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## Connecting at the Table



Some members of the Connectional Table of the Upper New York Annual Conference discuss matters of the conference during their meeting at Liverpool First United Methodist Church in Liverpool, N.Y. early this month.

Photo by Maidstone Mulenga

## Conference leaders hear of progress, growing pangs

It's the table where all are welcome. It's also the table where news, good and bad, is shared. It's the place where connections are made. So when members of the Connectional Table met early this month in Liverpool, N.Y., not all was good news.

The Connectional Table had a taste of some pleasant and some bitter information about the progress made by the new conference since it came into existence on July 1, 2010.

The sweet news was on how well the conference is coming together less than a year after its formation. "There are positive signs

wherever I visit," Area Resident Bishop Marcus Matthews told the gathering.

Most of the unpleasant information centered on how some members were still grappling with the move from a small-size conference to a large one.

"We are losing some connections," one of the members said during the table discussions.

Pursuant to the 2008 Book of Discipline, the Connectional Table was created to serve as the continuing voice of the Annual Conference Session. Its purposes include fostering community among conference leaders and across the

annual conference; serving as a learning forum about current and emerging mission and ministry opportunities throughout the Connection; and assessing and ensuring the alignment of annual conference resources with identified conference outcomes/areas of focus.

The membership of the Connectional Table consists of the chairpersons of mission and ministry areas in the Conference; the chairpersons or representatives of the support and administrative ministry teams; the Management Team; the Conference Leadership Team; the Appointive Cabinet; the district

lay leaders; and the necessary staff support.

At the March Meeting, Connectional Table members also heard presentations from Conference Lay Leader Scott John, who chairs the Connectional Table, and Crossroads District Superintendent Darryl Barrow on the "Call to Action" report from the denomination. Both Johnson and Barrow served on the Steering Team of the Call to Action.

After the presentations, members then broke into groups to discuss the report and how aspects of that report can be implemented in the Upper New York Area.

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## Registration opens for 2011 Annual Conference



Online and paper registration for the 2nd Session of the Upper New York Annual Conference Session is open. All active clergy and lay members to annual conference are required to register for the session, which will be held in Rochester, N.Y., June 7-11, 2011.

This will be the first full session of the new annual conference. The First Session, also known as the Uniting Conference, and its adjourned session were one-day events.

About 2,000 people are expected at the session and therefore everyone planning to attend must register.

Even those who don't have to pay any fees, such as retired clergy members and equalization members, must also register. The online registration offers a chance to pay online by PayPal or credit card. You may register online and send in your check later. You may also register online and then call the Conference Office to pay by credit card. The categories for registration are: lay member, clergy member, retired clergy member, equalization member, clergy member on incapacity leave, visitor or guest.

The full registration package includes hotel accommodation from

Tuesday through Friday nights, and meals from Wednesday lunch through Saturday breakfast. The commuter package includes lunch and dinner from Wednesday through Friday but no hotel accommodations. There are also provisions for retired clergy to attend the Tuesday Night Retirement Banquet at a nominal fee. The Tuesday Package includes room on Tuesday night, Wednesday breakfast and Wednesday lunch.

For online registration, go to <http://www.unyumc.org/pages/detail/1492>  
See Page 8 for paper registration.

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## Meet Upper New York Disaster Response Coordinator

Louise Continelli  
The Buffalo News

**LOCKPORT** — Call him the “Disaster Pastor.” He’s been involved in recovery work — including floods, tornadoes and ice storms in New York State, hurricane response in the eastern United States, and has led mission teams to rebuild homes all over the East Coast.

The Rev. Carl Chamberlain, pastor of the charming Warrens Corners United Methodist Church in the Town of Lockport, has been disaster-response coordinator for the Western New York Conference of the United Methodist Church for more than 15 years. He is now serving in the same role for Upper New York Conference.

“It seems Methodists have always been involved in social-justice ministry,” said Chamberlain, who recently returned from Louisiana, where he underwent advanced training that focused on major disaster preparedness.

