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congregations  
changing lives and  
reshaping futures  
for Jesus Christ*

# Judicial Council ruling



The Judicial Council released its decision concerning a request for a ruling of

law on the 2009 Early Retirement Incentive Program. The Council ruled that the request was germane. The Council further ruled that the Annual Conference cannot delegate its authority to any other body, and that the Core Leadership Team lacked the authority to make such a decision.

The Annual Conference must make decisions concerning conference clergy support after a recommendation from CF&A even if funds are not drawn from apportioned funds. A copy of the full decision is found on the Texas Annual

Conference website, [www.txcumc.org/ruleoflaw613](http://www.txcumc.org/ruleoflaw613).

Bishop Janice Riggle Huie said, "I'm grateful that this matter has been resolved. This prompt ruling will allow our conference to address the concerns raised by the Judicial Council regarding the interrelationships of our structure. It allows us to move forward in a timely manner.

"In order to address key issues in the decision, I will be asking the appropriate bodies to make recommendations on two specific items for consideration at this Annual Conference. First, the CF&A

will be requested to make a recommendation regarding pensions and benefits. Second, CLT will be requested to make a recommendation regarding the role of the bishop on CLT. In light of this decision, there will be additional consideration regarding the role and authority of various annual conference bodies during this next year."

The Judicial Council did not require that the Texas Annual Conference return to the Council for its approval concerning any structural issues.

## You have the power, but you are not alone

Several years ago, a movie was made called Field of Dreams. The story is about a man who had a vision to build a baseball field in the middle of a cornfield on his rural farm. He did not know why; he just knew he was to do it. To the chagrin of his neighbors, he built the baseball diamond in the farm community. One night some players showed up. The man realized these were no ordinary players, but were actually the great players from the past. When the skeptical neighbors came to view this phenomenon, they were unable to see what the farm owner could see. This made it even worse for him. Now he was really a lunatic in their eyes.

This fictitious story has a spiritual application for us. First, if God tells us to "build a ball field," we should do it. It is not for us to determine the reason we are instructed to do it. Once we are obedient, God will allow us to see what others cannot see. It is the rite of passage for those who are willing to risk all for God's purposes. God increases the spiritual

senses to levels we never knew before. Those around us will observe this. God grants us great power in accomplishing His will. But even in doing so, we can't think that we are the only one responsible for building the Kingdom.

*"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor" (1 Cor 12:21-23).*

Think of an orchestra. Watch as the conductor looks over to the violin section, then the percussion, then to the seemingly insignificant lady standing way back in the corner waiting to play her one or two notes on a chime-looking instrument. Who would even notice if she didn't play her instrument? The conductor would.

An orchestra is a great picture of the way the Body of Christ should operate. It is made up of different people

with different gifts, all being led by the one Great Conductor, telling us when to use our gift in the right time. I am sure the lady in the back of the room who only plays a few notes must think she doesn't measure up to the great violinist who sits right up close to the conductor.

However, imagine if you slowly removed each member of the orchestra, one at a time. At first you may not notice any difference without a trained ear. But as you remove each member of the orchestra, you will begin to miss the powerful and melodic sound of many instruments playing together. Finally, when all but a few of the instruments are removed, you notice a big difference in the sound and the void left from key instruments.

Imagine if these instruments tried to go out and play songs all by themselves. Imagine if the tuba tried to play a solo. Or the oboe did the same. You get the idea.

Every member of the Body of Christ matters. Every job matters to God and contributes

to our great Conductor's grand plan to fulfill His purposes on the earth. Your contribution matters to God and has no hierarchy of importance.

When we are obedient, God will allow us to see what others cannot see. It will require a level of obedience that will go beyond human reason. It may require risk and ridicule from others. But you will see what others cannot see and help others become what they never dreamed they could become. And remember, you are not alone. By working together, we create the greatest music this side of heaven and become a much greater orchestra as we are led by the Grand Conductor! My prayer is that we find the greatest joy in playing our instruments to the glory of God in unison with all the other instruments God has raised up for His purposes!

