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Monday Morning in North Georgia

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Annual Conference Nears

On Tuesday afternoon, June 15, the 2004 North Georgia Annual Conference will be called to order at the Classic Center in Athens.

The week offers several moments important to the future of the Conference. The quadrennial election of members of the various boards, agencies, and committees will come as the report of the Committee on Nominations is received. While several gifted clergy will be entering the "retired" status this year, a promising group is to be commissioned or ordained at the Tuesday evening worship. Leaders of our delegation to the 2004 General Conference will update the body on actions taken. The Council on Finance and Administration is recommending the smallest budgetary increase in years and will address the unfunded liability of the Medicare Supplement for our retirees.

The theme of the Conference is "A New Generation of Servant Leaders."

Dr. Stuart Gulley, President of LaGrange College, will preach at the Missions Service where the focus is higher education. A special offering is to be received to fund a scholarship program--"North Georgia Conference Student Servant Internships." The Georgia Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry will manage and distribute these

scholarships in consultation with our chaplains, campus ministers, and Wesley Foundation Directors. These interns will gain valuable experience in our local churches. Some may choose to go on to seminary and ordained ministry. Others will offer capable lay leadership in both the Conference and our churches.

There is one more Sunday to take the offering in your church. Please bring a check from your congregation and be prepared to make your own gift at the Missions Service. Now is the time to invest in our future by mentoring these potential leaders.

This year's Conference will be a week of spiritual renewal, of important decisions, and of addressing how we will serve in the future. Come enjoy the exceptional hospitality of the city and the United Methodists of Athens!

Ed Tomlinson



P. S. Boxes in the Fire Hall will be utilized to accept the delegates' gifts of school supplies (e.g., chalk, pencils, spiral notebooks, etc.) for the Hands to Honduras program.

Reception for Our Episcopal Nominee

The North Georgia Ministers' Fellowship and the Delegation Steering Committee to Elect Jonathan Holston are hosting a reception in his honor at Decatur First Church on Sunday, June 13, at 3 p.m. You are invited to come meet Jonathan, express words of encouragement, and offer assistance to North Georgia's episcopal nominee.

New Group of Ministers of Congregational Care

Calendar Highlights

◆ **June 15-18**
Annual Conference in Ather
Georgia Classic Center.

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Bible and Scripture

◆ **Daily Bible Reading**
Click here for readings that
take you through the entire
Bible in a Year.

◆ **Lectionary Scriptures**
Sunday, June 13, 04
2nd Sunday After Pentecost
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Scripture Readings

- ◆ [Psalm 5: 1-8](#)
- ◆ [I Kings 21: 1-21a](#)
- ◆ [Gal. 2: 15-21](#)
- ◆ [Luke 7: 36 - 8: 3](#)

A Lunch and Learn Group for Ministers of Congregational Care is being formed. The goal is to network in sharing what works and to create ministries of excellence. Meetings have been scheduled for September 22, January 26, and May 4 at Dunwoody Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. While drinks will be provided, one must bring his or her own sack lunch. More information is available by contacting Kerry Lauria at 678-684-6017.

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