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TO: 2008 Annual Conference Lay and Clergy Members

Greetings! This information is being sent to all clergy and lay members of the 2008 "Living The United Methodist Way" Florida Annual Conference Event, which will convene Thursday, May 29, at the Lakeland Center, 700 West Lemon St., Lakeland, Florida 33815.

Enclosed you will find:

- (1) A list of dates, times and locations of the District pre-Conference Forums. We encourage you to attend one of these forums in your district. More information will be forthcoming at a later date and will be posted on the conference web-site (<http://www.flumc.org>) under "2008 FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENT;"
- (2) A list of Lakeland area hotels, including special rates offered to annual conference attendees;
- (3) An information sheet regarding Youth Events during annual conference;
- (4) A 2008 Florida Annual Conference Event schedule that will help you in your planning;
- (5) An information sheet regarding the Health and Wellness Fair, May 29 and 30;
- (6) A letter from Florida Southern College about campus housing and campus meal tickets (pre-registration required by May 16);
- (7) A reservation card to make campus housing reservations and/or purchase a campus meal ticket.

Be sure to mention the Florida United Methodist Annual Conference Event when making your hotel reservation to get the special rates. Please make note of the cut-off date set by the hotel, at which time the hotel may release any rooms not already booked and the special rate will expire. We recommend that you make your reservation early since each hotel has set aside a certain number of rooms at this special rate.

Florida Southern College will again be our host for campus housing, with special rates for youth members (ages 12-18). Check-in for campus housing (pre-registration required by May 16) and registration for the annual conference event opens on Wednesday, May 28. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for more details.

Due to the shortened lunch break, lunch will not be offered at the Florida Southern College campus cafeteria. Alternate lunch options will be offered at the Lakeland Center to enable attendees to remain on-site for the shortened lunch break.

All information contained in this mailing can be found on the conference Web site, <http://www.flumc.org>. Click on the link "2008 FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENT" and check back often for updates. If you have any questions, please e-mail ACQuestions@flumc.org or call 800-282-8011.

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