

PREPARING FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*The South Georgia Conference
of The United Methodist Church*

2022 Annual Conference Session



**June 5-8, 2022
Columbus, Georgia**

2022 Annual Conference Working Agenda

**(Subject to Change)*

The South Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

June 5-8, 2022

Theme: “Great Is Your Faithfulness” Lamentations 3:22-24

Iron Works Convention Center, Columbus, Georgia

Sunday, May 22, 2022

4:00 PM CLERGY SESSION – PART 1 *(via Zoom Webinar)*

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Great Is Your Faithfulness: Welcome Home!

3:00 PM Registration Opens *(closes at 6:45 PM Sunday evening)*

3:30 PM Service of Ordination & Commissioning Rehearsal *(St. Luke UMC)*

5:30 PM Opening Worship Rehearsal *(Convention Center, Plenary Hall)*

7 PM OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

(Convention Center, Plenary Hall)

Sermon: Bishop James R. Swanson

Special Offering: North Katanga Partnership

Monday, June 6, 2022

Great Is Your Faithfulness: Compassion

7:45 AM Registration Opens

8:30 AM CLERGY SESSION – PART 2 *(Convention Center, Dining Gallery, Second Floor)*
LAITY SESSION *(Convention Center, Plenary Hall)*

9:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

(Convention Center)

Sermon: Rev. Adriane Burgess

10:30 AM CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION *(Convention Center)*

Convene and Welcome

And Are We Yet Alive

Courtesies and Introductions *(Rev. Lauri Hartley)*

Organizing Motions *(Mrs. Meredyth Earnest)*

Setting the “bar” of the Conference

Election of Secretarial Staff

Adoption of the 2022 Conference Agenda

Action on 2022 Consent Calendar *(Mrs. Meredyth Earnest)*

Presentation: Proposed Standing Rules Changes *(Dr. Derek McAleer)*

Presentation: Proposed Safe Sanctuaries Policy Updates *(Mrs. Allison Lindsey)*

Ministry Moment

Presentation: Committee on Resolutions *(Rev. Doreen Smalls)*

Presentation: Committee on Nominations (*Mrs. Meredyth Earnest*)
Conference Lay Leader Address (*Mr. J. Knapp*)
Recognition of Fully Connectional and Evangelistically Fruitful Churches
Ministry Moment
Conference Mission Special Offering Presentation (*Rev. Garth Duke-Barton*)

12:00 PM **Lunch Break**

2:00 PM **CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION** (*Convention Center*)
John Wesley Moment (*Rev. Dave Hanson*)
Board of Ordained Ministry (*Rev. Fran Magoni*)
Introduction of Extension Clergy
Receiving New Clergy
Ministry Moment
SGA Delegation Report (*Rev. Jim Cowart & Mr. Bill Hatcher*)
Conference Board of Trustees (*Dr. Jimmy Asbell*)
Local Church Disaffiliations (*Rev. Doreen Smalls, Dean of the Cabinet*)

4:50 PM **ORDER OF THE DAY**
The Methodist Home: A Celebration of 150 Years in Ministry (*Ms. Alison Evans*)
Invitation to complimentary BBQ dinner at St. Luke UMC
Conference Announcements and Recess

5:00 PM **Dinner Break**
The Methodist Home BBQ (*St. Luke UMC, Ministry Center*)

7:00 PM **ORDER OF THE DAY: Service of Ordination and Commissioning**
(*St. Luke UMC, Sanctuary*)
Pre-Service Concert beginning at 6:30 pm
Columbus-wide choir under the direction of Dr. Marc Boensel
Sermon: Bishop David Graves
Offering: Ministerial Education Fund
Reception Honoring the 2022, 2021, & 2020 Ordination & Commissioning Classes
(*St. Luke UMC, Stockwell Hall*)

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Great Is Your Faithfulness: Witness

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP** (*Convention Center*)
Sermon: Rev. Teresa Edwards

9:15 AM **CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION** (*Convention Center*)
Ministry Moment
Action on Nominations (Mrs. Meredyth Earnest)
Action on Resolutions (Rev. Doreen Smalls)
Standing Break

