

**2015 Annual Conference WORKING Agenda**  
**The Alabama-West Florida Conference**  
**May 31 – June 3, 2015**  
**Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama**  
***“The Great Commission: Nurturing Disciples”***

**Sunday Afternoon, May 31**

- 1:00 p.m. Exhibit Set Up – Atrium  
Cokesbury – By The Sea
- 2:00 p.m. Registration Opens  
Refreshments hosted by Blue Lake – Atrium  
Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM) Snack Bar – Servery  
Bishop and Appointive Cabinet Meeting – Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Tellers Orientation – Wesley Hall
- 3:30 p.m. Assistant Secretaries Orientation/Set-Up – Wesley Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Committee on Petitions and Resolutions – Room 7201  
Mass Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 4:15 p.m. Board of Laity Meeting – Room 7203
- 4:30 p.m. Fellowship of Local and Associate Pastors Meeting – Room 7207/09
- 5:00 p.m. Bishop’s Dinner – Room 6102  
Memorial Luncheon Set Up – Room 8114
- 5:30 p.m. Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting – Room 6111  
Mass Choir Meal – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Conference Registration Closes for the Day**
- 6:30 p.m. Mass Choir gathers - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION – Sanctuary  
Greetings from Host Pastor: Dr. Tim Thompson  
Sermon: Bishop Mike Lowry, resident bishop of the Central Texas Conference  
of The United Methodist Church/Fort Worth Episcopal Area  
Music: Mass Choir  
**Conference Mission Offering: Imagine No Malaria**
- 8:30 p.m. Rehearsal for Ordination and Commissioning Service - Chapel

**Monday Morning, June 1**

- 6:30 a.m. Health Screening (closes at 8:30 a.m.) – Cokesbury Room
- 7:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at 2:00 p.m.) – Atrium  
Experiential Prayer Room (closes at 5:00 p.m.) – Room 4100  
Asbury Foundation Breakfast – Room 7102
- 8:30 a.m. Clergy Executive Session – Fellowship Hall  
Laity Session – Wesley Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Break – Preparation for Worship  
*(Families of deceased clergy and clergy spouses gather in Chapel; members of annual conference are invited to come by to greet them prior to the memorial service. AWFC Cabinet will gather in Parlor)*

10:15 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY - Memorial Service and Holy Communion – Sanctuary  
Liturgist: Rev. Pam Avery  
Sermon: Rev. A. Spencer Turnipseed, Jr., Senior Pastor, Point Washington UMC

12:00 p.m. General Lunch – Fellowship Hall  
Bishop and Cabinet – Parlor  
Asbury Club – Room 8110 (N. Gym)  
Candler Club – Room 6111  
Christian Educators Fellowship – Room 6107  
Memorial Luncheon – Room 8114  
Wesley Heirs – Room 6102

### **Monday Afternoon, June 1**

1:30 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall  
Gathering Music - Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Hymn: *And Are We Yet Alive?* UMH #553  
Opening Prayer  
Welcome from the Host District Superintendent – Rev. John Brooks

Opening Business and Organization of the Conference – Wesley Hall  
Setting the “bar” of the Conference  
Election of secretarial staff  
Approval of the 2014 Conference Journal  
Adoption of the 2015 Conference Agenda  
Presentation of the 2015 Consent Agenda  
Committee on Resolutions and Petitions (to lie on the table overnight)  
Committee on Standing Rules (to lie on the table overnight)  
Committee on Nominations

Board of Ordained Ministry – Libba Stinson  
Recognition of Commissioning and Ordination classes  
Recognition of First-Time Licensed Local Pastors  
Recognition of Clergy in Extension Ministries and Appointments Beyond the Local Church

Retirees gather in Parlor

3:15 p.m. ORDER OF THE DAY - Recognition of Retiring Clergy – Wesley Hall

Reception for Retiring Clergy – Atrium

Council on Finance and Administration Meeting – Parlor

**\*\*\*NO MONDAY EVENING DINNER AT HOST CHURCH\*\*\***

### **Monday Evening, June 1**

7:00 p.m. Service of Ordination and Commissioning – First United Methodist Church, Montgomery  
Sermon: Bishop Mike Lowry, resident bishop of the Central Texas Conference  
of The United Methodist Church/Fort Worth Episcopal Area  
Music: First United Methodist Church, Montgomery  
**Special Offering: Ministerial Education Fund**