“A Category 5 hurricane hitting Connecticut has happened in the past, as has a series of major earthquakes along the New Madrid Fault in the middle of our country,” he said. “It wasn’t simply a matter of an exercise and practicing our skills, but thinking through the dynamics of disaster — response and management necessary to deal with these eventualities. Such damaging events will happen sometime in



the future, and many in our country will not be ready. Our trainers included all our denominational experts and representatives from FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency].” Chamberlain also is a board member of the New York State Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and the Niagara County Red Cross. In addition, he’s an active member of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company, serving as a member of its fire police and as one of the company chaplains. He’s also a spiritual-care coordinator for Niagara Hospice.

He was assigned to the the Erie County morgue for several shifts after the crash of Flight 3407 in his capacity as a mental- health volunteer through the Erie County Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team, the Erie County version of the Medical Reserve Corps.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, Chamberlain was deployed to the State Capitol for more than two weeks, where he represented NYS VOAD, the United Methodist Church and Church World Service. His disaster responses have included the

Gowanda and Silver Creek flooding in 2009 and the 2006 “October Surprise” storm.

He has been working in disaster response since high school.

“My first response was a barn fire in January, when the temperature was below zero,” Chamberlain said. “That was the day I learned to drink coffee. My second was a house fire in May before my high school graduation — a 5-year old girl died in that fire. My first natural disaster was the week I graduated from high school, when we lost power for six days due to flooding from Hurricane Agnes.”

Chamberlain began studies for his master’s degree in counseling psychology at St. Bonaventure University, graduating in 1991. He held a series of positions, including mental-health therapist, employment counselor and answering crisis calls from around the country.

“These were great experiences in preparation for ministry,” he said.

Warrens Corners United Methodist Church, 5293 Stone Road, has more than 50 congregants and dates back to the early 1800s, when tavern owner Ezra Warren donated the land to build a church.

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# Pray, fast, give during Lent

## Bishop Matthews calls on United Methodists in Upper New York to focus on neighborhoods

By Maidstone Mulenga  
Advocate Editor

United Methodists in the Upper New York Annual Conference have been urged to follow a "Pray - Fast - Give" plan during the Lenten Season.

In a letter to members of the church in the area, Resident Bishop Marcus Matthews outlined the details of the plan.

He pointed out the significance of the death and resurrection of Jesus. "It reminds us all of the gifts that the Lenten Season brings."

Bishop Matthews has asked United Methodists to take five minutes at noon every day during Lent to pray, giving God the requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving.

He also asked that all members take one day each week during Lent to fast and then donate the money saved by the fasting to the local church for missions and ministries that benefit local community directly.

Referring to the gospel lessons, Bishop Matthews pointed out that Jesus withdrew to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days before starting his public ministry.

"Whether you choose to do this as an individual, a family, a prayer group or an entire congregation, I urge and encourage you to lift up your neighbors in prayer. Pray for healing, for strength, for courage and conviction, and pray for hope."

He stressed the importance of the Conference vision that puts emphasis on growing in our relationship with God; living the Gospel of Jesus Christ and being God's Love with our neighbors in all places.



Upper New York Area  
of The United Methodist Church  
Resident Bishop: Bishop Marcus Matthews



To all United Methodists in Upper New York Area:

Dear Friends:

Lent arrives on Wednesday, March 9, and although the thermometer may not say it yet, spring awaits and soon flowers will be breaking through the snowy crust. Their rebirth from months of darkness reminds us of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It reminds us all of the gifts that the Lenten Season brings. As we enter the Lenten Season of the Christian year, I prayerfully ask you to do three things:

1. Take five (5) minutes at noon every day during Lent to pray, giving God your requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving. If a moment of silence better suits your location during the noon hour, please do so in remembering our Lord;

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to God's will God hears us. And if we know that God hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of God." (1 John 5:14-15)

2. Take one day each week during Lent to fast. In the Gospel lessons, we see where Jesus withdrew to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days before starting his public ministry. You can decide what is right for you but as the Lord Jesus Christ urges us: "when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your God, who knows what you do in private. And your God, who sees every-thing, will reward you." (Matthew 6:17-18)


3. Donate the money saved by the fasting to your local church for missions and ministries that benefit your local community directly. "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44-45)

Whether you choose to do this as an individual, a family, a prayer group or an entire congregation, I urge and encourage you to lift up your neighbors in prayer. Pray for healing, for strength, for courage and conviction, and pray for hope.

