

REGISTRATION

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (____) _____
Church/Charge _____
District _____

Registration Deadline
Friday, March 31, 2006

*Please notify of special dietary or
accommodations needs when registering.*

Cost: \$10.00 (lunch and snacks included)

Mail to: Holston Conference UMC
*Holston Churches Building
Healthy Communities*
P.O. Box 32939
Knoxville, TN 37930-2939

Or call: 865/690-4080 Local
866/690-4080 Toll Free

Website: www.holston.org

**For more information, call Paula Postai at
Wesley Memorial UMC 423/282-6722.**

HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

A block of rooms has been reserved for "Holston Conference" at Fairfield Inn: 2 double beds/per room at a group rate of \$54 per night. This rate is good for Wednesday and Thursday nights. Special weekend rates will apply. Reservations must be made with Fairfield Inn by April 1, 2006, for the special group rate.

SCHEDULE

- 9:30 Registration
10:00 Welcome & Opening Conversation
Bishop Swanson
10:20 Gary Gunderson
11:10 Q & A
11:35 Lunch with Table Conversation
*"What is the most pressing
health need before me now
in my community?"*
12:30 Rev. Kenneth Robinson, M.D.
1:20 Q & A
1:45 Local Church Presentations:
Karen Karnei, RN, MPH
St. Paul UMC, Wytheville District
Margaret Davis
TN Minority Health Coalition
2:35 Break
2:45 Bringing It Together
Gary Gunderson
3:15 Final Q & A
3:35 Worship
4:00 Dismissal

Directions to Wesley Memorial UMC
225 Princeton Road • Johnson City, TN • 423/282-6722

EASIEST ACCESS FROM I-26:

Take **Interstate 81**

(north from Knoxville/south from Virginia)

Take **Interstate 26 to Johnson City**

Take the **North Roan Street Exit**

Turn **Left** going back under bridge

Turn **Right onto Springbrook Drive**

(top of hill - 1st traffic light)

At first street (**Wesley Street**) turn **Right**

At first street (**Susannah Street**) turn **Right**

Come to top of hill -

Turn Right into first church parking lot

Enter through Tower Entrance

Holston Churches Building Healthy Communities:

*How to promote greater health
in your church and community*



Thursday, April 6, 2006

Wesley Memorial UMC
225 Princeton Road • Johnson City, TN

**Sponsored by
Holston Conference
TennCare Task Force and
HUES (Healthy Upper East Souls)**

United Methodist Leaders and Health Care Professionals meet to discuss and create real health care solutions.

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Wesley Memorial UMC
225 Princeton Rd. • Johnson City, TN

Moderator:

Bishop James Swanson
Holston Area United Methodist Church

Presenters:

Rev. Dr. Gary Gunderson

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Robinson

Karen Karnei, RN, MPH

Margaret Davis

Who should come:

Pastors, Church staff members, Parish Nurses and members of Health Ministries, and missions teams, health care professionals, and anyone interested in community and congregational health.

What You Will Learn:

Pressing concerns within the health care arena.

Ideas and strategies that you can adapt in your church and community to promote health.

Steps for building a Health Ministry within your congregation.

Continuing Education Units

0.6 CEUs will be awarded by Wesley Leadership Institute for participation in this event.



Kenneth Stanley Robinson

*Commissioner, Tennessee
Department of Health*

The Reverend Kenneth S. Robinson, M.D., is a native of Nashville, TN. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, from Harvard University ('75); the Doctor of

Medicine degree from Harvard Medical School ('79); and a Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School ('86), where his Honors Thesis focused on the inter-relationship between religious faith and healing.

An indefatigable champion of holistic and comprehensive approaches to public health and individual well-being, Dr. Robinson was appointed by Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen in February 2003 to be Commissioner of the Department of Health for the State of Tennessee. Rev. Robinson also serves – as he has since 1991 – as Pastor and Chief Executive of the progressive St. Andrew AME Church in Memphis, TN.



James E. Swanson, Sr.

*Resident Bishop
Holston Annual Conference*

Bishop James Swanson, Sr., was elected to the episcopacy in July 2004 and began his duties in the Holston Conference in September 2004. At the time of his election, he

was Superintendent of the Savannah District of the South Georgia Annual Conference. He is a popular preacher, teacher, and leader within our United Methodist connection.

Bishop Swanson and his wife, the former Delphine Yvonne Ramsey, have six children and ten grandchildren. They reside in Knoxville with their two teenage children. His hobbies include golf and hiking.

Holston Conference TennCare Task Force:

*Joe-d Dowling Soka, Steve Hodges,
Paula Postai, Diana Brown Taylor,
Ralph Thompson, Anne Travis,
Elaine Wynn, and Deborah Yeomans*



Gary R. Gunderson,

*Director, Interfaith Health Program
Rollins School of Public Health of
Emory University*

Gunderson is the Director of The Interfaith Health Program (IHP) of the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University. The program

was led by Gunderson for seven years at The Carter Center before coming to Emory in 1999. The Interfaith Health Program serves as a clearinghouse of the best ideas and strategies that can be adapted by faith groups around issues of health and community development, with a special interest in projects that involve collaboration across ethnic, theological, disciplinary, and political boundaries. Gunderson came to the Carter Center from a background in communications and community development with many years of experience in issues of health, hunger, and poverty. Gunderson is the author of *Deeply Woven Roots* (Fortress, 1997), exploring the strengths of religious congregations as agents in building healthy communities; *Boundary Leaders* (Fortress, 2004), a strategy for personal and community leadership; and *Playing to Our Strengths* (Carter Center, 1997), examining the opportunities and challenges in the realignment of religious health assets such as hospitals and new foundations. He has published many articles and speeches. He is active in the American Public Health Association's caucus on Faith Community and Public Health, consultant to the United Methodist Bishops' Initiative on Children and Poverty, member of the Board of Directors of Heifer Project International.

- ◆ Does your church have a health care initiative that it is proud of? Would you be willing to exhibit at this event so others might get ideas? Call Paula Postai 423/282 6722 for info.
- ◆ Want to get a head start? Read *Deeply Woven Roots* by Gary Gunderson, available at Cokesbury Bookstore.