

Conference Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries to Host National Meeting

The North GA Conference Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries will host the 2008 meeting of the national Association of Conference Directors of Lay Speaking Ministries at the Lodge at Simpsonwood for the weekend of January 25 – 27, 2008. The usual setting for these biennial meetings is a hotel in a major city. Having this meeting at our United Methodist retreat center is unique and offers opportunities for weaving items of business with spiritual renewal times.

The Scripture theme for this weekend is from Psalm 18:19b, “...**God delights in Me.**” The Rev. Dr. John Simmons will bring the welcoming sermon on Friday night. The Rev. Terry Tekyl will be the keynote speaker and Spiritual Director for the weekend. Rev. Tekyl is an elder in the UMC and is currently under special appointment to Renewal Ministries in Houston, Texas. He has written several books and led workshops on prayer and worship, and is much in demand as a speaker and workshop leader. On Sunday morning Lyn Powell, North GA Conference Lay Leader, will present the Laity Address which she will be delivering to the General Conference in April, 2008, in Fort Worth, Texas. Another highlight for the Saturday night program will be the performance of the North GA Praise Team who will share their songs and lead us in singing. The North GA Conference looks forward to hosting this national meeting.

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