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



May 27-30, 2018

**Bishop Scott J. Jones
The Woodlands United Methodist Church
The Woodlands, Tx.
Assistant to the Bishop
Rev. B.T. Williamson
Host District Superintendent
Rev. Kip Gilts**

Opening of Annual Conference

Sunday, May 27, 2018

- 2:00 – 8:00 pm Registration-Clergy & Laity (Wesley Hall)
7:00 pm **Opening Celebration**
Preacher: Bishop Scott J. Jones
(Traditional Service-Main Sanctuary)
(Contemporary Service-
Harvest Worship Center/Episcopal Address
will be simulcast)
Children's Concert
Opening of TAC 2018
Episcopal Address

First Day of Annual Conference

Monday, May 28, 2018

- 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*
Opening Prayer-Mrs. Ida Campbell
UMC 50th Anniversary
Protocols.
Prayer
Roll Call – Rev. Russell Hall [4]
Memorial Day Recognition-Major General
Jay Blume-United States Air Force
(Retired) [4]
Consent Calendar [4] (PCJ pgs 33-34)
Leadership
Conference Lay Leader
Mr. John Esquivel [8] (PCJ pg 46)
Core Leadership Team-
Rev. Preston Greenwaldt [10]
(PCJ pg 46)
Chancellors' Report-Mrs. Mary Daffin &
Mr. Frank Jones [10]
Episcopacy Committee-Dr. Karen Dorris [10]
(PCJ pg 144)
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. Charles Millikan (Main Sanctuary)
2:50 pm	Break
3:10 pm	<u>Business Session II</u> Perkins School of Theology-Dean Craig Hill [5] (<i>PCJ pgs 218-221</i>) Resolution #5 (<i>PCJ pg 41</i>) [20] Missions A Celebration of Hurricane Harvey Recovery-Rev. Scott Moore [30] Conference Advance Special 2019 Rev. Michelle Hall [5]
4:10 pm	<u>Business Session III</u> Clergy Board of Ordained Ministry-Rev. Jeff McDonald [30] (<i>PCJ pgs 51-53</i>) Clergy Milestones-Rev Gail Ford Smith & Rev. Elizabeth Duffin [10] Local Pastors Recognition-Rev. Irv White [5] Closing Prayer-Rev. Gustavo Echemendia
5:00 pm	Dinner Break
7:00 pm	<i>Celebración-Hispanic Ministries</i> (Main Sanctuary)

Second Day of Annual Conference

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

8:30 am	<u>Business Session IV</u> (Main Sanctuary) <i>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.</i> Opening Prayer-Rev. Sunny Farley Resolutions Resolutions Presented (<i>PCJ pgs 35-41</i>)
9:20 am	Morning Devotional
9:40 am	Continuation of Business Session IV Heartspring /TMF Affirmation-Rev. C.J. Taylor & Mr. Tom Locke [5] (<i>PCJ pgs 159-161</i>)
10:10 am	Break
10:30 am	Order of the Day We Love All God's Children Keynote

- Mr. Neil Bush and Dr. Julie Finck
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 2:00 pm **Service of Honoring Retirees**
(Main Sanctuary)
- 2:40 pm Break
- 3:00 pm **Business Session V**
Financial/Stewardship
CF & A-Rev. Deborah Vaughn [30]
(*PCJ pgs 112-142*)
Pension-Dr. Jerry Neff [30]
(*PCJ pgs 78-98*)
GHB-Mr. Jerry Massey [30]
(*PCJ pgs 63-77*)
Closing Prayer-Mrs. Donyale Fraylon
- 4:30 pm Dinner Break
- 7:00 pm **Service of Commissioning & Ordination**
Preacher: Bishop Scott J. Jones
(Main Sanctuary)

Last Day of Annual Conference

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

- 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.*
- Opening Prayer-Mr. Monroe Walker
- Elections**
Nominations Report-Rev. B.T. Williamson [5]
(*PCJ pgs 44-45 & Addendum pg 1*)
Institutional Trustees [5]
- Special Reports**
Director of Development-Mrs. Mary Linda
Portner [7] (*PCJ pgs 46-47*)
Communications-Mrs. Shannon Martin [7]
(*PCJ pgs 43-44*)
VCI + Rev. Mike Tyson [5] (*PCJ pgs 99-100*)
New Faith Communities-Rev. Morris Matthis
[7] (*PCJ pg 101*)
Conference Camping-Rev. Doug Wintermute
[7] (*PCJ pgs 104-105*)
Project Transformation-Dr. Dallas Gingles
[4] (*PCJ pg 102*)
Introduction of New Director of

Congregational Excellence
Dr Jesse Brannen [3]

9:20 am	Break
9:40 am	<u>Business Session VII</u> Unfinished Business
10:40 am	Break
11:00 am	<i>Service of Sending Forth</i> Preacher: Rev. Romonica Malone-Wardley (Main Sanctuary)
12:00 pm	Adjourn

Special Guests

Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation-The mission of the Foundation is to improve the quality of life for Houstonians of all ages through the power of literacy—the ability to read, write, speak clearly, and think critically.

Neil Bush-is an international businessman who is active in service. He serves as Chairman of the Points of Light Board of Directors, where he expands his father's vision of inspiring, equipping and mobilizing volunteers to increase capacity for vital social services and for finding innovative solutions that lift individuals, strengthen families, and renew communities. Neil chairs both the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, dedicated to helping all Houstonians realize their fullest potential through literacy, and the Bush China US Relations Foundation which convenes a conference that brings together leaders from the USA & China forging cooperation on issues of global importance. He also serves on the Advisory Boards of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A & M, the Houston Salvation Army, the Asia Society Texas Center. In Neil's professional life he develops international business opportunities.

