2008 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

"Follow Jesus – Make Disciples – Transform the World"

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

10:00 A.M. Annual Day Apart: "A Day with the Upper Room Worshipbook," led by Professor Elise Eslinger, Director of the Institute for Applied Theology, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio; to be held at Central Church, Clyde (conclusion by 3:00 P.M.)

6:45 P.M. Service of Evening Prayer, Stuart Auditorium
[All persons who are present at Lake Junaluska at this hour are invited to participate in this service.]

8:00 P.M. Executive Session of Clergy Members, Stuart Auditorium
[Only clergy members of the conference and the lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry are expected and permitted to attend this session.]

Thursday, June 5, 2008

9:30 A.M. Orientation Session for Laity, Stuart Auditorium
[All lay members of the conference are invited to this session.]

10:30 A.M. Worship Celebration and Holy Communion
Sermon: The Reverend In-Yong Lee, Pastor, St. Paul's Church, Asheville

2:00 P.M. Opening of Conference for Organization and Plenary Business Session
- Welcome to Lake Junaluska Assembly and Report of Southeastern Jurisdiction Connectional Table, Jimmy L. Carr, Executive Director
- Necessary Elections
- Report of Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting
  - Action on Amendments to Plan of Organization and Rules
- Report of Committee on Conference Staff Relations, Kenneth M. Partin, Chairperson
  - Election of Conference Secretary for 2008-2012
- Report of Committee on Nominations
  - Election of Conference Statistician for 2008-2012
- Cabinet Motions: Patricia A. Lewis, Cabinet Secretary
- Annual Statistical Report, Charles D. White, Jr., Statistician

3:30 P.M. Composite Report of the Cabinet

3:45 P.M. Celebration of Centennial of the Social Creed and Presentation of new Social Creed

4:15 P.M. Conference Business

5:00 P.M. Recess

7:30 P.M. Plenary Business Session
- Annual Meeting of the Membership of The United Methodist Foundation, Sam H. Smith, Jr., Chairperson; David A. Snipes, President
- Report of The Duke Endowment, Robert R. (Robb) Webb III, Assistant Director, Rural Church Division
- Report of Council on Congregational Development, Michael G. Carle, Chairperson

8:15 P.M. Recognition of Retirement of Conference Secretary Charles D. (Denny) White, Jr.

8:30 P.M. Reception Honoring the Retiring Secretary, Harrell Center Auditorium

Friday, June 6, 2008

7:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion, Memorial Chapel, led by David R. Ortigoza and representatives of Hispanic/Latino ministries of the conference
8:45 A.M. Daily Light: Scripture Study, based on John 21:1-14, led by Veranita G. Alvord, Pastor, Hoyle Memorial Church, Shelby
9:30 A.M. Plenary Business Session
- Report of Conference Ministries Advisory Council, Robert E. Shepherd, Chairperson
- Report on 2008 General Conference, Betty Jo C. Hardy, Delegation Chairperson; T. A. (Andy) Langford III, Delegation Vice-Chairperson; and Kimberly T. Ingram, Delegation Secretary
- Approval of "Jurisdictional Pool" of Nominees for General Agencies

10:15 A.M.
- Report of Board of Ordained Ministry, J. Thomas Stinson-Wesley, President
  - Recognition of Licensing School Graduates
  - Recognition of Graduates of the Course of Study
  - Recognition of Clergy Transfers and Other First-Time Appointees
  - Reception of Probationary, Associate, and Full-Connection Classes

11:00 A.M. Recess and Transition for Worship
11:15 A.M. Service for the Commissioning of Probationary Members
12:00 P.M. Recess for Lunch
1:45 P.M. Plenary Business Session
- Report of Board of Pension and Health Benefits, Mark B. Edwards, President
- Report of Council on Finance and Administration, James C. Windham, Jr., President
  - Election of Conference Treasurer-Director of Administrative Services for 2008-2012
- Annual Financial Report, William C. Wyman, Jr., Treasurer
- Report of Stewardship of Giving Task Force, Sam H. Smith, Jr., Chairperson
- Report of Council on Campus Ministry, James C. Howell, Chairperson
- Conference Business
- Adoption of Consent Calendar

3:15 P.M. Recognition of Retirement of Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey and Report of Committee on Episcopacy, Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., Chairperson
3:45 P.M. Reception Honoring Bishop and Mrs. McCleskey, Harrell Center Auditorium
7:30 P.M. Plenary Business Session
- Celebration of Ministries of the Laity
  - Laity Address: Vincent Sutlive, Lay Member, Crossroads Church, Concord
- Council on Laity, Betty Jo C. Hardy, Conference Lay Leader
  - Election of Conference Lay Leader for 2008-2012
  - Confirmation of District Lay Leaders and Associates for 2008-2009
- Council on Youth Ministries, Chris Grimmett, President
- United Methodist Men, Richard W. Strachan, President
- United Methodist Women, Amy L. Johnson, President