11:15 AM **ORDER OF THE DAY: Golden Anniversary Awards/Retiree Recognition**
(*Convention Center*)

- 12:00 PM** **Conference Announcements and Lunch Break**
- 1:00 PM** **Conference Visitation with Families of those whom we will remember**
All are welcome to come and greet the families.
(St. Luke UMC, Stockwell Hall)
- 2:00 PM** **ORDER OF THE DAY: Memorial Service with Holy Communion**
(St. Luke UMC, Sanctuary)
 Sermon: Rev. Bill Bagwell
 Offering: Fund for Special Relief
**The service will also be live streamed at the Convention Center.*
- 3:30 PM** **CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION (Convention Center)**
 Ministry Moment
Action on Standing Rules
Action on Safe Sanctuaries Policy Updates
 John Wesley Moment *(Rev. Dave Hanson)*
Standing Break
 Ministry Moment
 Pension and Health Benefits Report *(Dr. Ben Martin)*
 Retiree Health Care Trust Proposal
 Equitable Compensation Report *(Mr. Philip Lord)*
 Setting of Minimum Salary
 Church Closings *(Rev. Doreen Smalls, Dean of the Cabinet)*
- 5:00 PM** **Dinner Break**
- 7:00 PM** **CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION (Convention Center)**
- 9:00 PM** **EVENING ADJOURNMENT**

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Great Is Your Faithfulness: Peace

- 8:30 AM** **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION (Convention Center)**
 Sermon: Rev. Daniel Medina
- 9:15 AM** **CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION (Convention Center)**
 Ministry Moment
 Council on Finance and Administration Report *(Dr. Shane Green)*
 2023 Conference Budget
 Statistician's Report *(Dr. Derek McAleer)*
 John Wesley Moment *(Rev. Dave Hanson)*
 A collective prayer of lamentation of harm done to Boy Scouts participants
Standing Break
 August 2022 Called Annual Conference Session Details *(Bishop David Graves)*
 Annual Conference Program Committee
 Invitation to the 2023 Annual Conference
 Closing Motions and Announcement
Standing Break

10:30 AM **ORDER OF THE DAY: Sending Forth Service** (*Convention Center*)
Fixing of the 2022-2023 Appointments
Episcopal Address: Bishop David Graves

AFTERNOON CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION (if needed)**

Adjournment *Sine Die*

**Please note: This is the Working Agenda as of the publication of the Book of Recommendations and Reports. It is subject to change. The final agenda will be provided to conference members at registration and voted on during the opening business session.*

***Our goal is to adjourn by lunchtime on Wednesday. If the business of the conference is not yet complete we will take a lunch break after the sending forth service and return to complete our work.*

The United Methodist Church

SOUTH GEORGIA AREA



David W. Graves
Resident Bishop

Dear Lay and Clergy Members of the Annual Conference, Conference and Agency Leaders,

I am looking forward to sharing in my first Annual Conference with the wonderful people of South Georgia. Our theme is “Great Is Your Faithfulness” focused around Lamentations 3:21-23, “Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.”

A special thanks to those in Columbus who are doing all they can to prepare for a great experience. Our Opening Worship Service and all of our business sessions will be held in the Iron Works Convention Center – a wonderful place on the banks of the Chattahoochee River. The Memorial Service and the Ordination/Commissioning service will be held in the beautiful sanctuary of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

We have experienced God’s great faithfulness these last two plus years around a world-wide pandemic, racial and political tensions, world-wide conflicts and most recently the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. It has been three years since you were last together in person for Annual Conference, and I know we are all ready to greet one another.

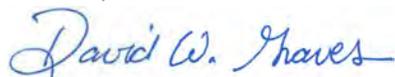
We have planned our schedule to allow a “Homecoming” feel with extended times of fellowship and worship. South Georgia’s own Bishop James Swanson will preach in our opening Sunday evening worship service. We know that we will be revived again in a powerful time of worship and the anointed preaching of my bishop, James Swanson. A special offering will be taken for our conference partnership in North Katanga. We will begin each morning with a worship service.

