

JUNE 20, 2017

TOP NEWS

Headlines, important events and information



AC 2017- GO & BAPTIZE THE WORLD!

Keep up with all of the news for Annual Conference at [AC2017.org](#) (June 23-25, 2017) There will be posts, pictures and media shared daily there. We will also be [Live Streaming](#) all sessions starting Friday morning.

PROGRAM AND REPORTS BOOKLET

[Download 2017 Program and Reports Booklet](#) (revised version)

[Supplement to Program and Reports](#)

(a printed version will be available at registration)

PRE-CONFERENCE VIDEOS

Use these videos as an orientation to the major business happening at Annual Conference. Be sure to share these with all lay members of Annual Conference.

VIDEO PAGE

REGISTRATION

Annual Conference Registration will be open:

11:00am-6:00pm, Thursday, June 22

7:30am-7:30pm, Friday, June 23

In the Terrace Hotel, Third Floor Auditorium

Pre-registration is not required. Attendance will be recorded at registration, within the posted hours. Come to get your nametag and conference materials!

Clergy:

- Please check [WNCCAdmin.org](#) to be sure your church's Lay Member to Annual Conference is updated for the 2016-20 quadrennium. Please contact your District Admin for questions.
- If unable to attend, email Kim Ingram, Conference Secretary, kingram@wnccumc.org to request an excused absence.

Guest Check-In Information at Lake Junaluska

If you are staying in Lake Junaluska properties during Annual Conference, please read over this information provided by Lake Junaluska- [view procedures](#)

NEW CONFERENCE CENTER PROPOSAL

The [Q & A for the New Conference Center Proposal](#) has been updated

[View Trustees Proposal Video on YouTube](#)

NOTICE:

The bridge over the dam at Lake Junaluska is closed. Please plan to access the grounds through the main entrance at Highway 19, or County Road. [Read more](#)

Special Events Invitations

Brotherhood/Sisterhood

The WNC Conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood will have their Annual Meeting on **Thursday, June 22, at 2:00 P.M. in Room 213, Terrace Hotel**. All members of the Brotherhood/Sisterhood are encouraged to attend. We will also have our tent next to the bell tower during annual conference to provide information regarding the ministry of our organization and to collect assessments.

[Emory 5K set for June 22](#)- Registration is open now!

[Invitation to Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members Lunch](#) (June 22)

[Women in Ministry Breakfast](#) (June 23)

[Pfeiffer University Lunch](#) (June 23)

[Hood Theological Seminary Dinner](#) (June 24)

[Gathering of Young Adult Laity \(ages 18-40\) at Annual Conference](#) (June 24)

[Gordon-Conwell Alumni Gathering](#) (June 24)

Fresh Expressions opportunities at Annual Conference

Yoga Church (June 23)

Kayak Church (June 23)

Pub Church (June 24)

Get more information and [register for these events here](#)

Members of the WNC Conference!

Are you a new church or new faith community planter or are interested in being one?

If so, join us for a FREE lunch during annual conference (June 24) to meet others with like minds and talk with some of those who can help you begin and/or continue your journey in planting.

Register by clicking the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wncc-church-new-faith-communities-planters-luncheon-tickets-34829571185>

CAMPUS MINISTRIES RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Does your church have students who are going to college?

Are you planning to celebrate graduates in worship?

The Western North Carolina Conference Council on Campus Ministry is providing congregations with some resources to help connect college students to United Methodist campus ministries across North Carolina.

[View Video](#) | [Download Brochure](#)

[Campus Ministries Page](#)

Empowering Generosity

The [Empowering Generosity Initiative](#) announced earlier this year is still taking applications. The deadline for participation is **June 30th**.

Learn more about how your church can use electronic tools to enhance its stewardship.

PAUMCS- LATEST NEWS

Here is the latest news from our WNC Chapter of PAUMCS:

[The Anchor- Summer 2017 Newsletter](#)

[Fall 2017 Retreat Information](#)

From the Board of Laity-

An emphasis during this next quadrennium will be on **Gracious Accountability Groups**.

Ron Ballard writes this first article entitled:

[Why are gracious accountability groups important?](#)

Share this with your laity in your congregation.

David Van Hoever is retiring as Cokesbury consultant

David Van Hoever, the Cokesbury Community Resource Consultant in the Greensboro, North Carolina, area, announced his retirement May 15, 2017. His last day with the company will be December 10.

Van Hoever, who has been with Cokesbury since January 2011, is strongly committed to his customers, no matter their size or their location in the greater Greenboro area,

[Read article](#)

RESOURCE CENTER AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Please be sure to visit the WNCC Resource Center booth at Annual Conference to check out some of our newest resources, create your FREE patron account, or update your contact information (especially for clergy who are moving!).

