Under the theme “This I Know,” the 2022 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference began November 1 with a session offered by the Committee on Episcopacy for delegates to get better acquainted with persons who have been nominated for the episcopacy.

The Conference officially opens with worship at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2. An offering will be received to go toward the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Native American ministries in the SEJ. Native American Ministries leaders assisted in worship preparation for this Conference.

The five jurisdictional conferences of The United Methodist Church typically meet once every four years. However, the 2020 Conferences were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this year, the Council of Bishops called for Jurisdictional Conferences across the U.S. to meet November 2-5.

The primary business of the session will be the election and assignment of bishops. Any United Methodist ordained elder may be elected a bishop by any jurisdictional conference. Each jurisdiction establishes the percentage of votes needed for election. In the SEJ, 60 percent is needed. This year the balloting will be electronic.

In addition to the election of bishops, the Conference will hold several special worship services. The service of remembrance will be 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 3. We will celebrate retiring bishops during the Thursday evening session.

Today’s Schedule

OPENING SESSION
9:00 a.m. Opening Worship with Holy Communion
Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr., preaching; Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett, celebrant
Our offering will go toward the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Native American ministries in the SEJ.
10:15 a.m. Transition Break
10:30 a.m. Opening Business Session, Bishop James Swanson, Mississippi Area, Presiding
12:15 p.m. Adjourn for Lunch
12:30 p.m. Organizational Meeting for Journal Committee

AFTERNOON SESSION
2:15 p.m. Reconvene Business Session, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Richmond Area, Presiding
3:30 p.m. Break
4:00 p.m. Bishop David Graves, Alabama-West Florida Area and South Georgia Area, Presiding
5:15 p.m. Dinner Break

EVENING SESSION
7:30 p.m. Reconvene Business Session, Bishop Leonard Fairley, Louisville Area and Raleigh Area, Presiding
8:45 p.m. Evening Recess
SEJ Room Assignments

Wednesday, November 2

Opening Worship/Session  
Journal Committee  
Business Session  
Business Session  
SC Delegation Gathering  
Stuart Auditorium  
Terrace Business Center  
Stuart Auditorium  
Stuart Auditorium  
Shackford Firepit  
9:00 a.m.  
12:30 p.m.  
2:15 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 3

Centering Worship  
Morning Business Session  
Service of Remembrance  
Business Session  
Committee on Investigation  
Committee on Appeals  
Reconvene Business Session (if needed)  
Committee on Episcopacy  
Virginia Delegation Dinner  
Evening Business Session  
Stuart Auditorium  
Stuart Auditorium  
Stuart Auditorium  
Stuart Auditorium  
Terrace 211  
Terrace 213  
Harrell Center, Room 202  
Lambuth International Room  
Stuart Auditorium  
9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
12:15 p.m.  
2:00 p.m.  
2:15 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.

Area Receptions

AWF Delegation  
FL Delegation  
HOL Delegation  
KY/RBM Delegations  
MS Delegation  
NAL Delegation  
NC Delegation  
NGA Delegation  
RBM Delegation – see KY/RBM Delegations  
SC Delegation  
SGA Delegation  
TWK Delegations  
VA Delegation  
WNC Delegation  
Lambuth Inn Room 101  
Tent Outside Stuart Auditorium  
Terrace Room 319  
Terrace Auditorium C  
Harrell Center Room 105  
Terrace Room 316  
Lambuth Inn Room 102  
Harrell Center Room 201 (Susan Todd Lounge)  
Bethea Welcome Center Gaines Auditorium  
Lambuth Inn Room 103  
Lambuth Inn Room 104  
Harrell Auditorium  
Terrace Auditorium A&B  

Friday, November 4

Consecration Service  
Luncheon for Bishops and families  
Orientation for newly elected Bishops  
New episcopal spouses  
Stuart Auditorium  
Lambuth International Room  
Lambuth Room 103  
Lambuth Room 104  
10:30 a.m.  
following service  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
1:00-4:00 p.m.
2022 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Proposed Agenda

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Opening Session
(All Sessions in Stuart Auditorium)

9:00 a.m.
Opening Worship with Holy Communion –
The Mission of The UMC
Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr., preaching
Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett, celebrant

