

**TEXAS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ANNUAL FALL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2017
LAKEVIEW METHODIST CONFERENCE CENTER
PALESTINE, TEXAS**





GUEST SPEAKER

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Rev. Gail Ford Smith

The Rev. Gail Ford Smith is Director of the Center for Clergy Excellence of the Texas Annual Conference. Previously, she served as District Superintendent of the Southwest District. Prior to the District, Gail served eight years as Senior Pastor of St. Peter's United Methodist Church in Katy. With a membership of 4,500, she had the distinction of being the clergywoman serving the largest UM church in America.

Rev. Smith also served Cornerstone, St. Paul's (as Associate), and St. Mark's UM churches of Houston and Friendship UMC of Porter. The UMC of Frankston and Moody Memorial First UMC (as Associate) of Galveston. It has been her delight to serve at the district and conference level in a variety of positions. She was involved with the Lewis Center for Church Leadership in a pilot program for District Superintendents with Dr. Lovett Weems. She was honored to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Methodist Foundation of Austin where she chaired the Advancement Committee and as a member of the National Plan for Hispanic and Latino Ministries.

At the present time Gail serves on the Ministry Study Committee and on the Perkins Executive Board.

She was a Delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference for 2008 and was honored to also serve in 2004 and 2000 and as an Alternate Jurisdictional Delegate in 1996.

She was the guest speaker for Women's Week at Perkins School of Theology March 29, 2006 and was the 2006 Shamblin Lecturer for St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. Gail was also the guest preacher for the Central Texas Annual Conference 2006 and taught a morning Bible study on Acts 8 for the Nebraska Annual Conference.

Gail is married to Rev. Ted Smith, and they rejoice over two granddaughters—Norah 12, child of Katie and Lee, and Winnie, 2, child of Meggie and Dexter.

Gail is a graduate of La Marque High School and the University of Denver where she graduated Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa. She received her Master of Theology degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU. She was ordained Deacon in 1975 and Elder in 1978. In her free time, Gail enjoys eating out with family and friends, reading, and being with her grandchildren.

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| FOCUS GROUPS AND ROOMS | | |
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| <i>“Qualities of Christians Faith”</i> | Rev. Lorraine Brown | Craft 1 |
| <i>“A Shield of Faith”</i> | Sarah Clark | Craft 2 |
| <i>“The Message behind the Music”</i> | Mattie Ordaz | St. Lukes |
| <i>“Exceedingly, Abundantly, More than You ASK!”</i> | Endrika West | Raye Williams Big |
| <i>“The Art of the Journal: Taking Time with God”</i> | Ashley Johnson | McCarty |

Schedule
Annual Fall Meeting
September 15-16, 2017
“Have Faith in God”
Matthew 21:21

Friday

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| 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Registration | Roy Hall |
| 5:30 p.m. | FAITHFUL CELEBRATION | |
| 5:30 p.m. – Until | Wiley College Praise Team | St. Lukes |
| 6:00 p.m. | Blessing of Food | Suzanne McDougale |
| | Dinner | |
| | Movie Night (following Dinner) | |

PHOTO BOOTH

Saturday

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| 7:30 a.m. | Greet the Day | Peace Chapel |
| 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast (Overnight Guests) | Cafeteria |
| 8:00 a.m. | Service Center | Roy Hall |
| 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. | Saturday Registration | Roy Hall |
| 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. | Gather in Song Evelyn Duncan, Musician Tena Tyler, Song Leader | St. Lukes |
| 9:30 a.m. | Welcome Welcome from Lakeview | Paulette Moore-Hall Matt Idom |
| | Theme Song: “Have Faith in God” Prayer Calendar/Prayer Theme Scripture: Matthew 21:21 Spanish | UMH 508 Suzanne McDougale Suzanne McDougale Cynthia Godsey |
| | Candle Burning Special Recognition | Margarett Goodson |
| | Announcements | Endrika West |
| | Special Mission Recognition Award Rev. Clay Whitaker | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| | Hands on Project Dedication Processional/Dedication of Kits | Theresa Graham Theresa Graham |
| | Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” | UMH 556 |

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| | Call to Order | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| | Annual Business Meeting | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| | Roll Call | Carolyn Parker |
| | Report of Standing Rules Committee | Carolyn Parker |
| | Nominations Report | Sarah Clark |
| | Elections | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| | Mission Moment | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| | Adoption of Budget | Margarett Godson |
| | Pledge Service | Margarett Godson |
| | Recognition of Retiring Officers | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| | Installation of New Officers | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| 11:30 a.m. | Introduction of Guest Speaker, Rev. Gail Ford Smith | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| 12:00 noon | Dismissal | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| Lunch | | Cafeteria |
| 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. | Service Center | Roy Hall |
| 1:15 – 2:30 p.m. | Focus Groups | Location inside Cover |
| 2:45 p.m. | Reconvene | St. Lukes |
| | Welcome Back | Paulette Moore-Hall |
| | Announcements | Endrika West |
| | Hymn: ‘O Come All Ye Faithful’ | UMH 76 |
| | Communion (as you complete communion offering will be taken) | |
| | Closing Hymn: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” | UMH#672 |

HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY HOME!



