Praying Hands
and Dirty Fingernails

Annual Conference 2013 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)

11:30 Opening Business (EC)
“And Are We Yet Alive”
Call to Order Bishop Robert Schnase
Introductions Bishop Robert Schnase
Establishing the Bar Rev. Monica Jefferson, Conference Secretary

Sessions Committee Rev. Rob Barringer, Chair
Standing Rules, Initial Report Rev. Jim Dace, Chair
Nominations, Initial Report Jeremy Vickers, Chair
Values Team Report Rev. Linda Settles
Constitutional Amendment Overview Rev. Cody Collier and Brian Hammons

Noon Lunch Break

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

3:30 Business Session (EC)
Board of Ordained Ministry Report Rev. Bruce Baxter, 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.

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

8:00  
**Bishop’s Learning Time** (EC)
Imagine No Malaria

Bishop Thomas Bickerton
Bishop of the Western Pennsylvania Conference

9:30  
**Business Session** (EC)
Laity Address  Brian Hammons, Conference Lay Leader
Recognition of Retirement for Bev Boehmer & Lee Walz
Board of Trustees  Ivan James, Chair and Rev. Kendall Waller
Finance & Administration  Tom Hilton, Chair
Lydia Patterson Institute  Dr. Soccoro De Anda

10:30  
Break

10:45  
**Commissioning and Retirement Service** (EC)
Music provided by Aldersgate Heart of Worship Singers

Noon  
**Lunch Break**

1:30  
**Mission Experience & Optional Workshops**

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

5:30  
Dinner Break

7:00  
Pre-Ordination Music

7:30  
**Service of Ordination** (JKH)
Bishop Thomas Bickerton
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)
"Father, How Would You Have Us to Pray?" John 15
Rev. Juanita Rasmus
Pastor, St. John’s UMC, Houston, Texas

10:00  
Break

10:30  
**Sunday Morning Worship Service** (JKH)
As part of this service we will have a memorial time of remembrance.

Noon  
**Lunch Break**

2:00  
**Workshops**
3:30  **Workshops**

4:30  **Break for Dinner**

6:30  **Business Session (EC)**

- Clergy Support Team Report  Rev. Steve Pinnell
- Central Methodist University  Dr. Marianne Inman
  Recognition of the Retirement of Dr. Marianne Inman
- United Methodist Foundation  David Atkins
- United Methodist Women  Mable Unser
- Approval of Conference Advance Specials  Linda Gastreich, Creative Ministries Team
- Robert & Martha Marble Mission Award  Linda Gastreich, Creative Ministries Team
- Mozambique Initiative Team
- Unity Award  Rev. Linda Settles, Chair of Values
- Final Consideration of Rules & Procedures  Rev. Jim Dace, Chair
- Final Consideration of Nominations  Rev. Jeremy Vickers, Chair
- Final Consideration of Constitutional Amendments  Rev. Cody Collier and Brian Hammons

**Monday**

8:00 AM  **Bishop’s Learning Time (EC)**

9:00  **Business Session (EC)**

- Final Consideration of Budget  Tom Hilton, Chair
- Pathways Partners  Rev. Clayton Smith
- Denman Award  Rev. Bob Farr
- Joplin Update  Rev. Sandy Nenadal
- Youth Report  Brody Smith
- Episcopacy Report  Brian Hammons, Chair
- Report of Sessions  Rev. Rob Barringer, Chair

11:00  **Fixing the Appointments and Sending Forth**