10:15 a.m.  Transition Break

10:30 a.m.
Bishop James Swanson,
Mississippi Area, Presiding
Opening Business Session
Gathering Hymn
Call to Order Opening Prayer
Roll Call, Quorum Certification
Secretarial Staff Election
Committee on Plan of Organization and
Rules of Order
Adoption of Agenda
Welcome to Lake Junaluska
Nominations from COB: Secretary, Associate
Secretary, Agenda and Journal Committees
Balloting Instructions and Testing
Committee on Episcopacy
Centering Hymn and Prayer
Ballot
Report from Secretary on Petitions Submitted
Results of Ballot
Introduction of any new Nominee(s)
Balloting as time permits until adjournment
Announcements

1:15 p.m.     Lunch Break

2:15 p.m.
Bishop Sharma Lewis, Richmond Area,
Presiding
Reconvene Business Session
Gathering Music and Prayer
During this session, we will continue balloting
and hear the following reports:
Committee on Coordination and Accountability
SEJ Archives and History Update
Committee on Finance and Administration
Videos and/or reports between ballots.

3:30 p.m.     Break

4:00 p.m.
Bishop David Graves, Alabama-West Florida Area
and South Georgia Area, Presiding
Gathering Music
During this session, we will continue balloting
and hear the following reports:
Committee on Program and Arrangements
Monitoring Exercise
Proposal to Change Name of Red Bird
Missionary Conference
Nominations from the College of Bishops
Recognition of General Agency and Seminary
guests present
Videos will be shown and/or reports will be given
in between ballots.
Unfinished Business

5:15 p.m.     Dinner Break

Evening Session

7:30 p.m.
Bishop Leonard Fairley, Louisville Area and
Raleigh Area, Presiding
Reconvene Business Session
Gathering Hymn
Continue balloting and hear the following
reports:
Monitoring Exercise

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Panel Discussion with Young Adults – Building Toward the Future
Videos will be shown as time permits
Unfinished Business
8:45 p.m.   Evening Recess

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Morning Session
9:00 a.m.
Centering Morning Worship – Bishop R. Lawson Bryan, Preaching

10:00 a.m.
Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson, North Georgia Area, Presiding
Gathering Hymn
During this session, we will continue balloting and hear the following reports:
Committee on Journal
Love Offering for At-Large Pages
Videos will be shown and/or reports will be given in between ballots.

10:30 a.m.   Break

11:00 a.m.
Service of Remembrance
Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, preaching
Bishop Jonathan Holston, Liturgist

12:00 p.m.   Break

12:15 p.m.
Bishop Jonathan Holston, Columbia Area, Presiding
Gathering Hymn
During this session, we will continue balloting and hear the following report: Agenda Committee report.
Videos will be shown and/or reports will be given in between ballots. Balloting will continue as needed.
Unfinished business as needed

Afternoon Session
2:00 p.m.
Committee on Appeals Organized Terrace Hotel, Room 213

2:15 p.m.
Committee on Investigation Organized Terrace Hotel, Room 211

2:30 p.m.
Business Session (If Needed)

Committee meets to complete its work for final reports on Thursday evening.
Committee on Episcopacy in Harrell Center, Room 202

5:30 p.m.   Dinner Break

Evening Session
7:15 p.m.
Bishop Kenneth Carter, Florida Area, Presiding
Reconvene Business Session
Gathering Hymn
Monitoring Report
Celebration of Retiring Bishops

8:45 p.m.
Committee on Episcopacy
Episcopal Assignments for 2023-2024
Adjourning Prayer

9:00 p.m.
Area Receptions

Friday, November 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.
Consecration of Bishops
Bishop Paul Leeland, Preaching
Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, Consecrating
Nominations from the Southeastern Jurisdiction
College of Bishops

**SEJ Conference Secretary:**
Julie Hager Love (KY; clergy; white; female)

**Conference Sec. Designate:**
Kathy James (SC; clergy; white; female)

**Agenda Committee:**
Del Holley (HOL; lay; white; male)
Karen Kagiyama (NGA; clergy; Asian, female)
Dedric Cowser (NAL; clergy; AA; male)