*Shared by Reggie Clemmons  
South District Lay Leader and  
CLT representative.*



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# Standing firm in the face of calamity

## Sabine Pass UMC dedicates its new parsonage

**By Thelma Jones**  
Editor, Cross Connection

*I Shall Not Be Moved. "He is like a tree planted by streams of water" (Psalm 1:3).*

What do an American folk song and a passage of scripture from the Old Testament have in common with the parsonage of Sabine Pass UMC? Actually, quite a bit. In 2005, the church and parsonage were heavily damaged by Hurricane Rita. Three years later, Hurricane Ike wreaked havoc on the church property. The church sanctuary was badly damaged, but not

after Hurricane Rita hit the area. "This structure withstood the fury of Ike with very little damage...strongly built by 'God Fearers.' We had one team that included Methodist, Baptist, Catholics, members of the Dallas area Jewish community and a few gnostics," continued Key. "The journey thus far has been long and often very trying, but the construction of this parsonage was a constant reminder to the community that people out there were remembering us in prayer and making plans to return."

Work teams that came to

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Rev. Kitty Key  
Sabine Pass UMC

destroyed by Ike, while the parsonage stood strong. Just like the words in the folk song and the words of scripture.

Recently, a service of dedication for a new parsonage was held the second Sunday of April. Bishop Janice Riggle Huie and District Superintendent Dick White were a part of the 70-plus participants in the celebration. "The highlight of the event was sharing this special time with folks who once again made the sacrifice to come to Sabine Pass," said Rev. Kitty Key, senior pastor of Sabine Pass UMC. "Those in attendance were impressed that our Bishop appreciated their gift of participation in its (the parsonage) construction enough to give her personal blessing. Bishop Huie's presence on behalf of the Conference spoke volumes."

The parsonage was restored

work on the parsonage also worked on 28 homes in the community.

Presently, the congregation of Sabine Pass UMC uses a building at First Baptist Sabine Pass for worship and ministries. Rev. Key believes the beauty of the completely reconstructed home, through the generosity of the "connection," gives hope to the congregation that, in time, they will be able to offer, "Christ" in their own church building in the near future.

"The Methodist parsonage houses the only resident clergy family in the community," says Rev. Key. "Two churches, the Roman Catholic Church and the Assembly of God will not be rebuilt. The Methodist church remains the *light to those in darkness and shelter to those in storms...* and the keeper of the light resides on the grounds."



The newly reconstructed parsonage of Sabine Pass UMC. The original home was heavily damaged by Hurricane Rita.



Bishop Janice Riggle Huie was one of the guest speakers during the dedication ceremony of the parsonage.



Members of the congregation and many of the workers, some from as far away as Maryville, Tennessee, were on hand for event.



## Multiple paths for passionate worship offered at conference

Providing an atmosphere for people to “encounter the Holy” is always the aim of Passionate Worship. And, the Worship Planning Team of the Texas Annual Conference recognizes that this encounter can be expressed in many different ways.

Typically, each worship service at Annual Conference is designed with certain energy or theme that is represented in the music, liturgy, art expressions and more. This year, the options will be multiplied on Monday night, when people can choose

And, annual conference officially ends with the Sending Forth service on Wednesday. Rev. Luis Ramirez, of Servants of Christ Parish, will preach this service that is also intended to celebrate the Hispanic Ministries of the annual conference.

Throughout the week, other talented musicians and liturgists will join these two dynamic conference leaders in the ministry of worship. Musician and vocalist Ken Medema will lead a combined youth choir at Sunday’s Celebration of Life



**Musician Ken Medema uses his gift of improvisation to create original songs for worship communities.**

### Annual conference worshippers will find a faith expression that fits them and presents them with a Holy encounter.

from three different types of worship in one evening.

Delegates and guests will gather in worship for the first time on Sunday night to pay homage to clergy and their spouses who died during the previous year. Rev. Michelle Hall, Wiley College chaplain, will preach the Celebration of Life service.

service. The choirs are from First UMC Sugar Land (director Kip Johnson) and First UMC Katy (director Barry Barrios).

Following worship, Medema will remain in the sanctuary to custom-design songs based on stories shared from the congregation. Using his gift of improvisation, Ken, who was born blind, hears with his heart, sto-

ries from people or themes from events and speeches and sings the stories back to audiences of all ages.

Medema has been singing more 32 years in every venue imaginable for 50 to 50,000 people, from churches to conventions to colleges to corporations.

Blessing the Monday night Contemporary service will be the Robbie Seay Band, which serves weekly at Ecclesia Church in Houston, where their music ministry is honed. “Part of the calling of a worship leader is to be compelled and obligated to voice the prayers of the community and live in the middle of what’s truly happening in your community,” said Seay.

