



**Forty-eighth
Annual Session of the
Texas Annual Conference of the
United Methodist Church
South Central Jurisdiction**



May 28-31, 2017

Bishop Scott J. Jones

**The Woodlands United Methodist Church
The Woodlands, Tx.
Assistant to the Bishop
Rev. B.T. Williamson
Host District Superintendent
Rev. Morris Matthis**

Opening of Annual Conference

Sunday, May 28, 2017

- 2:00 – 6:00 pm Registration-Clergy & Laity (Wesley Hall)
4:00 pm Youth Groups Food & Fellowship
The Loft-Rebel Base
7:00 pm **Opening Celebration**
Preacher: Bishop Scott J. Jones
(Traditional Service-Main Sanctuary)
(Contemporary Service-
Harvest Worship Center/Episcopal Address
will be simulcast)
Opening of TAC 2017
Episcopal Address

First Day of Annual Conference

Monday, May 29, 2017

- 8:00 am-6:00 pm Registration-Clergy & Laity (Wesley Hall)
8:30 am **Business Session I** (Main Sanctuary)
*Bracketed numbers indicate minutes allowed for each report.
Please note your position on the agenda, and move toward the
chancel area before your report is called.*
Prayer
Roll Call – Russell Hall [5]
Memorial Day Recognition
Rev. Kevin Otto [4]
Conference Lay Leader
John Esquivel [8]
Retirement Video #1 [5]
Consent Calendar [4]
UMW – A Celebration of 150 Years in
Ministry
Chancellors' Report [10]
Retiree Video #2 [5]
9:20 am Morning Devotional
9:40 am Break
10:00 am **Laity Session**
(Harvest Worship Center)
10:15 am **Clergy Session** (Main Sanctuary)
11:30 am Lunch Break
1:30 pm **Memorial Service**
Preacher: Dr. Karen Dorris
(Main Sanctuary)
2:50 pm Break
3:10 pm **Keynote** - "Cultural Intelligence"
Dr. Maria Dixon Hall

- 4:10 pm **Business Session II**
 Board of Ordained Ministry
 Jeff McDonald [25]
 Benefits [25]
 Pensions – Jerry Neff
 Health – Jerry Massey
 Prayer
- 5:00 pm Dinner Break
- 7:00 pm Evening of Learning - Dean Craig Hill
 (Main Sanctuary)

Second Day of Annual Conference

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

- 8:30 am **Business Session III** (Main Sanctuary)
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 chancel area before your report is called.*

Prayer
 Retiree Video #3 [5]
 Clergy Excellence Recognition [10]
 Gail Ford Smith & Elizabeth Duffin
 Youth & Young Adult Ministries [5] –
 Eddie Erwin
 Election of Institutional Trustees [5]
 B.T. Williamson
 Conference Advance Special [5]
 The Way Forward Report [10]
 GBGM Report via Video [5]

- 9:20 am Morning Devotional

- 9:40 am **Business Session IV**
 Retirement Video #4 [5]
 C F & A Report [20]
 Equitable Comp [5]
 Prayer

- 10:10 am Break

- 10:30 am **TAC Talks –**
 Cassandra Nunez
 Laity - Galena Park Lay Pastor
 Pamela Fulbright-Scheyer
 Laity – Houston-Servants of Christ
 CrossRoads Program
 Rev. David Dorn
 Associate Pastor for Tyler-Marvin UMC

- 11:30 am Lunch

- 2:00 pm **Service of Honoring Retirees**

- (Main Sanctuary)
- 2:40 pm Break
- 3:00 pm **Business Session V**
 Nominations Report [10] – B.T. Williamson
 Constitutional Amendments [60]
 Prayer
- 4:30 pm Dinner Break
- 7:00 pm **Service of Commissioning & Ordination**
 Preacher: Bishop Scott J. Jones
 (Main Sanctuary)
 (Overflow Seating-
 Harvest Worship Center)

