

REGISTRATION

Payment must accompany this form.

Registration deadline is August 31, 2010

NAME (Please print) _____

Preferred email (required) _____

Lodging Options

1. Lodging available **onsite**:

- Asbury (\$25/night per person); Guests furnish linens and pillows. Up to 6 per room.

Roommate(s): _____

Asbury dorm # of nights _____

- RV Parking \$15 per night) # of Nights _____

The following rooms are double occupancy only. \$35/night per person. If name of roommate is not included, you will be assigned one. Check with them before registering. Linens are included.

Roommate: _____

- Fair Village # of Nights _____
- Pasadena Blvd. # of Nights _____
- Family Life # of Nights _____

____ Need Handicap Room

2. **Offsite** in Palestine - You make reservations.

Best Western	903.723.4655
Comfort Suites	903.723.0284
Hampton Inn	903.723.0016
Super 8	903.731.9495

Program Fee - \$25 (non-refundable)

Make checks payable to: **Texas Annual Conference**

Fees:	
Lodging	\$ _____
Meals	\$ 40
Program Fee	\$ 25
Total check or money order	\$ _____

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BEFORE THE WELL RUNS DRY

Spiritual
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Clergy Gathering 2010

September 20 - 22, 2010
at
**Lakeview
Conference Center**

**FEATURED
SPEAKER
REV.
GRACE
IMATHIU**



It is our great privilege to be hosting Rev. Grace Imathiu, one of United Methodism's best preachers and storytellers. Her interweaving of Biblical material with insights from her native Kenya, and her experiences not only as a pastor, but as a preacher's kid, is unforgettable. The Gospel stories are brought alive by Grace with her characteristic warmth, wisdom and wit.

Grace was born and raised in Meru and Nairobi. She entered the ministry in the footsteps of her clergy father, Lawe Imathiu, also her Bishop, who assigned her first to almost dead churches to see if she really had a Call! She was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church of Kenya. Grace is currently pastor in Brown Deer, Wisconsin (just north of Milwaukee). She has also served in congregations in Nkubu and Lavington, Kenya; Richland, Washington; Delaware, Ohio; Nashville, Tennessee; and Green Bay, Wisconsin.

As a preacher and Bible study teacher, Grace is in constant demand all around the world. She has been a frequently featured speaker at the Festival of Homiletics and has led Bible Studies and been a guest preacher in many Conferences in The United Methodist Connection. She has also been a regular preacher at International Christian Youth Conferences in Europe, USA, and Australia. Grace has ministered in Kenya, Togo, Germany, Denmark, Australia, Malaysia, Brazil, England, Ireland and all throughout the United States. Grace is also a founding member and associate director of Kenya Methodist University in Meru, Kenya.

Rev. Imathiu was educated in Kenya, USA, Israel, and England. She is author of *Words of Fire*, *Spirit of Grace*, a collection of sermons. She is married to renowned landscape and nature photographer David Hay Jones (Journeying Through the Days, Upper Room, 2002, 2011), and they have a son, Erik.

The Clergy Gathering is a special time for renewal, relaxation and conversation with your peers. All clergypersons are invited to attend—this includes provisional and ordained elders, deacons, associate members, and part or full time local pastors.

The theme for 2010 is:

BEFORE THE WELL RUNS DRY
—an appropriate theme that each of us can relate to in all our ministry settings.

The schedule allows room for worship, recreation, reflection and fellowship. We will be offering a buffet of events and opportunities from which you can personalize this retreat for your needs during the event itself. No pre-event signups needed for workshops or recreation activities.

Organized recreation such as golf, hiking, biking, fishing, and miniature golf has been planned. The Upper Room Worship Book will provide worship liturgy. There will be a labyrinth and various quiet spaces dedicated to silence and reflection as well as workshops for spiritual renewal on topics such as coaching, prayer beads, centering prayer, lectio divina, exercise, art as prayer, spiritual direction, and others. The clergy band will again provide musical accompaniment for our singing!

Watch the Clergy E-Newsletter for workshop and recreation details.

Early arrivals or extra nights are available through Peggy Jordan in the Lakeview office at: guestservices@lakeviewmcc.org

Don't forget to bring an umbrella and a flashlight.

Clergy Gathering Schedule

- **Monday, September 20**
 - 1 pm - Registration begins
 - 3 pm - Opening session with speaker
 - 5:15 pm - Eucharist with Homily
 - 6 pm - Supper (**catered**)
 - 7 pm - Session with speaker
 - 9 pm - Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday, September 21**
 - 7:30 am - Morning Prayer
 - 8 am - Breakfast
 - 9 am - Morning session with speaker
 - 11:30 am - Announcements
 - 12 pm - Lunch
 - Afternoon - Recreational activities, free time, workshops
 - 5:15 pm - Eucharist
 - 6 pm - Supper (**catered**)
 - 7:15 pm - Workshops
 - 8:30 pm - Ice Cream Social
 - 9:45 pm - Evening prayer
- **Wednesday, September 22**
 - 7:30 am - Morning prayer
 - 8 am - Breakfast
 - 9 am - Morning session with speaker
 - 11 am - Closing Eucharist with Bishop

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Please complete the registration form and mail with payment to:

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