

## Conference Highlights to Note

The third Annual Conference **5K run/walk** will be held on Friday morning, June 17. Check back soon at [www.acflorida.org](http://www.acflorida.org) for more details and registration.

Rev. Bill Hybels, the founding and senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church, will be our special guest speaker on Thursday evening. The best-selling author of more than 20 books, Hybels is known worldwide as an expert in equipping and training Christian leaders to transform individuals and their communities through the local church.

Bishop Janice Huie of the Texas Conference, a noted speaker and experienced leader, addresses conference members Friday morning. With Bishop Huie's leadership, the 2012 Texas Annual Conference adopted a Four Year Focus: cultivate growing, fruitful, missional congregations, form transforming lay and clergy leaders and invest in the young.

Jeff James, vice president and general manager of the Disney Leadership Institute, speaks Friday afternoon. The Institute focuses on teaching workshop participants and consulting clients how to take the Disney leadership model and translate it to their businesses, regardless of organization type.

## Bishop Carter's Offering

The offering will support the clergy and laity of our annual conference with resources for leadership development in three areas:

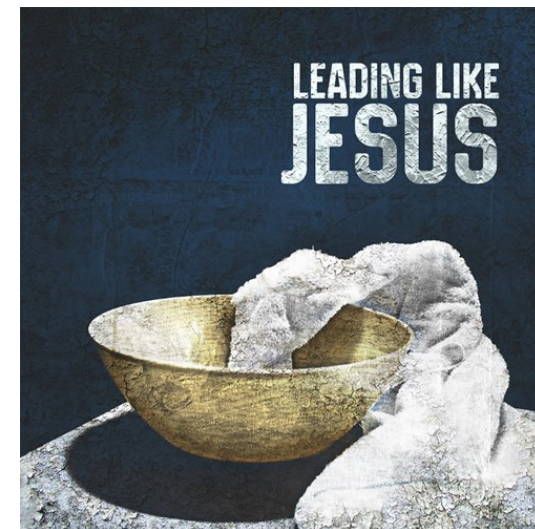
1. Grants for innovative forms of "church beyond the walls" through the Fresh Expressions network.
2. Inspiring and equipping our congregations to see, identify with and reach the neighborhoods around them in evangelistic, prophetic, apostolic and missional ways.
3. Training a core group of spiritual guides and mentors to encourage and sustain this work that has already begun.

Our fundamental goal in the stewardship of these resources--both people, our laity and clergy, and money--is that we follow Jesus into the world that he loves and join him in his mission to love, heal and save the people of Florida. We are discovering that we need new skills and capacities to fulfill this calling. And, if we are honest, we may need a new heart and a new spirit!

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## Greetings, 2016 Annual Conference Members!

The 174th session of the Florida Annual Conference will be held at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel in Orlando on June 16-18, 2016. The enclosed information previews planned activities and highlights.

**Registration and the Ministry Expo open on Tuesday, June 14, at 4 p.m. Pre-conference leadership gatherings will be held on Wednesday, June 15.**

The clergy and laity sessions begin Thursday, June 16, at 10 a.m., with the opening session at 1:30 p.m.

**On Friday, June 17, there will be an evening of worship through music, with Bishop Ken Carter speaking.**

# 2016 Florida Annual Conference Agenda

## *Leading Like Jesus*

Kenneth H Carter Jr., Presiding Bishop

Beth Gardner, Conference Secretary

David Dodge and Sharon Austin, Event Coordinators

Rob Clifton, Event Coordinator (Consultant)

Kandace Brooks, Worship Coordinator

David Dodge, Agenda

### **Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

4:00 pm Registration opens in the Great Hall Booth; Expo opens in the Event Center/Exhibits

7:00 pm Registration closes for the day; Expo closes for the day

### **Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

8:00 am Registration opens in the Great Hall Booth; Expo opens in the Event Center/Exhibits;  
Prayer Garden (with Communion) opens in the Sapphire Room

9 am-5 pm Pre-Conference Leadership Gatherings

### **Thursday, June 16, 2016**

7:30 am Registration opens in the Great Hall Booth; Expo opens in the Event Center/Exhibits  
Prayer Garden (with Communion) opens in the Sapphire Room

10:00 am Clergy Session meets in the Great Hall North

Laity Session meets in the Great Hall Center, East and West

1:30 pm Opening Plenary Session with Worship and Communion in the Empire Ballroom

5:00 pm Dinner Break

7:00 pm Rev. Bill Hybels (Willow Creek Church) – Special Speaker

8:15 pm District Missional Gatherings (rooms to be announced)

### **Friday, June 17, 2016**

7:30 am Expo Opens in the Event Center/Exhibits  
Prayer Garden (with Communion) opens in the Sapphire Room

8:30 am Plenary Session in the Empire Room  
Bishop Janice Riggle Huie (Texas Conference) – Special Speaker

10:30 am Service of Remembrance

11:30 pm Lunch Break  
Memorial Luncheon  
Retiree Luncheon

1:30 pm Plenary Session in the Empire Room  
Jeff James (Disney Leadership Institute) – Special Speaker  
Anniversary Celebrations  
Retirement Service

5:00 pm Dinner Break

7:30 pm An Evening of Worship through Music, Bishop Ken Carter Speaking

### **Saturday, June 18, 2016**

8:30 am Plenary Session in the Empire Room

10:00 am Service of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination and Fixing of Appointments

12:00 pm Conference concludes

## **HOTEL & DISNEY INFORMATION**

### **Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa**

1900 Buena Vista Drive

Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

Central Reservation Line: 1-866-397-6516

### **Room Types**

### **Rates**

Resort View – Group Rate \$134

Water View \$144

Disney View \$154

Island Suite King \$234

Family Suite – 2 Queens \$234

### **Wyndham Lake Buena Vista**

1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd

Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

Phone: 407-828-4444

**Group Rate:** \$121 for Disney View Double, Disney View King,  
Tower Lake 2 Double, Tower Lake King Rooms

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Microsite that enables our attendees, as well as friends and  
family members traveling with them, to purchase specially  
priced tickets. Visit [www.acflorida.org](http://www.acflorida.org).

## **Volunteers Are Needed!**

Volunteer opportunities include Greeters, Guest Services,  
Expo, Registration, Ushers and more. Starting May 1, go to  
[www.acflorida.org](http://www.acflorida.org) to sign up to help!

## **Childcare Information**

Childcare will be available and information will be provided  
soon. When details become available, they will be posted on  
[www.acflorida.org](http://www.acflorida.org).

## **Youth Housing and Schedule Information**

Youth are encouraged to participate and experience Annual  
Conference. Housing will be at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel,  
and \$120 will cover housing (double occupancy) and two  
meals. Orientation will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15,  
and youth should check in to the hotel before orientation.

## **Group Meal Information**

Many groups are hosting breakfast, lunch and dinner events.  
To see scheduled meals, visit the website, email questions to  
[ACQuestions@flumc.org](mailto:ACQuestions@flumc.org) or call (800) 282-8011 ext.132.