

2017 Annual Conference, Pre-Conference Workshops

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

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1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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Orlando, FL 32819

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| 1:30-4:30 p.m. | Board of Ordained Ministry Preparation Brett Opalinski, Jeremy Rebman, Debbie McLeod, Tracy Hunter and Sidney Tompkins Florida United Methodist Foundation Presents - Old Money, New Money, More Money: Cultivating Generous Givers to Transform Ministry Rev. Michael Vilaro |
| 1:30-2:45 p.m. Session 1 | <u>Session 1 Workshops</u> How to Help Churches Reach the Next Generation Joel Pancoast, Annette Johnson, Scott McQueen and Steve Schneeberger How to Help Churches Get Connected to Cuba Bishop Ricardo Pereira Diaz and George Reed Lay Servants/Certified Lay Minister Training Rod Groom and Elizabeth Graves Commission on a Way Forward Update and Discussion Jorge Acevedo and Alice Williams |
| 2:45-3:15 p.m. Break | <u>Break</u> |
| 3:15-4:30 p.m. Session 2 | <u>Session 2 Workshops</u> Connect Your Congregation and Your Annual Conference Paulette Monroe The Heart of Fresh Expressions Kevin Griffin, Audrey Warren and Matt Harrell Challenges and Opportunities: Why Poverty Matters and Why Church-School Partnerships Can Matter More Dr. Tammy Pawloski How the Word Becomes Words: A Conversation with Florida Conference Authors Jim Harnish, Justin LaRosa, Magrey DeVega, Charley Reeb, Jorge Acevedo, Wes Olds, Jack Jackson, Audrey Warren and Bishop Carter |
| 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. | <u>A Special Evening with Dr. Tammy Pawloski</u> <u>The Impact of Poverty on School Success</u> Strategies Churches can use to Support Under-Resourced Children |
| 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Reception to follow sponsored by the FUMF |

Workshop room assignments will be available at St. Luke's UMC.

Course Descriptions and Bios for Pre-Conference Workshops

Board of Ordained Ministry Preparation: Brett Opalinski - BOOM Chair, Jeremy Rebman - Proclamation Team Leader, Debbie McLeod - Leadership Team Leader, Tracy Hunter - Theology Team Leader, and Sidney Tompkins - Personal Growth Team Leader

Course Description: Meet with review team and other BOOM leaders to hear what they are looking for and to ask any questions you may have.

Bios: Brett Opalinski serves as Senior Pastor at Christ Church in Fort Lauderdale, as well as Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Jeremy Rebman serves as Senior Pastor at First UMC Vero Beach. He has served on BOOM for the past 8 years, and currently leads the Proclamation review team of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Debbie McLeod has served over 30 years in ministry and is currently Senior Pastor of Mandarin United Methodist in Jacksonville. Debbie is Chair of the Leadership review team for the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Rev. E. Tracy Hunter was ordained an elder in full connection in 2002. After serving in the local church for eighteen years, she currently serves as a chaplain at Tampa General Hospital. Rev. Hunter chairs the theology review team and has served on The Board of Ministry since 2008.

Rev. Sidney Tompkins is an ordained Deacon with a specialty in counseling psychology and serves at Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg. Additionally, she is licensed in Florida as a Mental Health Counselor. On the Board of Ministry, Sidney is Chairman of the Personal Growth team, a member of the Executive Committee and the Conference Relations Committee.

****Please register separately for this event using this link:*** <https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/BOMPprepDay>

How to Help Churches Reach the Next Generation: Annette Johnson, Joel Pancoast, Scott McQueen and Steve Schneeberger

Course Description: Are you concerned about declining attendance in the Church? There is hope in the next generation. Understand your resources and maximize them to reach children, youth, and their families. Discuss how realistic expectations will help your congregation gain traction in your community.

Bios: Annette Johnson has worked professionally in Children's and Family ministry since 2008. Currently, she serves as the Director of Children and Family ministries at FUMC Gainesville. Annette has a passion for serving the entire family and integrating children into the everyday life of the church. Currently, Annette is serving the conference as the chair for the KidMin round table, and loves seeking the best ways we can improve our family ministries across the entire conference.

Joel Pancoast is our Conference Youth Ministry Coordinator and one of the Co-Directors of Gator Wesley Foundation on the campus of the University of Florida. Joel has worked as a local youth director in our conference and most recently as the Program Manager for the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp.

Scott McQueen is currently on staff at Riviera United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg where he has served as the Director of Youth Ministry since 2000 as well as the Director of Children's ministry since 2008. Prior to arriving at Riviera UMC, Scott spent 8 years in a variety of roles within the mental health system including Case Management and Therapeutic Foster Care Supervisor.