We rejoice that five people will be ordained or commissioned during the service Monday evening. God is at work among us and we celebrate those who are responding to God’s call. The special offering at this service will go to support ministerial education. Thanks for your generous support of our future clergy.

We will devote time to the business of the annual conference; hear reports; have moments of prayer; hear the Laity Address from our Conference Lay Leader, J. Knapp; read the fixing of appointments; and conclude with my Episcopal Address.

This *Book of Recommendations and Reports* represents the combined work of scores of laity and clergy in our conference. We thank each of them for their service to South Georgia.

In Christ,



David W. Graves, Resident Bishop
The South Georgia Episcopal Area, The United Methodist Church



A note from the Conference Secretary

Dear Lay and Clergy Members of the South Georgia Annual Conference,

Great Is Your Faithfulness! When I learned Bishop Graves had chosen this theme for our 2022 session I was incredibly inspired. Over the past few years we have all likely faced changes, difficulties, and obstacles that were oftentimes unexpected. Such times can often steal some of the joy from life and cause us to feel unsteady. Yet, Lamentations 3:22-24 reminds us that “the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’”

The words of the hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* also reminds us of God’s providence, as we use those inspiring words to focus our attention during our days together in Columbus: “Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.” This, my friends, is a message we can all rejoice in!

Using this theme as our guide, the Annual Conference Program Committee is pleased to welcome you to the Columbus Convention and Trade Center located at the Historic Ironworks for the 2022 South Georgia Annual Conference Session, June 5-8. An outstanding volunteer team from the Northwest District is preparing to host our conference in a spirit of hospitality. We are grateful for the leadership of our Local Arrangements Committee and its Co-Chair, Ms. Clair Thayer of St. Paul UMC, along with Mrs. Kelly Roberson, our Director of Conference Ministries/Communications. During the past year, so many faithful persons have been working to create meaningful services of worship, allow for areas to display the varied ministries of our conference and beyond, and develop an agenda that allows us to conduct our business in a worshipful spirit of Christian conferencing.

Our opening worship service and all business sessions will be held in the Convention Center. The Service of Ordination with Commissioning and the Memorial Service will both be held at St. Luke UMC. Childcare for the conference is also being graciously arranged by the leadership of St. Luke UMC. We are grateful for their hospitality as a partner with us in this year’s conference.

The majority of the business items for Annual Conference are contained in this ***Book of Recommendations and Reports*** (BOR). One of the purposes of the BOR is to allow you to read the recommendations, reports, and resolutions before you arrive for the conference. A good delegate is a prepared delegate. A working conference agenda may be found within this BOR. Please note that if there are any adjustments to the agenda you will always find the most recent and official version on the conference website.

There will be some reports that did not make the publication deadline for the BOR. These reports will be posted on the website and communication will be sent to conference members alerting them of any of these late additions. Both the BOR and any of these additional reports will all be important to have with you in Columbus. Please download them onto your digital device and/or print out the materials you need.

This year the Clergy Session will be held in two parts, with Part 1 occurring via Zoom Webinar on Sunday, May 22 from 4 – 6 p.m. All links and voting credentials will be sent to clergy session participants in the days prior to the Part 1 session. The Clergy Session Part 2 and the Laity Session will take place on Monday morning.

During our time in plenary session, we will observe the “bar” of the conference. Only delegates with proper credentials (noted by the correct color nametag) will be allowed to sit within the bar area.



There is a \$20 registration fee for all lay and clergy members of the Annual Conference. Retired clergy not serving a church are exempt from paying this fee. This fee will be collected at the registration tables at the convention center. Checks may be made payable to the South Georgia Conference.

I am excited about the plans that have been put in place by our Program Committee, our Conference Worship Committee, and Bishop David Graves. We look forward to seeing you in Columbus as we gather to celebrate God's abundant faithfulness!

With joy,

Meredyth K. Earnest
Conference Secretary

How to Make a Motion

Keep this handy and refer to it often; it will help you in the Annual Conference Session.