It was a shared grief of his church community that led to the song “Lament (We Cannot Wait).” *We see mothers bury sons and begging you to come, Oh, oh oh. We need your grace, oh God, your grace... We cannot wait*

“When my wife got off the phone with Karen, our dear friend and nanny to the Seay kids, I knew the news was bad. Karen’s oldest son was shot and

killed,” Seay said. “Karen works at our church as well, and our community rallied around her in love and support. But losing a son, for a community and especially a single mother, this was life at its hardest. I began to write ‘Lament (We Cannot Wait)’ in my kitchen that night, after the house was still and quiet. It became our plea, our prayer for Ecclesia and our city.

“It has also taken on new meaning for all our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are living through hell and have lost family and friends,” Robbie adds. “God’s grace, we cannot wait. It’s our only hope in times of grief and desperation.”

The band’s goal is creating art, not only for art’s sake, but for the sake of giving authentic voice to the hopes, fears, joys and sorrows of everyday people.

Whether people choose to worship in a quiet, contemplative manner or to the songs of the Robbie Seay Band or along with the soulful soundtrack of a Gospel Mass Choir, annual conference worshippers will find a faith expression that fits them and presents them with a Holy encounter.



**The Robbie Seay Band will be featured at the Contemporary worship service.**

### Opportunities to Worship

**Sunday, 7 p.m.**  
Celebration of Life

**Monday, 1 p.m.**  
Call to Celebration, preceding the Episcopal Address

**Monday, 5 p.m.**  
Contemplative Worship in Chapel

**Monday, 7 p.m.**  
Gospel Worship Service

**Monday, 8:15 p.m.**  
Contemporary Worship at The Loft

**Tuesday, 11 a.m.**  
Honoring Retirees

**Tuesday, noon**  
Repeat of Contemplative Worship in Chapel

**Tuesday, 7 p.m.**  
Commissioning and Ordination

**Wednesday, 11 a.m.**  
Sending Forth in the Spirit of Fiesta



# New World UMC is newest TAC



New World UMC senior pastor, Rev. Robert Johnson, joyfully observes as 159 charter members count off.

**By Eleanor L. Colvin**  
Director of Communications  
Texas Annual Conference

159. The number of founding members present at the charter service of New World UMC.

4,600,000. The number of Houston area residents presently not a part of any church community, whom the New World

members are pursuing with zeal.

New World UMC officially became a part of the United Methodist denomination on Sunday, April 18, having been launched less than three years ago by Rev. Robert Johnson, who previously served at its mother congregation Windsor Village UMC.

"In the midst of everything, we know that the best is yet to come," Johnson said to the cele-

bratory crowd of charter members and supporters.

Dr. Don Waddleton, Director of the Center for Congregational Excellence, who previously served as Johnson's district superintendent, was the communion celebrant and prayed that God "strengthen [New World] in a powerful way, that those 4.6 million who are yet unchurched will find their way to a new home."

Creating new worship spaces for new people is one of the denomination's Four Focus Areas. Southwest District Superintendent Rev. Gail Smith shared the depth of the United Methodist connection to which New World is now united. As a new church start focused on reaching the "unchurched," New World is in step with the UMC's vision to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and moreover, with Jesus' Great Commission.

#### New church start history

Preaching from Acts 17, Bishop Janice Riggle Huie shared the story of "one of the greatest new church start pastors ever" – the Apostle Paul. In

Acts 17, Paul and Silas had been chased out of Philippi; and now, in Thessalonica were again accused of "turning the world upside down" by preaching about "another king," named Jesus.

"Their official charge was disturbing the peace," Huie said. "Don't you think we need a little more disturbing of the peace?"

In Paul's day, residents complained that Christians were trouble-makers and were trying to change the world. Huie wished the same for New World.

"We hope you folks through the grace of God and the love of Jesus are going to turn Houston upside down," Huie said. "These early Christians knew – and I think you do – that when you make the decision to follow Jesus Christ everything changes. Not just head and heart, but the way we live our lives."

Another mark of the early church that is also visible at New World is love for God and neighbor. After visiting for

about four months, Abner and Sharon Risher officially joined the church on charter Sunday because of the love.

"It's just a real warm atmosphere," said Abner Risher, who drives 23 miles from Tomball to worship at the West Houston church. "We weren't really a part of a church. It felt like it was time to be part of a church organization that was doing something."

