rev. Brennan Peacock
- Action* on Standing Rules – Rev. Kathy Knight
- Action* on Resolutions and Petitions – Rev. Christina Shaver
- 10:00 a.m. Special Awards and Recognitions (video presentation)
- 10:30 a.m. Blue Lake Strategic Report – Beth Allen and Jessie Spangler
- Congregational Development/Disaster Response – Rev. Bill Kierce and  
Rev. Chris Ackerman
- Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries – Rev. Jenni Hendrix
- General Conference Delegation Report – Dr. Larry Bryars and Dr. Steve Furr
- 12:00 p.m. Conference Announcements and Recess

**Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 a.m. OPENING WORSHIP  
Sermon – Rev. Michael Precht
- 9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION  
Gathering Music  
Prayer:
- Action* on Standing Rules – Rev. Kathy Knight
- Action* on Resolutions and Petitions – Rev. Christina Shaver
- Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits – Tara Sanders, Chair
- Commission on Equitable Compensation – Rev. W. Michael Cobb, Chair
- Council on Finance and Administration – George Mingledorff  
*Action Item: 2022 Conference Budget*  
Statistician’s Report – Suzanne Krejcar
- Break

Board of Trustee Report – Dr. Olivia Poole, Chair

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

Where shall the 2022 Session be held?

Fixing of the 2021-2022 Appointments – Wesley Hall

12:00 p.m. Episcopal Address – Bishop David Graves  
Sending Forth Service  
Adjournment *Sine Die*