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of The United Methodist Church



THIS I KNOW

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Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Welcome to the SEJ Conference



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 post-

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

Thursday, November 3

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

Area Receptions

		9:00 p.m.
AWF Delegation	Lambuth Inn Room 101	
FL Delegation	Tent Outside Stuart Auditorium	
HOL Delegation	Terrace Room 319	
KY/RBM Delegations	Terrace Auditorium C	
MS Delegation	Harrell Center Room 105	
NAL Delegation	Terrace Room 316	
NC Delegation	Lambuth Inn Room 102	
NGA Delegation	Harrell Center Room 201 (Susan Todd Lounge)	
RBM Delegation – see KY/RBM Delegations		
SC Delegation	Bethea Welcome Center Gaines Auditorium	
SGA Delegation	Lambuth Inn Room 103	
TWK Delegations	Lambuth Inn Room 104	
VA Delegation	Harrell Auditorium	
WNC Delegation	Terrace Auditorium A&B	

Friday, November 4

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

12:15 p.m. Lunch Break

12:30 p.m.

Organizational Meeting for Journal Committee

Terrace Business Center (across from front desk)

Afternoon Session

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 Hauptert-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

1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

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 Kagiya (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:

Jasmine Smothers (NGA; clergy; AA; female)

Chris Brown (HOL; clergy; white; male)

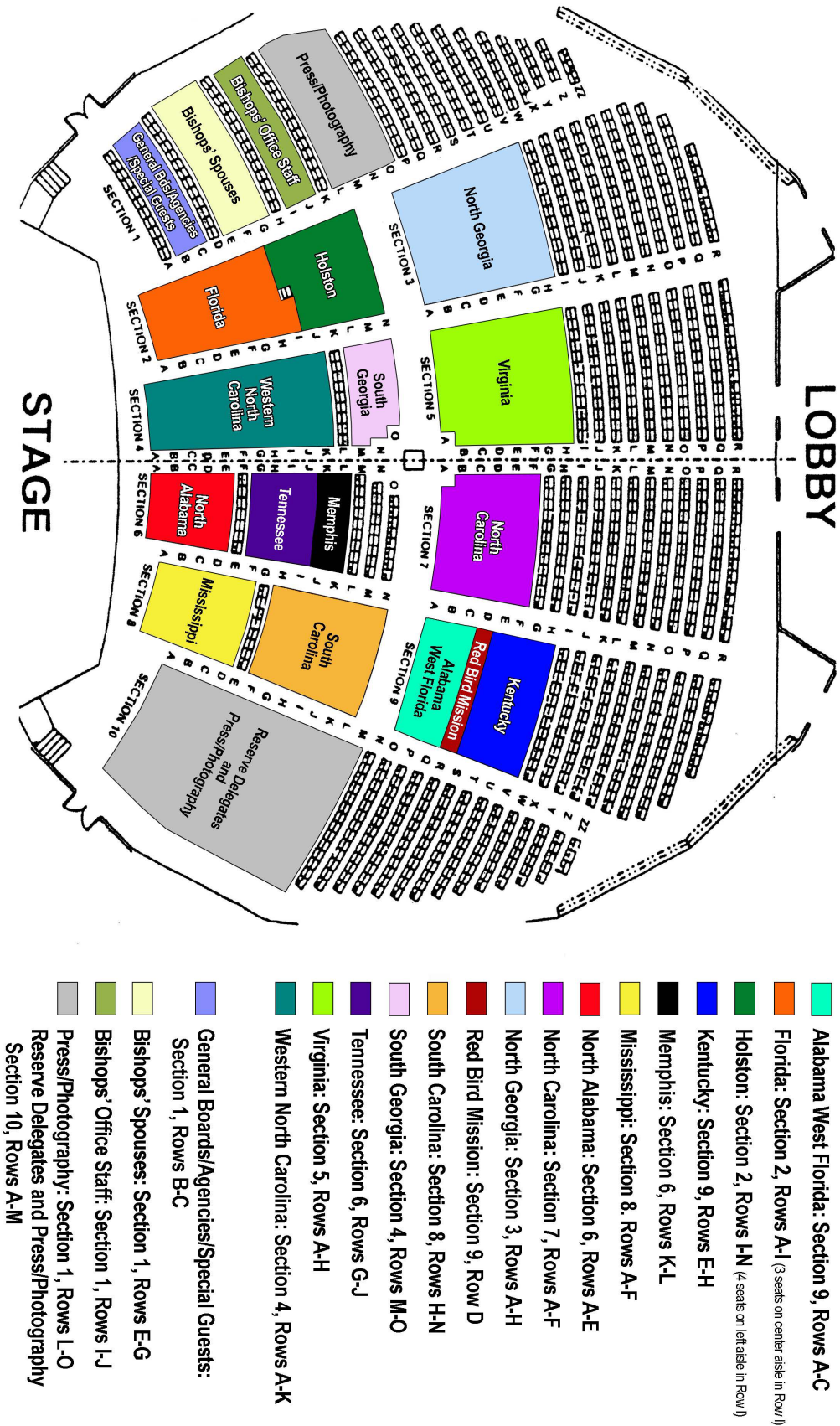
Trey Harper (MS; clergy; white; male)

Jonathan LeMaster Smith (WNC; lay; AA; male)

Candance Lewis (FL; clergy; AA; female)

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Diagram of Stuart Auditorium



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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