Mission Candle Burning 2017

Mission Candle Burning is an additional giving opportunity above the regular channels of mission giving. Through Candle Burning, United Methodist Women have the opportunity to honor or remember special persons in their life. This can be a gift of any amount for mission with women, youth and children who need help in the United States and around the world.

This year the total Mission Candle Burning dollars received is **\$4,595.13**.

*This amount represents **3 Hours, 8 Minutes and 30 Seconds***

**THE RECIPIENTS' NAMES WILL BE LISTED ON THE VIDEO
AS THEY ARE ANNOUNCED.**

MISSION GIVING IS THE FOUNDATION FOR MISSION WORK THROUGH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND THE NATIONAL OFFICE. YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENABLES A FULL AND CONSISTENT RESPONSE TO HUMAN NEED, ESPECIALLY THE NEEDS OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUTH. IT AFFIRMS THE WHOLENESS OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND A COMMITMENT TO ITS PROCLAMATION IN WORK AND DEED. MISSION GIVING STRENGTHENS BASIC PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS. IT ALSO MAKES EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EXPLORATION OF NEW AND EVOLVING AREAS OF MISSION POSSIBLE.

HANDS ON PROJECT DEDICATION DEDICATION OF HEALTH KITS FOR 2017

We the United Methodist Women of the Texas Annual Conference present these Health Kits for the care, protection and good health of women and children Babies in the United States and around the world.

PRAYER IN UNISON

LOVE IN THESE HEALTH KITS AND FOR THE BLESSING OF THOSE WHO SO GRACIOUSLY PREPARED THEM. THANK YOU FOR HOW THESE HEALTH KITS LAYETTES WILL BLESS THOSE IN NEED AND THEY WILL SAY THANK YOU LORD FOR YOUR PROVISION. IN JESUS NAME WE PRAY. AMEN AND AMEN!

And my God “will supply every need of yours” according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19. (EVS)

UMW “Hands On” School Kit Project 2018 for UMCOR

1 pair blunt scissors

rounded tip only no plastic scissors please

3 pads of paper

spiral or top bound pads 150 sheets or less of loose leaf can be substituted for 1 pad combinations of spiral, top bound, side bound or loose leaf is acceptable

1 hand held pencil sharpener

must be at least one inch long remove from packaging

1 -30 centimeter ruler

hard or flexible cartoon characters are acceptable no advertisements please

6 unsharpened pencils

no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please; cartoon characters are acceptable

1 -2 inch or larger size eraser

no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please cartoon characters are acceptable

1 -24 count box of crayons

only 24 count boxes please

1 – 14”x16” cloth bag

homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable heavy duty fabric only; denim, corduroy, drapery fabric etc. Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps or Velcro sewn in middle of opening if used Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into the cloth bag. Fold over the top of the bag so loose items don’t fall out.

Assembly Directions - - DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need.

TEXAS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**Annual Meeting Roll Call****September 16, 2017****(Do Not Include Conference Officers in your Total)**

| District | District President | District Officers | Local Delegates | Others | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| Central North | | | | | |
| Central South | | | | | |
| East | | | | | |
| North | | | | | |
| Northwest | | | | | |
| South | | | | | |
| Southeast | | | | | |
| Southwest | | | | | |
| West | | | | | |
| Conference Officers | | | | | |
| National Office Director | | | | | |
| Jurisdiction Officer | | | | | |
| Bishop | | | | | |
| Voting Strength | | | | | |
| Speakers and Guests | | | | | |
| Total Attendance | | | | | |

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS REPORT PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 2018

Committee on Nominations

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Gwendolyn Smithheart | Chair of Committee on Nominations | |
| Vernita G. Jackson | Committee on Nominations | 2018-2021 |
| Ashley Johnson | Committee on Nominations | 2018-2021 |

Additional Members of Committee on Nominations

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|------------------|---|---------------|
| Beverly Deerhake | * | Class of 2019 |
| Doris Woodland | * | Class of 2020 |
| Marcia Butcher | * | Class of 2020 |

*Officers continuing in current term of office.



Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

Online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

By Phone: 800-2789-771 (8 am-6 pm EST, M-F)

Text Legacy 150 to 41444

By Check: Note Legacy Fund in memo line and mail to:

United Methodist Women: Treasurer's Office

475 Riverside Dr, New York, NY 10115

The Power of Bold - Assembly 2018

ASSEMBLY 2018 LOGISTICS AND PLANNING

Assembly 2018 Planning and Event Schedule

Sept. 1, 2017 - Registration opens

Nov. 30, 2017 - Early Registration closes

April 9, 2018 - Registration closes

Preliminary Schedule:

Thursday, May 17, 2018

9 a.m. Ubuntu Day of Service (additional fee)

Late afternoon - Public Action, please attend! (no additional fee)

Friday and Saturday, May 18-19, 2018

9 a.m. Community Gathering

Workshops & Experience Hall

7 p.m. Community Gathering

Sunday, May 20, 2018

9 a.m. Community Gathering

Assembly ends at noon

Registration

Registration for the Assembly will open **Sept. 1, 2017**

A complete outline will be in the Fall Newsletter that will be out shortly.

TEXAS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN A AND MD PROPOSED BUDGET 2018

RECEIPTS

| | |
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| Start-up Funds (Retained from previous year) | \$ 20,000 |
| A&MD Funds (Retained from basic pledge) | <u>56,000</u> |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$ 76,000 |

DISBURSEMENTS

MEETINGS

| | | |
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| Leadership Development (Conference) | \$ 7,900 | |
| Legislative Event | 1,200 | |
| Spring Retreat | 4,000 | |
| Annual Conference | 3,600 | |
| Leadership Development (National) | 2,000 | |
| Mission u | 8,000 | |
| Annual Meeting Fall | 4,000 | |
| Young Women's Event | 500 | |
| Racial Justice Meetings | 500 | |
| Asian/Hispanic Cultural Event | 500 | |
| United Methodist Women (National) Events | <u>3,600</u> | |
| MEETINGS TOTAL | \$ 35,800 | 47.11% |

COMMITTEES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Executive | \$ 500 | |
| Program | 500 | |
| Nominating | 250 | |
| Membership, Nurture & Outreach | <u>250</u> | |
| COMMITTEES TOTAL | \$ 1,500 | 1.97% |

ADMINISTRATIVE

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Annual Report | \$ 250 | |
| Audit | 2,000 | |
| Bank Charges | 100 | |
| Church Women United – Texas | 250 | |
| Conference Directory | 300 | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 570 | |
| Equipment/Software Purchase | 3,100 | |
| Jurisdiction A&MD (1.25% WD pledge) | 2,500 | |
| Literature/Subscriptions | 120 | |
| Newsletters/Communications Network | 5,500 | |
| Postage | 100 | |
| Shipping for Program Resources | 100 | |
| SMR's for Retiring Officers | 300 | |
| Supplies | 400 | |
| Travel/Miscellaneous | <u>310</u> | |
| ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL | \$ 15,900 | 20.92% |

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| SUBSIDIES TO DISTRICTS | 22,800 | 30.00% |
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| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 76,000 | 100.00% |
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PLEDGE SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
2018 Pledge to Mission

The Pledge to Mission begins with the amount you give through your local unit. It helps support the entire national and international program of the United Methodist Women. The Texas Conference United Methodist Women pledges a specific amount to the United Methodist Women National, for mission with women, children and youth and retains a designated percentage to be used for district and conference administration and membership development expenses.

DISTRICT PLEDGES:

CENTRAL NORTH
CENTRAL SOUTH
EAST
NORTH
NORTHWEST
SOUTH
SOUTHEAST
WEST

\$ _____

TOTAL PLEDGES

\$ _____

Prayer (In Unison)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings that you have given us. In response to these blessings, we humbly offer our gifts to you, that these gifts may be used to serve our neighbors in need. Fill our hearts with joy and inspire us to do our part as we unite with our sister "...community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." In Christ's name, we pray with love and thanksgiving. Amen

2018 Calendar of Events

Texas Conference United Methodist Women

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| District Training Event | January 6 | Lakeview |
| Conference Executive Meeting | January 6-7 | Lakeview |
| Legislative Event | January 22-24 | Austin |
| Spring Spiritual Growth Meeting | Feb. 23-24 | Lakeview |
| UMC Texas Annual Conference | May 27-30 | The Woodlands UMC |
| UMW Conference Program Meeting | May 27 | The Woodlands UMC |
| UMW Annual Luncheon | May 28 | The Woodlands UMC |
| UMW Conference Executive Meeting | May 29 | The Woodlands UMC |
| Mission u | July 20-21 | Lakeview |
| Conference Program Planning Meeting | August 18 | TBA |
| Wesley Community Luncheon | September | TBA |
| Conference Executive Meeting | Sept 14 | Lakeview |
| Fall Festival Friday Event | Sept 14 | Lakeview |
| Fall Festival/Annual Meeting | Sept 14-15 | Lakeview |
| Conference Program Meeting | Sept 14-16 | Lakeview |
| Leadership Development Days | November | TBA |