**Journal Committee:**
LaToya Redd-Thompson (MS; lay; AA; female)
Carlene Johnson (FL; lay; white; female)
Uiyeon Kim (WNC; clergy; Asian; male)

**Committee on Appeals:**
*Four clergy in full connection*
Emily Kincaid (AWF; deacon; white; female)
Joy Melton (NGA; deacon; white; female)
Magrey deVega (FL; elder; PI; male)
Morris Waymer (SC; elder; AA; male)

*Diaconal Minister*
To Be Named

*One full-time local pastor*
Emma Ward (MS; AA; female)
Three lay members
Malcolm White (VA; AA; male)
Celeste Eubanks (AWF; AA; female)
David Salter (SC; white; male)

Committee on Appeals Alternate Members:
*Clergy in Full Connection*
Kevin Burney (KY; elder; white; male)
Ron Schultz (NAL; elder; white; male)
Kary Sue McCaleb (MS; deacon; white; female)
Angela Hardy Cross (HOL; elder; AA; female)
Robert King (NGA; elder; AA; male)

*Diaconal Minister*
Joy Carr (MS; diaconal; white; female)

*Full-time local pastor*
Jimmy Carter (TWK; AA; male)

*Three lay members:*
Alice Williams (FL; white; female)
Cathy Thompson (NC; white; female)
Nate Abrams (NGA; AA; male)

**Committee on Investigation:**
*Clergy*
Beth Hood (NC; elder; female; white)
Sherrill Clontz (NA; elder; white; female)
Joe May (MS; elder; AA; male)
Beth Sanders (NGA; elder; white; female)
Robert Gardner (TWK; AA; elder; male)
Latretia Scriven (FLA; AA; female)
Meredith Martin (WNC; deacon; female)

*Two professing members*
Lynn Taylor (TWK; female; white)
Christy Crow (AWF; female; white)

Committee on Investigation Alternate Members:
*Clergy*
Reigan Miskelley (MS; female; white)
Michelle Kim (VA; female; AA)
Susan Groseclose (HOL; female; deacon; white)
Jay Lee (WNC; male; Asian)
Jeremy Pridgeon (AWF; male; white)

*Professing Member*
Tom Jordan (WNC; male; white)

**Committee on Program & Arrangements:**
five at-large members
Judith Pierre-Okerson (FL; deaconess; Haitian American; female)
Solomon Christian (TWK; lay; Asian; male)
Sherry Reynolds (NAL; clergy; white; female)
Liz Roberts (NC; clergy; white; female)
Haywood Hammer (MS; clergy; AA; male)

**Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order:**
five at-large members
Jasmine Smothers (NGA; clergy; AA; female)
Chris Brown (HOL; clergy; white; male)
Trey Harper (MS; clergy; white; male)
Jonathan LeMaster Smith (WNC; lay; AA; male)
Candance Lewis (FL; clergy; AA; female)

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Monitoring at SEJ Conference

On behalf of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of The United Methodist Church, we want to thank each of you for your time, dedication, preparation, and willingness to serve as a delegate to this Jurisdictional session of The United Methodist Church.

The goal of monitoring is to help our Conferences, our delegates, and our plenary leaders to hold the most inclusive sessions possible, where every voice is respected and given the opportunity to be heard. Monitoring is not about policing, finger pointing, or embarrassing others. It is not about forcing people to participate in any discussion. Monitoring is about observing with intentionality and reporting with intentionality and sharing our observations with each other to assist in increasing and developing self-awareness to build meaningful relationships in the Body of Christ.

For the past several Conferences, we have engaged in a process of self-monitoring asking each of us to pay attention to how we react and/or respond to the opinions, comments, and behavior of others. We will continue with that process today and will begin with a series of questions to which you will respond using your electronic devices.

We have a team of monitors available should you want to engage with someone as you reflect on any thoughts or feelings you experience while answering the questions we have chosen. They are wearing dark tags on their badges and are eager to enter into conversation with all of you.

We have two exercises today that will allow you to evaluate your comfort level with perceived or real differences. And, later, we will share with you the results of those two exercises. We invite your participation and hope that what we learn will assist all of us in creating our “beloved community” as we return to our home and work settings.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

—Jennifer Davis (WNC)  
Monitoring

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