Let us live out the Conference vision of growing in our relationship with God; living the Gospel of Jesus Christ and being God's Love with our neighbors in all places.

Together, we can change the world ... one prayer, one fast and one gift at a time.

Blessings to you,

  
Bishop Marcus Matthews

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## Council of Bishops names Call to Action Interim Operations Team

The Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table have named a seven-member Call to Action – Interim Operations Team who will serve to guide change management and work with the Council of Bishops, the Connectional Table, the general agencies and many others to develop and implement work plans in stages leading up to and beyond the 2012 General Conference.

The Interim Operations Team (IOT) was authorized after adoption of several recommendations from the

previous Call to Action Steering Team by the Council of Bishops and Connectional Table in November 2010. Members of the team were initially chosen by a selection committee and then affirmed by vote of the two groups. The new team will disband in December 2012.

The IOT's assignment is to be a catalyst for implementing significant change in denominational structures, policies, practices and leadership in ways that are aligned with God's call, the church's mission, and the needs of the

world in the 21st century. Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, convener of the IOT said, "The Call to Action process helped to clarify the why and the what for denominational effectiveness. The IOT will next offer counsel to the Church about the who and the how."

The IOT is not a decision-making body and its advice and recommendations will be shared for action by appropriate leaders and groups across the connection. Only a small part of its work is expected to focus on legislation, with

the greater work being advice and counsel about processes and practices at the local, district, annual conference and general levels of the denomination.

Members of the IOT are: **Neil M. Alexander** (IOT executive coordinator); president and publisher of The U.M. Publishing House (UMPH) of The United Methodist Church.

**Carolyn H. Byrd**: chair and CEO of GlobalTech Financial. She is a member of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

**Adam Hamilton**: founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leewood, Kan.

**Laura Nichol**: works with boards, CEOs and executive teams and is currently on the Board of Visitors at Duke Divinity School.

**Gregory V. Palmer** (IOT convener): resident bishop of the Illinois Area.

**Gary Shorb**: president & CEO of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Memphis.

**Carol Tuthill**: recently retired executive with Procter & Gamble.

# Around the Conference

## Connecting at the Connectional Table



**March 5:** Connectional Table Members met to discuss the progress of the Upper New York Annual Conference. In attendance were the chairpersons or representatives of various Conference agencies and committees, members of the Management Team, members of the Conference Leadership Team, members of the Appointive Cabinet and district lay leaders.

Photos by Maidstone Mulenga, Director of Communications

## Equipping leaders at district training



**Feb. 5:** The Genesee Valley District held its Second Annual Leadership Training Day at Rush United Methodist Church for a day of worship, insightful teaching and fellowship. Among those holding workshops were Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services Sherri Mackey and Conference Director of Confectional Ministries Bill Gottschalk-Fielding.

Photos by Maidstone Mulenga, Director of Communications

# Around the Conference

## Cabinet visits urban neighborhood



**March 8:** Bishop Marcus Matthews led the Upper New York Extended Cabinet on a tour of a neighborhood in Syracuse, where Brown Memorial United Methodist Church thrives through its West Side Ministries. Members of the Cabinet also visited Delaware Academy, an elementary school in the neighborhood where the principal and the students were excited to meet the bishop and members of his Cabinet. Photos by Maidstone Mulenga, Director of Communications

## Voicing the need for advocacy



**Feb. 12:** Members of the Conference Leadership Team met with advocacy ministries leaders for a conversation on the new Conference formation as a journey and not a destination. In attendance were members from several advocacy agencies and teams including General Commission on Religion and Race and Older Adult Ministries.

