



### Looks Better Than 'Great'

At a recent meeting of the Planning Committee for the 2005 Annual Conference, Carol Rymer, Coordinator of the "Great Day of Service" (i.e., Wednesday afternoon of Conference), reported that the day is a "God thing" and she feels as if she is "God's secretary". She explained her enthusiasm with a host of facts.

There are 1,182 service opportunities for delegates committed. An amazing 60 different organizations with 90 distinct projects will be

served. Project leaders and hosts number 115. Almost 700 delegates have registered at this date.

Our youth will touch 500 lives as they deliver gifts and cards of appreciation to 8 fire stations, 4 police stations, and the juvenile court system. Twelve persons will carry on a prison ministry, including a worship experience. Some will visit, sing, and converse with a large number of nursing home residents at 12 different facilities.

A group will make 180 dozen cookies and deliver them to the employees of Athens' two major hospitals. Several conference members will beautify the city of Athens by working in the parks and designated trails and also help non-profit organizations with landscaping.

Over 150 gift baskets and flower arrangements will be assembled for hospice patients. Hand-knitted gifts for the homeless and others who may appreciate a thoughtful gift are in the works. More than 50 hand-made baby blankets will be given to at-risk newborns with help from the Athens Area Child Abuse Prevention Council. At this point, 40 delegates are giving the gift of blood.

For the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), 50 flood buckets, 100 school supply kits, and 1,000 health kits will be assembled.

Repairs will be done on 6 homes desperately needing work. Some persons will have the chance to build a Habitat House.

As Athens is covered with acts of loving-kindness, 52 have chosen to do a prayer walk around the city.

If you have not registered, go to [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org) and click on the Annual Conference paragraph. Then go to the Great Day of Service and click on "information packet". At the pre-conference briefings in the various Districts, forms will be available.

The event is shaping up to be one of the most exciting times in the history of annual conference sessions. You will not want to miss the chance to participate!

Ed Tomlinson

P.S. If you have registered, the website will carry your assignment (from the choices you made) in a few days. Watch the homepage at [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org).

### Pre-Conference Briefings

The Pre-Conference Briefings will begin on May 22. Watch the Conference Calendar for your District's date and place.

### This Week's Calendar Event

- **May 16 - 18**  
Rome Carrollton District Clergy Ret - Lake Junaluska
- **May 19**  
Housing and Homeless Council Meeting - United Methodist Center - 10:00 - 12:00 Noon
- **May 22**  
Griffin District Pre-Conference Briefing - Stockbridge Church - 3:00 PM
- **May 22**  
Augusta District Pre-Conference Briefing - Thomson First - 3:00 PM
- **May 22**  
Atlanta College Park District Pre-Conference Meeting - Atlanta First - 3:00 PM
- **May 22**  
Atlanta Decatur Oxford District Pre-Conference Meeting - Stone Mount First - 3:00 PM
- **May 22**  
Farewell Reception for Harvey Palm Bremen First - 3:00 PM

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#### Daily Bible Reading

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**Lectionary Scriptures** NIV Sunday  
May 22 - 1st Sunday After Pentecost  
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#### Scripture Readings

- [Psalm 8](#)
- [Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a](#)
- [2 Cor. 13: 11-13](#)
- [Matt. 28: 16-20](#)