Neil and wife-Maria have 6 wonderful children and are proud that the family passion for service has passed on to the next generation. Neil earned an MBA & BA from Tulane University.

Julie Baker Finck, Ph.D., President for the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, with more than 20 years of experience in the field of K-12 education. Prior to this role, Dr. Finck served on the executive leadership team of the Houston Independent School District as Chief Academic Officer and Chief Major Projects Officer. She has served in leadership positions at both a regional and state level in Ohio leading large-scale, education reform initiatives. Prior to her move to Houston, she served as a senior director at Battelle for Kids, a national nonprofit organization. Dr. Finck began her career as a middle school teacher in Kentucky. She earned her Doctorate of Philosophy in education administration from Ohio State University.

Dr. Finck has lived in Houston for 8 years. She lives with husband-Ron and has three step-children. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, running, swimming, golfing, playing with her English bulldog-Gabbi and reading.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 26, 2018

6:00 pm Cabinet Dinner (Private Home)

Sunday, May 27, 2018

2:00 pm TAC 2018 Registration (Wesley Hall)

2:00 pm UMW Program Planning Meeting
(D208)

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

4:00 pm Texas Conference Young People Gathering
(The Loft-Rebel Base)

8:30 pm Candidates Practice (Main Sanctuary)

Monday, May 28, 2018

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

All day Clergy Spouse’s Hospitality Room (Harvest Hospitality Room)

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 (D206)
All day	Nursing Mother's Pump Room (Infant Care Room)
All day	Prayer Room-Celebration Women (Chrysostom Chapel)
All day	Youth Connexion (The Loft-Green Room)
7:00 am	Fellowship of Associate Members & Local Pastors Breakfast (Asbury Hall)
7:00 am	That We May Be One Breakfast (Marriot Waterway Ballroom)
7:30 am	Restorative Justice Breakfast (2 nd floor- Children's Worship Center)
7:30 am	Small Membership Church Breakfast (Aldersgate Hall)
8:00 am	Registration Continues until 8 pm (Wesley Hall)
11:00 am	Christian Educator's Fellowship (TCCEF) Luncheon (2 nd floor-Children's Activity Center)
11:30 am	Clergy Spouse's Luncheon (Asbury Hall)
11:30 am	Confessing Movement Luncheon (FLC Gymnasium)
11:45 am	TAC Awards Banquet (Aldersgate Hall)
11:45 am	Laity Luncheon (Marriott Waterway)
12:00 pm	Duke Divinity Alumni Luncheon (2 nd Floor- Children's 1 st & 2 nd Grade Classrooms)
12:00 pm	UM ARMY Honors David Sabom/Nisha Patel (The Loft-Hangar)
12:00 pm	UMW Luncheon (The Loft-Worship Center)
5:00 pm	Friends of Wesley Foundation Dinner (Fuddrucker's in The Woodlands)
5:00 pm	U-35 Family Dinner (Christ Church The Woodlands)
5:15 pm	Reconciling United Methodists Dinner (FLC Gymnasium)
5:30 pm	Celebracion-Hispanic Ministry Dinner (Wesley Hall)
9:15 pm	Texas Impact Coffee & Dessert (Asbury Hall)

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

All day	Childcare (Noah's Nook & Children's Ministry Areas)
All day	Clergy Spouse's Hospitality Room (Harvest Hospitality Room)
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 (D206)
All day	Nursing Mother's Pump Room (Infant Care Room)
All day	Prayer Room-Celebration Women (Chrysostom Chapel)
All day	Youth Connexion (The Loft-Green Room)
7:00 am	Black Clergy Women & Friends (Asbury Hall)
7:30 am	Native American Ministries Breakfast (2 nd Floor-Children's 3 rd -4 th Grade Classrooms)
7:30 am	Order of Deacons Breakfast (2 nd floor- Children's Worship Center)
7:30 am	Religion & Race Breakfast (Aldersgate Hall)
7:45 am	Golden Care/Golden Cross Breakfast (2 nd Floor-Children's Activity Center)
8:00 am	Group Health Benefits Fair (Outler Atrium)
10:00 am	Church Business Administrators Gathering (2 nd Floor-Children's 3 rd -4 th Grade Classrooms)
11:30 am	Friends of Asbury Seminary Luncheon (The Loft-The Hangar)
11:30 am	Parish Nursing/Golden Care Luncheon (2 nd Floor-Children's 1 st & 2 nd Grade Classrooms)
11:30 am	Perkins School Friends & Alumni Luncheon (2 nd floor-Children's Worship Center)
11:30 am	Workers with Young People Luncheon (Escalante's in The Woodlands)
12:00 pm	Austin Presbyterian Seminary Luncheon (TBA)
12:00 pm	BMCR Luncheon (The Loft-1 st - 4 th Grade)
12:00 pm	Celebration Women's Ministry Luncheon (Asbury Hall)
12:00 pm	Methodist Children's Home Luncheon (The Loft-Worship Center)
12:00 pm	Retiree Luncheon (Wesley Hall)
3:00 pm	Communications Gathering & Awards (2 nd Floor-Children's 1 st -2 nd Grade Classrooms)
5:00 pm	Commissioning & Ordination Dinner (Wesley Hall)

- 4:30 pm United Methodist Women's Executive Dinner & Meeting (2nd floor-Children's Worship Center)
- 9:00 pm Commissioning & Ordination-Meet & Greet Wesley Hall and Outler Atrium
- 9:00 pm Prayer Room for those Interested in Ministry (Aldersgate 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 (D206)
- 1/2 day Nursing Mother's Pump Room (Infant Care Room)
- 1/2 day Prayer Room-Celebration Women (Chrysostom Chapel)
- 1/2 day Youth Connexion (The Loft-Green Room)
- 7:30 am Clergywomen Breakfast (Asbury Hall)