Saturday, June 7, 2008

7:30 A.M. A Service of Healing and Communion, Memorial Chapel, led by Bart W. Milleson and Angela A. Pleasants, with music by choir of Hinshaw Memorial Church, Greensboro
8:45 A.M. Daily Light: Scripture Study, based on John 21:15-25, led by Jeremy I. Troxler, Director, Thriving Rural Communities Initiative, Duke Divinity School
9:30 A.M. Plenary Business Session
- Report of Conference Board of Trustees, Joseph P. McGuire, President
- Cabinet Resolutions, Patricia A. Lewis, Cabinet Secretary
- Report of The United Methodist Publishing House
- Report of Conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood, A. Owen Peeler, President

10:00 A.M. Ceremony of Recognition of Retiring Clergy, sponsored by Board of Pension and Health Benefits and Board of Ordained Ministry
- Statement on Behalf of Retirees: J. Hurley Thomas III, Superintendent, Winston-Salem District

10:30 A.M. Plenary Business Session
Report of Commission on Archives and History, James L. Pyatt, Chairperson
Presentation of Bishop's Awards of Excellence in Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting
11:00 A.M. Recess and Transition for Worship
11:15 A.M. Celebration of Life Service
Sermon: The Reverend K. Wesley Judy, Pastor, First Church, Forest City
2:15 P.M. Organizational Meetings of Agencies for 2008-2012 Quadrennium
7:30 P.M. Service of Ordination of Deacons and Elders
Sermon: Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey

Sunday, June 8, 2008

8:45 A.M. Sunday School for All Ages
Children (kindergarten through fifth grade): Room 316, Terrace, led by Jane Hoover, Christian Educator, Kernersville
Youth (sixth through twelfth grades): Amphitheater at the Cross (in the event of rain, in the International Room, Lambuth Inn), led by Cindy Furr, Christian Educator, Weaverville
Adults: Memorial Chapel, led by Robert V. Dodd, Matthews
10:30 A.M. Conference Sunday Service of Worship
Sermon: Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey
Fixing of Appointments, Sending Forth, and Adjournment *sine die*

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

2:00 P.M. 15th Annual Children's Home Benefit Golf Tournament, Lake Junaluska Golf Course
5:45 P.M. Dinner, Conference Secretarial Staff

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

11:45 A.M. Luncheon and Annual Meeting, Clergy Appointed to Extension Ministries and Beyond the Local Church, Lambuth Inn
2:00 P.M. Beginning Pastors' Seminar: "The Art of the Start," Harrell Center Auditorium
2:00 P.M. Meeting, Bishop and Cabinet, Room 316, Terrace
3:30 P.M. Annual Meeting, Conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood, Room 211, Terrace
4:00 P.M. Meeting, Board of Ordained Ministry, Room 213, Terrace
5:00 P.M. Annual Dinner, Duke Divinity School Alumni/ae and Friends, Nanci Weldon Gym
5:00 P.M. Banquet, United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Maggie Valley Church
5:30 P.M. Dinner, Hood Theological Seminary Alumni/ae, Room 319, Terrace
5:30 P.M. Dinner and Training Session, Conference Ushers, Foundation for Evangelism Building
6:00 P.M. Dinner, Bishop and Cabinet, Terrace Auditorium
9:30 P.M. After-Hours Entertainment, Ed Kilbourne, Edgewater Café, Harrell Center

Thursday, June 5, 2008

8:15 A.M. Breakfast, Women in Ministry, Dining Room, Lambuth
[Note: Persons staying at Lambuth Inn and not involved in this event are advised that they are to have breakfast in the International Room.]
10:00 A.M. Fellowship Tents beside Stuart Auditorium (through Saturday)
12:15 P.M. Luncheon, Drew University Alumni/ae and Friends, Saville Room, Lambuth
12:15 P.M. Luncheon, Erskine Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Students, Room 319, Terrace

