

2024 Annual Conference Working Agenda
The Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church
Sunday, June 16 – Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Theme: Revive Us, Isaiah 43: 18-19
Location: First United Methodist Church, Montgomery

Sunday, June 16

- 4:00 p.m. Registration Opens
Laity registration: narthex of sanctuary
Clergy registration: fellowship hall
- Fellowship of Local Pastors Gathering – TBD
- 4:30 p.m. Page training, youth lounge (Wesley Hall 3rd floor)
- 5:30 p.m. Teller training and review – fellowship hall
- 6:30 p.m. Laity Session – sanctuary
Clergy Session – fellowship hall
- 8:30 p.m. Registration Closes

Monday, June 17

- 7:00 a.m. Biometric Health Screenings open – “The Attic” in Wesley Hall (elevator access available)
- 7:45 a.m. Registration Opens - laity and clergy in fellowship hall
- 8:30 a.m. OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE - sanctuary
Sermon: Bishop Sharma Lewis
Resident Bishop, Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church
Guest musicians – Auburn United Methodist Church Choir
- Teller Meeting immediately following worship – fellowship hall*
- 10:00 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – fellowship hall
Gathering Music –
Hymn – *And Are We Yet Alive*
- Welcome from the Host District Superintendent – Rev. Jean Tippit, Panhandle District Superintendent
Prayer –

Welcome from City of Montgomery Mayor – Mayor Steven Reed

Monitoring Explanation – Mary Catherine Phillips

Parliamentary Review Video

Opening Business and Organization of the Conference

Setting the “bar” of the Conference

Election of secretarial staff

Approval of the 2023 Conference *Journal*

Adoption of the 2024 Conference Working Agenda

Presentation of the 2024 Consent Agenda

Committee on Standing Rules (to lie on the table overnight) –

Rev. Dr. Kathy Knight

Committee on Resolutions and Petitions (to lie on the table overnight) –

Rev. Christina Shaver

Committee on Nominations – Mary Catherine Phillips

Recognition of Mr. Bob Northcutt, former AWF Chancellor

Introduction of new AWF Chancellor and assistant Chancellor

Recognition of Birmingham-Southern College – Dr. Hunter Pugh

Episcopal Address, Bishop David Graves

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
Seminary lunches off site

1:00 p.m. Biometric Health Screenings close

2:00 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – fellowship hall
Gathering Music –
Prayer –

Board of Ordained Ministry – Dr. Darren McClellan

Recognition of Commissioning, Ordination and Associate Member classes

Recognition of First-Time Licensed Local Pastors

Recognition of Licensed Local Pastors who completed Course of Study

Recognition of Clergy in Extension Ministries and Appointments Beyond the
Local Church

Recognition of Retiring Clergy

Connectional Ministries Report (video)

Laity Address, Mr. Frank Jenkins

Teaming with Tanzania Report

4:45 p.m. ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordinands and Commissionees Prepare for Pre-Service Preparations
Registration Closes

7:00 p.m. Service of Ordination and Commissioning – sanctuary
Sermon: Dr. Jeff Wilson, “Partners in the Gospel” Philippians 1:3-11
Offering: Ministerial Education Fund
Reception to follow – Epworth Room in Wesley Hall

Tuesday, June 18

7:45 a.m. Registration Opens, laity and clergy in fellowship hall

8:00 a.m. Teller Meeting

8:30 a.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – fellowship hall
Gathering Music –
Opening Prayer –

Report of the *Journal* Committee

Action on Standing Rules – Rev. Dr. Kathy Knight

Action on Resolutions and Petitions – Rev. Christina Shaver

Episcopacy Committee – Rev. Dr. Cory Smith

Task Force on Church Planting or New Ministry Update Report – Rev. Jean Tippit

Alice Lee and Jane Walker Scholarship Award – Rev. Chelsey Brown and Katy Wrona

11:00 a.m. ORDER OF THE DAY – Memorial Service - sanctuary
Remembering those who passed since the 2023 Annual Conference Session
Sermon: Rev. Amy Persons
Memorial Service lunch for surviving family members follows – Epworth Room

12:00 p.m. Conference Announcements and Lunch Break – offsite

2:00 p.m. CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION – fellowship hall
Gathering Music –
Prayer –

Board of Pension and Health Benefits – Rev. Allison Posell, Chair
Action Item: Past Service Rate

Board of Trustees –Rev. Emily Kincaid

Report of the Cabinet – Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson
Change in Charge Lines
Property Resolutions

Where shall the 2025 Session be held?

Equitable Compensation – Rev. Angie Long
Action Item: Setting of Minimum Salary

ORDER OF THE DAY: Council on Finance and Administration- Mark Davidson
Action Item: 2025 Conference Budget
Action Item: Setting of District Superintendent Salary

5:00 p.m. Dinner Break - offsite

7:00 p.m. ORDER OF THE DAY
Gathering Music –
Hymn –

Report from the 2024 General Conference
Rev. Emily Kincaid and Clara Ester

Fixing of the 2024-2025 Appointments

Sending Forth

Adjournment *Sine Die*