Parliamentary procedure is based on a general regard for the rights of the majority to make decisions in deliberative groups, the rights of a minority to be heard, and the rights of individual members to discuss and vote on issues. Rules are meant to provide that the simplest and most direct method of making decisions in an organization is by making motions (or resolutions, as they are called in more formal form). Secondary motions exist to deal with the main motion or to meet some immediate need of the organization.

HOW TO SPEAK TO THE CONFERENCE

1. Move to the nearest microphone.
2. Wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. You will be called on by the number of the microphone at which you are standing.
3. Step up where you can speak directly into the microphone.
4. Announce your name, membership (clergy or lay), and church first, and let the Chairperson repeat them before you proceed.

HOW TO MAKE A MOTION

1. Write out your amendment or other proposal in advance.
2. Indicate exactly where the change belongs – what words come out and what words are added.
3. Sign your name.
4. As soon as you finish reading your motion into the microphone, hand it to a teller to deliver to the secretary seated on the platform.
5. If you must make a motion without preparation, write it down and send it to the secretary immediately afterward.

Parliamentary Procedures

HOW TO UNDERSTAND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE						
TO DO THIS	YOU MUST SAY	INTERRUPT SPEAKER	SECOND NEEDED	MOTION DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE NEEDED
MAIN MOTIONS ARE TOOLS USED TO INTRODUCE NEW BUSINESS						
Introduce Business	“I move that...”	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	majority
Take up matter previously tabled	“I move that we take from the table...”	No	Yes	No	No	majority
Reconsider matter previously voiced	“I move that we reconsider”	No	Yes	No	No	majority
SECONDARY MOTIONS IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE						
Adjourn	“I move to adjourn”	No	Yes	No	No	majority
Recess	“I move we recess until...”	No	Yes	No	No	majority
Suspend debate without calling for vote	“I move that we table”	No	Yes	No	No	majority
End debate	“I move the previous question”	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 majority
Limit debate	“I move debate be limited to...”	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3 majority
Postpone to specific time	“I move to postpone this matter until...”	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	majority
Have matter studied further	“I move we refer this matter to...”	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	majority
HOW TO UNDERSTAND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE						
TO DO THIS	YOU MUST SAY	INTERRUPT SPEAKER	SECOND NEEDED	MOTION DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE NEEDED
Amend a motion or substitute	“I move to amend by...” or “I move to substitute.”	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	majority
Postpone indefinitely	“I move to postpone indefinitely.”	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	majority
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS GROW OUT OF THE BUSINESS THE CONFERENCE IS CONSIDERING						
Correct error in parliamentary procedure	“Point of Order”	Yes	No	No	No	chair rules
Obtain advice on parliamentary procedure	“I raise a parliamentary inquiry”	Yes	No	No	No	chair rules
Request information	“Point of information”	Yes	No	No	No	none

Information for Conference Members and Visitors

The next few pages contain information you will find helpful as you make plans to come to Columbus. Additional information and changes will be posted on the conference website, www.sgaumc.org/annualconference. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Meredyth Earnest, Conference Secretary
Clair Thayer & Kelly Roberson, Co-Chairs, Local Arrangements

Venue: All conference business, as well as the opening and closing worship services, will be held at the Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center (801 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901). The Ordination/Commissioning Service and the Memorial Service will be held at St. Luke United Methodist Church (1104 2nd Ave., Columbus, GA 31901).

Parking: Free parking will be available at the Trade Center parking deck as well as a free public parking deck located one block from the Trade Center. Please check the conference website for more detailed information on parking.

Registration: Registration will begin Sunday afternoon, June 5, at 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Convention Center. The registration fee for all pastors and lay members to Annual Conference is \$20. Retired clergy not serving a church are exempt from this fee. You will pay when you register at Annual Conference. Checks can be made payable to the South Georgia Conference. Administrative Services staff will be available for those who would like to pay by credit card (a service charge will be added). Please note: pre-registration is not required, and guests do not have to register.

Hotels: For a list of hotel options, please visit www.sgaumc.org/annualconference.

Childcare: Childcare for infants through 5th grade will be provided by St. Luke UMC. For more information and to register, visit www.sgaumc.org/annualconference.

