

## 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 MORNING SESSION, 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  
Welcome & Introductions  
Joy Weathersbee, Host Superintendent  
Organization of the Conference  
Lay and Clergy Members  
C. Wayne Fesmire, Conference Secretary  
Hymn: *"O For a 1000 Tongues To Sing"*  
Prayer: Scottie Brafford
- 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

**MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, June 4, 2007**

- 1:20 P.M. Gathering in Song  
Mark Locke

	Prayer	Mark Locke
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)	David Comperry
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	Mark Locke Sammy Tillman
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	Robert Persons
4:55 p.m.	Equitable Compensation	Sky Lowe-McCracken
5:05 p.m.	Clergy Wellness Commission	Ray Chandler
5:15 p.m.	Africa University	Lloyd Rollins
5:20 p.m.	Conference Scouting Director	Philip Craig
5:25 p.m.	Recognitions, Courtesies, Announcements	David Comperry
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 MORNING SESSION, 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	Mark Locke Barbara Garcia
8:10 a.m.	Conference business	
8:25 a.m.	Annual Conference Study Task Force Report Discussion	David Comperry
9:55 a.m.	Break	
10:10 a.m.	Gathering in Song Prayer	Mark Locke Ernestine Ramey
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	David Comperry
12:00 noon	Adjourn for Lunch	

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, June 5, 2007**

*(During afternoon session 2:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Mission Project)*

1:25 p.m.	Gathering in Song Prayer	Mark Locke Rebekah Jordan
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1:35 p.m.	Celebration of Deacons, Deaconesses, Diaconal Ministers	Scottie Brafford
1:50 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	Vincent "Vin" Walkup
3:00 p.m.	Conference Youth Council	Ashley Faulkner
3:10 p.m.	Break	
3:25 p.m.	Gathering in Song Prayer	Mark Locke Beth Brown
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 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	Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.
9:00 -11:00 p.m.	Conference Youth Event	Lambuth University

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION, June 6, 2007

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

8:00 a.m. Gathering in Song Mark Locke

	Prayer	Patrick Whaley
8:10 a.m.	Bible Study	Dr. W. Waite Willis Jr.
9:10 a.m.	Report of the Inclusiveness Division	Cynthia Davis
9:20 a.m.	Reelfoot Rural Ministries	Michael Blake
9:30 a.m.	Nominations Committee	John Holt
9:40 a.m.	Division on Higher Education/Campus Ministries Rust College Black College Intern Lambuth University (presentation of Lambuth Women's National Championship Basketball Team) Campus ministry student	David Russell Representative Nelse Furtado Gilliam Dr. Fred Zuker Kevin Elliott
10:15 a.m.	PMT/CFA Report No. 2	Jerry Severns
10:55 a.m.	Break	
11:10 a.m.	Gathering in Song Prayer	Mark Locke Kevin Presley
11:20 a.m.	Hannah's Hope	Katrina Morrison
11:30 a.m.	Western Ky. United Methodist Family Services	Bill Heaton
11:40 a.m.	Committee on Journal	Sky Lowe-McCracken
11:45 a.m.	Conference Site Committee	Sandra Burnett
11:50 a.m.	Conference business	
12:00 noon	Celebration of Ministry Luncheon First United Methodist Church Gymnasium	

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, June 6, 2007

2:00 p.m.	Gathering in Song Prayer	Mark Locke Dorothy Steele
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