

ANNUAL CONFERENCE THEME

In Christ, For Others:
Transformation through mentoring and
reverse mentoring

SPEAKERS

Bishop Ken Carter will preach during the communion and ordination services.

Rev. Debbie McLeod will preach during the memorial service.

The following seven speakers will share throughout the Conference: Rev. Audrey Warren, Rev. Michael Beck, Rev. Mary Downey, Rev. Corey Jones, Rev. Vidalis Lopez, Derrick Scott, Rachael Sumner.

WORSHIP LEADER

Jeremy Hearn

BISHOP KEN CARTER BUILDING BRIDGES FUND

This fund will create an innovative and missional leadership cohort to build up lay and clergy leaders in Florida. The resources will strengthen connection and capacity for the future in order to create a church that will reach new people in new ways and reconcile the divisions that surround us.

This will be a certificate program in partnership with Duke Divinity School and is a profound way to honor Bishop Carter's eight years of service in Florida. Participants in the program will be from the UMC and new expressions of Methodism that may emerge.

Florida United Methodist Conference
450 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
Lakeland, FL 33815



2020 Florida Annual Conference
Florida Southern College
Lakeland, FL
June 4—6, 2020
<http://flumc.org/ac>

Greetings,
2020 Annual Conference Members!

The 178th session of The Florida Annual Conference will be held at Florida Southern College in Lakeland on June 4 -6. The enclosed information previews planned activities and highlights.

- Registration, Expo, and Cokesbury open Wednesday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m.
- Pre-conference workshops will be held on Wednesday afternoon, June 3, at Florida Southern. The clergy and laity sessions begin Thursday, June 4, at 10 a.m., with the opening plenary session at 1:30 p.m. in Branscomb Auditorium.
- An update on General Conference 2020 and a discussion about the future of our church will take place Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Annie Pfeiffer Chapel, followed by a reception sponsored by the Florida United Methodist Foundation.
- A Suicide Prevention Candlelight Walk will be held on Thursday at 8:30 p.m. following the plenary session.

2020 Florida Annual Conference General Schedule

A detailed schedule will be available at check in

Wednesday, June 3

- 1:30 pm Registration opens, Honeyman Pavilion
Guest Services opens, Honeyman Pavilion
Expo opens, Music Building 208 & 210
Cokesbury opens, Melvin Art Gallery
Youth Delegate Orientation, Reynolds Hall
- 2:30 pm Pre-Annual Conference Workshops
- 7:00 pm GC2020 Update, Annie Pfeiffer Chapel
- 8:30 pm Reception hosted by Florida United Methodist Foundation, outside Annie Pfeiffer Chapel

Thursday, June 4

- 7:30 am Clergywomen's Breakfast, Thrift Alumni Room
- 7:30 am Expo opens, Music Building 208 & 210
Cokesbury opens, Melvin Art Gallery
Morning Communion, Christoverson lobby
Prayer Garden opens, Christoverson
Spiritual Direction, Christoverson
- 8:00 am Registration opens, Honeyman Pavilion
Guest Services opens, Honeyman Pavilion
- 10:00 am Laity Session, Branscomb Auditorium
Clergy Session, Jenkins Field House
- 1:30 pm Opening Plenary Session with Worship, Branscomb Auditorium
- 7:30 pm Communion Service, Bishop Carter preaching, Branscomb Auditorium
- 8:35 pm Suicide Prevention Candlelight Walk, following Communion Service

Friday, June 5

- 6:30 am 5K Race/Walk, Hollis Wellness Center
- 7:30 am Expo opens, Music Building 208 & 210
Cokesbury opens, Melvin Art Gallery
Morning Communion, Christoverson lobby
Prayer Garden opens, Christoverson
Spiritual Direction, Christoverson
- 8:00 am Registration opens, Honeyman Pavilion
Guest Services opens, Honeyman Pavilion
- 8:30 am Plenary Session, Branscomb Auditorium
- 10:30 am Service of Remembrance, Branscomb Auditorium

Friday, June 5, continued

- 1:30 pm Plenary Session, Branscomb Auditorium
- 4:00 pm Retirement Service, Branscomb Auditorium
- 7:30 pm Plenary Session, Branscomb Auditorium

Saturday, June 6

- 6:30 am Ordination Rehearsal, Branscomb Auditorium
- 8:00 am Guest Services opens, Honeyman Pavilion
- 8:30 am Plenary Session, Branscomb Auditorium
- 10:30 am Service of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination
- 12:30 pm Conference concludes

HOTEL INFORMATION

We have contracts with several area hotels for discounted rates during Annual Conference. Discounted room blocks can sell out quickly, so reserve now. *Note: All are responsible for booking and room expenditures!* For a list of hotels and contact information, visit: <https://www.flumc.org/annual-conference-2020>

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Links to the following items may be found on <https://www.flumc.org/annual-conference-2020>

Florida Southern Housing: The Chaplains Office will coordinate campus housing. Complimentary housing is available for retired Clergy of the Florida Conference receiving pension and pastors applying for provisional membership.

Annual 5K Run: Friday, June 5, at 6:30 a.m.

Volunteers Are Needed: Greeters, guest services, expo, registration, ushers and more.

Youth Housing and Schedule Information: Housing will be at Florida Southern College.

Childcare Information: Childcare will be available at First, UMC, Lakeland located at 72 Lake Morton Dr., Lakeland 33801.