WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

10:00  **Check in** begins  *David S. Mack Arena*
10:00  CMVT Display Table Set Up  *Arena*
10:00  UMCOR Kits Collected  *Arena*
10:00  Cokesbury Opens  *Arena*

12:30  Gathering Music – Music Team,  *Arena*
1:00   Opening of Annual Conference 2017
1:00   A Welcome from the Shinnecock Nation to the land where we stand
1:00   Opening Worship  Preaching: Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton
1:00   Offering: Bishop’s Partners in Mission
2:45   Break

3:00   Laity Session  *Arena*
3:00   Clergy Session  *Multipurpose Room at the Student Center*
4:50   Grace

5:00   **Conference Dinner**  *TBD*
5:00   Legislative Section Leaders meet

5:00 – 7:00  Festival of Ministries Display Tables  *Arena*

7:00   Opening Session  *Arena*
7:00   Calling 218th Session to Order
7:00   Singing “And Are We Yet Alive”
7:00   Opening Prayer
7:00   Greetings/Introductions  Mr. Stephen J. Allen, Commission on Conference Sessions Chair
7:00   Organizational Motions
7:00   Organizational Resolutions: Ms. Margaret Howe, Conference Secretary
7:00   Conference Rules Committee Rev. Gennifer Brooks, Chairperson
7:00   Vote for GC Constitutional Amendments

7:00   Report of the Conference Lay Leader Ms. Roena Littlejohn
7:00   Report of Cabinet D.S. Connecticut District Ken Kieffer
7:00   Recognition of D.S. Connecticut District Ken Kieffer

8:15   Break
8:30   Healing Service
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

6:00 Blueprint for Wellness Screening
6:15 Morning Worship
7:00 **Conference Breakfast & Fellowship Student Dining Hall**
   Asian Council
   Associate Members & Local Pastors Fellowship
   Town & Country Speaker: Rev. Peter Cook
   Women in Ministry

8:30 Morning Prayer Service
8:45 **Session #2**
   State of the Church Episcopal Address Bishop Bickerton
   Reading of New Appointments, Catskill Hudson District Superintendent Rev. Tim Riss

10:00 Black College Offering Ms. Veronica Darby
10:15 Break
10:30 Memorial Service Preaching: Rev. Dr. Jay Williams
11:45 Announcements, Conference Secretary Margaret Howe
   Workshop Introductions & Instructions Rev. Matt Curry
   Grace

12:00 noon **Conference Lunch & Fellowship Student Dining Hall**
   Retired Ministers and Spouses Fellowship
   Drew University, Theological Seminary Alumni/ae
   New York Theological Seminary Alumni/ae
   Union Theological Seminary Alumni/ae
   Yale Divinity School Alumni/ae

1:30 **Session #3**
   Celebration of Retirement Class of 2017
   Reading of New Appointments, Long Island East District Superintendent Julia Yeon-Hee Yim
   Report of Conference Council on Finance and Administration Mr. Jerry Eyster
   Report of Board of Pension and Health Benefits Mr. Jefferson Boyce

3:15 Dismissed to move to workshop location
3:30 Workshops:
   1) Christian Discipleship and the Black Lives Matter Movement - Ben McBride
   2) Creating New Spaces for New Faces - David Gilmore
   3) Developing Meaningful Men’s Ministries in Your Local Church - Gil Hanke
   4) Preaching Good News in Contentious and Uncertain Times – Gennifer Brooks
   5) Small Groups in the Wesleyan Way - Scott Hughes
   6) 21st Century Disciple Making - Jeff Campbell
   7) Unpacking Ableism: Opening Our Churches and Our Ministries to All – Evy McDonald and Michael Barry

5:00 **Conference Dinner & Fellowship Student Dining Hall**
   Church & Society
   Wesley Fellowship
   Bishop’s Dinner with Class of 2017 Retiring Clergy and Spouses
7:00 Legislative Sections
   Legislative Section 1 Ministries of Witness
   Legislative Section 2 Connectional Ministries & Ministries of Nurture
   Legislative Section 3 Ministries of Advocacy
   Legislative Section 4 Leadership: Commissioning
   Legislative Section 5 Clergy Care & Conference Finance
   Legislative Section 6 Administration

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017

6:00 Blueprint for Wellness Screening
6:15 Morning Worship

7:00 Conference Breakfast & Fellowship Student Dining Hall
    Connecticut District Speaker: Rev. Ken Kieffer
    Fellowship of Deacons, Diaconal Ministers, Deaconesses and Home Missioners

8:30 Morning Prayer Service Prayers of the People Arena
8:45 Session #4
    Reading of New Appointments, Connecticut District Superintendent Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
    Report of Trustees Mr. James Perkins
    Report of Chancellor Mr. Lawrence McGaughey
    Report of Board of Pensions and Health Benefits Mr. Jefferson Boyce

    Reading of New Appointments, Long Island West District Superintendent Rev. Sungchan Kim
    Offering: Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON)
    Introduction of Staff

10:15 Break
10:30 Session #5
    Long Island West
    Reading of New Appointments, Metropolitan District Superintendent Rev. Denise Smartt Sears
    Report of Nominations Rev. David Henry
    Awards/Recognition
       One Matters Discipleship Award Rev. Dr. Jacqui King
       Youth Service Fund Grant CCYM
       Frontier Foundation
       100% Africa University
       Shirley Parris Award Ms. Roena Littlejohn
    Reading of New Appointments, NY/Connecticut District Superintendent Betsy Ott

11:55 Announcements
    Grace Clergy Spouse

12:00 Conference Lunch & Fellowship Student Dining Hall
    Black Methodists for Church Renewal
    Korean Council
    Methodists in New Directions Speaker: Rev. Will Green
1:30 Legislative Section Reports  Rev. Ian Straker and Pastor Margaret Laemmel

2:45 Break

3:00 Session #7
Legislative Section Reports Continues

4:30 Missions Presentation  Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie
Recognition of Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie

4:55 Grace

5:00 Conference Dinner & Fellowship  Student Dining Hall
Methodist Federation for Social Action
Volunteers in Mission

7:00 Scholarship Presentations
New York Education Society  Rev. Sandy Mantz
Conference Merit Award  Rev. Sandy Mantz
William James Family Scholarship  Jade James
Gloster Current Scholarship  Rev. Sandy Mantz
Francis Asbury  Rev. Sandy Mantz
Harry Denman Evangelism Awards  Rev. Sandy Mantz
UM City Society Urban Ministries  Ms. Mary Ellen Kris

7:30 The Service of Commissioning and Sending of a UM Missionary, Presentation of License to Local Pastors, and Commissioning of Provisional Members
Preaching  Rev. Dr. Jay Williams
Offering: Anchor House

Dessert Fellowship

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016

7:00 Conference Breakfast & Fellowship  Student Dining Hall
Hispanic Council  Speaker: Rev. David Gilmore

8:45 Conference Choir Rehearsal

9:15 Photo Session with all Ordinands

10:00 Service of Ordination
Preaching  Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton
Offering: Young Clergy Debt Assistance Program

12:30 Close of 218th Conference (approx.)