



The Call

June 14, 2004

HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE EDITION

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Tuesday SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise indicated, all activities are inside Stuart Auditorium.

6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Walk for Change
Information available at tent between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center

7:30 a.m.

Morning Glory: Memorial Chapel

8 a.m.

Fellowship Time: Outside Stuart Auditorium

8:30 a.m.

- Board of Ordained Ministry
- Cabinet Report
- Board of Higher Education
- Campus Ministries*
- Francis Asbury Award*
- Recognition of college presidents*
- Wesley Institute
- Nominating Committee

9:40 a.m.

Break

10 a.m.

Vision Bible Study

11 a.m.

Vision Workshop

Noon

Lunch

2 p.m.

Retirement Celebration

Rev. Ann Blair
Men of Praise, Lennon-Seney UMC
Following the service, retirees and spouses may be greeted in Harrell Center Auditorium.

3 p.m.

Ice Cream Social: On the lawn outside Stuart Auditorium

3:40 p.m.

- Listening for God through Scripture
- Constitutional amendments from General Conference
- Asbury Place
- Holston Home for Children
- Holston Conference Foundation
- Equitable Compensation
- United Methodist Committee on Relief recognition

5 p.m.

Dinner

7 p.m.

Service of Ordination and Commissioning

Bishop James Swanson
Clergy Choir
Following the service, those ordained and consecrated may be greeted in Harrell Center Auditorium. Reception at 9 p.m.

Walk, worship, and worship: Ordination service is tonight

Take your Change for Children offering to the tent



6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Members are encouraged to participate in "Walk for Change," a fund-raising effort for Change for Children. Above, right: Bishop James Swanson walks for a good cause.

Today's agenda includes part two of the visioning Bible study and workshop. It also includes two worship services and at least two opportunities for fellowship (coffee at 8 a.m., ice cream at 3 p.m.).

Yesterday during the Children's Ministry Team presentation, you heard about an effort to raise money for Change for Children and to promote good health. Change for Children benefits needy kids both here and in Africa. Today, members are reminded to bring their congregations' Change for Children offerings to the tent between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center. (Every church treasurer received a special envelope for this offering earlier this year.) Members are also encouraged to cruise the Rose Walk or stroll around the lake as part of the "Walk for Change." For more information, visit the Walk for Change tent.

A.M. session

Conference begins at 8:30 a.m. with the Board of Ordained Ministry report by the Rev. Brenda Carroll. The Rev. Stella Roberts will present the Cabinet's report.

Always a highlight during Annual Conference, the Francis Asbury Award will be presented during the Board of Higher Education's report. The conference will also have an opportunity to meet Tennessee Wesleyan College's new president, Stephen Condon, during this session. Also appearing: Presidents James Noseworthy of Hiwassee Col-



2 p.m.

The Rev. Ann Blair will preach, "It's the Filling That Counts," at this afternoon's Retirement Celebration. Blair is a retired pastor in Wytheville District.

lege and Thomas Morris of Emory & Henry College.

After the Wesley Institute and Committee on Nominations reports, Bishop Michael Watson and Anne Travis will again lead the conference in a visioning Bible study and workshop.

P.M. session

The Retirement Celebration, honoring 12 retiring clergy members, commences immediately after lunch. Highlights will include preaching by the Rev. Ann Blair, music by the Men of Praise, and the "passing of the mantle" from the Rev. William Wells to the Rev. Sarah Martin.

After ice cream at 3 p.m., conference will resume with presentations from groups including Asbury Inc. and Holston Home for Children. Asbury President Bernie Bowman will address changes and challenges at the retirement community network. Rita Sexton, foster daughter to the Rev. Charles Hutchens, will give witness during Holston Home's presentation.

Tonight's Ordination and Commissioning Service will include the following participants: 4 full-connection elders, 1 full-connection deacon, 1 probationary member and ordained deacon, and 9 commissioned probationary elders.

Also participating will be a clergy choir and a liturgical dance troupe from Asbury UMC (Morristown District.) ■

2 p.m.

The Men of Praise will sing "I'll Fly Away" and "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" at this afternoon's retirement service.



7 p.m.

Bishop James Swanson will preach, "Touched by an Angel," at tonight's Service of Ordination and Commissioning. A Clergy Choir will sing "Come, Holy Spirit."

Afternoon treat: Ice Cream Social at 3 p.m.