

37th Annual Meeting

and Officers Training, 2010



September 18 — 19, 2010

Lake Junaluska,
North Carolina



Keynote Speakers
Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.

Lurone Jennings
Richard Gibson
Randy Hildebrant

Music Leaders
John Powers
Margie Ballard

“The Earth is the Lord’s.”

Business Session
and
Officers Training!



Psalms 24:1-2~ “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.”

A PROGRAM OF THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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“The Earth Is the Lord’s”

Convening of the 37th Annual Meeting

Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr. will install the Conference Officers for 2011

District Officer Training

Keynote Speakers (Saturday evening)

Lurone Jennings, Bethlehem Center, Chattanooga

Richard Gibson, Wesley House, Knoxville

Randy Hildebrant, Jubilee Project

Keynote speaker (Sunday)

Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.

Resident Bishop, Holston Conference

United Methodist Church

Alcoa, Tennessee

Music Leader : John Powers

Accompanist: Margie Ballard

Communion Celebrant: Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.

Resident Bishop, Holston Conference, United Methodist Church

Calling all Holston Conference United Methodist Women!

Come one, come all ... your presence is important!

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2010 Program Leaders



Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.
Bishop
Holston Conference United Methodist Church
Alcoa, Tennessee

Bishop James E. Swanson Sr. was elected to the episcopacy in July 2004. At the time of his election, he was Superintendent of the Savannah District of the South Georgia Annual Conference. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Bible College and Master of Divinity degree from C. H. Mason Seminary, ITC, Atlanta, GA. He is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Evangelism at Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

His most recent pastoral appointment was St. Mary's Road UMC, a congregation that grew from sixteen active members to a membership of 950 with an average attendance of over 525. He has served as Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Housing Authority of Columbus, GA. He received a Hope VI Grant to revitalize a depressed community in Columbus and headed the Mayor's Task Force on Gangs. He is a popular preacher, teacher, and leader within our connection.

Bishop Swanson and his wife, the former Delphine Yvonne Ramsey, have six children and ten grandchildren. They reside in Knoxville with their two teenage children. His hobbies include golf and hiking.

(Special Note: Bishop Swanson is also serving as our 2010 Communion Celebrant.)



Richard Gibson
Executive Director
Wesley Foundation

Richard is a native Knoxvillean, having grown up his first 12 years in the Lonsdale community. He graduated from Powell High School and the University of Tennessee. He is married to Beverly and they have one child Dennise who is married to Joseph Howard and one grandchild Emma. They reside in the Gibbs community and are members of Fountain City United Methodist Church. His hobbies include woodworking, photography, and slight-of-hand magic. He also plays the guitar, bass, and hammer dulcimer. He is considered a "Disney World" expert by his family & friends.

While in college, Richard began his work with non-profit service organizations by working for the YMCA. After college, he began a 10 year professional career with the YMCA in Tyler Texas and then returned to Knoxville where he worked for the Northside YMCA followed by the directorship of Camp Montvale & the YMCA Camping Services branch.

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Lurone Jennings
Executive Director, the Bethlehem Center
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Lurone was born in Lafayette, Alabama, but grew up in the South side inner city of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is a 1972 graduate of Howard High School, where he became an outstanding athlete in football, basketball and track. His athletic and academic skills earned him a football scholarship to Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, one of the most prestigious Black Colleges in the country. Lurone earned a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education in 1977. After graduating from Fisk University, he returned to Chattanooga and began his teaching and coaching career with the Chattanooga City School System. During his coaching career Lurone had the pleasure of coaching NFL All-Pro Defensive End Star, Reggie White, former Memphis Showboat, Philadelphia Eagle, and Green Bay Packer Superball XXXI Champion. Reggie was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 2006. He also coached WNBA Basketball and 1996 Olympic Gold