Reception – Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, Montgomery

### **Tuesday Morning, June 2**

6:30 a.m. Health Screening (closes at 8:30 a.m.) – Cokesbury Room

7:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens (closes at Noon) – Atrium  
Experiential Prayer Room (closes at 5pm) – Room 4100  
COSROW Breakfast – Room 6111  
Deacon Breakfast – Room 6102

8:00 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall  
 Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
 Opening Prayer

Report of the *Journal* Committee – Fred Zeigler

*Action* on Standing Rules – Robin Wilson  
*Action* on Resolutions and Petitions – Kathy Knight

Bible Study – Wesley Hall  
 Rev. Jorge Acevedo, Lead Pastor, Grace Church, Southwest FL

Break – hosted by the United Methodist Children’s Home

Celebration of Ministries – Neil McDavid

Bible Study – Wesley Hall  
 Rev. Jorge Acevedo, Lead Pastor, Grace Church, Southwest FL

11:30 a.m. Clergy (active and retired) Spouses Gathering – Room 7202/7204  
 12:00 Noon General Lunch – Fellowship Hall  
 Bishop and Cabinet – Parlor  
 Duke Club - Room 6102  
 Spiritual Formation Luncheon – Room 7207/7209 - Cory Smith, guest speaker  
 Strengthening the Black Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (SBC21) Luncheon – Room 7208

**Tuesday Afternoon, June 2**

1:30 p.m. ORDER OF THE DAY  
 Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
 Conference Celebration of Selma to Montgomery 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 Conference Board of Laity  
 Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry – Rob Couch  
*Francis Asbury Award*  
 Gen. Charles C. Krulak, President, Birmingham-Southern College

Markus McKinney, Representative, Historic Black College

Special Awards and Recognitions  
*Denman Evangelism Award* – Division of Evangelism – Allen Newton  
*Alice Lee Award* – COSROW – Ruth Ann Powers  
*Local Church Heritage Award* – Commission on Archives and History – Pam Avery; Sharon Tucker

Break – Hosted by a Montgomery-Prattville District Local Church

Gathering Music: Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson

Blue Lake Trustees – Jim Carpenter

Committee on Episcopacy – Paulette Thompson

Conference Announcements and Recess

5:00 p.m. Laity Banquet – Fellowship Hall  
 Guest speaker – Drexel Gilbert  
 Entertainment - Frazer’s Worship Arts Group

7:00 p.m. Night Session (if applicable) (no meal will be provided)  
 Upper Room Prayer Line - Room 3129 (ending 9 pm)

### **Wednesday Morning, June 3**

No conference registration

- 7:00 a.m.      Experiential Prayer Room (closes at 10:30 am) – Room 4100  
Educational Opportunities Breakfast – Room 6102
- 8:30 a.m.      CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – Wesley Hall  
Gathering Music:            Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Opening Prayer
- Report of the *Journal* Committee – Fred Zeigler
- Action Item:* Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits – Bob McKibben
- Task Force on the Work of the Districts – Shirley Woodie
- Action Item:* Commission on Equitable Compensation – Matt Mobley
- Council on Finance and Administration – Beebe Frederick  
*Action Item:* 2016 Conference Budget  
Statistician's Report – Frank Dunnewind
- Break - Hosted by a Montgomery-Prattville District Local Church
- Report of the Cabinet – Wesley Hall – Cory Smith  
Change in Charge Lines  
Property Resolutions
- Closing Business of the Conference  
Where shall the 2016 session be held?  
Courtesies and Appreciation – Wesley Wachob
- 11:00 a.m.      ORDER OF THE DAY – Sending Forth Service – Fixing of the 2015 - 2016 Appointments - Wesley Hall  
Gathering Music:            Robert McMichael and Jarvis Wilson  
Opening Prayer
- Noon            Adjournment *Sine Die*
- \*\*\*NO WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT HOST CHURCH\*\*\***
- 1:00 p.m.      Newly elected General/Jurisdictional Conference Delegation Meeting (light lunch served)