Photos by Christian Vischi, Communications Associate



# F.O.O.D. for youth

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## UP!WORD '11

Holiday Inn at Syracuse/Liverpool  
April 8-10, 2011

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Room #	(Male/ Female)	(Adult/ Youth)	Grade
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	M/F	A/Y	Grade _____
	M/F	A/Y	Grade _____
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	M/F	A/Y	Grade _____
Room 2	M/F	A/Y	Grade _____
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# Anticipation builds as UP!WORD approaches "Grace: No Exceptions to God's Acceptance"

In a few weeks, hundreds of youth from our UNY Conference will gather at the Liverpool Holiday Inn for UP!WORD 2011.

They will be greeted in the parking lot and hallways with an outpouring of Shalom! They will laugh and smile and make new friends from youth groups across our state.

They will hear about the Mission of Peace 9mmop0to China, play games, dance and worship. They will sing and sway to familiar contemporary Christian and camp songs, and join in singing this year's theme song "Grace: No Exceptions to God's Acceptance."

MOPers for next year will be interviewed. New Conference Council on Youth Ministry (CCYM)ers will be welcomed; training will begin; and next year's officers will be selected by the body. That's a lot to fit into one weekend.

If that's not enough, they'll join in worship experiences that a team of youth and adults have spent months designing to express and convey their understanding of God's Amazing Grace!

Emcees for the weekend will be the dynamic duo of Alex Howland and Paul Sweet. Alex is from the Oneonta District and is a member of the Morrisville UMC. Paul comes from Adirondack Community Church in Lake Placid in the Adirondack District. As our hosts on the platform for the weekend, Alex and Paul will surely bring smiles to your faces.

All CCYM worship is youth-led, including the main messages. The four worship services have been thoughtfully developed to increase our understanding of "grace".

Friday evening's service will be a Music Service. The featured speaker is Ezra Kim of the Fulton State Street UMC. Saturday morning's worship will be a Prayer Service, and Amanda Markessinis from McKownville UMC in Albany will bring the message.

Saturday evening's service is a Healing Service. Maureen Gilbert of Central UMC in Endicott will offer a reflection.

Sunday morning will bring a Communion and Foot washing Service. Chelsea Aiosa from First UMC in Massena will be our speaker then.

The registration deadline is fast approaching - March 28. Don't get shut out. Register today!

For more information, or to download the registration form, visit the Conference website at <http://www.unyumc.org/pages/detail/1033>



Dozens of female clergy from the Upper New York Annual Conference pose for a photo during the 2011 NEJ Clergywomen's Consultation held in Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 26-March 2.

Provided photo

# Bodacious & Bold

## Bubbling Up, Bursting Out, Breaking Through, Building Up

Racial Ethnic Clergywomen's Forum ~ February 26-27, March 2  
 NEJ Clergywomen's Consultation February 27 ~ March 2, 2011  
 Written by Cathy Hall Stengel, Mountain View District Superintendent

The theme "Bodacious and Bold" was woven throughout the clergywomen's forum and consultation in Lancaster, Pa., last week. Bishop Violet Fisher and Lydia Muñoz led the Racial Ethnic Clergywomen's Forum. The NEJ's five women Bishops took the lead in setting the tone for the Clergywomen's Consultation.

Active Bishops Peggy Johnson and Jane Middleton were joined by retired Bishops Fisher, Susan Morrison and Susan Hassinger. Three members of the design team were from the Upper New York Annual Conference; Beth Benham, Northern Flow district superintendent, Michelle Bogue-Trost, pastor at Newtonville United Methodist Church and Natalie Hanson, Niagara Frontier district superintendent.

Worship was inspiring, empowering and invitational throughout the consultation. The Hahn-Sah-Rahng Korean Dance Team of the Korean-American clergywomen of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference brought the beauty of their name (perfect love, one love in English) to life as they moved powerfully with grace throughout the worship space.