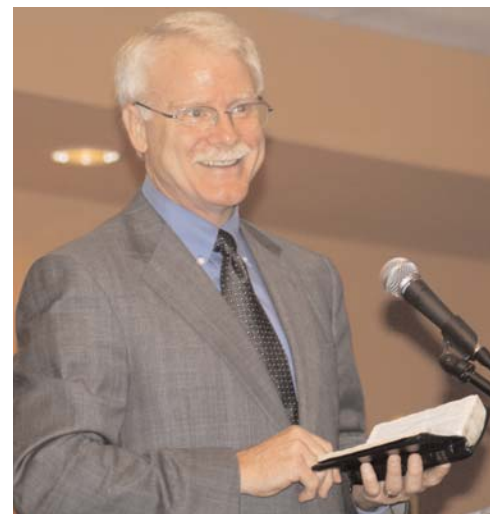
The Rishers have not been a part of a faith community for about 10 years, he said. His testimony of the church's warm welcome and spirit of service witnesses to the fact that New World's foundation embodies Jesus' declaration in John 13:35: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Such love and service, Huie noted, brings about transformation of communities, cities, nations and ultimately new worlds.

"New World – it's a great name. I always thought it," said Bishop Huie. "If the Apostle Paul could hear that name – he would say to you, right on!"



New World members receive new life in Christ, as they partake of the Holy Sacraments.



South District Superintendent Rev. Roy James prepares to read scripture. "I invite you to experience the power and presence of God who lets this be," he said, echoing his earlier statement that Amen means "let it be."



# Church for the 'unchurched'



Signing this document officially identifies one as a founding member of this new Texas Annual Conference church.



Serene Prayz glorifies God with a spirit-filled liturgical dance to the song, "He's Not Dead."

## The Birth and Charter of New World UMC

*Poem Written by Jennifer Compton*

From the beginning of her conception in the ninth month on the ninth day of 2007

Founded with the Word and Truth of new things promised by Our Father which art in heaven

Giving us this chartered day of His Will being done in His Holy Name through His newly created Kingdom

As the bride in preparation using His grace that delivered us from sin to give us all merciful freedom

Grooming New World believers in Christ with daily bread to go out and spread love to the 4.6 million about God's Good News

That we all are entitled to His forgiveness as we should also forgive others and even ourselves of what we may wrongly say or do

For all fall short of the glory of God through actions led by temptation and sin induced

But God gifted us with forgiveness and it is symbolized through Holy Communion, affectionately known at New World as our "Start over juice"

Throwing out the old making room for the new as we repent with a sincere heart to the Lord

Removing the blues with good news, giving praise in new ways as we lift up His name rightfully adored

Through the many gifts and purposes God has blessed us with to be a blessing to everyone

Which is why it is so important to pray for acknowledgement and execution of your purpose and gifts to share with others as God's Will is being done

The time is now to prepare God's kingdom as the bride awaiting the bridegroom to come

By adorning her with prayer, unity, love and obedience lead by the Holy Spirit down the aisle of purity and sanctification for the Holy One

Giving the bride the mission to bring new people to the Kingdom of God to experience Kingdom Life

By teaching them the Word and how to love through the gospel and teachings of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ

Giving the bride the vision of a spiritual, social, intellectual, creative place, like a small taste of heaven, to serve as a hub

To learn about Christ and become equipped to spread His goodness and love

As we continue to pray and be delivered from evil in all of our life's challenges and endeavors

For today, April 18, 2010, New World United Methodist Church has chartered to be God's Kingdom and Power through His Glory, forever and ever and ever.

AMEN!



## Sayani sings of God's guidance and 'Cherokee Pride'



Jorie West sings "Teach Me to Fly" based on God's promise that those who hope in the Lord will soar on wings like eagles.

**By Eleanor L. Colvin**  
**Director of Communications**  
**Texas Annual Conference**

The music ministry of Jorie and Christie West – a mother-daughter duo – was the soundtrack for the recent Native American Ministries Sunday observance sponsored by the Texas Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM).

Ministering as Sayani (which is a Cherokee word meaning Zion), the women have worked as studio and backup vocalists for many years and began singing together as Sayani in 2003.

Accented with scripture readings, hula praise dances and native instruments, the songs focused on the life of fruitfulness and faithfulness to which God calls all Christians.

"Don't just scatter seeds to the wind – what you sow will grow," Jorie said. "Let's sow seeds of faith. Let's sow seeds of love – fruit of the spirit... Make sure who you're planting seeds for is the giver of good gifts."