Please note that the Resource Center will be CLOSED June 16-27. During that time, we will be preparing for and attending Annual Conference and will not be able to process any requests. The last shipment of resources before Annual Conference went out on Thursday, June 15th. If you had already made a reservation for a date during our closure prior to the 15th, then your resources were shipped on or prior to the 15th. We will continue regular service on June 28th. (This notice was previously posted to our [Facebook page](#) and our [website](#).)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Plan your renewal leave with Big Sigh Ministries

Grace Break Workshop
June 21- 9 am- 3 pm
Atkins House, Lake Junaluska
Deadline to register is June 10th [\[INFORMATION\]](#)



Faith Communicators, a monthly networking group

Charlotte's Beth Purdy, a speaker and advocate for mental health, will share her story of battling bipolar depression at 10 a.m. Friday, June 23, at Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Road in Charlotte.

Duke offers study leave for ministry professionals

Get the details for week-long study opportunities during 2017-18 school year at Duke Divinity School. Registration is open now for the fall! [Read more](#)

INTO THE DESERT

Retreat Days for Nurturing a Different Wisdom

Come away and experience a set-apart time from the outside world to increase your capacity to listen for a wisdom the world cannot give. Mondays: August 21 • and/or November 20 • Starrette Farm Retreat, Statesville NC Everyone seeking wisdom is invited!

Learn more here www.TheLydiaGroup.com

Questions? Contact Ann Starrette at AStarrette@DavidsonUMC.org.

Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Retreat with J. Philip Newell

June 30-July 2, 2017

This spiritual retreat in the mountains of Western North Carolina, will offer contemplation, worship, and thoughtful reflection through the lenses of Celtic Spirituality. Led by acclaimed poet and peace maker, J. Philip Newell, the weekend will be filled with engagement as we listen for the heartbeat of God. This event is designed by Jennifer McSwain Martin, Owner and Lead Designer of First Light Productions. Learn more and register at: www.firstlightproductions.org.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Upcoming events from across the connection



Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference

August 7-10, 2017
Lake Junaluska, NC

[More Information](#)

Convocation on the Rural Church- August 7-10, 2017

Myrtle Beach, SC
Sponsored by Duke Divinity School

[More information and Registration](#)

Global Leadership Summit- August 10-11, 2017

Catch this year's teleconference via Christ UMC (Mountain View and Statesville campuses)

[Detailed information and registration link](#)

SEJ Disaster Response Academy- September 26-29, 2017

Hosted by WNCC. Held at Central UMC in Asheboro.

[More information and registration.](#)

UMW Annual Celebration- September 29- October 1, 2017

Change is Good, Shannon Priddy, National UMW President, speaker at Lake Junaluska

[more information](#)

Mourning's Dawn - November 12 -14, 2017

Healing and Living with Grief
Led by Margaret Fields and Leslee Wray

[Details](#)

OTHER NEWS

Other information for your use

Charlotte's Beth Purdy, a speaker and advocate for mental health, will share her story of battling bipolar depression at 10 a.m. Friday, June 23, at Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Road in Charlotte.



All are invited to hear Beth as she addresses the Faith Communicators, a monthly networking group for those who work for houses of worship and nonprofits. Beth will talk about her journey, and the need for the faith community to reach out to those suffering from mental illness. She will also challenge clergy and congregations to become advocates in helping society overcome the stigma associated with mental illness and understand that it is a treatable disease. Clergy, laity, parish nurses, pastoral care workers and others who work in the faith and mental health communities are especially welcome to the hour-long program, set for the church's Shalom Hall. Beth's website is www.bethpurdymentalhealth.com. No reservations or RSVP needed.

Details: Ken Garfield at (704) 295-4819 or ken@mpumc.org.

Oak Forest United Methodist Church invites preschool through fifth grade to its Vacation Bible School - Maker Fun Factory. Participants will enjoy dinner, games, crafts, Bible lessons and music! It is July 17 through 21, 2017 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. If you register by June 30, your name will be entered into a drawing for a free gift card! So check it out soon: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/oakforestumcnc>.

RECORD OF DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

Bookmark this link to view the latest postings of deceased clergy and their spouses on the website: [Record of Deceased Clergy and Spouses](#)

CONNECTIONAL NEWS

From across the denomination

UMNS

umns.umc.org

[Weekly Digest- June 16, 2017](#)

UMCOR

umcor.org

GBGM is in transition to Atlanta, new Hotlines available later in the year

General Board of Global Missions

umcmmission.org

[Recent News](#)

Discipleship Ministries

umcdiscipleship.org

Jurisdictional News

sejumc.org

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