

2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORKING AGENDA
The Alabama-West Florida Conference
June 3 – 6, 2012
Christ United Methodist Church
Mobile, Alabama

Partnership in the Gospel...Serving the World

Sunday Afternoon, June 3

- 1:00 p.m. Conference Registration Opens – Christ Center Lobby
- 2:00 p.m. Bishop and Cabinet Meeting - Parlor
Refreshments hosted by Blue Lake – Christ Center Lobby
Exhibits – Christ Center Lobby
- 3:00 p.m. Orientation for Lay and Clergy Tellers – Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Orientation/Set-Up for Assistant Secretaries – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Committee on Petitions and Resolutions – C201
Board of Laity Meeting – C221
Fellowship of Associate and Local Pastors – Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting – C211
Bishop and Cabinet – Assembly Room
- 5:30 p.m. Commission on Archives and History – Hospitality Room
- 6:00 p.m. Conference Registration Closes for the Day
- 7:00 p.m. OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION – Christ Center Gym
Welcome from Host Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Spiller
Sermon: Dr. F. Belton Joyner, Secretary and Member
The Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church
Conference Mission Offering: *Imagine No Malaria*
- 8:45 p.m. Rehearsal for Ordination and Commissioning Service – Sanctuary
Orientation for Pages – A201

Monday Morning, June 4

- 7:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at 2:00 p.m.) - Christ Center Lobby
- Breakfast Meetings
Asbury Foundation – Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 a.m. Experiential Prayer Room Opens (closes at 5:00 p.m.) – A203
- Upper Room Prayer Line Opens (closes at 5:00 p.m.) – Room adjacent to Prayer Room
- 8:00 a.m. BIBLE STUDY - Sanctuary
Opening Prayer: David Bowen, Lay Leader, Montgomery-Prattville District
Montgomery-Prattville District Video
Song Leader: Rev. Matt Mobley, Prattville: Trinity UMC
Pianist: Kelley Burlison, pianist; Connie Sullivan, organist
Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Introduction of Speaker: Bishop Paul L. Leeland
Speaker: Dr. Ben Witherington, Professor of New Testament for Doctoral Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary
- 9:00 a.m. Laity Session – Christ Center Gym
Clergy Executive Session - Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Break – Preparation for Worship
(Families of deceased clergy and clergy spouses gather in A201; members of annual conference are invited to come by to greet them.)
- 10:45 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY - Sanctuary
Memorial Service and Holy Communion
Liturgist: Bishop Paul L. Leeland
Sermon: “The Hall of Saints”
Dr. George Mathison, Senior Pastor, Auburn FUMC
- 12:00 Noon Lunch – Christ Center Gym
Special group luncheons
Asbury Club – Fellowship Hall
Wesley Heirs – Choir Room
Christian Educators Fellowship – C221
Educational Opportunities – C210-212
Archives and History – Hospitality Room
Clergywomen in Ministry – Assembly Room
Birmingham-Southern – C211
Bishop and Cabinet - Parlor

Monday Afternoon, June 4

- 1:15 p.m. Book Signing – Dr. F. Belton Joyner – Bookstore
- 1:30 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION - Sanctuary
Opening Prayer: James A Riley, Jr., graduating high school senior,
Toulminville-Warren Street UMC
Mobile District Video
Song Leader: Jenny Slay, Choir Director, Ashland Place UMC
Pianist: Kelley Burleson, pianist; Connie Sullivan, organist
Hymn: *And Are We Yet Alive*
- Welcome from the Host District Superintendent
- Opening Business and Organization of the Conference
Setting the “bar” of the Conference
Election of secretarial staff
Approval of the 2011 Conference Journal
Adoption of the 2012 Conference Agenda
Presentation of the 2012 Consent Agenda
- 1:45 p.m. Committee on Standing Rules
First presentation – report to lie on the table overnight
- 1:55 p.m. CORE Team
- 2:05 p.m. Committee on Nominations
- 2:15 p.m. Board of Ordained Ministry
Recognition of Commissioning and Ordination classes
Recognition of First-Time Licensed Local
Recognition of Clergy in Extension Ministries
- 3:00 p.m. ORDER OF THE DAY - Sanctuary
Recognition of Retiring
Passing of the Torch
- 4:00 p.m. Break – Reception for Retiring Clergy - Lobby
Hosted by Board of Pension and Health Benefits
- 4:30 p.m. Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry
Action item: Birmingham-Southern College
Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation
Asbury Award
- 4:45 p.m. Circles of Transformation
- 4:55 p.m. Conference Announcements and Recess

5:00 p.m. Meeting of Council on Finance and Administration – C221

NO MONDAY EVENING DINNER

Monday Evening, June 4

At Dauphin Way United Methodist Church, 1507 Dauphin Street

7:30 p.m. Service of Ordination and Commissioning
Liturgist: Bishop Paul L. Leeland
Sermon: Dr. F. Belton Joyner, Secretary and Member
The Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church
Music Leader: John Ricketts, Director of Music Ministries and Worship
Special Offering: Ministerial Education Fund

Reception - McGowin Hall, Dauphin Way UMC

Tuesday Morning, June 5

7:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at Noon) – Christ Center Lobby
Breakfast Meetings
COSROW – Fellowship Hall