Officers 2017 and 2018

Speaker

Committee on Nominations

Musician

Song Leader

Lakeview Methodist

Conference Center

Friday Night Entertainment

Rev. Gail Ford Smith

Evelyn Duncan

Tena Tyler

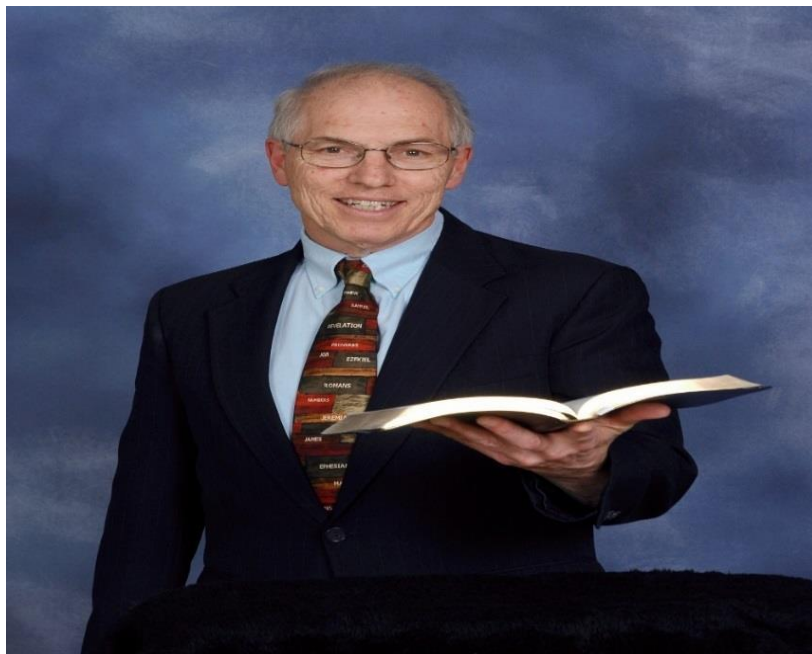
Wiley College Praise Team

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2017 Special Mission Recognition Honoring Rev. Clayton Whitaker



Clay was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he lived until he was ten years of age. Then his family moved to Springfield, Illinois and later to Columbia, Tennessee. He graduated from Columbia High School. After several years of wondering, he found Christ in July of 1972. He started his college career at Columbia State Community College. In pursuit of a possible call to the ministry he enrolled in Asbury College, where he obtained a BA in Bible in 1980. He then graduated from Asbury Seminary in May of 1983 with a Masters of Divinity.

His first assignment in the Texas Conference was in June 1983 to the Bremond/Calvert Charge (then the Beaumont District). He has served several churches in our Conference and is now at Friendship UMC in Porter (Central North District).

Clay has always had a love for missions! In 1996, he was nominated to be the Chairperson of UMCOR – Texas Conference Committee (TACCOR), a position that he held for eleven years. During that time period, he was asked to be the Texas Conference Disaster Response Consultant. When Rita, Katrina & Ike hit the Gulf Coast areas, he was involved in all kinds of relief efforts. He worked closely with Kathie Mann to train teams for relief work. Clay was instrumental in obtaining seven trailers (two districts already had one) and equipping each trailer with tools and supplies so that each district would have a trailer for response work. He was also the District Mission Secretary for the Beaumont District for a number of years. He has taken multiple teams to UMCOR at Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana and has another one planned for this year. He also works with an organization known as Hands and Feet Ministries out of Adairsville, Ga., taking groups to Mexico to work on orphanages and schools in the Piedres Negres/Nava area. Other areas that he has led mission trips to include: El Salvador, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and Chili.

Another one of his passions is music. For approximately 20 years, he led the music at different levels for church camp at Lakeview. While at Airline UMC, he led teams, four to five times a year, to different prison units around east Texas preaching, playing concerts, and praying. One time he actually led a group to Padre Island at spring break, where they set up on the beach and played Christian music and preached. Currently, he plays in the band and sings in the choir at Friendship UMC. That was the band that played this last Fall Festival on Friday evening.

Clay has also had a heavy involvement in the Emmaus community as a spiritual leader, particularly in the Lufkin/Nacogdoches area). He has probably worked 20-25 walks. From 1992 to 2007, he was on the Conference Staff for Emmaus. For four years, he was also the District Representative for the United Methodist Children's Home in Waco for the Nacogdoches District.

Clay has been responsible for getting the truck to Lakeview every fall for our Fall Festival since 2000. He has been married to Heather for almost 41 years. They have four boys, three daughters-in-law, one granddaughter and another grandchild due in June.

You may give to this Special Mission Recognition award throughout the year. Please send your mission dollars to your District Treasurer at any time. The Special Mission Recognition Award will be presented to Clay at the Fall Festival in September 2017.



PURPOSE

United Methodist Women is a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.