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February 1, 2010

Dear Member of the New York Annual Conference:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Prince of Shalom, Healer of our brokenness, and Hope of the world! Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti in their search for comfort, healing, strength and hope.

The 2010 Annual Conference Session will be held June 9-12 at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York. This year's theme is *For Such a Time as This: We Are Building Up a Healthy Body of Christ*. We will be honored by the presence of Bishop James Swanson of the Holston Area, which encompasses parts of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia, who will be our preacher for ordination and commissioning as well as the speaker on Saturday afternoon. I am also delighted to announce that Rev. Vance Ross, renowned preacher and teacher, will be our Conference Bible Study leader. Rev. Ross, who is Deputy General Secretary of the Board of Discipleship, will also lead the sessions for Lay Members on Wednesday afternoon and Lay Speakers on Friday afternoon.

As has been our custom, the Saturday of our conference will be a joyous time of celebrating the mission of the United Methodist people in the world. This year, though, promises to be the best ever! I am inviting all the persons who have joined since 2004 or will join our churches by annual conference to come to Hofstra on Saturday and bring with them family members, sponsors and others instrumental to their journey of faith. I am also inviting all who want to be a part of the witness to building up a healthy Body of Christ. On Saturday, we are putting together a spectacular outdoor "Festival of Ministries in Action" highlighting all the ways the New York Conference serves God's world. This day, 5,000 United Methodists will be in one place in witness to God's momentum in and through our conference.

Enclosed is registration and housing reservation information. Again this year we have several choices from which to choose for our housing, and registration is online at [www.nyac.com](http://www.nyac.com). Please register early.

Attendance at the sessions of our annual conference is part of our covenantal responsibility to faithful membership in the United Methodist Church. I can't emphasize strongly enough the importance I place on our clergy fulfilling this part of their vows of annual conference membership by being present for the entirety of the conference. Your presence is an essential witness to what kind of church we are and we want to be.

Your prayers for the conference are greatly appreciated. May God's love, peace and joy abide with you ever more abundantly in all your ministries for the cause of Jesus Christ!

With you in Christ's ministry,

Jeremiah J. Park



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Dear Lay Members of the New York Annual Conference:

Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

By God's grace, we will gather again from Wednesday, June 9 to Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York for Annual Conference. Our theme this year is "For Such a Time as This: We are Building up a Healthy Body of Christ."

Rev. Vance P. Ross, Deputy General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBOD), a visionary leader, gifted and dynamic preacher and teacher, will be our speaker for the Laity Session which will begin in the arena at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 9.

Lay speakers who are not members of annual conference are invited to attend a Guest Lay Speaking Course that Rev. Ross will lead on Friday, June 11 beginning at 1:00 pm. This will not count as an advanced course, and Lay Speakers will make their own arrangements to get to Hofstra.. What a great opportunity this will be for any Lay Speaker who can make it, to participate in the same bible study that lay members of annual conference will receive at the Laity Session! This year, the service of ordination will be held on Friday, June 11, beginning at 7:00 pm. Why not plan to attend this moving service, a highlight of conference as well?

Another feature of this year's conference is that five thousand new members and their friends and families will join us on Saturday, June 12 at the invitation of Bishop Park, for a time of celebration of thanksgiving to God for His power to transform lives as well as a festival of ministries. What an opportunity for us all to practice radical hospitality to so many! In the mean while, let us work with our pastors to ensure that the new members from our local churches are present. Each church will make its own arrangements to get these guests to Hofstra, but lunch will be provided.

Please be sure to attend the preconference briefings which will be held by your districts and read all the advanced material which will be posted on the internet.

Again, you will have the option of staying at nearby hotels or at Hofstra. Register as early as you can...don't wait for the last minute. Some walking between meeting areas will be involved. You are advised to wear comfortable shoes. Take an umbrella...just in case! A sweater or light jacket is also recommended.

Until we meet in June, let us be in prayer that God's Spirit will guide and overrule us in all things, and that we will follow His leading; let us prepare ourselves mentally, physically and spiritually, and let us plan to participate!

*Renata*



# NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 2010

Dear NYAC Participant:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and welcome to the 211th session of the New York Annual Conference!

Please note that the commissioning and ordination this year will be a combined service held on Friday evening, June 11th, beginning at 7:00pm in the Arena.

For the four days of Conference, June 9th through the 12th, we will again be the guests of Hofstra University. While at the Conference, please feel free to notify the Conference Coordinator, Rev. Vicky A. Fleming, or the Conference Registrar, Marva Usher-Kerr of any concerns.

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS:** Please give the following numbers to appropriate persons so that they may be in touch with you at the site of Annual Conference in case of an emergency.

- Rev. Vicky Fleming has graciously agreed that we may use her cell phone for emergency needs. That number is: 914-525-5548.
- The Hofstra Public Safety emergency number is 516-463-6606.