Displays: Various conference boards, committees, commissions, councils, teams, and related agency displays will be located throughout the Convention Center. The displays interpret and celebrate the program ministries of the Annual Conference.

Medical Care: First aid and medical care will be available onsite. Should you need medical assistance, please go to the Information Table, and they will direct you to the EMT station.

Expenses/Per Diem: Clergy and lay delegates who represent a local church shall have their expenses (including registration) paid by the local church (this includes retired clergy who are serving a church). Lay delegates who represent an organization and extension ministers shall have their expenses paid by the organization they represent. Retired clergy not under appointment and clergy on disability shall receive a per diem of \$65 per day for each day attended. Lay members who do not represent a local church or conference organization shall receive a per diem on the same basis. Retired local pastors who are not serving a church do not retain their clergy status according to the *Book of Discipline*, and so do not qualify for a per diem.

Annual Conference Session will be streamed online: Even those who are not able to be in Columbus for the 2022 Annual Conference Session can still be a part of the four-day event. All worship services and business sessions will be streamed online. Please note that only those conference members in attendance will be able to vote. Visit www.sgaumc.org/annualconference for a detailed agenda and link to the streaming (beginning June 5 with the opening worship service). Make sure to tell others in your church.

Social Media: Daily recaps, as well as an entire Annual Conference wrap-up plus a bulletin insert to use in telling the story of the Annual Conference session, will be posted online at www.sgaumc.org. Individuals can also follow the conference on Facebook (www.facebook.com/sgaumc), Twitter (www.twitter.com/sgaumc), or Instagram (@sgaumc) for real time information during the conference session. Hashtag for the conference is #sgaumc.

Special Events: Special events and banquets are coordinated by various groups in our conference. Visit www.sgaumc.org/annualconference for a complete list. The Methodist Home for Children and Youth invites all clergy and lay members for a complimentary dinner at St. Luke UMC on Monday evening.

Voting Rights, Who's a voting member? Below is a description of who are lay or clergy members of the annual conference and eligible to vote. Your official name tag, which you will receive at registration, will let the tellers know of your eligibility to vote.

Lay Members of the Annual Conference: Lay membership for the Annual Conference session shall be composed of: the Lay Members elected by their charges, at-large delegates of the district selected by their district superintendent, the Conference Lay Leader, Conference President of United Methodist Men, Conference President of United Methodist Women, Conference President of the Council on Youth Ministries, Lay Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference, Diaconal Ministers, Lay Staff of the Conference, Lay Chairpersons of Conference Committees, Commissions, Councils, Teams or Boards, District Lay Leaders, District Presidents of United Methodist Men, District Presidents of United Methodist Women, District Presidents of United Methodist Youth, and one youth and one young adult by each District.

Clergy members of the Annual Conference: Clergy membership for the Annual Conference session shall be composed of: Full Elders, Full Deacons, Associate Members, Provisional Elders, Provisional Deacons, Full-time Local Pastors, Part-time Local Pastors, Retired Elders, Retired Deacons, Retired Associate Members, and Retired Provisional Members who retired before 2013. The Discipline also allows for Retired Local Pastors who have been serving under appointment leading up to Annual Conference to serve as clergy delegates and vote.

Voting membership for the Clergy session shall be composed of: All clergy members of the Annual Conference and the lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) may attend the Clergy Session. However, only ordained clergy in full connection and lay members of the BOM may vote at the Clergy Session.

Change in Lay Member: There is one lay member per appointed clergy at each charge. If there has been a change in the lay member(s) representing your charge, please make sure to share the change with Meredyth Earnest at meredyth@sgaumc.com or let your district office know. Lay members should be entered into the church dashboard no later than May 1, 2022. Only credentialed delegates will be able to vote at the session.

Questions: For questions regarding the business of Annual Conference, please contact Meredyth Earnest at meredyth@sgaumc.com. For questions regarding local arrangements or for general inquiries, please contact Kelly Roberson at kelly@sgaumc.com.

***For the latest Annual Conference Session information,
visit www.sgaumc.org/annualconference.***

2022 Annual Conference Special Offering North Katanga Partnership

Over the past two years, South Georgia has helped the North Katanga Annual Conference build and reconstruct several local churches, host empowerment training events and leadership training conferences, and train local farmers.