One of the good gifts Sayani has been able to give is restoring pride in one's heritage. "Cherokee Pride" is a

song Jorie West wrote for her mother, who was "raised in an environment where it was not cool to be Indian." Once her mother became of age, she married, moved far away from home and even farther away from her Cherokee Creek roots.

"She dressed white, talked white and did everything to blend in," she said. "She missed out on a lot, because it's beautiful to be whoever you are."

The song lyrics depict the joys and sorrows of being God's unique creation.

*Ignorance called her half breed and it filled her soul with pain. Hateful words chilled the blood, pumping fear through tiny veins. She always kept her head bowed down, afraid to show her face. While Cherokee pride slipped away, misery took its place... My precious mother never knew, until the day she died, security comes from deep within along with Cherokee Pride... We are blessed by the heritage He breathes into each soul. We are not just half or part, Jesus made us whole.*

The concert concluded with the song "Father Teach Me to Fly," based on Isaiah 40:28-31: "Do you not know?"

Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (NIV).

With arms outstretched like an eagle's wings, Sayani gave lyrical testimony to God's amazing strength and unwavering faithfulness to all his children, especially those called Native Americans.

April 18 was the denomination's official Native American Ministries Sunday, which is one of six special Sundays in the UMC. Resources are still available through the United Methodist Communications at [www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org) for congregations who need or desire to host the observance on a different Sunday.



**Top Photo:** Christie West ministers through a Hawaiian hula praise dance.

**Bottom Photo:** Members of the CONAM congregation play native instruments while Sayani sings.



# Ministry Snapshots

## Change the World — have a ‘spring play day’

Faith UMC Dickinson puts unique spin on Rethink Church

By Helen Childs  
Faith UMC Dickinson  
Communications Committee

Faith UMC Dickinson opened its doors and heart once again to welcome the community during a *Spring Day* play day for the kids of the community. Although supported by the entire congregation, the effort to host the play day was led by the men of the church.

The all-day event offered inflatable moonwalks, kick-ball games, basketball games, and old-fashioned sack races. Kids came in droves. They rode up on bicycles, walked and ran to join the fun. Free hot dogs, soft drinks, popcorn and snow cones to quench thirst and satisfy the hunger were plentiful.

Children’s laughter filled the church lot during the day of fun... a sound which was welcomed by many of the church members. One member noted: “It’s so good to hear the

children’s laughter again. It reminds me of my days as a child when the church was filled with children.” You could hear comments throughout the day of how pleased the congregation was about offering radical hospitality to the community. “It’s truly a blessing,” stated Rev. Brown. “We know our mission field and want to offer God’s love and show the church as an active community partner. We thought we’d continue to strengthen that bond through this event.”

An older congregation, Faith is literally stepping out on faith by becoming more involved in their community. It is one of the ways in which the church is, *rethinking church* by broadening its ministries. Faith is moving forward in the transformation process.

“Our congregation now realizes that being a church means getting outside the church walls,” says Rev.

Lorraine Brown. “Faith has joined the Rethink Church/Change the World campaign. We know that we have to be more visible in the community; and even as a small church, the congregation accepts and embraces that challenge.”

The event was so successful, that it was hard to bring the kick-ball game to a halt as the closing time approached.

The fruitfulness of this one small gesture of love was evident the following Sunday as a few of the parents and children joined the Sunday worship service. Faith UMC is continually exercising its spiritual growth under pastoral guidance as the church continues to undertake new projects. The sentiment of the congregation was best voiced by a member, who summarized the event on Sunday: “It is truly a blessing to see what we can do, when we place God first.”



Fun for all! Faith Dickinson UMC hosts, *Spring Day Play Day*, for the children in the community. Games of sack racing, basketball, kickball and free hot dogs and snow cones were the highlight of the day.

The church participated in the denomination’s Rethink Church campaign by serving the community on the United Methodist Church’s “Change the World Day.”



