



Sunday SCHEDULE

All activities will be held in Stuart Auditorium, unless indicated.

2 p.m.
Registration begins
 Register until 8 p.m. at Foundation for Evangelism building.

4 p.m.
Laity Session
 Stuart Auditorium

5 p.m.
Clergy Session
 Stuart Auditorium

5:45 p.m.
 • **Rehearsal** for Sunday evening communion servers
 • **Dinner** served at Terrace Hotel and Lambuth Inn

7 p.m.
Pre-Service Music
 • Fountain City UMC Choir
 Knoxville, Tenn.

7:30 p.m.
Opening Worship
 • Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, preaching and presiding

For your information

- The "Book of Reports" and "Worship Book" may be downloaded at AC.Holston.org. Please take them to all sessions.
- After today, registration will be open at Harrell Center (Susan Todd Lounge) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- In addition to meals at Terrace and Lambuth hotels, members may buy Monday and Tuesday lunch from vendors outside the auditorium: Bojangles, Lenoir Creek Beef, and sandwiches from Lake Junaluska food service. ■



Tuesday 7 p.m.
 ▲ Lauren Tally, gospel artist from Morristown, Tenn., will sing.

Welcome to Lake Junaluska

Laity will meet today at 4 p.m., clergy at 5 p.m., both in Stuart Auditorium

Welcome to the 2017 session of the Holston Annual Conference, held today through Wednesday at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center.



Tonight 7:30 p.m.
 ▲ Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor will preside and preach.

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About this newspaper

The Call is Holston's main source of news and information. Because of production changes with our printer in Asheville, this daily print edition will be available only two days this year instead of four: Sunday and Wednesday.

This year's Annual Conference is comprised of 1,946 clergy and laity representing 880 churches in 12 districts in east Tennessee, southwest Virginia, and north Georgia. Also attending are representatives of three related colleges, five Wesley Foundations, a children's home, a retirement community, four camps, and several seminaries and ministry teams.

The Annual Conference is the yearly meeting of Holston United Methodists for spiritual renewal, ministry, and business decisions. Commissioning, recognition, and appointing of clergy will also

This edition (Sunday) provides previews of the week to come. On Wednesday morning, another print edition will be available at Stuart Auditorium with news of Annual Conference activities so far. The Wednesday newspaper will aid you in providing reports to your church members back home.

To compensate for the print reduction and to keep the information coming, our communications staff is boosting content and delivery in new ways. Beginning this morning through Thursday morning, Annual Conference members will receive a daily electronic newsletter from *The Call* in their email inboxes. Here are other ways to locate the daily e-newsletter, news stories, podcasts, photos, videos, and updates:

- Daily news: ACNews.Holston.org
- Facebook: Facebook.Holston.org
- Twitter @TheCall_Holston
- Instagram: thecall_umc
- Hashtag: #holstonac17
- Live stream: AC.Holston.org
- General information: AC.Holston.org

Schedule

The Laity Session and Clergy Session will both be held today in Stuart Auditorium. Laity will meet at 4 p.m. Clergy will meet at 5 p.m.

Music by Fountain City United Methodist Church Choir begins at 7 p.m. in Stuart Auditorium. Worship with Holy Communion begins at 7:30 p.m. with Bishop Mary Virginia "Dindy" Taylor preaching.

Tomorrow morning, worship with Bible study and Holy Communion will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Stuart Auditorium. ■

Monday 7 p.m.
 ► Central UMC Music Ministry from Atlanta will present, "Africana Live: Reflect, Reclaim, Rejoice."



Monday 8:30 a.m.
 ▲ The praise band from El Ministerio del Espiritu Santo UMC (Sevierville, Tenn.) will lead morning worship.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

▼ Sisters Emily, Abby, and Katie Lin from Concord UMC, Knoxville, Tenn., will offer worship music.



MONDAY schedule

8:30 a.m.

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

- Teaching by Rev. Sam Roberts
- Music by El Ministerio del Espiritu Santo

9:45 a.m.

- Welcome from Lake Junaluska
- Organizing motions
- Rules and Order
- Hands-on Mission Kits

State of the Church

Bishop Dindy Taylor

Lay Leader Report

Del Holley

- Finance and Administration
- Cabinet Report (part 1)
- Conference Strategy Team
- Closing prayer

12 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m.

Chat Room: Strategy Team
Terrace Auditorium

2 p.m.

Memorial Service

- Rev. Randall Martin
- Annual Conference Choir

3:45 p.m.

- Hymn
- Discipleship Team
- Holston Conference Foundation
- Witness Team
- Denman Evangelism Awards
- Petitions and Resolutions
- Holston Home for Children
- Conference Strategy Team
- United Methodist Endorsing Agency
- Closing prayer

5 p.m.

Finance Q&A:

Terrace, Room 316

5 p.m.

Dinner

7 p.m.

A Night of Inspiration

Africana Live: Reflect, Reclaim, Rejoice

Opening worship includes teaching from the Rev. Sam Roberts, who taught religion and philosophy at Tennessee Wesleyan University for 30 years before retiring in 2016.



Sam Roberts

Conference Lay Leader Del Holley will give his annual report after Bishop Dindy Taylor delivers her annual "State of the Church" report.

The Council on Finance and Administration will propose a 2018 budget of \$9.07 million. You can ask questions about Holston's budget during a Q&A session tonight at 5 p.m. in Terrace, Room 316. The budget vote is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

Also this morning, the Strategy Team will present a plan that includes re-sizing Holston's districts from 12 to nine. From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., the Strategy Team will answer questions about the plan in Terrace Auditorium. Late this afternoon, the team will present again, and then the Annual Conference will vote on the proposed plan for Holston's future. The Strategy Team report begins on page 38 in the "Book of Reports."