8:00 a.m. Experiential Prayer Room Opens (closes at 5:00 p.m.) – A203

Upper Room Prayer Line Opens (closes at 5:00 p.m.) – Room adjacent to
Prayer Room

8:00 a.m. BIBLE STUDY - Sanctuary
Opening Prayer: Robert Powell, AWFC Associate Lay Leader
Dothan District Video
Song Leader: Haidie Tutor, Dothan District
Pianist: Kelley Burleson, pianist; Connie Sullivan, organist
Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*
Leader: Dr. Ben Witherington, Asbury Theological Seminary

9:00 a.m. BUSINESS SESSION - Sanctuary
Opening Prayer: Rev. Enrique Escobar, San Pedro Mission
Song Leader: Rev. Escobar
Pianist: Kelley Burleson, pianist; Connie Sullivan, organist
Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Baypines District Video

Report of the *Journal* Committee

Action on Standing Rules

Alice Lee Award

General Conference Report

- 10:00 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY – FIRST TEACHING SESSION - Sanctuary
Opening Prayer: Rev. Sung-Kuk Hong, The Lord’s Church of
Montgomery
Montgomery-Opelika District Video
Song Leader: Rev. Steve Badskey, Minister of Music, Aldersgate UMC
Pianist: Kelley Burleson, pianist; Connie Sullivan, organist
Hymn: *My Hope Is Built*
Introduction of Speaker: Bishop Leeland
Speaker: Dr. Dana L. Robert, Truman Collins Professor of World
Christianity and History of Mission and co-director, Center
for Global Christianity and Mission; Boston University
School of Theology
- 10:45 a.m. Break (Hosted by United Methodist Children’s Home)
- 11:15 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY – SECOND TEACHING SESSION - Sanctuary
Opening Prayer: Rev. Elaine Hagenbuch, Brent Charge
Demopolis District Video
Song Leader: Rev. Jim DuFriend, Jackson FUMC
Pianist: Kelley Burleson, pianist; Connie Sullivan, organist
Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*
Speaker: Dr. Dana L. Robert
Boston University School of Theology
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Spouses’ Luncheon – Hospitality Room
- 12 Noon Lunch – Christ Center Gym
Special Group Luncheons
Duke Club – C221
Emory Club – Fellowship Hall
SBC21 Gammon Theological – Assembly Room
Bishop and Cabinet - Parlor

Tuesday Afternoon, June 5

- 1:30 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION - Sanctuary
Opening Prayer: Nancy Shealy, Pensacola District UMW President
Pensacola District Video
Song Leader: Ben Drennan, Woodbine UMC
Pianist: Kelley Burleson, pianist; Connie Sullivan, organist
Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*
- 1:35 p.m. Committee on Episcopacy
- 1:40 p.m. Board of Laity
United Methodist Women
United Methodist Men
Lay Speaking Ministries

- 2:00 p.m. United Methodist Children's Home
Action Item: Approval of revised charter
- 2:10 p.m. Denman Evangelism Awards
- 2:30 p.m. Board of Pension and Health Benefits
- 3:00 p.m. Academy for Congregational Excellence
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. Commission on Archives and History
Local Church Heritage Award
- 3:55 p.m. Conference Board of Trustees
- 4:05 p.m. AWF United Methodist Foundation
- 4:10 p.m. Commission on Equitable Compensation
- 4:20 p.m. Representative, Historic Black Colleges
- 4:30 p.m. Blue Lake Assembly Grounds
- 4:40 p.m. Conference Announcements and Recess
- 5:00 p.m. Laity Banquet – Christ Center Gym
Mary Ellen Bullard Leadership Address: Mike Gottfried
ESPN Commentator/ Team Focus Founder
Special Music: Alan Wilson
Clergy are encouraged to attend the Laity Banquet!

Wednesday Morning, June 6

No conference registration

- 8:00 a.m. Organization of Conference Boards and Agencies
Administrative Review Committee – A201
Board of Congregational Development – A202
Board of Ordained Ministry – C211
Commission on Equitable Compensation – A204
Ministerial Committee on Investigation – A208
Conference Board of Trustees – A206
Standing Rules Committee – A207
- Experiential Prayer Room Opens (closes at 11:00 a.m.) – A203

- 8:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION - Sanctuary
Opening Prayer: Howard Rinker, DeFuniak Springs FUMC
Marianna-Panama City District Video
Song Leader and Guitarist: Rev. Dan Godwin, Bonifay UMC
Pianist: Kelley Burleson, pianist
Hymn: *Come Thou Fount (a variation)*
- 8:35 a.m. Report of the *Journal* Committee
- 8:40 a.m. Video: *Mobile Inner City Mission*
- 8:45 a.m. Council on Finance and Administration
Action Item: 2013 Conference Budget
- Statistician's Report
- 9:15 a.m. Break
- 9:45 a.m. Report of the Cabinet – Sanctuary
Changes in Charge Lines
Property Resolutions
- Closing Business of the Conference
Where shall the 2013 session be held?
Courtesies and Appreciation
- 10:15 a.m. CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE - Sanctuary
Episcopal Address: Bishop Paul L. Leeland
Fixing of the 2012-2013 Appointments
- 11:30 a.m. Adjournment *Sine Die*

*****NO WEDNESDAY LUNCH*****