## Spotlight on Annual Conference 2010 List of Meals

GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE OR LOCATION
Cabinet Dinner (No tickets required for Cabinet and spouses)	Saturday, 5/29	6 p.m.	Jones Library (The Woodlands UMC)
BOM Dinner Meeting (For reservation, contact Tom Stephenson at 409-886-7466)	Sunday, 5/30	5 p.m.	Lupe Tortillas
Celebration of Life Reception (No tickets required; all are invited)	Sunday, 5/30	9 p.m.	Wesley Hall (The Woodlands UMC)
Hispanic Fellowship Breakfast (Tickets \$10; contact Shirley Broome at 713-521-9383)	Monday, 5/31	7 a.m.	Jones Library (The Woodlands UMC)
UMM Breakfast (Tickets \$10; contact Ken Tielke at 713-724-9755)	Monday, 5/31	7 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC, Room D208
Sending Ministries Breakfast (By invitation only)	Monday, 5/31	7:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC, Room D208
Breaking the Silence Luncheon (Tickets \$20; contact Laura Young at 936-581-9401)	Monday, 5/31	11:15 a.m.	Marriott Waterway Hotel
Brite Alumni Luncheon (Pay individually at restaurant. Rhett Ansley at 903-589-4003)	Monday, 5/31	11:30 a.m.	Brio Restaurant
Confessing Movement Luncheon (Tickets \$18; contact Terry Loughridge at 281-297-5932)	Monday, 5/31	11:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall
F.O.A.M. Ministries Luncheon (Tickets \$15; contact Mary Magnusson at 281-361-9298)			
Clergy Spouses Luncheon (Tickets \$15; contact Charlee Garbs at 903-845-2645)	Monday, 5/31	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - Asbury Hall
UMW Luncheon (Tickets \$15; contact Jerry Barber at 409-948-0420)	Monday, 5/31	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - The Loft Worship Gym
Perkins School of Theology Alumni Dinner (Tickets \$21/alumni; \$19/current students; contact Suzy Reedstrom at 713-468-8356)	Monday, 5/31	5 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Aldersgate Hall
TAC Awards Banquet (Contact Doug Smith for Evangelism awards tickets, 903-968-3833; contact Carolyn Huntsman for Small Membership Church awards tickets, 939-636-7029)	Monday, 5/31	5:30 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall
Friends of Wesley Foundation Dinner	Monday, 5/31	5 p.m.	Double Dave's Pizza
Spotted Owl Event (No cost for candidates)	Monday, 5/31	8:30 p.m.	The Loft Alley
Fellowship Breakfast of Associate Members: Local Pastors (Tickets \$15; contact Tom Morgan, 979-245-2390)	Tuesday, 6/1	7 a.m.	
Communications Ministry Breakfast (Tickets \$10; contact Eleanor L. Colvin, 713-521-9383)	Tuesday, 6/1	7:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Aldersgate Hall
Order of Deacon's Breakfast (No cost for Deacons; contact Pam Besser, 409-892-7733)	Tuesday, 6/1	7:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Jones Library
Celebration Women's Ministries (Tickets \$18; contact Linda Johnson, 936-435-9989)	Tuesday, 6/1	11:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Asbury Hall
Lon Morris College Luncheon (Tickets \$15; contact Susie Holley, 903-589-4012)	Tuesday, 6/1	11:30 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - The Loft Green Room
BMCR Luncheon (Tickets \$25; contact Eleanor F. Colvin, 713-695-2469)	Tuesday, 6/1	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - The Loft Hangar
PAUMCS Luncheon	Tuesday, 6/1	Noon	The Loft
Retiree Luncheon (No cost to retirees and spouse; contact Barbara Kilby, 713-521-9383)	Tuesday, 6/1	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall
UMW Executive Dinner	Tuesday, 6/1	5:15 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Jones Library
Clergywomen's Breakfast (Tickets \$12; contact Shelli Williams, 713-528-0527)	Tuesday, 6/1	7 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - B210
Southwestern University Alumni Breakfast (Contact JoAnn Lucero, 512-863-1589)	Tuesday, 6/1	7 a.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Aldersgate Hall
Candler Club Luncheon	Tuesday, 6/1	Noon	The Woodlands UMC - The Loft Summit
TCCEF Luncheon (Tickets \$20; contact Sharon Taylor, 281-446-2332)	Tuesday, 6/1	12:30 p.m.	Christ UMC
Friends of Asbury Dinner (Tickets \$20; Contact Jerry Loughridge, 281-297-5932)	Tuesday, 6/1	6 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Asbury Hall
Ordination & Commissioning Dinner (No tickets required for those being ordained or commissioned and their immediate family members)	Tuesday, 6/1	5:30 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall
Ordination & Commissioning Reception (All are invited)	Tuesday, 6/1	9 p.m.	The Woodlands UMC - Wesley Hall