Thank you,

*Marva*

Marva D. Usher-Kerr, Registrar

# NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**JUNE 9-12, 2010, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY, HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK**

Please register for Annual Conference as soon as possible.  
This year, we will be registering online through the  
New York Annual Conference Web site.  
Please go to that Web site at **www.nyac.com**; there on  
the home page, you will find a link to the registration.

## REGISTRATION

Registration fees covering meals and participation costs of the Conference are shown below. Your cost depends upon the timing of your registration, providing an incentive to register early. The fees may be paid by check or charged to a credit card — you make that choice during the online registration. You will receive a confirmation letter via email showing all of the options you have chosen, your total charges, and the mailing information for checks. The fees are as follows:

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| • Registration completed prior to May 1, 2010           | \$215 |
| • May 1 until June 5, 2010                              | \$240 |
| • June 6, through the end of Conference                 | \$265 |
| • One-day fee for clergy retirees for Thursday, June 10 | \$37  |

Your registration is not complete until payment has been received — either by receipt of your check or by credit card at the time of online registration. Registration check-in begins on site at Hofstra, 10am on Wednesday, June 9th in the lobby of the Arena.

## REGISTRAR'S HOURS AT THE ARENA ARE:

Wednesday, June 9	10am to 9pm
Thursday, June 10	8am to 9pm
Friday, June 11	9am to 5pm
Saturday, June 12	10am to 12noon

**Our hearts, our minds  
and our doors  
are always open.**



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FROM: THE CONFERENCE REGISTRAR

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Housing costs are in addition to your registration fee and are dependant upon the accommodations chosen. If Hofstra campus housing is chosen during registration, the costs will be as follows:

- Singles: per person per night \$47
- Double: per person per night \$37

Hotels are only available by calling them directly. Enclosed is a listing of hotel options and rates. Please contact Marva D. Usher-Kerr at 646-326-1436 with any questions, especially in regard to the housing matters.

## MEALS

You will choose your meals during your online registration. If you are a clergy or lay member to Annual Conference, your meals from Wednesday dinner through Saturday lunch are included in your registration fee. Visitors and lay members not registered for Annual Conference may purchase individual meals through the registrar's desk. If you have registered and paid for Conference, meals from Wednesday dinner through Saturday lunch are included.

## CHILD CARE

Child Care may be arranged for children under 8 years. Please contact the conference coordinator, Rev. Vicky A. Fleming, at [vafleming@comcast.net](mailto:vafleming@comcast.net) or by telephone at 914-525-5548.

## RETIRED CLERGY/ SPOUSES — ATTENDING THE ONE-DAY SESSION

A one-day Thursday registration for Retired Clergy/Spouses is available and will cost \$37.00 per person; you will register online for this as well. If accommodations are needed at Hofstra for Wednesday night only, please make that choice when you register online; the cost is \$33 for that night.

## REMITTANCE

**Payments** must be indicated as a part of the online registration either: 1) by check made payable to the New York Annual Conference and mailed to NYAC, 20 Soundview Ave, White Plains, NY 10606 within two weeks of the online registration; or 2) by credit card/debit card through PayPal.

**Voluntary Contributions** over and above registration cost can also be made during the online registration process. Please make this clear in your remittance. We thank you in advance!

**Refunds** will be sent to those who notify the Conference Registrar by May 31, 2010 of their inability to attend the Annual Conference session. (Please also notify the Conference Secretary in order to be excused from all or part of the Annual Conference Session.)

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Meeting Rooms and Group Meals** are available with reservations, in writing or by email, through the Conference Coordinator, Rev. Vicky Fleming [vafleming@comcast.net](mailto:vafleming@comcast.net), 141 Greenwood Ave., Bethel, CT 06801-2527. Space is offered to Conference and Church agencies on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that the University Club is unavailable.

**Display Tables** are available with reservations, in writing or by email, through Rev. Ann Pearson, [apearson@nyac.com](mailto:apearson@nyac.com) at the Conference Center, 20 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606-3302. Space is offered to Conference and Church agencies on a first-come, first-served basis.

## WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO HOFSTRA:

### **If you are staying on campus in a Hofstra Dormitory:**

#### **Hofstra will provide you with:**

One pillow, bed linens, one towel, and one blanket

#### **You should provide for your accommodations:**

An extra blanket or two

Soap, washcloth, flashlight

A light for your room and a mirror for the bedroom (rooms have only an overhead light)

Hangers for your clothes closet

**Please note:** telephones in the dorm rooms can only be used to call on campus.

To call outside, you must use your own cell phone or calling card from a pay phone.