The mission partnership that began three years ago when a team of six South Georgia United Methodists traveled to the North Katanga Annual Conference, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), continues to develop.

During the 2022 Annual Conference session, South Georgia United Methodists will have the opportunity to partner with North Katanga United Methodists to support two of their ministries, Kamina Orphanage and Wings of the Morning Aviation.

Since 1997, Kamina Orphanage has helped thousands of children, orphaned by disease, violence, and poverty, have hope and a future. South Georgia's support of the orphanage will help provide children with meals, healthcare, tuition, and care.

An aviation ministry of The United Methodist Church in North Katanga, Wings of the Morning is under the care and supervision of the General Board of Global Ministries.

With little or no transportation infrastructure such as paved roads or a railway system, the Wings of the Morning airplane is a lifeline to the 6 million people of the Katanga province and provides vital services including: carrying life-giving pharmaceuticals and supplies to remote villages and towns; transporting critically ill patients to clinics and hospitals; providing transportation for pastors, missionaries; and volunteers; and delivering payroll and other supplies to villages, towns, and churches.

“The Wings of the Morning Aviation Program is saving the lives of many people, especially those living in remote villages and yet seeking high quality medical attention,” said Bishop Mande Muyombo, episcopal leader of the North Katanga Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church. “I am grateful to the South Georgia Annual Conference for giving hope and loving these young men and women. Thank you for advancing God's kingdom with Christlike concerns for the orphans.”

Congregations are encouraged to send and present their offering during Annual Conference's June 5 opening worship service.



Mission Outreach Emphasis

Agencies within the bounds of our Annual Conference are changing lives each and every day that show how great God's faithfulness is! They are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ as they help to meet the most basic of needs. We are grateful for their work and want to show our gratitude. Each of the agencies listed below will have a collection box in the lobby right as you enter the Convention Center. They have selected items that will help them in their day-to-day operation. So choose one or choose several, and let's help fill up their boxes!

Magnolia Manor

jigsaw/word search puzzles, Kleenex, personal hygiene items (soaps, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste)

Methodist Home

personal hygiene items (body wash, shampoo, conditioner), hair brushes, beach towels & sunscreen

Open Door

pens, pencils, glue sticks, 2" binders (3 prong), composition books (school aged), notebook paper

Vashti

personal hygiene items, African-American hair products: (available at Walmart) Crème of Nature shampoo, Crème of Nature conditioner, African Pride Moisturizing Lotion, Cantu Creamy Lotion, Cantu Curl Activator Cream, Eco Styling Gel, African Pride 2 in 1 Shampoo and Conditioner, Lusters Pink Oil Sheen, Hair Oil, Olive Oil Edge Control, Crème of Nature Perfect Edges

Wesley Community Centers

latex-free gloves, diverse books for children ages 1 - 4 years old, construction paper, arts and crafts materials, 1" 3-ring binders, hypoallergenic baby wipes, postage stamps

Wesley Glen

Dove body wash, Aveeno or Eucerin lotions, adult wipes, disposable gloves, regular size boxes of Kleenex, packets of/pocket size boxes of Kleenex

Clergy Photo Directory

Clergy photos will be taken during the 2022 Annual Conference Session. Clergy are asked to visit www.sgaumc.org/clergyphotodirectory to find the link to schedule an appointment online. For questions contact Anne Packard at director@mooremuseum.org or 912-638-4050.

AC Emails & Additional Informational

www.sgaumc.org/annualconference

Not all reports are available for the printing of this *Book of Recommendations and Reports*. As these reports become available, they will be placed on the conference website at the address listed above. In addition, an email will be sent reminding you to check the website. If you are not receiving emails about Annual Conference, please reach out to your district office.



Take the Health Check for Savings and Better Well-Being



Better Well-Being

The Health Check online health assessment identifies common concerns around nutrition, sleep, activity, stress and more. Based on your Health Check results, Virgin Pulse® has the ability to provide personalized recommendations for coaching, Journeys® and other HealthFlex well-being programs that can help you achieve your goals. Health coaching is provided by Virgin Pulse at no extra cost to you.



