

The Fifty-Fourth Session of the  
**SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*Organized 1972, Continuing the South Carolina Conference (1785) and the South Carolina Conference (1866)*

**See The Possibilities, Live The Promises!**  
**See The Possibilities of a Seed-Jeremiah 29:5-7**  
**“Plant gardens and eat what they produce.” Jeremiah 29:5**

**Sunday, June 8 – Wednesday, June 11, 2025**  
Greenville Center, Greenville, South Carolina | Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Presiding

**2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA**

(All sessions and events in-person unless noted otherwise)

**Sunday, June 8, 2025 – Day One**

- 2:00 pm Packet Pick-Up for Registered Lay & Clergy Members *(until 6 pm)*  
*(until 6pm on Sunday, and reopens Monday morning)*
- 3-3:45 pm New Lay Member Orientation (Session 1)
- 4:30 pm Clergy Session (in person)
- 4-4:45 pm New Lay Member Orientation (Session 2)
- 7:00 pm Commissioning, Ordination and Retirement Recognition Service  
*(Retiring Clergy, Ordination & Commissioning Candidates will participate in-person)*  
*Presiding & Preaching: Bishop Leonard E. Fairley*  
*Resident Bishop, South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church*  
*(The offering received this evening is for the SC Conference Seminary Students Scholarship Fund, an endowment of the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, which provides scholarship awards to candidates for ministry from South Carolina attending United Methodist seminaries and theological schools. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, SC Conference (memo line: Seminary Students Scholarship Fund). Donations can also be mailed to: The Office of the Conference Treasurer, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29203)*

**Monday, June 9, 2025 – Day Two**

- 8:00 am Packet Pick-Up for Registered Lay & Clergy Members *(until 1 pm)*  
Wespath Clergy Presentation with Q&A for Compass
- 9:00 am Opening Worship Service  
*(The offering received this morning is for the Healing Guatemala Misson. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, SC Conference (memo line: Healing Guatemala Misson). Donations can also be mailed to: The Office of the Conference Treasurer, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29203)*
- 10:15 am Conference Organization *(Welcome, Greetings, Introductions & initial reports)*  
Call to Order  
Greetings from Host DS  
Greetings from Host Pastor  
Organizational Motions  
Consent Calendar (SR 22)  
Committee on Standing Rules (SR 18)  
Committee on Nominations (SR 19)  
Report of Committee on Episcopacy  
President of Epworth Children’s Home
- 12:00 pm Lunch Recess  
Retiree Lunch
- 2:00 pm Africa University  
Committee Council on Finance and Administration (SR21)  
Committee Resolutions and Appeals  
The Report of the Cabinet (BOD 605.4)  
Report of the Conference Lay Leader (BOD 605.5)
- 4:15 pm Report of the Board of Ordained Ministry *(including the recognition of those who have completed the Licensing School of Pastoral Ministry)*
- 5:00 pm Evening Praise and Prayer  
*Rev. Dr. Luke M. Rhyee - Healing Guatemala Mission Missionary, Columbia District*
- 6:00 pm Evening Recess *(unless the president feels the need to reconvene after dinner)*

## Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – Day Three

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion – *(in room 203)*  
*Liturgist: Rev. Kim M. Bryant - 2025 Ordained Deacon, Grace UMC Associate, Charleston District*  
*Preacher: Rev. M. Antoinette Gaboton-Moss – 2021 Licensed Local Pastor, Northeast UMC, Columbia District*  
*Celebrant: Rev. B. Keith Stewart – 2025 Ordained Elder, First UMC (Cheraw), Hartsville District*
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Praise and Prayer  
*Rev. Kathryn M. Bariou – 2024 Ordained Deacon, Trinity UMC (Anderson), Anderson District*
- 9:35 a.m. Congregational Development Video  
Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry  
The Report of the Commission on Equitable Compensation  
The Report of the Board of Pension & Health Benefits  
Conference Connectional Ministries  
Wespath Presentation with Q&A for Compass  
Elections-Committee on Nominations  
South Carolina United Methodist Related Colleges & Universities
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Recess
- 2:00 p.m. General Board of Higher Education and Ministry  
Report of the Chancellor  
Constitutional Amendment Voting  
Report of the Ministry Advisory Team
- 5:00 p.m. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving  
*Preacher: Rev. William F. Malambri, III – Belin Memorial UMC, Marion District*
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Recess *(unless the president feels the need to reconvene after dinner)*

## Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – Day Four

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion – *(in room 203)*  
*Liturgist: Rev. Rev. Ronald B. Crimm - 2025 Provisional Deacon, Lamar UMC, Hartsville District*  
*Preacher: Rev. Brauer D. Kittrell – 2024 Licensed Local Pastor, Ebenezer UMC & Marshall UMC, Anderson District*  
*Celebrant: Rev. Thessa G. Smith – 2025 Ordained Elder, Trinity UMC (Greenwood) & Harris UMC, Greenwood District*
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Praise and Prayer  
*Rev. Adrienne E. Stokes – 2025 Provisional Elder, Hickory Hill UMC & Buckhead UMC, Walterboro District*
- 9:30 a.m. Methodist Homes  
Adoption of Consent Calendar  
Resolutions to Church Closing and Charge Line Change  
Council on Finance and Administration (SR 21)  
Date and Location of the 2025 Session of Annual Conference  
Expressions of Appreciation and Omnibus Motion
- 11:30 a.m. Sending Forth and Fixing of the Appointments