Medallist, Venus Lacy, who starred on the US Women's Olympic Basketball Team. In 1983 Lurone became a committed disciple for Jesus and in 1986 he was licensed and ordained as a Baptist Minister. He attended Berea Bible Institute and earned a Certificate of Study in 1988. In 1992 he received a Master's Degree in Education, with a concentration in Administration and Supervision, from Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, TN. In 1992, Lurone became Principal of his alma mater, Howard School of Academics and Technology, the largest inner city high school in Chattanooga. He later moved to the school system's Central Office as Director of Drug Education and Athletics, with responsibility for programs in forty-one schools. After much prayer and 18 years of working with youth in the public schools of Chattanooga, in 1995 Lurone heard the Voice and felt the hand of Jesus calling him into full-time ministry. He was appointed founding pastor of the Bethlehem United Methodist Church, now known as Bethlehem-Wiley United Methodist Church. He serves as the Executive Director of the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, Inc. otherwise known as the Bethlehem Center. He is one of the founders of the Bethlehem Community Development Credit Union, the first of its kind to be chartered in the State of Tennessee. The credit union is now known as the Church Koinonia Federal Credit Union: Bethlehem Branch, due to a merger that strengthens the two credit unions. He is the founder and Head Coach of The V-Team Leadership Network of America, providing a "VOICE with VISION and VICTORY for the Game of Life." He is the Associate Publisher for the Chattanooga News Chronicle, an African American owned newspaper. Lurone is also a member of the National Association of United Methodists Evangelists (NAUME) and is an affiliate Leadership Coach with the International Leadership Institute (ILI).

Randy Hildebrant is a commissioned Church and Community Worker with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. He has spent twenty years working in youth ministry, and has been in Sneedville at Jubilee Project for the past ten years. His duties at Jubilee Project include developing and implementing the youth programming and overseeing the workcamp program. In the past few years, Randy's Jubilee Workcamps have built three homes for the handicapped in our community. He is also one of the coordinators for the Morristown District for UMCOR. Randy works closely with the Hancock County School system to identify and reach high-risk youth, and often speaks in regional churches. Randy holds a BS from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.



Randy Hildebrant
Jubilee Project

Randy is pictured here in Sneedville with his family; wife Aletha,

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Randy Hildebrant, continued

daughter Grace, age 12 (she enjoys dancing, cheerleading, music and photography), and son Adam, age 11 who enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and camping. Randy also coaches a local little league football team. Randy welcomes requests to speak at churches and to groups and always enjoys meeting new people. To support Randy's work at Jubilee Project, please give to National Advance # 982961.



John Powers
Music Director

John Powers has been leading worship in his churches for the past twenty-nine years. He loves the Lord Jesus and enjoys the opportunity to sing His praises.

John has been music director in four different United Methodist churches in Holston Conference, currently serving in Kingsley United Methodist Church of Kingsport, Tennessee.

The son of retired United Methodist minister, Bob Powers, John has been a member of ten different churches since he was saved and joined the church at age eight.

He is an English teacher with degrees from both Emory & Henry and Virginia Tech. His favorite hobbies are photography and working with youth through his church and the Boy Scouts.

John's mother, Carol Force Powers, was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations, and from her he developed an appreciation for the mission and teaching work of this great union of Christian women. He considers it a privilege to be part of our annual meeting.

Margie Ballard is a native of Pennington Gap, Virginia and a graduate of Carson Newman College. She felt strongly through her teen years that God was calling her into Christian service.

In college, she met and married her husband, who is now deceased. Together, they served churches in Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida in both music and other ministries.

Margie is presently serving Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church in Kingsport, Tennessee as pianist and vocalist.

In addition to church music, Margie has played piano for Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon, Virginia for the past ten years.

Margie has two sons and a daughter who have given her six wonderful grandchildren.



Margie Ballard
Accompanist

2010 Holston conference Hands-On Project Jubilee Project, Sneedville, Tennessee

Jubilee Project was begun by United Methodists in 1991, and it has expanded to include many others, joining together to help people in the name of Jesus Christ, by helping them meet their spiritual, economic, social and physical needs.



A couple of the Jubilee Youth Work a booth at the 2009 Hancock Co. Fall Festival

Our Youth have a little fun after attending the 2010 Resurrection in Gatlinburg, TN



Photos By Heidi R. Taylor

What can you do to help support this ministry?

Local units are encouraged to support this project financially—your dollars will assist in the empowerment of people in Hancock County Tennessee, (especially those with the greatest needs), through enhancement of self-worth, abilities and opportunities.

You have been so generous in going the extra mile for the Conference Hands-on Projects in the past. It is hoped our gifts to the Jubilee Project will be equally as good. Local unit treasurers will send your gifts through the district treasurer. Thank you for your continued support of missions for children, women and youth not only locally but globally.



Officers Training, 2010

A message from Conference President,

Teddy Stevens

“If our organization is to flourish it is very important that those who currently hold district offices understand their individual roles. For this reason, I have instructed my conference officers as follows:

- Comprehensive training will be comprised of two (2) successive sessions and district officers will attend both sessions.
- Presidents and Treasurers (who attend on Friday, September 17th for the Executive Committee meeting) will meet for their Session I at 7:30 PM that evening.
- All other officers will meet for Session I on Saturday morning (September 18th) from 10:30—11:30 AM.
- Session II for ALL OFFICERS will begin immediately following Saturday (September 18th) afternoon’s business session and will continue until 4:30 PM.

