



Dear Member of Annual Conference:

Four sessions of Annual Conference 2009 will be held in Montgomery beginning with a great worship service at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church at 7pm CT on Sunday, June 7. The theme for our conference this year is "**Partnership in the Gospel - Celebrating Together.**" Our guest speakers for Annual Conference are Dr. Jason Borders, (Bible Study) Bishop Joseph Pennel (Preaching Ordination Service) and Rev. Jim Harnish (Teaching). Our mission offering received Sunday night will be for the **Blue Lake Capital Funds Program.**

The most up- to- date agenda for the sessions, along with maps/ driving directions, etc can be downloaded from the conference website www.awfumc.org/ac2009 and will also be included in the *Brochure of Reports*. Each District will distribute the *Brochure of Reports* and additional materials you will need to bring to Annual Conference. Please check with your District Office for details.

Registration will be in the Atrium at Frazer. The times are **Sunday, June 7, 2pm - 6pm; Monday, June 8, 7am - 4pm; Tuesday, June 9, 7am - 2pm; there will be no registration allowed after 2pm on Tuesday.**

Meals for Annual Conference will be Monday lunch, Tuesday lunch, and Tuesday dinner and are provided at no charge to: Elders In Full Connection (active and retired); Deacons In Full Connection (active and retired); Provisional Members; Associate Members (active and retired); Affiliate Members (active and retired); Local Pastors Under Full Time and/or Part Time Appointment to a Pastoral Charge (*The Book of Discipline ¶602.1*); Lay members to Annual conference (*The Book of Discipline (¶602.4) and Standing Rules 14A, 14B, 14B(h)*); and Spouses of Retired Elders, Deacons, Associate and Affiliate Members. Meals for other spouses and non-members may be purchased at registration. Tickets for Monday and Tuesday lunch will be \$6.00 each and for Tuesday night dinner (Laity Banquet) will be \$8.00 each.

Displays and Special Meals will be coordinated only through Rev. Ed Deabler at (dalraidaumc1@aol.com) 334-272-2190. Requests must be made before May 8, 2009.

Housing - NOW is the time to make hotel reservations or rooming arrangements. Please see **Huntingdon College Housing Registration Form** (attached) for information about housing at Huntingdon College. When reserving a room at one of the local hotels listed below, ask for the **Alabama - West Florida United Methodist Church Conference** rate:

1. Drury Hotels 1124 Eastern Boulevard, Montgomery, AL. 36117 - (800) 325-0720 or www.druryhotels.com, click on **Book it Fast** then enter **group number 2055209**. King Bed Deluxe Non-Smoking \$79; 2 Queen Beds Deluxe Non-Smoking \$89 - all rooms in Montgomery are 12.5% tax plus \$1.00 per room. A hot, full breakfast buffet each day is included. Remember to ask for the **Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Church Conference** rate. Cut off is May 22.

2. TownePlace Suites by Marriott 5407 TownePlace Dr. Montgomery, AL. 36117(334) 396-5505 or e-mail at: TPSMontgomerysm@Mckibbonhotels.com Studio Suite \$79-Sleeps 4, 1 bed & a sofa sleeper; Two Bedroom Suite \$99-Sleeps 6, Two beds and a sofa sleeper. Both styles have a fully equipped Kitchen and a comfortable living room area. Be sure to ask for the **Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Church Conference** rate. No deadline.

3. Comfort Suites 5918 Monticello Dr. Montgomery, AL. - (334) 387-2585 or www.choicehotels.com 20 rooms have been blocked, King bed \$79.95 A hot breakfast is included. Remember to ask for the **Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Church Conference** rate. Cut off is May 22.

4. **Econo Lodge Inn & Suites**, 5925 Monticello Dr. Montgomery, AL. 36117 (334) 272-1013 or www.choicehotel.com 10 rooms blocked, King bed \$52.95 2 Double beds \$59.95 Continental Breakfast is served each morning. Remember to ask for the **Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Church Conference** rate. Cut off is May 15.

5. **Baymont Inn, (former Best Western & Hotel Monticello)** 5837 Monticello Dr. Montgomery, AL. 36117 (334) 277-4442 for reservations. NO ROOMS BLOCKED. King bed \$59.95 Double, \$69.95 Continental breakfast. This Inn gives no discounts.

Childcare and VBS at annual conference! If you are a member of annual conference, clergy or lay, and will need a place for your children during Annual Conference, here is your answer. These programs below will be offered if the minimum number of children required are registered. If there are not sufficient numbers to offer either childcare or VBS, registration money will be refunded to all who registered. THE LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION IS May 1, 2009. If there is sufficient registration to offer the programs, the last day for requesting a registration refund is May 1, 2009. Registration is REQUIRED due to the necessary arrangements for qualified workers. See below for details:

Childcare: Childcare will be available Sunday, June 7, 6:30-9pm; Monday, June 8 7:30am-5pm; Tuesday, June 9, 7:30am-5pm; Wednesday, June 10, 7:30am-close of Annual Conference for children ages 6 months through 3 years. The charge will be \$4/hour with a \$40/day limit for one (1) child and a \$60/day limit for two or more children. Lunch is \$6/child/day. **A reservation and pre-payment are required. No refunds after May 1, 2009.** Deadline to register for childcare is May 1.

Mini VBS: A mini VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be available Monday, June 8, 8a-5p; for children ages 4 years through finished 5th grade. The charge will be \$30/day for Monday and Tuesday and \$15 for Wednesday for one (1) child; \$50/day for Monday and Tuesday and \$20 for Wednesday for two (2) or more children. Lunch is \$6/child/day. **A reservation and pre-payment are required. No refunds after May 1, 2009.** Deadline to register for VBS is May 1.

If you have any questions or comments regarding Annual Conference 2009 please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Connectional Ministries (334) 356-8014 or traci@awfumc.org.

Blessings~

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