The opening worship of the Consultation was led by the five bishops along with members of the design team for the event. Reflections on the theme "Dropping Our Veils" came from the hearts and history of each of the bishops. Each clergywomen who arrived before the opening worship had the opportunity to paint/create/design their own veils and

to wear them as they wished throughout the consultation. The history and story of veils into stoles could be felt and heard in the halls, gathering places, dinner tables and worship spaces.

Historically, United Methodist clergywomen have had global gatherings in the year preceding General and Jurisdictional Conference. The timing is intentional so that support and encouragement can be generated as women seek participation in and shared leadership of all delegations to General Conference. This is also critical in the encouragement of women as Episcopal Candidates to be elected at Jurisdictional Conference.

In an attempt to strengthen and experience jurisdictional expressions and experiences of the United Methodist Church, the consultations were held jurisdictionally this year. There will be a Global Clergywomen's Consultation in 2014.

Susan Morrison, called the "Mother Bishop in the Northeastern Jurisdiction," spoke about Episcopal elections from both a sense of call and an expression of gifts. She was elected to the Episcopacy at the age of 45 as a write-in candidate, initially receiving only that one ballot. The votes escalated, as did the spirit and energy as Morrison was elected. The secretary of that Jurisdictional Conference, as it has been told, presented Morrison with that one write-in ballot when she was elected.

There was much to celebrate at this clergywomen's consultation. The abundance of young clergywomen, seminary students, candidates along with those who have been in ministry much longer than women have been ordained created a cross generational excitement that was not only visible, but palpable in this

gathering. Young women, diverse women, women of differing abilities, elderly women, all women participated in everything from worship leadership, small group leadership, sofa sitting encouragement and mentoring to raising voices and arms in worship.

Along with worship opportunities, many workshops were offered throughout the days: opportunities to gather for physical movement; creating visual liturgy; talking about the endangered species known as marginalized urban youth; life balance; Native American spirituality; prayer of different styles and so much more.

One of the unique creations of this consultation was the creation of a timeline of life changing dates in the lives of those present and those who had gone before us in this part of the United Methodist Church. Nearly every woman present was photographed, and on the back of her picture was inscribed the year that was key on her journey. It might have been ordination, consecration, revelation or proclamation. At the closing worship it took 15 women to carry this timeline throughout the worship space to celebrate both where we had come from and where we will be going.

Bishop Johnson preached at the closing worship. She will be the only active female bishop going into Jurisdictional Conference 2012 as Bishop Middleton will join her three women colleagues in retirement. Worship closed with the song/chant "bubble up! burst out! break through! build up!"

The Upper New York Area was well represented with an estimated 40 women in attendance at the consultation as well as actively engaged in all aspects as partners in the jurisdiction.

## Is God calling you? Youth gathering may offer answer

July will be here before you know it! What will your youth group will be doing?

They could be attending **Youth 2011.**

It happens once every four years: a national United Methodist Church youth event that features the best ecumenical speakers, the best bands and thousands of youth from around the nation. This is Youth 2011.

United Methodists ages 12-18 gather in July for a nationwide event sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship. This is the first time Youth 2011 will meet twice in two locations:

**July 13-16** at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and;

**July 27-30** at the Convention Center in Sacramento, Calif.

There is still room on the bus being organized by the Conference Council on Youth Ministry (CCYM). Roundtrip bus transportation will be available to Purdue University for a maximum cost of \$300 per person. With the more persons riding the bus, the company will lower the cost. If you wish to reserve seats, please contact Rev. Tony Hipes, CCYM co-coordinator (607) 797-5675 or by email [tjhipes2@stny.rr.com](mailto:tjhipes2@stny.rr.com).

For more details check, [www.youth2011.org](http://www.youth2011.org). And talk to your youth group.