At 2 p.m., the Memorial Service will celebrate the lives of 55 clergy and clergy spouses who died in the past year. The Rev. Randy Martin will preach on "Hand-Me-Down Faith," Martin is senior pastor at Broad Street UMC in Cleveland, Tenn., and projected to be the next Chattanooga District superintendent effective July 1.



Randy Martin

Late this afternoon, the Petitions and Resolutions Committee will ask you to vote on three resolutions, provided on pages 209-212 in the "Book of Reports." The resolutions concern clergy vacations, immigrants, and online communion.

Tonight at 7 p.m., the music ministry from Central United Methodist Church in Atlanta will present, "Africana Live: Reflect, Reclaim, Rejoice." ■

TUESDAY schedule

7:15 a.m.

5K Run/ 1-Mile Walk
Outside Stuart Auditorium

8:30 a.m.

Morning Worship

- Teaching by Rev. Sam Roberts
- Music by the Lin Sisters

9:35 a.m.

- Leadership Holston
- Trustees
- African American Ministries
- Congregational Development
- Personnel Resources
- Nominations
- Nurture Team
- United Methodist Women
- Board of Pensions

11 a.m.

Retirement Recognition

12 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m.

Rise Against Hunger
Kern Youth Center

2 p.m.

- Higher Education and Ministry: Francis Asbury Award, Emory & Henry College, Hiwassee College, Tennessee Wesleyan University, Wesley Foundations
- Commission on a Way Forward
- Board of Ordained Ministry
- Local Pastors Licenses
- Hispanic Ministries
- Equitable Compensation
- Outreach/ Advocacy
- Lay Abuse of Clergy
- Stewardship Team
- Finance and Administration
- Constitutional Amendments
- Cabinet Report (part 2)
- National Council of Churches
- Closing prayer

5 p.m.

Dinner

7 p.m.

Pre-Service Music

Lauren Talley

7:30 p.m.

Evening Worship:
Missions Celebration

Today, the Annual Conference will take two offerings. Please drop off your "Change for Children" offering outside Stuart Auditorium 8:30-10 a.m. Tonight, take your offering for Ishe Anesu to evening worship.

Following morning worship at 8:30 a.m., the reporting groups will include the African American Ministries Team, which was newly formed in the past year, and the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits. The latter will present a proposal to assume partial funding of the retiree health insurance supplement through the direct invoice for health insurance. The 2018 rates for the local church will be set at \$9,120. See page 180 in the "Book of Reports" for details.



African American Ministries Team

At 11 a.m. the Retirement Recognition will celebrate the ministries of 20 clergy and their combined 523 years of service. Their names and memoirs begin on page 51 in the "Book of Worship."

At lunchtime, you'll have the opportunity to "Rise Against Hunger" by packing meals at Kern Youth Center. Rise Against Hunger was formerly known as "Stop Hunger Now." Donations of \$5 will be received at Stuart Auditorium's information desk or at the doors as you exit this morning's session.

This afternoon agenda will include a report from the "Task Force on Bullying and Harassment of Clergy by Laity," See page 173 in the "Book of Reports."

Later, the Annual Conference will vote on constitutional amendments from the 2016 General Conference. See page 214 in the "Book of Reports."

After dinner, the music starts at 7 p.m. with gospel singer Lauren Talley. Evening worship will include thanksgiving for Holston's many missions, as well as an appearance by Maria and Bill Humbane, who are retiring as leaders of Ishe Anesu in Zimbabwe. ■

SPECIAL EVENTS: Meals, meetings, reunions

Monday, June 12

7 a.m. – Cabinet Breakfast: Terrace Room 316

Noon – Candler Alumni Luncheon: Foundation for Evangelism

Noon – Ministers' Spouses Luncheon: Long's Chapel UMC, Waynesville

Noon – Peace with Justice/ Outreach-Advocacy Luncheon: Terrace, Room 316

12:30 p.m. – Strategy Team Chat Room: Terrace Auditorium

12:30 p.m. – Deacon and Diaconal Ministries Luncheon: Terrace, Room 319

5 p.m. – Council on Finance and Administration Q&A: Terrace, Room 316

5 p.m. – Black Methodists for Church Renewal: Lambuth, International Room

5:15 p.m. – Missions Dinner: Terrace Auditorium

8:30 p.m. – CCYM/ Youth Night: Shackford Hall

Tuesday, June 13

7 a.m. – Emory & Henry Alumni Breakfast: Foundation for Evangelism

7 a.m. – Extension Ministries Breakfast: Terrace, Room 316

7 a.m. – Tennessee Wesleyan Alumni Breakfast: Terrace, Room 319

7 a.m. – Hiwassee College Breakfast: Lambuth, Saville Room

7 a.m. – Society of Biblical Studies Breakfast: Terrace Auditorium

7:15 a.m. – 5K Run/ 1-Mile Walk: Outside Stuart Auditorium

Noon – Associate Members and Local Pastors Luncheon: Lambuth, International Room

Noon – Board of Higher Education Luncheon: Foundation for Evangelism

Noon – Holston Retirees Luncheon: Terrace Auditorium

12:30 p.m. – On-Site Mission / Rise Against Hunger: Kern Youth Center

6:30 p.m. – Duke Divinity Alumni Fellowship: Harrell Center, 2nd level porch

Wednesday, June 14

1 p.m. – Board of Ordained Ministry: Terrace, Room 316