

# “EVERYBODY NEEDS A HOME AND SO DOES THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.”

The mission of the South Georgia Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our vision for achieving this goal is by combining the Administrative Services Building and the Episcopal Building in order to better carry out our mission. Consequently, the Conference needs one facility in a convenient location where the work of the Conference can happen.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONFERENCE CENTER FOR THE SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### 1. WHY DO WE NEED A CONFERENCE CENTER?

A Task Force did a careful study of the needs of the South Georgia Conference focusing on three major areas: good stewardship of financial resources, current operational needs and future growth and ministry of the Conference.

The Conference is currently paying \$53,154.00 a year to rent the Episcopal Office and the Administrative Services Office in Macon. Both of these facilities are overly crowded, have inadequate parking and are faced with security concerns. Given the current need and assuming the South Georgia Conference will grow and thrive, the Task Force recommended to the 2009 Annual Conference that we secure the land and construct a Conference Center to house the Episcopal Office and the Administrative Services personnel and provide an office for Connectional Ministries personnel when they are in Macon. (The main office of Connectional Ministries will remain at Epworth by the Sea).

### 2. HOW MUCH WILL THE CONFERENCE CENTER COST?

The total cost of the 10,600 square foot Conference Center is \$2,900,000.00. The finances are to be raised by private donors and not apportionments. We appreciate the 2009 Annual Conference approving a gift to begin the project. These funds came from capital expenditure money which with interest has now accrued to \$500,000.

### 3. WHY WILL THE CONFERENCE CENTER BE BUILT AT WESLEYAN?

Wesleyan College has long been recognized as a Methodist hub and its location is widely known in Macon and throughout the South Georgia Conference. It has easy access and is convenient to the mission and ministry of the Annual Conference. Because of zoning regulations in the Wesleyan area of Macon, the Conference will construct the building on land we lease from Wesleyan for 99 years for an up-front payment and \$1 per year. The North Alabama Conference has a similar relationship with Birmingham Southern.

### 4. ARE THERE NAMING OPPORTUNITIES?

Yes, there are naming opportunities. These opportunities include the following:

- Building Wings \$300,000 ea. (two)
- Large Conference Room \$250,000
- Small Conference Room \$25,000
- Kitchen \$20,000
- Conference Offices \$10,000 each (thirteen)
- Break-out Room \$5,000
- Workroom \$10,000
- Courtyard Garden \$20,000
- Lobbying Area \$25,000
- Bishop's Suite \$150,000
- Building Wings \$300,000 ea. (two)

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The project cost is \$2.9 million dollars. Since there are no designated monies, we are seeking to raise the funds through private donations. This three year campaign began in June 2010. We invite every South Georgia United Methodist to consider making a gift or three year pledge to this needed Conference-wide project. Every gift counts. Join us in glorifying God and giving the South Georgia Conference a home.

“Everybody needs a home and so does the South Georgia Conference.” This theme expresses clearly where we are in our mission and ministry in South Georgia. In order to be more effective in our efforts to make disciples for the transformation of the world we need to combine the Episcopal Offices and the Administrative Services Offices into a single home.

## A WORD ABOUT THE CONFERENCE CENTER . . .