I feel strongly that all officers need specific training. We admit that we haven’t done a great job with this in the past, but we are now working to change that. It is my hope that all of you who currently hold district officer positions will see this requirement of training as an ongoing commitment as well as an enhancement to, not only your good efforts, but all those of us who rely heavily upon your stewardship.

Our hearts remain fervent with a faithful commitment to provide United Methodist Women, throughout Holston Conference, with up-to-date, reliable and useful information. Certainly, this information flows through our district officers. Thus, our training objective is to inform, enhance, and equip all those now in district ministry to go forth as they teach their own unit counterparts, and take pride in their individual God-given gifts.

Mark your calendars today! Your time will be well-spent!”



Submit your logo Design!



Lynice Broyles
Vice President

Winning entry will be announced at the September 18-19 Annual Meeting! Get your submission in today!

Our theme comes from Colossians 1:3-5 [New Century Version says: In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, because we have heard about the faith you have in Christ Jesus and the love you have for all of God's people. You have this faith and love because of your hope, and what you hope for is kept safe for you in heaven. You learned about this hope when you heard the message about the truth, the Good News.]

Theme -- **Faith . Hope . Love in Action.**

Drawings may be submitted to Willela Douthat no later than September 1, 2010; the name of the person creating the drawing may not appear on the front of the submission, only on the back! An explanation of the design is also necessary.

Submissions may be mailed to:

Willela Douthat
POB 400
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

PART I

LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM

Holston United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting & Officers Training

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I am requesting housing at Lake Junaluska (please check either YES or NO below):

_____ YES Do NOT send money with this form; the amount due will be requested when you are notified of your facility assignment. Your roommate's request form must be mailed in the same envelope. If the number of guests in your room changes, notify Lake Junaluska prior to arrival.

Number of persons to occupy unit: Adults ____ Youth (6-11 years) ____ Children (under 6) ____

Please indicate if handicap room is needed. Please explain _____

Please list roommate (s) _____

Please mark first, second, and third choices; rates include room, three meals and common area fee.

The Terrace or Lambuth Inn (heated; private bath; various bed types)

_____ Single \$110.00 _____ Double \$78.00/person _____ Triple \$64.00/person _____ Quad
\$60.00/person

Lakeside Lodge (heated; private bath; 2 double beds)

_____ Single \$92.00 _____ Double \$63.00/person _____ Triple \$58.00/person _____ Quad
\$54.00/ person

Apartments (private bath; heated; various bed types)

_____ Single \$85.00 _____ Double \$63.00/person _____ Triple \$57.00/person _____ Quad
\$52.00/person

ATTENTION if you would like to have lunch before departing for home after the end of the session, the cost will be \$9.50 and you should purchase it at the hotel desk when checking in.

PART II

HOLSTON CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Holston United Methodist Women's 2010 Annual Meeting & Officers Training

Mail this portion to your District President, with a \$15.00 check payable to Holston Conference UMW, before **AUGUST 23, 2010**. District Presidents' addresses are listed on the cut-off insert. Please use the name you want on your name tag. **IN ORDER TO HAVE AMPLE PROGRAM BOOKLETS, ETC., YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE OF AUGUST 23, 2010. HOWEVER, IF CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO DO SO, A LATE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$20.00 WILL APPLY.**

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ Church: _____ District: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(Circle one) I do do not plan to attend Officers Training. What Office? _____

Children attending (name/age) _____

It is important children be registered by the deadline date; due to safe-sanctuary rules, walk-in's are discouraged.

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DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Abingdon	Doris Dunn	509 Edmond Street, Bristol, VA 24201	(276) 669-6132
Big Stone Gap	Suzanne M. Wood	7212 Long Ridge, Nora, VA 24272	(276) 495-7312
Chattanooga	Ella Howard	3865 Fiery Gizzard Road, South Pittsburg, TN 37380	(423) 837-6741
Cleveland	Donna Tisdale	3631 Woodcrest Circle, NW, Cleveland, TN 37312	(423) 476-5845
Johnson City	Nyoka Holder	130 Beryl Blevins Road, Elizabethton, TN 37643	(423) 543-2509
Kingsport	Carol Alley	650 Caney Valley Loop, Surgoinsville, TN 37873	(423) 357-3619
Knoxville	Johnnie Bridges	1125 Adcock Street, Knoxville, TN 37921	(865) 524-3233
Maryville	Glenda Eastridge	1722 Ramsey Street, Alcoa, TN 37701	(865) 984-8682
Morristown	Georgia Lister	226 Heritage Hills Drive, Greeneville, TN 37745	(423) 639-9559
Oak Ridge	Jonnie Faye Ball	790 Emory Valley Rd., Apt. 404, Oak Ridge, TN	(865) 207-4397
Tazewell	Barbara Buskill	712 Buskill Avenue, Richlands, VA 24641	(276) 964-6186
Wytheville	Carolyn Snow	366 Big Red Drive, Hillsville, VA 24343	(276) 728-9357