12:15 P.M.	Picnic, hosted by Health and Human Services Consortium, with music, tent on lawn between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center (until 2:00)
12:15 P.M.	Luncheon and Meeting, Conference Board of Trustees, Room 316, Terrace
12:15 P.M.	Luncheon, Greensboro College Alumni/ae and Friends, Terrace Auditorium
12:15 P.M.	Luncheon, Methodists Federated for Social Action, International Room Lambuth
5:30 P.M.	Banquet, Board of Ordained Ministry, Cabinet, and Persons Being Ordained and Commissioned, First Church, Waynesville
5:30 P.M.	Banquet, Pfeiffer University Alumni/ae and Friends, Foundation for Evangelism Building
5:30 P.M.	Reception, Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Section A, Terrace Auditorium
6:00 P.M.	Banquet, Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Sections B-C, Terrace Auditorium
8:30 P.M.	Reception, Honoring Retiring Conference Secretary, Harrell Center Auditorium
9:30 P.M.	After-Hours Entertainment, Ed Kilbourne, Edgewater Café, Harrell Center

Friday, June 6, 2008

7:15 A.M.	Breakfast, WNC Conference Retired Clergy and Spouses and Surviving Spouses, sponsored by the Eugene M. Cole Foundation, International Room, Lambuth
7:52 A.M.	Dutch-Treat Breakfast, North Wilkesboro District, Terrace Auditorium
10:00 A.M.	Coffee, Honoring Spouses of Retiring Clergy, Susan Todd Lounge, Harrell Center
12:30 P.M.	Annual Missions Luncheon, First Church, Waynesville
12:30 P.M.	Luncheon, Asbury Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends, Room 319, Terrace
12:30 P.M.	Luncheon, Chaplains' Fellowship, Room 316, Terrace
12:30 P.M.	Luncheon, Gammon Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends, Front Dining Room, Jones Cafeteria
12:30 P.M.	Luncheon, High Point University Alumni/ae and Friends, Terrace Auditorium
12:30 P.M.	Luncheon, Pastors of New-Church Starts, Saville Room, Lambuth
1:30 P.M.	Watermelon Cutting, hosted by Pfeiffer University, Tent between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center
1:30 P.M.	A Cup of Lemonade, hosted by Friends and Alumni/ae of Campus Ministries, Tent between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center
2:30 P.M.	Meeting, Prayer and Praise Fellowship for Clergy Spouses, Memorial Chapel
3:45 P.M.	Reception, Honoring Bishop McCleskey upon Retirement, Harrell Center Auditorium
5:30 P.M.	Banquet, Wesley Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends, Room 316, Terrace
5:30 P.M.	Banquet, Candler School of Theology Alumni/ae and Friends, Long's Chapel Church
9:15 P.M.	Ice Cream Social, hosted by Greensboro College, tent between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center
9:00 P.M.	Young Adult Clergy Gathering, Terrace Auditorium
9:30 P.M.	After-Hours Entertainment, Ed Kilbourne, Edgewater Café, Harrell Center

Saturday, June 7, 2008

7:30 A.M.	Breakfast, Educational Opportunities, International Room, Lambuth
7:30 A.M.	Breakfast, Christian Educators Fellowship, Room 316, Terrace
7:30 A.M.	Breakfast, Committee on Native American Ministries, Saville Room, Lambuth
8:30 A.M.	Hospitality Time for Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Harrell Center Auditorium
10:45 A.M.	Reception Honoring Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Harrell Center Auditorium
12:00 P.M.	Luncheon, Scouting Awards Participants, Terrace Auditorium
12:30 P.M.	Annual Luncheon, Clergy Spouses, First Church, Waynesville (tickets available outside registration area on Wednesday night and Thursday and Friday mornings)
12:30 P.M.	Cookout, Hood Theological Seminary Students, Alumni/ae, and Friends, Nanci Weldon Gym

OFFICES AND OTHER OFFICIAL ROOMS

Registration Area for Conference: Room 202 (top floor), Harrell Center
Registration Area for Housing in Junaluska Facilities: Bethea Welcome Center
Housing Information: Bethea Welcome Center
Paramedic Services: Room 101, Harrell Center
Bishop's Office: Stuart Auditorium, first on right behind platform
Conference Secretary: Stuart Auditorium Lobby, office on right
Secretarial Staff: Room 103 (lower floor), Harrell Center
Conference Treasurer: Library (upper floor), Harrell Center
John L. Borchert Press Room: Room 103 (lower floor), Harrell Center
Program Ministries Display Areas: Lobbies of Terrace Hotel
Quiet Place for Prayer: Room of Memory at Memorial Chapel
Audio-Video Taping/DVD Service: Stuart Auditorium Lobby, office on left
Cokesbury Store: Top floor of Harrell Center, right
Southeastern Jurisdiction Stores: Ground floor, Terrace Hotel, and Bethea Welcome Center Lobby
Emergency Services (police, medical): Assembly Office or any hotel desk
Public Rest Rooms are located behind the platform in Stuart Auditorium, on both levels of Harrell Center, and off the lobbies of Terrace Hotel and Lambuth Inn.
Paramedic services will be available in Room 101 on the lower level of Harrell Center.

