bishops' speaking assignments
• Feb. 12: Holston Confer-
ence Black Methodists for
Church Renewal, Beck Creek
Center, 2-4 p.m.
• Feb. 13: Holston Evange-
lists Methodist, Clinton,
5:30 p.m.
• Feb. 21: First Cleveland
UMC, 10:45 a.m.
• Feb. 28: Grace Lutheran,
UMC, Charlotte, 8:45 a.m.

An annual conference of over 200 United Methodist bishops from around the world will be held March 1-8 in Nashville, Tenn. Bishop James Swanson will represent the Holston Area in the United States. Swanson said, “We are gathered to learn from one another and to grow as Christian leaders. Attending the General Conference is an important spiritual and professional commitment.”

Letter to the editor:
The Call is an excellent resource and I enjoy it very much. However, if I could make an improvement, I would like The Call to be a little more polished. The page numbers are often missing or out of order, and at times some of the text is not readable.

The Francis Asbury Award is presented at Annual Conference to a leader in higher education. Nominations are due April. Download a nomination form at http://holston.org/medical/nominations. Francis Asbury, Nominations.pdf or call the conference office toll-free at (865) 700-4800.

Annual Conference resolutions:
March 1: Sentence 15 of Minnesota Reso-

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Junior High Service Week puts middle school students to work building homes, spreading good cheer, and participating in other hands-on ministry projects. Sign up for June 7-11 week at Camp Lookout. Visit http://camplookout.org or e-mail don@camplookout.org.

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