Savings

Take the Health Check and avoid paying extra on next year's HealthFlex deductible.

- Individual deductible—**avoid paying \$250 extra**
- Family deductible—**avoid paying \$500 extra***

You and your spouse (if in HealthFlex) must **both** complete the Health Check to avoid paying extra.



Quick—Easy—Confidential!

Complete the Health Check in 15 minutes or less. If you did the Blueprint for Wellness® biometric screening, your health data is uploaded automatically into your Health Check—for faster, more accurate data entry.

Health Check is confidential! Your church, annual conference, employer and HealthFlex cannot see your Health Check results and other health information, and Virgin Pulse and its health coaches are bound by federal HIPAA laws on patient privacy.

Participation in HealthFlex well-being programs is voluntary.

* Households with family coverage in the H3000 plan in 2023 who did not complete Health Check in 2022 will have their individual out of pocket maximum increased by \$500 (to \$6,500), in order to accommodate the higher family deductible. This only applies to the H3000 family coverage.

Health Check At-a-Glance

WHO

Participants and spouses in HealthFlex

WHAT

Health Check online health assessment (administered by Virgin Pulse)

WHEN

January 1 – August 31

WHY

Avoid paying extra; improve your well-being; explore health coaching and other wellness resources

HOW

Take by computer, tablet or smartphone

WHERE

www.virginpulse.com/login or the Virgin Pulse mobile app.

JANUARY 4 – AUGUST 31



Blueprint for Wellness® Screening
\$100 Pulse Cash*



Health Check
Await a higher deductible in 2023



PHYSICAL

EARN PULSE CASH/WELLNESS CREDITS

Blueprint for Wellness® Is Coming

Event: South Ga Annual Conference

Date: June 6 & 7, 2022

Time: 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Columbus Convention & Trade Center

Register by: 5/23/2022

Register!

Strongly recommended for on-site event; walk-ins are very limited.

Required for screening at Quest Diagnostics facility to avoid out-of-pocket costs.

- **Online**
Log in to your **Virgin Pulse** account and find Blueprint for Wellness under the "Benefits" tab and select "START NOW"
- **Phone**
1-855-623-9355
Employer group:
HealthFlex or United Methodist Church

Reasonable alternatives or waivers will be made available for those who cannot achieve recommended or improved measures due to an underlying medical condition. Requests for a reasonable alternative may be made by:

- E-mail: incentiverequest@wespath.org
- U.S. mail: Wespath Benefits and Investments
Attention: Incentive Request
1901 Chestnut Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025

We will work with you (and your primary care provider, if you wish) to find a reasonable alternative in order for you to be able to achieve the same reward.

Blueprint for Wellness Highlights

Blueprint for Wellness (BFW) provides an opportunity to learn about your health. You'll receive personalized data on 30 health factors and:

- **Incentives**—\$100 Pulse Cash* and up to 140 Wellness Credits depending on your results. Participant and spouse in HealthFlex can each earn incentives.
- **Convenient options**—take the screening at our on-site event or at a local Quest Diagnostics facility.
- **No cost to you if taken** at an on-site event or a local Quest Diagnostics facility.
- **Wellness Credits**—earn 20 Credits for each of seven health measures that meet the American Heart Association's recommended range (or for showing improvement vs. your 2021 BFW results). Seven health measures that meet the criteria = **140 Wellness Credits total**. *If you didn't do BFW in 2021, you're still eligible for Wellness Credits for achieving healthy results, and you'll have a baseline next year.*
- **Fast the night before** for the most accurate results. Ask your doctor or other primary care provider (PCP) if it is safe for you to fast.
- **Confidential results mailed directly to you** to share with your PCP.

Learn More!

Log in to your Virgin Pulse account and find the "Benefits" tab. The Well-Being Programs FAQs includes details about registration, health measures and how to receive the screening incentive if you can't get to an on-site event or Quest Diagnostics facility.

*Participation in HealthFlex well-being programs is voluntary. The IRS considers wellness incentives at face value. Please consult your tax advisor.