NOTES TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

1. **THE OFFERINGS** to be received at the 2008 session will be designated as follows:
   - The Thursday morning communion service offering will go to the Lake Junaluska Foundation for the renovation or replacement of Stuart Auditorium in honor of our retiring conference secretary, Charles D. (Denny) White, Jr., and in grateful appreciation for his 25 years of service in this office. This offering will make a significant statement about our intention to ensure that our conference can continue to meet at Lake Junaluska. Bishop McCleskey and Dr. White will be co-celebrants at the communion service.
   - The Sunday morning worship service offering will be designated in support of the $2-million Bishop's Initiative for Africa University, a campaign initiated by Bishop McCleskey for the 2005-08 quadrennium to build a dormitory and endow scholarships at Africa University. This offering will help guarantee the future of the education ministry of United Methodism on the continent of Africa.

   Conference members will receive an informative mailing from the bishop about these two offerings.
   Please make checks payable to WNC Treasurer and write either "Stuart Auditorium" or "Africa University" on the memo line.
   Your generous support will be greatly appreciated!

2. **THE DEAF MINISTRY** of the conference is providing computer-assisted note taking during the conference to allow those who have hearing loss to fully participate in the conference meetings and services in Stuart Auditorium, as well as to familiarize conference members with this technology. The Tom Summey Memorial Scholarship Fund, which includes money from The Duke Endowment, provides tuition for churches wishing to train interpreters or note-takers. Contact Kay Free, luvsasl55@yahoo.com or 828-734-9154, or see www.wnccumc.org/hhs/tomsummey.htm.

3. **CHILD-CARE SERVICES** will be provided in the Wilson Children's Complex during the sessions of the conference from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., 1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., and 7:00 P.M. to 9:45 P.M. **Pre-registration is to be completed by May 15** according to instructions mailed to all conference members.

4. **ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**, focusing on the conference vision, will be offered outside Stuart Auditorium, on the side nearest Memorial Chapel, during the morning and afternoon sessions of conference on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday morning.

5. **LUNCH OPTIONS:** If you do not have plans for lunch on Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday and do not wish to leave the Assembly grounds at noontime, you are encouraged to make use of these services available at Junaluska:
   (a) A reasonably priced lunch will be available at the Edgewater Café on the lower level of Harrell Center.
   (b) Jones Dining Hall, near the Junaluska Apartments, serves lunch (and breakfast and dinner, too) at reasonable prices.
   (c) Box lunches will be available (on Thursday and Friday only) "under the tent" on the lawn between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center.

6. **PER-DIEM VOUCHERS** may be converted to cash in the Library on the upper floor of Harrell Center during these hours:
   Tuesday: 8:00 P.M.–9:30 P.M.
   Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.
   Friday: 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

7. **SHUTTLE SERVICE** for your convenience will be available during annual conference at approximately 15-minute intervals between the Stuart Auditorium area and the east (Lambuth Inn) and west (Apartments and Weldon Gym) ends of Lakeshore Drive. Persons unable to find parking near Stuart Auditorium may wish to use the satellite parking area at the Weldon Gym.

8. **A QUIET PLACE FOR PRAYER** will be available in the Room of Memory at the Memorial Chapel throughout the annual conference session.

9. **CLOSED-CIRCUIT "GAVEL-TO-GAVEL" COVERAGE** of the proceedings of the conference will be available through the Junaluska cable system in the Susan Todd Lounge of Harrell Center and in all rooms at the Terrace Hotel and Lambuth Inn. A wide-screen telecast of the Saturday evening and Sunday morning services will be available in the auditorium of Harrell Center.

10. **CHECK-OUT TIME:** The Holston Conference will be coming to Lake Junaluska on Sunday afternoon. Persons staying in Junaluska-owned facilities for our conference are advised that the 11:00 A.M. check-out time on Sunday must be strictly observed.

USHERS FOR THE 2008 SESSION

Team A
Chief Usher: Holly C. Adams

Leigh J. Bartoli
Kristy H. Burnette
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Kathleen M. McAbee
Trey Moser
James K. Sanders
Robert D. Symanski
Sandy Waldron
Shawn Williams

MEETING PLACES FOR ORGANIZATIONAL SESSIONS OF 2008-2012 AGENCIES

(Saturday Afternoon at 2:15 P.M.)