## Mission of Peace helps youth discern

The annual Mission of Peace (MOP) has become a highlight of their years in Conference Council on Youth Ministry (CCYM) for many of the youth. For many, it is a life changing experience, helping them discern or clarify their calling, and directing their college years and beyond. For the past 26 years, the Northeastern Jurisdiction (NEJ) has sent youth and adults on a Mission of Peace: Journey of Shalom. In 2012, the MOP will journey to Nicaragua. Youth interested in the MOP must complete an application and go through an interview process. The Upper New York CCYM is currently scheduling the interviews. The interviews will be held on April 8 at the Liverpool Holiday Inn, prior to the opening of UP!WORD. Want to hear about the MOP? There will be multiple workshops during UP!WORD where the youth who participated in NEJ MOP 2010 to China will share their stories.

For more information about MOP, contact:

Ted Anderson, Genesee Valley district superintendent, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620, Phone: (585) 340-9525 Email: [ted@crcls.edu](mailto:ted@crcls.edu).

## COSCROW offers listening ear to UM women

From conflicts within the church through workplace issues to matters of relationships, many United Methodist women do not know where to turn for advice.

That is where the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) comes in. One of the mandated responsibilities of COSROW is advocacy for women in the church.

To fulfill that mandate, members of

the Upper New York Annual Conference COSROW have created the COSROW Listening Post, a free, confidential forum for women who need someone to just listen or offer advice.

Women wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity need only call one of the members of COSROW listed below.

The Listening Post is one way the members of COSROW are fulfilling the advocacy mandate.

COSROW contacts:

**Veleda Banta** (retired pastor)  
(607) 369-9484

**Tom Blake** (lay man)  
(607) 771-4866

**Rev. Allyson Ellis** (active clergy)  
(607) 847-6350

**Marcia Focht** (lay woman)  
(607) 771-2215

**Rev. Dr. Judith Johnson-Siebold** (active clergy) (518) 355-5350

# Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

\*REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE DUE BY MAY 1 (800 LATE FEE THEREAFTER)\*

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 2011 • RIVERSIDE CONVENTION CENTER, ROCHESTER

REGISTRANT INFORMATION: (Check ONE) **ALL MUST REGISTER EVEN IF NO FEES ARE DUE**

- Clergy Member     Retired Clergy Member     Clergy on Incapacity Leave  
 Elected Lay Member     Equalization Member     Alternate Lay Member, Visitor or Other

CHURCH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## LODGING & MEALS

Male     Female



Roommate Requested \_\_\_\_\_

### Lodging & Meal Packages - Select ONE

Active Clergy & Lay Members to Annual Conference <small>(Includes a \$75 Registration Fee)</small>	Commuter	Double Occupancy	Single
Full Package	<input type="checkbox"/> 196	<input type="checkbox"/> 409	<input type="checkbox"/> 600
Retired/Incapacity Leave Clergy & Equal. Members			
Full Package	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 192
Tuesday Night	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 24
Spouses and Visitors			
Full Package	<input type="checkbox"/> 121	<input type="checkbox"/> 334	<input type="checkbox"/> 525
Tuesday Night	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 70	<input type="checkbox"/> 118

Hotel Preference (denote first, second, third choice)    Hyatt \_\_\_\_\_ Radisson \_\_\_\_\_ Plaza \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare: Indicate ages of children \$25 per day  
 Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_  Age \_\_\_\_\_  Age \_\_\_\_\_  Age \_\_\_\_\_  Age \_\_\_\_\_

Full Package includes: Rooms Tuesday through Friday nights  
 Meals from Wednesday lunch through Saturday breakfast

Tuesday Night Package includes: Room on Tuesday nights  
 Meals include Wednesday's breakfast and lunch

Commuter Packages include: Lunch and dinner Wednesday through Friday (no room accommodations)