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Send Part I to register with Lake Junaluska Assembly-- with or without a room request – as soon as you receive this registration form.
2. You can call Lake Junaluska and make your reservations via phone 800-222-4930. Payment can now be made using a major credit card (Master Card, Visa , Discover or American Express).
3. Send Part II to your District President, to register with the Holston Conference UMW, no earlier than July 15 and no later than August 23.
4. Complete and mail Parts I and II at the same time, though mailing to two different locations. You do not need your confirmation from Lake Junaluska to send your Conference registration.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS

HOLSTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING & OFFICERS TRAINING

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Please note: The Assembly's switchboard number is (828) 452-2881. You may then dial your party's room number directly. Please leave this number with your family in case of emergencies.

SOMETHING NEW!! Lake Junaluska will take payment for rooms when you register using most major credit cards. You can now call and make your reservations by phone (800-222-4930). Calculate your room rate by how many will be in your room. If registering by mail, please be sure to indicate first and second choices of inns. If you mail your reservations, persons wishing to share a room must send their reservation requests in the same envelope. Each person must complete a form with their individual address and phone number. All confirmations will be mailed to individual guests or emailed, if you provided your email address.

When you arrive at Lake Junaluska ~ Please go to the new Bethea Welcome Center at the main entrance of Lake Junaluska to check in, pick up your room key and register in Gaines Auditorium (in the Bethea Welcome Center) with your district presidents. Registration is between 10:00 A. M. and 12:30 P.M.

CHECK-IN AFTER 3:00 P.M.; CHECK-OUT BY 11:00 A.M.

Costs: All rates include one night's lodging, lunch and dinner on the first day, breakfast on the second day. Persons not staying in Assembly facilities may eat on grounds by purchasing a meal ticket from the Terrace desk. If you need a ticket for lunch on the second day, please purchase one at the time you check in at the Registration Desk—the cost is \$9.50 per person. Housing is free for children 11 years old and under who are staying in the room with parents. Children ages 6 through 11 receive meals at half price; children 5 years old and under receive meals free.

Cancellation policy: In order to cancel a confirmed reservation, a cancellation request must be made at least 30 days prior to arrival date to receive a refund of payment, less a processing fee of \$15.00. Any cancellation made within 30 days prior to arrival will be charged a processing fee of \$35.00.

Lake Junaluska Assembly switchboard number is (828) 452-2881. Your room number may be dialed directly from this number. Please leave this number with your family in case of emergency.

HOLSTON UMW, P. O. Box 188, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Childcare: Childcare is available for children ages 2-9 who are pre-registered. Children must be registered by the August 23rd deadline to receive childcare. There is a \$10 charge per child, which covers all sessions. Light refreshments will be provided. If your child has special needs or allergy concerns, please provide his/her refreshments and let the childcare provider know. Children, ages 10 and older, should enjoy the sessions. Registration guidelines are the same as for an adult.

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A conference offering will be collected Sunday morning for Mission Giving. Mission Giving supports the programs and mission projects of United Methodist Women across the United States and around the world. For proper credit, unit treasurers should send their unit's love offering with a remittance form to the district treasurer preferably with third quarter reports by August 20, instead of to Annual Meeting. Please, prayerfully, give generously to help Holston Conference meet its pledge to Mission Giving!



Directions to Lake Junaluska from Virginia and Tennessee

Virginia: From I-81 take exit 1A (I-40 East), toward Asheville, and continue on I-40 to exit 20.

Tennessee: Take I-40 east to exit 20. After Exit 20: Turn left at first traffic light, at Quality Inn, onto Hwy. 19 East. The entrance to Lake Junaluska is approximately 3 miles on the left. Turn into the grounds, stopping at the Bethea Welcome Center to pick up your room keys— Meeting registration will be in Gaines Auditorium at the Bethea Welcome Center. Follow Lakeshore Drive to the Stuart Auditorium or your place of lodging.