



The Call

June 13, 2005

HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE EDITION

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Monday SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise indicated, all activities are inside Stuart Auditorium.

7:30 a.m.
Morning Glory: Memorial Chapel

8 a.m.
Fellowship Time: Outside Stuart Auditorium

8:30 a.m.
Clergy Session: Shackford Hall
(trolleys available before and after)
Laity Session: Stuart Auditorium

10 a.m.

- Call to order
- Hymn: "And Are We Yet Alive"
- Lighting the Christ Candle
- Invocation
- Organizing motions
- Committee on Rules and Order
- Recognition and announcements

10:15 a.m.
Vision Bible Study

11:10 a.m.
Vision Workshop

Noon
Lunch

2 p.m.

- Welcome
- Discipleship Team
- Nurture Ministry Team
- Children's Ministry Team*
- Conference Council on Youth Ministry*
- Camp and Retreat Ministries*
- Young Adult Ministry Team*
- Older Adult Ministry Team*
- Outreach Advocacy Ministry Team
- Religion and Race Ministry Team*
- Prisoner and Family Advocacy Group*
- Stewardship Ministry Team
- **Break**
- Witness Ministry Team
- Hispanic Ministry Witness*
- Harry Denman Evangelism Award*
- Missions Ministry Team
- Latvia mission offering*
- Communications Commission

4:30 p.m.

- Council on Finance & Administration
- Board of Pensions
- Board of Trustees

5 p.m.
Dinner

7 p.m.
Service of Remembrance
Rev. Paul Marchbanks
Bluff City UMC Choir

Following the service, family members may be greeted in Harrell Center Auditorium.

A day of vision and ministry, a night of remembrance

Remember: Take Latvia mission offering to 2 p.m. session



7 p.m.
Rev. Paul Marchbanks (Knoxville District) will preach at the Service of Remembrance.



7 p.m.
The Bluff City UMC Choir (Johnson City District) will sing "Fly Away Medley" and "We Shall Walk Through the Valley" at tonight's memorial worship service in Stuart Auditorium.

Welcome to the first full day of the 2005 Holston Annual Conference! Today, you will notice a big difference in the schedule, compared with previous years. Gone are the Monday-afternoon workshops. Instead, participants will be led in one large-group visioning Bible study and workshop. There will be less music and shorter reports, with an emphasis on visuals to relay Holston's ministry successes.

Traditionally held on Sunday, the Clergy and Laity Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. Conference officially begins at 10 a.m., with Bishop James Swanson's first-ever Call to Order as presiding bishop. At his side will be the Rev. Grady Winegar, conference secretary.



10 a.m.
Jason Onks, director of youth ministries at First Johnson City UMC, will give the invocation at this morning's session.



10 a.m.
Clara Robinette Kobler (Abingdon District) will light the Christ Candle.



2 p.m.
Larry Martin, Discipleship Team chair, will present our conference ministries.

A.M. session

The session begins with several official and traditional actions. After Bishop Swanson opens the conference, members will join to sing the historic United Methodist hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive." Lighting the Christ Candle will be Clara Robinette Kobler, daughter of the Rev. Beverly Robinette and the Rev. Tim Kobler, both appointed to Emory & Henry College. Clara was 10 years old on Saturday, June 11.

Jason Onks will deliver the invocation, then Rev. Grady Winegar will lead us through organizing motions. The Annual Conference will be asked to adopt the report of the Committee on Rules and Order, followed by recognitions and announcements.

Last night, Bishop Michael Watson preached at the opening worship service. This morning at 10:15, the bishop from South Georgia returns to Stuart Auditorium to lead a visioning Bible study. Anne Travis, director of connective ministries, will lead a visioning workshop.

Annual Conference recesses at noon for a two-hour lunch.

P.M. session

At 2 p.m., conference resumes with a welcoming message from Jimmy Carr, executive director of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. After that, sit back and enjoy as Larry Martin, in his first year as Discipleship Team chair, leads an inspirational presentation of Holston Conference ministries.

Look for powerful visual presentations from Camp and Retreat Ministries (happy kids at camp) and Chaplain Services of the Churches of Virginia (prison ministry). The Young Adult Ministry Team will provide a message that organizers say "will make you think." The Rev. Bill Kilday, representing the Stewardship Ministry Team, will engage the conference in a true-or-false quiz.

Representing Hispanic ministries, Karen Neff will lead a Maryville District children's choir in two songs. Then the Rev. Sandra Johnson will present the Harry Denman Evangelism Awards to one clergy and one lay member.

During the Missions Ministry Team presentation, the conference will send off supplies collected by churches for Zimbabwe and Liberia. Each church's offering for Latvia will also be collected. The goal is to raise \$125,000.

At 4:30, the Rev. Andy Ferguson, Council on Finance and Administration president, will propose a \$15.3 million budget for 2006. The figure reflects a 2.9 percent increase over the 2005 budget. The conference will seek to approve the budget on Wednesday morning.

At tonight's Service of Remembrance, Holston will memorialize 12 clergy members and 14 clergy spouses who died in the past year. Worship participants include a liturgical dance troupe from Asbury UMC (Morristown District) and soloist Michael Rodgers of Cokesbury UMC (Knoxville District). ■

Visit the exhibits located in The Terrace, 2nd and 3rd floor.