

2008 Annual Conference
“Amazing Love – Great Grace”

The Alabama-West Florida Conference will gather around this theme verse: *“With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”* (Acts 4:33) [NRSV]

At appropriate times during our conference days we will sing various stanzas of the theme hymn for this year: “And Can It Be?” (#363 in the UMHymnal)

THE DAILY AGENDA

Sunday, June 1

- 2:00 pm Registration Opens
 Bishop and Cabinet Meeting
- 4:00 pm Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting
- 7:00 pm Opening Worship Celebration (Sanctuary)
 Music: Conference Youth Choir under the direction of James Keith Posey
 Message: Bishop Goodpaster
- 8:45 pm Rehearsal for Ordination Service

Monday morning, June 2

- 8:00 am Bible Study Dr. Lacey Warner
 Matthew 28:16-20 – “Spreading Scriptural Holiness”
- 9:00 am Board of Laity Business Session in Wesley Hall
 Clergy Executive Session in Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am *BREAK* – Preparation for Worship
- 10:45 am Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion in Sanctuary
 Liturgist: Bishop Goodpaster
 Sermon: Donald Smith
 Senior Pastor, Toulminville-Warren St. UMC, Mobile
- 12 Noon LUNCH BREAK
 Various group luncheons – rooms to be announced

Acts 2 Church Recognitions
Church of the Year Awards
Church for All God's Children
Denman Evangelism Award
 Disaster Response Ministry
Update and Closure
 Certificates of Recognition
First class of Rural Church Initiative at Huntingdon College

Presentation of the 2008 Conference Mission Offering

Celebrating 60 Years of the Advance for Christ and His Church
 Guest Speaker: Shawn Bakker, Director of The Advance

Wednesday morning, June 4

8:00 am	Bible Study	Dr. Lacey Warner <i>Matthew 6:24 – "Give all you can"</i>
9:00 am	Conference Business and Special Presentations	Journal Committee Agenda Committee Alice Lee Award Representative of our Historic Black Colleges
9:30 am	Overview of the 2008 General Conference	
9:45 am	Report #1 - Council on Finance and Administration	Overview and Reports <i>Action Item: Non-budgetary CCFA recommendations</i> Statistician's Report
10:15 am	<i>BREAK</i> (Hosted by The United Methodist Foundation)	
10:45 am	Report #2 - Council on Finance and Administration	<i>Action Item: Study on Apportionment Formula</i> <i>Action Item: 2009 Conference Budget</i>
11:00 a.m	Disaster Response Ministry and Office	
11:15 am	Report of the Cabinet	Changes in Charge Lines Property Resolutions
	Closing Business of the Conference	Meeting place for the 2009 Session Courtesies and Appreciation
12 Noon	Lunch Break	

Wednesday afternoon, June 4

1:00 pm Organizational Meetings of Quadrennial Boards, Committees and Councils
Various Assigned Rooms to be announced

1:30 pm Closing Worship Service
 Sermon: Bishop Larry Goodpaster
 Commissioning Probationary Deacons and Elders
 Fixing of the 2008-2009 Appointments
 Wesley Covenant Service and Sending Forth

3:00 pm Adjournment *Sine Die*