#### **Whether or not you are staying on campus:**

Comfortable walking shoes

A holder for your papers – consider a loose-leaf binder and three-hole punch

Beginning this year all pre-Conference materials will be available online and a printed version will be given to you at Hofstra upon your arrival

Extra money to contribute to session offerings and/or if you plan to visit the Cokesbury Bookstore

A sweater (the Arena can get a little cold)

Bible for studies and/or meditation

## WHEN YOU CHECK IN AT THE REGISTRATION DESK, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

Name badge – color coded for voting

Housing/accommodations information (if appropriate)

Menus for each meal

Campus map

Conference telephone directory including emergency information

Check-out procedure sheet

Orange sheet for permission to speak during sessions

All other papers will be found on the Document Tables in the Arena or they will be handed out on the Conference Floor. Please remember to bring with you any pre-Conference mailings you have received.

## HOFSTRA FACILITIES INFORMATION

**The Arena** is where the Plenary Sessions take place, registration check-in occurs, and where the Cokesbury Bookstore is located.

**WIFI** is available in the Arena for your use.

**Cell phones must be turned off** in the Arena during Conference Sessions.

**The Student Center** is where you will find:

- Dining Hall
- Early morning Worship in the Student Center Theater
- Those Legislative Sessions indicated as being held in the Center
- Guest Services Desk
- **Lounge Area:** Snacks and coffee will be available each evening in front of the Dining Hall immediately opposite the Hofstra Bookstore.

# LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS

## **SECTION 1: MINISTRIES OF WITNESS**

Asian Council, Cooperative School of Christian Mission, Hispanic American Council, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, and other ministries of witness.

## **SECTION 2: CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES AND MINISTRIES OF NURTURE**

Camping and Retreat Ministry, Connectional Ministries Reports I and II, District Council on Ministries Reports, Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Conference Lay Speaking, Missions and Outreach Ministries, Mozambique/New York Sister Conferences, Council on Youth Ministries, and other ministries of nurture.

## **SECTION 3: MINISTRIES OF ADVOCACY**

Board of Church and Society, Commission on Religion and Race, Unity Task Force and other ministries of advocacy. Note: Submissions from agencies which have no reporting responsibility to the Conference are posted on the Conference web site.

## **SECTION 4: COMMISSIONING**

Order of Associate Members and Local Pastors, Bishop's Convocation, Bishop's Partners in Mission for Leadership Development, Order of Elders, Committee on Episcopacy, Board of Laity, Conference Lay Leader, Board Of Ordained Ministry, Parish Consultant Network, Sexual Ethics Response Team, V-Team.

## **SECTION 5: CARE AND SUPPORT OF OUR CLERGY**

Commission on Equitable Compensation and Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

## **SECTION 6: ADMINISTRATION**

Archives and History, Conference Archivist, United Methodist City Society, N.Y. Methodist Federal Credit Union, Committee on Nominations, Personnel Committee, Parish Development-Missional Priority Commission, Park Avenue UMC Trust Fund, Rules Committee, Conference Secretary and other ministries of administration.

## **SECTION 7: CONFERENCE BUDGET**

Council on Finance and Administration.

## **CORPORATE SESSION**

Trustees, Chancellor, United Methodist Frontier Foundation, Corporate resolutions.

# NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 9TH TO JUNE 12TH 2010

## LIST OF AREA HOTELS WITH SPECIAL RATES FOR CONFERENCE MEMBERS

Conference members must contact the hotels directly using the information listed below.  
The number of rooms is limited, and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservations Deadline: April 30 IF rooms are still available.

Hotels are listed by their approximate distance from Hofstra

### **LONG ISLAND MARRIOTT HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER** **1.68 MILES**

101 James Doolittle Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11553

**Rate: \$165.00 + occupancy tax**

For reservations call 516-794-3800 and ask for the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church rate or go to [www.LongIslandMarriott.com](http://www.LongIslandMarriott.com) and enter NYANYAA in the group code box under Special Rates and Awards.

All rooms are non-smoking

### **RED ROOF INN** **3.16 MILES**

699 Dibblee Dr., Westbury, NY

**Rate: \$131.09 + occupancy tax**

For reservations call 516-794-2555, and use Confirmation Code B266UNITED

All rooms are non-smoking

### **LAQUINTA INN & SUITES GARDEN CITY** **3.58 MILES**

821 Stewart Ave, Garden City, NY 11530

**Rate: \$159.00+ occupancy tax**

For reservations call 516-705-9000, and ask for the United Methodist Group rate

### **BEST WESTERN MILL RIVER MANOR** **5.55 MILES**

173 Sunrise Highway, Rt 27, Rockville Center, NY 11570

**Rate \$119.99 + occupancy tax**

For reservations call 516-678-1300, and use code UMC

**MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

**ONCE EACH HOTEL BOOKS THE ALLOTTED NYAC RESERVATIONS,  
NO MORE RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE AT THE SPECIAL RATE.**