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Conference attendees take in the ministries of the Annual Conference yesterday in Rockefeller Gym at WV Wesleyan College.
Photo: Greg Hoffman

Ministry Fair kicks off Conference...

Yesterday's ministry fair was a chance for clergy and lay members of Conference to see what their agencies and related organizations do to extend the reach of the church to the world.

Attendees sipped fair-trade coffee, learned about Volunteer-in-Mission work team opportunities, and checked out used books.

The Congregational Development Team was specifically focused on helping churches do the same thing, locally.

"This is about the Great Commission, not only local church growth," said the Reverend Amy Shanholtzer, director of Evangelism and Congregational Development for the Conference. "We want to help create ways for pastors and churches reach out to their communities.

They will get the chance, she says, this September at "New Places for New People." The workshop will be at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Charleston, and is designed to help churches "create space for people to find Christ." Learn more at <http://wvumc.org/evangelism> or stop by the Congregational Development table in the Rockefeller Gym during Conference.



This year's Bishop's Bike Ride to Conference raised more than \$7,500 for victims of a massive earthquake and ensuing tsunami that struck Japan March 11. Fifteen riders pedaled 150 miles over two days from Charleston to Buckhannon. You may still make a contribution, contact J.F. Lacaria at 1-800 788-3746 x27 or jf.lacaria@gmail.com for more information.

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Today at Conference

highlights of the day

8:30 a.m. - Gathering Song and Praise/Opening business session

The election of delegates to next year's general and jurisdictional conferences is a major piece of business to be completed this year's session. See page 44 of the pre-conference workbook for more information. Bishop Lyght will also address Conference during the morning session.

2 p.m. - Afternoon Business Session

This session will feature the Bishop's Cabinet and the State of the Church Address.

7 p.m. - Communion and Memorial Service

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, Los Angeles Episcopal Area, will deliver the sermon.



From Facebook...

"Walking across campus on a steamy night after the Executive Session approved me for ordination I see a group of conference youth playing in WV Wesleyan's new fountain and the sweet voice of a little girl carries across the Chapel Green to me: "This is the best day ever." Yes. Yes it is. :-)"

- Amanda Gayle Reed will be ordained during Friday night's worship service. We'll be "highlighting the best of social media" throughout Conference

New Grants for Diversity and Inclusiveness

WASHINGTON (UMNS) - Applications are being accepted until July 31 for up to \$300,000 in grants offered to clergy leaders and United Methodist seminaries whose ideas and programs help strengthen the denomination's ability to maximize racial diversity and inclusiveness. The United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race supports the fund.

Choirs sought for General Conference

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMNS) — United Methodist choirs and ensembles from around the world may now audition online for an invitation to perform at the 2012 General Conference, The United Methodist Church's top legislative assembly which meets in Tampa, Fla., beginning April 24, 2012.

To apply for an invitation to General Conference, choirs and ensembles are asked to submit a letter of application to gc2012worship@gmail.com, including a brief bio and a YouTube video link of the group performing. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2011.

"As always, we look forward to having musicians and artists from across the connection involved in leading the people of God in worship at General Conference," said Marcia McFee, worship director for 2012 General Conference. "This ministry of worship and inspiration is vital for those delegates and leaders who spend many days in discernment and work on behalf of our denomination. To come to General Conference takes a lot of dedication and work for the groups who are selected and invited. We honor this gift they give to the church."

Invited choirs will perform at lunch and during evening worship at General Conference. Choirs are responsible for their own expenses.



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UM Foundation of West Virginia, Inc. Elects New Trustees and Officers

Jeffrey A. Taylor, President of the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, Inc., announced the election of four new trustees at the Foundation's Annual Meeting at the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences in Charleston on May 16, 2011. The Board elected the following four new Trustees:

Martha Nepa, Esquire is an attorney with Jackson Kelly in Charleston and attends Christ Church United Methodist.

Rev. Richard Sale is the Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg and serves as the Stewardship Coordinator for the Annual Conference.

William Goode is a member of St. John United Methodist Church, Scott Depot, West Virginia. He is Vice President for the Jacobs Financial Group of Charleston, West Virginia.

Rev. James Malick. Rev. Malick serves as pastor of Peterstown United Methodist Church and is active in District and Conference ministries.

"This is a great group of new trustees with a wide range of experience and gifts," Taylor said. "We look forward to working with them."

Taylor also announced that the Board elected corporate officers. Delbert L. "Butch" Phillips, of Fairmont, West Virginia, will serve as Chairperson; and J. Franklin "Joe" Long, of Bluefield, Virginia and Hilton Head, South Carolina, will serve as Vice Chairperson. C. Dallas Kayser, Esquire, of Point Pleasant West Virginia was elected to continue to serve as Treasurer. Bishop Ernest S. Lyght serves as the Foundation Board's Honorary Chairperson. Taylor will continue to serve as President.

The Board recognized the service of two trustees who are leaving the Board. Rev. Dr. J.F. Lacaria of Cross Lanes, West Virginia, who served as Secretary, and Wesley Nickell of Wheeling, West Virginia have both completed two terms of service on the Board. Ms. Patty Johnston of Beckley, West Virginia, who was recognized for serving as Chairperson for the past two years, will remain on the Board another year.

The Foundation ended 2010 with over \$55 million dollars under management—all dedicated to United Methodist causes!

Connect With Conference

how to get on the web at Wesleyan

1. Connect (via WiFi) to the network with the name WVWC
2. Open the web browser you plan to use (examples: Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, etc)
3. If prompted, select the options that allow the website to be shown (even though the page might say that it is not recommended)
4. Enter this web address into the URL: <http://netreg.wvwc.edu/guest> note: if you see a screen that asks for a user name and password, please ignore it and type <http://netreg.wvwc.edu/guest> into the URL.
5. Enter your email address in the box provided
6. Restart your computer
7. Confirm the registration by clicking on the link that will be sent to the email address you provided.

***Note:** If you are using a MacBook or simply using the Safari web browser, you will have to empty the cache twice to get the browser to work properly after the above steps have been completed. This can be accomplished by using the Safari tab in the menu bar.



Top: Laity members gathered last night in Wesley Chapel for their annual laity session in Wesley Chapel. Clergy gathered at the performing arts center on Wesleyan's Campus. This year's Annual Conference Session officially begins today, and ends on Saturday afternoon. It's the first year of a new, shortened schedule. Photo: Adam Cunningham

Left: The audio-visual team met yesterday in the chapel to go over this year's schedule and needs. From left to right: D.D. Meighn, Scott Mayberry, and Kathy Jasper. Photo: Laura Allen