Steve Schneeberger is the Executive Director of the Youth Ministry Institute. Founded in 2005, YMI is an organization that empowers youth ministers to become skilled and effective leaders. www.yminstitute.com Beginning in 1985, Steve began a vocation as a youth minister serving churches in Kansas and Florida. He is also the adjunct professor of youth ministry at Florida Southern College and the youth ministry consultant for both the Central Florida Diocese of the Episcopal Church and the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Old Money, New Money, More Money: Cultivating Generous Givers to Transform Ministry: Rev. Michael P. Vilardo, president and founder of Transforming Christian Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio

Course Description: Many churches lack a vision that guides their ministry. But cultivating generous givers requires offering a vision people can embrace and support with their gifts. Money follows ministry. This nearly three-hour workshop will offer five steps to cultivate generous giving to your church's ministries. You will:

- Discover how vision grows generosity
- Examine and strengthen the "case" you make for your church's ministries
- See how strong leadership in your church creates a foundation for generosity
- Learn the practices of development professionals that are changing the giving patterns of your members
- Discover the importance of describing outcomes, not just output

Bio: Rev. Michael P. Vilardo, president and founder of Transforming Christian Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio. Vilardo has worked as a pastor and development professional for more than 30 years, honing his strategic planning and analytic skills as vice president for fund development and community relations at a Christian retirement community. As a pastor in The United Methodist Church, he led one congregation to more than quadruple its membership and ministry. Building on his ministry and consulting experiences, he launched Transforming Christian Ministries, a consulting firm that works with churches and organizations to strengthen their impact by helping them envision, plan and secure resources for their ministries.

Cuba Workshop - How to help churches get connected to Cuba: Bishop Ricardo Pereira Díaz and George Reed

Course Description: All you need to know to be part of a 20-year young vital missional relationship with the Methodist Church in Cuba. An interview with Bishop Ricardo Pereira and George Reed, Methodists United in Prayer Cuba Task Force chair.

Bios: Bishop Ricardo Pereira Díaz was born in Rancho Veloz, Las Villas, Cuba, which is currently known as the Villa Clara province. He received his theological education through the courses provided by the Cuban Annual Conference. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Theology, and was granted a PhD, and a Doctorate of Divinity at the Latin American College in Miami Headquarter. Bishop Pereira began working as an Assistant Pastor in 1973 in Camaguey. He served in Las Tunas, Pilon, and Niquero which are in the eastern region of Cuba and later served as Assistant to the Bishop Armando Rodriguez, in El Vedado, Havana. He worked as a District Superintendent in Pinar del Rio for twelve years. He was elected Bishop

in March of 1999. At present he is the Senior Pastor of the Methodist Church in Marianao, Havana, which is the largest church in the Conference with more than 3000 members.

George Reed is the Cuba Task Force chair for Methodists United in Prayer. He works with the Florida Conference and the Methodist Church in Cuba to maintain and grow over 200 sister church relationships. He is also the Group Area Coordinator for the North East District and the Havana District churches. He attends Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church and has been traveling to Cuba for ten years.

Lay Servants/Certified Lay Minister Training: Rod Groom and Elizabeth Flynn

Course Description: Lay Servant Ministries dates back to the early lay preachers and class leaders of the Wesleyan Movement. Today it encompasses a variety of areas within lay ministry. Come and learn about becoming a Certified Lay Servant, Certified Lay Speaker, or a full Certified Lay Minister (CLM). CLMs are new to the lay servant family and prepare intensively under pastoral supervision to become a part of pastoral care and ministry teams. Learn about application and certification procedures, interaction with district superintendents and district committees on ministry, and conference committee approval and recertification.

Bios: Rod is a retired State of Florida employee, clergy spouse and Florida Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries.

Elizabeth is a Certified Lay Servant and the registrar for six District Committees on Ministry (DCOM) in the Florida Conference.

Commission on a Way Forward Update and Discussion: Jorge Acevedo and Alice Williams

Course Description: The Commission on a Way Forward was established by the Council of Bishops following the 2016 General Conference to find a way forward for the church that moves us beyond the continuing impasse over sexuality. Jorge Acevedo and Alice Williams, both members of the Commission, will facilitate the discussion.

Bios: Jorge Acevedo is in his twenty-first year as lead pastor at Grace Church, a multisite United Methodist congregation in Southwest Florida with six campuses. The church has grown in its weekend attendance from 400 to over 2600 in the past twenty-one years and has a remarkable ministry to, with, and for the poor, marginalized, and addicted. The church is recognized as having one of the largest and most effective recovery ministries in America.

