Louder Than Before
Hearing New Voices

Annual Conference 2012 DRAFT Agenda, the following schedule is subject to change
Site Abbreviations: (TC) Trade Center, (EC) Expo Center, (CC) Convention Center, (JKH) Juanita K. Hammons Center for the Performing Arts, (UP) University Plaza

Friday
8:00 AM Registration opens (TC)
Registration is in the Trade Center beyond the exhibits. It will be done alphabetically. After registering, please take time to browse the exhibit mall.

10:30 Opening Worship (EC)
Rev. Emanuel Cleaver, III
Senior Pastor at St. James UMC (Kansas City)

11:30 Opening Business (EC)
“And Are We Yet Alive”
Call to Order Bishop Robert Schnase
Introductions Bishop Robert Schnase
Establishing the Bar Rev. Londia Granger Wright, Conference Secretary
Sessions Committee Rev. Jim Barnett, Chair
Standing Rules, Initial Report Rev. Karen Taylor, Chair
Nominations, Initial Report Betsy Vicente, Chair
Values Team Report Rev. Michele Sue Shumake-Keller, Chair
Assistant to the Bishop for African American Leadership Rev. Emanuel Cleaver, II

Invitation to the Street Party

Noon Lunch Break

2:00 Clergy Executive Session (EC) and Laity Session (UP)

3:30 Business Session (EC)
Board of Ordained Ministry Report Rev. Steve Breon, Chair
Bishop’s Message Bishop Robert Schnase
Rev. Karen Hayden, Director of Pastoral Excellence
Rev. Bob Farr, Director of Congregational Excellence

5:00 Check into rooms

6:30 Street Party
Delicious food and activities. Youth and College Age bands from around the state.

8:00 Commissioning and Retirement Service Rehearsal (EC)
Saturday
7:45 AM  Youth Gathering Music & PET Parade

8:00  **Bishop’s Learning Time** (EC)
Worshipping at the Church of Benign Whatever-ism:
What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the Church
Rev. Kenda Creasy Dean
Professor of Youth, Church, and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary

9:30  **Business Session** (EC)
Laity Address  Brian Hammons, Conference Lay Leader
Board of Trustees  Ivan James, Chair and Rev. Kendall Waller
Finance & Administration  Rev. Lynn Dyke, Chair

10:30  Break

10:45  **Commissioning and Retirement Service** (EC)
Music provided by the Hallelujah Singers, Wesley UMC (Springfield)

Noon  Lunch Break

1:30  **Bishop’s Learning Time** (EC)
Worlds Apart:
Understanding the Mindset and Values of 18-25 year olds
Rev. Chuck Bomar
Pastor, Colossae Church in Portland, Oregon, Founder of CollegeLeader

2:30  Workshop Overview

3:00  **Workshops**

4:00  **Ordination Rehearsal** (JKH) (Ordinands and other Participants)

4:30  **Workshops**

5:30  Dinner Break

7:00  Pre-Ordination Music

7:30  **Service of Ordination** (JKH)
Bishop Robert Schnase
Bishop, Missouri Annual Conference
Music by combined youth choirs from around the state.
**Immediately following Ordination there will be a brief rehearsal for Sunday Morning Worship.**
Sunday
6:45 AM  6th Annual United Methodist Women Walk for Mission Giving (EC)
         5K Run for Mission (EC)
9:00    Bishop’s Learning Time (JKH)
       The Challenge of the Ages
       Bishop Robert Schnase
10:00   Break
10:30   Sunday Morning Worship Service (JKH)
       Rev. Karen Hayden
       As part of this service we will have a memorial time of remembrance.
Noon   Lunch Break
2:00    Business Session (EC)
       Clergy Support Team       Marsha Kerr, Chair
       Central Methodist University Marianne Inman, President and
       Rev. Lucas Endicott, Campus Minister
       Lydia Patterson             Richard Hearne, Director of Development
       United Methodist Women      Mable Unser, President
       Approval of Conference Advance Specials
       Franklin Walker, Chair, Creative Ministries Team
       Robert & Martha Marble Mission Award
       Franklin Walker, Chair, Creative Ministries Team
       Recognition of Retirement  Rev. Max Marble
       Mozambique Initiative      Tom Mitchell, Chair
       Recognition of Retirement  Carol Kreamer
       Unity Award                Rev. Michele Sue Shumake-Keller, Chair, Values Team
       Social Justice Team Award  Margie Briggs, Chair
       Cokesbury                  Jerry Ruth Williams, UM Publishing House Board of
                                  Directors, and Erin Kincannon Emler, Store Manager in
                                  Overland Park
       Final Consideration of Rules & Procedures
       Rev. Karen Taylor, Chair
       Final Consideration of Nominations  Betsy Vicente, Chair
       Commissioning of New Chairs & Team Members
       Rev. Jeremy Vickers, Chair elect
4:30    Break for Dinner
6:00    Sunday Night at the Ballpark  Cardinals vs. Arkansas

Monday
8:00 AM  Bishop’s Learning Time (EC)
Remember the Future:
Praying for the Church and Change

9:00  Business Session (EC)
Vital Signs of Congregations  Rev. Lynn Dyke, District Superintendent
Denman Award  Rev. Bob Farr, Director of Congregational Excellence
Final Consideration of Budget  Rev. Lynn Dyke, Chair
Episcopacy Report  Larry Fagan, Chair
Report of Sessions  Rev. Jim Barnett, Chair

10:30  Youth & College Age Panel

11:00  Fixing the Appointments and Sending Forth