Council on Campus Ministry ..... Room 103, Lambuth
Council on Finance and Administration ..... Room 102, Lambuth
Council on Higher Education ..... Room 104, Lambuth

Board of Congregational Development ..... Room 100, Lambuth
Board of Ordained Ministry .....Memorial Chapel
Board of Pension and Health Benefits, Inc. ..... Room 101, Lambuth
Conference Board of Trustees, Inc. .....Room 211, Terrace

Commission on Archives and History ..... Room 213, Terrace
Commission on Communications .....Room 202, Harrell
Commission on Equitable Compensation ..... Room 316, Terrace

Administrative Review Committee ..... Room 101, Harrell
Committee on Appeals ..... Room 210, Terrace
Committee on Episcopacy ..... Room 319, Terrace
Committee on Investigation of Clergy .....Room 106-A, Lambuth
Committee on Investigation of Diaconal Ministers .....Room 106-B, Lambuth

The Committee on Conference Staff Relations, which consists in part of officers of other agencies, will be convened by the secretary of the Cabinet at a date to be announced.

The following quadrennial program-related agencies will meet for organizational purposes at a time and place to be announced, and members will be notified well in advance:

Conference Ministries Advisory Council
Commission on Nurture Ministries
Commission on Outreach Ministries
Commission on Witness Ministries
Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
Commission on Religion and Race
Commission on the Status and Role of Women
Committee on Church and Society
Committee on African American Ministries
Committee on Asian American Ministries
Committee on Hispanic Ministries
Committee on Native American Ministries

PETITIONS TO THE 2008 SESSION

The 2007 session of the annual conference directed the conference secretary to prepare an amended version of the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and Procedure in which all references to forum groups have been removed. The method for dealing with petitions anticipated for 2008 is the same which was used initially at the 2007 session.

This method provides that all petitions printed in *Program and Reports*, with the exception of Petition 1 (2009 Conference Funds and Financial Policies), will be placed on the consent calendar, and all petitions printed in the supplement to be distributed at registration will be dealt with in plenary session.

The conference secretary has examined all petitions received from conference agencies and related institutions through the March 20, 2008, deadline and has caused them to be printed in this booklet, as follows:

Petition No.	Subject, Source, and Location
1	2009 Conference Funds and Financial Policies (Council on Finance and Administration) (pages 16-26)

(Petitions 2-19 constitute the 2008 Consent Calendar)

2	Advance Specials for 2008-2009 (Commission on Outreach Ministries) (pages 32-33)
3	Golden Cross (Commission on Outreach Ministries (pages 34-35)
4	Directors of Wesley Community Development Corporation (Board of Directors, Wesley Community Development Corporation) (page 38)
5	Brevard College Trustees (Board of Trustees, Brevard College) (page 50)
6	High Point University Trustees (Board of Trustees, High Point University) (page 50)
7	Campus Ministry Boards (Council on Campus Ministry) (pages 50-51)
8	Aldersgate Boards (Board of Advisors, Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community) (page 52)
9	Arbor Acres Directors (Board of Directors, Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community) (page 53)
10	Children's Home Board (Board of Trustees, The Children's Home, Inc.) (page 54)
11	Givens Estates Directors (Board of Directors, Givens Estates United Methodist Retirement Community) (page 55)
12	UMAR Trustees (Board of Trustees, UMAR-WNC, Inc.) (page 56)
13	MCCS Board (Board of Directors, Methodist Counseling and Consultation Services (page 58)
14	Amendments to Board of Ordained Ministry Policies (Board of Ordained Ministry) (pages 62-63)
15	Pension Programs and Policies (Board of Pension and Health Benefits) (page 66)
16	Health Benefits Program and Policies (Health Benefits Committee, Board of Pension and Health Benefits) (pages 71-72)
17	The Annual Conference Meeting (Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting) (page 75)
18	Equitable Compensation Policies and Guidelines (Commission on Equitable Compensation) (pages 79-80)
19	Cole Foundation Trustee (Board of Trustees, The Eugene M. Cole Foundation) (page 82)

The secretary has received one petition from an individual as of the time this booklet went to press and will print it in the supplement to be distributed at registration, as follows:

20	Articles of Religion in the Local Church (David P. Calhoun, Pastor, Wilkesboro Church, Wilkesboro) (Supplement, page 1)

Additional petitions received through the May 1, 2008, deadline will also be published in the supplement. As soon after May 1 as possible, the supplement will be posted on the administrative website of the conference, www.wnccadmin.org.

Charles D. White, Jr., *Conference Secretary*