

## AGENDA

### 2007 SESSION OF THE MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(40th Session of the Memphis Annual Conference  
since the 1968 uniting conference)

CARL PERKINS CIVIC CENTER

Jackson, Tennessee

Sunday, June 3-Wednesday, June 6, 2007

#### Sunday June 3, 2007

- 2:30-7:00 p.m. Conference Registration, Carl Perkins Civic Center, Jackson, TN
- 4:00 p.m. Laity Session – First United Methodist Church, Jackson, TN
- 4:00 p.m. Clergy Session – Carl Perkins Civic Center  
Deacons and Elders in Full Connection, Probationary Members  
Associate Members, Affiliate Members, Local Pastors under full-time  
and part-time appointment and Lay Members of Board of Ordained Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. Laity Banquet First United Methodist Church, Jackson, TN
- 7:30 p.m. Opening of the 168<sup>th</sup> Session of the Memphis Annual Conference  
and The Service of Ordination of Elders  
Call to Order Bishop Richard J. Wills, Jr. Presiding  
Organization of Conference  
Setting the Bar of the Conference C. Wayne Fesmire,  
Conference Secretary  
Hymn: 553 *“And Are We Yet Alive”*  
Questions for Ordinands Bishop Richard J. Wills, Jr.
- 8:00 p.m. WORSHIP SERVICE Bishop Richard J. Wills, Jr., Preacher  
Celebrating the Ordained Ministry  
Special Offering for Africa University Dream Farm  
Carl Perkins Civic Center

#### Monday, June 4, 2007

- 7:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion  
Sponsored by Spiritual Formation Task Force

8:00-5:00 p.m. Conference Prayer Room

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome  
 Organization of the Conference  
 Lay and Clergy Members  
 C. Wayne Fesmire, Conference Secretary  
 Hymn: *"O For a 1000 Tongues To Sing"*  
 Prayer:  
  
 Welcome & Introductions  
 Joy Weathersbee, Host Superintendent
- 8:15 a.m. Board of Ordained Ministry Barry Henson, Presiding
- 9:00 a.m. Commissioning & Retirement Recognition Service  
 Dan Voegeli, Board of Pensions  
 The Passing of the Mantle
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service Walter German, Preacher
- 12:00 noon Adjourn for Lunch  
 Pension Luncheon First United Methodist Church, Jackson
- 1:20 P.M. Gathering in Song  
 Prayer
- 1:30 p.m. FIRST BALLOT
- 1:45 p.m. State of the Church Bishop Richard J. Wills, Jr.
- 2:15 p.m. Introduction of report from Annual Conference Study Task Force  
 (discussion to follow on Tuesday)
- 2:45 p.m. PMT/CFA Joint Report No. 1 Christy Smith/Jerry Severns
- 3:30 p.m. Conference Trustees Patricia Hinshaw
- 3:45 p.m. Break
- 4:00 p.m. Gathering in Song  
 Prayer
- 4:10 p.m. Standing Rules Committee Mark Whitlow
- 4:15 p.m. Board of Pensions Dan Voegeli
- 4:30 p.m. Laity Address Sandra Burnett

- 4:50 p.m. Cokesbury Presentation
- 4:55 p.m. Equitable Compensation Sky Lowe-McCracken
- 5:05 p.m. Clergy Wellness Commission Ray Chandler
- 5:25 p.m. Recognitions, Courtesies, Announcements
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn for Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. WORSHIP SERVICE Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr., preacher  
Special Offering  
Memphis Conference agencies  
Reelfoot Rural Ministries, Hannah's Hope, Western Kentucky United Methodist Family  
Services, Lakeshore Assembly, United Methodist Neighborhood Centers of Memphis

**Tuesday, June 5, 2007**

- 7:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion  
Sponsored by the Spiritual Formation Task Force
- 8:00-5:00p.m. Conference Prayer Room
- 8:00 a.m. Gathering in Song  
Prayer
- 8:10 a.m. Conference business
- 8:25 a.m. Annual Conference Study Task Force Report Discussion
- 9:55 a.m. Break
- 10:10 a.m. Gathering in Song  
Prayer
- 10:20 a.m. Bible Study Dr. W. Waite Willis Jr.
- 11:20 a.m. Committee on Resolutions Sandra Burnett
- 11:50 a.m. Recognitions, Courtesies, Announcements
- 12:00 noon Adjourn for Lunch
- 1:25 p.m. Gathering in Song  
Prayer
- 1:35 p.m. Celebration of Deacons, Deaconesses, Diaconal Ministers Scottie Brafford

- 1:50 p.m. Conference Business
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Mission Project
- 2:05 p.m. Report of District Superintendents John Holt
- 2:15 p.m. Wesley Senior Ministries/Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation  
Larry Kaler/Selena Henson
- 2:25 p.m. Church Development Committee Report Joe Moseley
- 2:50 p.m. Nashville Area Foundation Vin Walkup
- 3:00 p.m. Conference Youth Council Ashley Faulkner
- 3:10 p.m. Break
- 3:25 p.m. Gathering in Song  
Prayer
- 3:35 p.m. Methodist Health Systems Gary Shorb
- 3:55 p.m. United Methodist Men Dick Pilbeam
- 4:05 p.m. United Methodist Women Beth Brown
- 4:15 p.m. United Methodist Neighborhood Centers Becky Foote
- 4:25 p.m. Lakeshore Gary Lawson
- 4:35 p.m. Committee on the Episcopacy Richard Clark
- 5:00 p.m. Evangelism Report Bill Bouknight
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn for Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. WORSHIP SERVICE Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.  
Special Offering  
Memphis Conference agencies  
Reelfoot Rural Ministries, Hannah's Hope, Western Kentucky United Methodist Family  
Services, Lakeshore Assembly, United Methodist Neighborhood Centers of Memphis
- 9:00 -11:00 p.m. Conference Youth Event

**Wednesday, June 6, 2007**

8:00 a.m.-Noon Conference Prayer Room

8:00 a.m.	Gathering in Song Prayer	
8:10 a.m.	Bible Study	Dr. W. Waite Willis Jr.
9:10 a.m.	Report of the Inclusiveness Division	Dr. Cynthia Davis
9:20 a.m.	PMT/CFA Report No. 2	Christy Smith/Jerry Severns
10:00 a.m.	Reelfoot Rural Ministries	Michael Blake
10:10 a.m.	Nominations Committee	John Holt
10:20 a.m.	Division on Higher Education/Campus Ministries Rust College Black College Intern Lambuth University	Dr. Fred Zuker
10:55 a.m.	Break	
11:10 a.m.	Gathering in Song Prayer	
11:20 a.m.	Hannah's Hope	Katrina Morrison
11:30 a.m.	Western Ky. United Methodist Family Services	representative
11:40 a.m.	Committee on Journal	
11:45 a.m.	Conference Site Committee	
11:50 a.m.	Conference business	
12:00 a.m.	Celebration of Ministry Luncheon	First United Methodist Church Gymnasium
2:00 p.m.	Gathering in Song Prayer	
2:15 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE	Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr., preacher Holy Communion Fixing of the Appointments, Bishop Richard J. Wills, Jr.
3:15 p.m.	Sending Forth	

*Adjourn Sine Die*