Alice Williams is a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Windermere and a leader in our Conference. She currently serves as the EC District Lay Leader, GBHEM Board Member and delegate to CG 2016.

Lay Leaders/Lay Member - Connect Your Congregation and Your Annual Conference: Paulette Monroe

Course Description: "...all Christians are called to minister wherever Christ would have them serve and witness in deeds and words that heal and free." (2016 Book of Discipline, ¶128)

Invite Christ into the process of guiding your ministry. God blesses you with gifts, skills, and experience. You are a blessing when you allow God to work through you in making disciples for the transformation of the world.

Bio: Paulette Monroe has been a leader in the local church, District, Annual Conference and Jurisdictional Ministries of the United Methodist Women and currently serves as the Lay Leader for the Florida Conference.

The Heart of Fresh Expressions: Kevin Griffin, Pastor of Transformation, Grace Church Cape Coral; Audrey Warren, Senior Pastor, First UMC Miami; Matt Harrell, Fresh Expressions Coordinator, Florida United Methodist Conference

Course Description: Fresh Expressions is an initiative that catalyzes new forms of church for our rapidly changing culture, established primarily to reach people who do not attend church. This workshop will be a great introduction for those that do not know anything or know very little about the Fresh Expressions initiative. We will define what Fresh Expressions is, learn about what is going on with Fresh Expressions around the conference, and take a look at the different roles of supporting a Fresh Expression of church. All are invited to attend “The Heart of Fresh Expressions” Pre-Annual Conference workshop!

Bios: Kevin Griffin is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Conference and he currently serves as Pastor of Transformation at Grace Church in Cape Coral, FL. In his current role, he provides leadership and support to all ministries with adults at Grace, as well as serving on the teaching team with ongoing responsibilities for preaching and teaching. Kevin has co-convened the Fresh Expressions movement in the conference since 2015.

Audrey Warren is an ordained Elder in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and currently serves as Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church of Miami. Since 2013 Audrey has co-convened the Fresh Expressions movement in the Florida Annual Conference. Audrey's greatest joy in ministry is teaching Yoga Chapel in Downtown Miami as well as visioning with her congregation new ways to be church in a growing and diverse city.

Matt Harrell currently serves as the Fresh Expressions Coordinator for the Florida United Methodist Church. Matt joined the team in July of 2016 after spending six years serving at a United Methodist Church in the Atlanta area. While in Georgia he had the opportunity to lead several Fresh Expressions. He has a great passion for coming up with new and creative ways for people to experience the love of God.

Challenges and Opportunities: Why Poverty Matters and Why Church-School Partnerships Can Matter

More: Dr. Tammy Pawloski

Course Description: Life with limited resources can negatively impact achievement and life success for students, but the good news is that schools, especially in concert with the faith-based community, can matter more! The latest research from neuroscience provides direction for intentional moves that can dramatically and positively shift the trajectory for all students and their families. Learn how to authentically partner with schools in ways that can help to reveal the often-hidden potential of every learner every day.

Bio: Tammy Pawloski, Ph.D., is the Director of the Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty at Francis Marion University. She grew up and taught in the impoverished areas of rural Horry and Allendale counties of South Carolina. She currently holds a dual appointment of Professor of Early Childhood Education as well as her directorship. Prior to joining the faculty of FMU in 2000, she served in a similar capacity at the Columbia, Aiken, Salkehatchie, and Beaufort campuses of USC, and at Ventura College and Pepperdine University in Southern California. Dr. Pawloski's research interests include children of poverty; family, school, and community partnerships; and best practices for under-resourced students.

How the Word Becomes Words: A Conversation with Florida Conference Authors

Join Cokesbury as nine of our Florida Conference Authors share about their latest books published by Abingdon Press. Books will be available for purchase, book signing, and pre-order.

1. Jim Harnish: *Earn.Save.Period.*
*Available for Pre-order: *Make a Difference; Easter Earthquake*
2. Jim Harnish and Justin LaRosa: *Disciples Path; Disciples Heart*
3. Magrey DeVega: *One Faithful Promise; Songs for the Waiting*
*Available for Pre-order: *Embracing the Uncertain*
4. Charley Reeb: *That'll Preach*
5. Jorge Acevedo and Wes Olds: *A Grace-Full Life*
6. Jack Jackson: *Offering Christ*
7. Bishop Carter and Audrey Warren: *Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not In Church*