Last Day of Annual Conference

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

- 8:30 am **Business Session VI** (Main Sanctuary)
*Bracketed numbers indicate minutes allowed for each report.
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 chancel area before your report is called.*
- Prayer
 Retiree Video #5 [5]
 Resolutions Presentation [15]
 Lakeview Conference Center [5]
 Matt Idom
 Golden Care [12] – Kim Mabry
 Retiree Video #6 [5]
- 9:20 am Break
- 9:40 am **Business Session VII**
 Retirement Video #7 [5]
 Clergy Recruitment & Emerging Leader's
 Endowment [5] – Elizabeth Duffin
 New Faith Communities [5]
 Communications & Social Media [5]
 Paula Arnold
 Episcopacy Committee "Transition" [5]
 Karen Dorris
 Unfinished Business [25]
 Prayer
- 10:40 am Break
- 11:00 am **Service of Sending Forth**
 Preacher: Dr. Roy James
 (Main Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm Adjourn



Special Guests

Maria Dixon Hall

Dr. Dixon Hall joined SMU faculty in 2004 after a career in corporate marketing and sales. As Director of Corporate Communication and Public Affairs of the Division of Corporate Communication and Public Affairs in the Meadows School of the Arts, she oversees curriculum and assessment for the Division's Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communication. Additionally, she serves as the director of mustangconsulting, a global student consulting firm. Their research has been featured by many major newspapers and magazines.

Her research and professional consulting is focused on the implications of identity, power, and organizational culture on the strategic communication of religious and non-profit organizations. Dixon Hall serves on the editorial boards and as a reviewer for both her field's national and international publication outlets, as well as their academic conferences. Her work appears in the discipline's top journals including *Management Communication Quarterly*, *The Journal of Communication and Religion*, *Business Communication Quarterly*, and *Southern Journal of Communication*. Dixon Hall maintains an active national speaking schedule and is a frequent contributor to national media outlets such as *Time Magazine* and *CNN* on issues of race and education. She is of the "View from Dixon Hall", the highly-rated blog on the Progressive Christian Channel of Patheos.com. Her examination of the University of Oklahoma's failures in dealing with race entitled, "Transformation 101" became one of 2015's most viral blogs. A Probationary Deacon in the North Texas Conference of the UMC, Dixon Hall is a frequent contributor to the *United Methodist Reporter* and *The Religious News*.

A graduate of Culverhouse School of Business at the University of Alabama, Dixon Hall began her career in sales and market research as a Pulp and Paper Market Specialist for Dow Chemical USA in Atlanta, Georgia and as District Sales Supervisor for Diamond Exteriors/Sears. Exploring her passion for religious organizations and communication, Dr. Dixon completed a Masters of Divinity and Masters of Theology from the Candler

School of Theology of Emory University, as well as a PhD in Organizational Communication and Religion from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2004.

Dean Craig Hill

Dr. Hill became the 11th dean of Perkins School of Theology in 2016. A New Testament scholar, Dean Hill previously served on the faculty of Duke Divinity School, where he was executive director of the Doctor of Ministry and Master of Christian Practice programs. He was also a research professor of theological pedagogy.

Prior to his tenure at Duke, he held numerous positions over the course of 15 years at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. They included professor of New Testament, executive director of academic outreach, director of the Wesley Ministry Network, co-director of the dual degree program with The American University and director of the Master of Theological Studies degree program.

In addition, he holds an extensive list of global academic appointments including visiting professor in Russia and South Korea and served as a visiting fellow at the University of Cambridge and a Henry R. Luce Fellow at Yale Divinity School. Dean Hill was appointed as the first non-Anglican chaplain at Christ Church College, University of Oxford. Additional pastoral experience includes director of Christian Education at First UMC Meriden, Conn; as associate pastor at First UMC Peoria, Ill; and as associate pastor at Woodside UMC, Springfield, Ill.

Dean Hill is the author of numerous scholarly articles, including *Servant of All: Status, Ambition, and the Way of Jesus*. His previous books include *In God's Time: The Bible and the Future* and *Hellenists and Hebrews: Reappraising Division within the Earliest Church*.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Illinois Wesleyan University, a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Oxford (Christ Church College).



Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 27, 2017

6:00 pm Cabinet Dinner (Marriott Waterway)

Sunday, May 28, 2017

2:00 pm TAC 2017 Registration (Wesley Hall)

2:00 pm UMW Program Planning Meeting
(D208)

4:00 pm BOM Meeting & Dinner (Asbury Hall)

4:00 pm Youth Groups Food & Fellowship
(The Loft-Rebel Base)

8:30 pm Candidates Practice (Main Sanctuary)

Monday, May 29, 2017

All day Childcare (Noah's Nook & Children's Ministry Areas)

All day Clergy Spouse's Hospitality Room (D208)

All day Cokesbury Book Store (Jones Library)

All day Display Fair (Gym)

All day Grab N Go Snack Bar (Fireside Cafe)

All day Information Technology (D210)

All day Nursing Mother's Pump Room
(Infant Care Room)

All day Prayer Room-Celebration Women
(Chrysostom Chapel)

7:00 am Fellowship of Associate Members & Local Pastors Breakfast (Asbury Hall)

7:30 am Restorative Justice Breakfast (2nd floor-Children's Worship Center)

7:30 am Small Membership Church Breakfast
(Aldersgate Hall)

7:30 am United Methodist Men's Breakfast (2nd floor-Children's Activity Center)

8:00 am Registration Continues until 6 pm
(Wesley Hall)

11:30 am Clergy Spouse's Luncheon
(TWUMC – Asbury Hall)

11:30 am Confessing Movement Luncheon
(FLC Gymnasium)

11:30 am Hispanic Ministry Luncheon (The Loft-1st-4th Grade/Craft Circle Room)

11:45 am Breaking the Silence/Reconciling United Methodists Luncheon (Marriott Waterway)

11:45 am Laity Luncheon (Marriott Waterway)

12:00 pm UMW Luncheon (The Loft-Worship Venue)

- 5:00 pm Friends of Wesley Foundation Dinner
(Fuddrucker's in The Woodlands)
- 5:00 pm U-35 Dinner (Christ Church The Woodlands)
- 5:15 pm Awards Banquet (Asbury Hall)

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

- All day Childcare (Noah's Nook & Children's Ministry Areas)
- All day Clergy Spouse's Hospitality Room (D208)
- All day Cokesbury Book Store (Jones Library)
- All day Display Fair (Gym)
- All day Grab N Go Snack Bar (Fireside Cafe)
- All day Information Technology (D210)
- All day Nursing Mother's Pump Room
(Infant Care Room)
- All day Prayer Room-Celebration Women
(Chrysostom Chapel)
- 7:00 am Black Clergy Women & Friends
(Aldersgate Hall)
- 7:30 am Church & Society and Religion & Race
Breakfast (2nd floor-Children's Activity Center)
- 7:30 am Order of Deacons Breakfast (2nd floor-
Children's Worship Center)
- 7:45 am Providence Place Breakfast (Asbury Hall)
- 8:00 am Group Health Benefits Fair (Outler Atrium)
- 11:30 am Youth Worker Lunch (Escalante's, 1900
Hughes Landing #100, The Woodlands)
- 11:45 am Friends of Asbury Luncheon
(The Loft-1st – 4th Grade/Craft Circle Room)
- 11:45 am Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Luncheon (Jasper's, 9595 Six Pines Dr., The
Woodlands)
- 12:00 pm Celebration Women's Ministry Luncheon
(The Loft-The Hangar)
- 12:00 pm Duke Divinity Alumni Luncheon
(The Loft-The Green Room)
- 12:00 pm Perkins Friends & Alumni Luncheon
(2nd floor-Children's Activity Center)
- 12:00 pm Methodist Children's Home Luncheon
(Asbury Hall)
- 12:00 pm Retiree Luncheon
(Wesley Hall)
- 12:15 pm BMCR Luncheon (The Loft-Worship Center)
- 12:30 pm Youth & Delegate Youth Mission Event
(TAC Mission Center in Conroe)

- 1:00 pm Laity Hospitality Room (D206)
4:30 pm United Methodist Women's Executive Dinner
& Meeting (2nd floor-Children's Worship
Center)
5:00 pm Commissioning & Ordination Dinner
(Asbury Hall)

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

- 1/2 day Childcare (Noah's Nook & Children's Ministry
Areas)
1/2 day Cokesbury Book Store (Jones Library)
1/2 day Display Fair (Gym)
1/2 day Grab N Go Snack Bar (Fireside Cafe)
1/2 day Information Technology (D210)
1/2 day Nursing Mother's Pump Room
(Infant Care Room)
1/2 day Prayer Room-Celebration Women
(Chrysostom Chapel)
7:30 am Clergywomen Breakfast (Asbury Hall)