## RETIREMENT BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Tuesday, June 7, 5:30 PM



Total No. Attending	Reservation Choice	Total Banquet
	2011 Retirees plus ONE guest and guests - COMPLEMENTARY	\$0.00
	All other retirees & surviving spouses - \$12 each	
	All others - \$25 each	
	Children ages 5-10 - \$10; under 5 free	
	CHECK HERE <input type="checkbox"/> IF ONLY ATTENDING BANQUET (NOT CONFERENCE SESSIONS)	

## EXTENSION MINISTRY

(This meal is by invitation only)

Special Meal	No. Attending	Total
Extension Ministries	\$16.00	



## SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS?

Please indicate below or on a separate sheet any special needs/requests that we should be aware of, such as wheelchair use, handicapping conditions, medical conditions, dietary restrictions or special room arrangements:

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## CONFERENCE CHOIR



Check here if you wish to participate in the Conference Choir.

The schedule for rehearsals will be released at a future date; check the Conference website for updates at:

[www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org)

The musical selections and the Conference Choir Director will also be named at a future date.

Payment MUST be received in order for registration to be processed. Please mail your check to the address below or indicate your Credit Card information below. **DEADLINE: All reservations are due by MAY 1, 2011. A \$50.00 late fee will be applied after May 1.**

If paying by check, make it payable to UNYAC and mail to:

PO Box 1515  
 Cicero, NY 13039-1515

To pay by Credit Card (visit [www.unyumc.org/pages/detail/1492](http://www.unyumc.org/pages/detail/1492) to pay securely online)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mastercard OR  Visa    Name of Card Holder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Card Holder \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging & Meals	
Retirement Banquet	
Extension Ministry	
Childcare	
LATE FEE (after May 1st)	\$50.00
<b>Total To Remit:</b>	

## 2ND SESSION OF Upper New York Annual Conference

June 7-11, 2011 • Rochester, NY

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# AC 2011 agenda

The tentative schedule for the second session of the Upper New York Annual Conference Session in Rochester includes:

### Monday, June 6

6 PM Celebration of District Superintendent Service

### Tuesday, June 7

11 AM Ordination Rehearsal followed by Extension Ministry Luncheon

1:30-5 PM Laity and Clergy Sessions

5:30 PM Clergy Retirement Dinner

### Wednesday, June 8

9 AM Opening Worship

The first ballot for delegates to General Conference may be held this morning. Motions on rules, budget, pensions and nominations are planned for Wednesday afternoon.

### Thursday and Friday, June 9-10

Bible Study, Laity Address and other Holy Conference issues interspersed with Table Talk discussions. Also: Districting, Superintendents, Special Advance, Equitable Compensation, Clergy Compensation, and Trustees Reports and Motions. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday evening.

### Saturday, June 11

Receiving newly licensed local pastors and appointment announcements followed by Commissioning and Ordination Service.



# Pre-Conference briefings planned

In preparation for the 2011 Upper New York Annual Conference Session, pre-conference briefings have been set.

Resident Bishop Marcus Matthews, the Management Team, and members of the Cabinet will answer questions regarding proposals, motions, election of delegates to General Conference, budget etc.

There will be five face-to-face pre-conference briefings as follows:

- **Saturday, April 9** at 8:30 AM at the Sandy Creek UMC, 2031 Harwood Drive, Sandy Creek, NY 13145
- **Saturday, April 9** at 2:30 PM at the Faith UMC in Henrietta, 174 Pinnacle Road, Rochester, NY 14623 (GPS Location: 174 Pinnacle Road, Pittsford, NY 14534)
- **Sunday, April 10** at 2:30 PM at the Christ UMC, 633 Linwood Ave., Olean, NY 14760
- **Saturday, April 16** at 8:30 AM at the Sarah Jane Johnson UMC, 308 Main St., Johnson City, NY 13790
- **Saturday, April 16** at 2:30 PM at the Saratoga Springs UMC, 175 Fifth



8A	8:30A	April 9 Sandy Creek	April 10 Johnson City
9A			
10A			
2P	2:30P	April 9 Rochester	April 10 Olean
3P		April 16 Saratoga Springs	
4P			