

REGISTRATION FORM

“Can We Talk” - November 20-21, 2009

PURPOSE

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Registration Fee—\$50

Registration deadline is November 1, 2009. Make your check payable to Treasurer, UMC SWTC and mail it with your registration to:

Cynthia Bedford, Registrar
Southwest Texas Conference
16400 Huebner Road
San Antonio, Texas 78248-1693

Hotel Information

Hilton Austin, 500 East 4th St, Austin, Texas (512) 482-8000

Google: Hilton-Austin for directions. For reservations (\$109), identify yourself with United Methodist Church.

“Can We Talk” is an established and safe forum in which African Americans can enter and then exit a “no holds barred” dialogue about God’s preferred future of the African American Church. In our talking with one another in God’s presence we will be empowered and equipped to move beyond the far too often current states of stagnation in the areas of worship and praise, resources and stewardship, current and new church development. We will have Area Bishops and District Superintendents listening in on the conversations which will enable other conversations and implementation to take place back in their respective areas. Please come, “Let’s Talk” and continue the conversation in becoming those whom God has called us to be.

CAN WE TALK:

Signs of Transformation in the Life and Ministry of the African American Church

November 20-21, 2009

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The Signs of Transformation

Schedule

Symposium Leadership

ATTENDEES

All SCJ African American Clergy and Laity members with invitations to Area Bishops, District Superintendents, Directors of Connectional Ministries, Seminary Students and other interested persons are invited to attend.

FORMAT

4 Presentations

- Each session 90 minutes:
- 40 minutes—Presentation
- 15 minutes—Group Responses
- 5 minutes—Transition
- 30 minutes—Laity/Clergy sharing

Points of View with Facilitators

1 Summary Session:

Facilitators share Points of View with Panel of Presenters responding

TALKING POINTS

The Signs of Transformation



The Cross: God's Gift to Us
(Bishop Bledsoe) John 19:17
"Carrying his own cross..."



The Coin: Gifts to God
(Dr. Elijah Stansell) Mark 12:43
"I tell you the truth, this poor widow..."



The Bible: Gifts to Each Other
(Dr. Clara Reed) Revelation 22:7
"Blessed are those who keep the words..."



The World: Gifts to Others
(Bishop Hayes) Matthew 28:19
"Therefore go and make disciples..."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1:00–3:00 pm	Registration	
3:00–5:00 pm	Session I Welcome/Devotion	Rev. Gause Rev. Gibson
5:30 pm	God's Gift to Us Dinner	Bishop Bledsoe On Site
6:30–8:00 pm	Session II Gifts to God	Dr. Stansell
8:00 pm	Free Time	

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:30–10:00 am	Session III Gifts to Each Other	Dr. Reed
10:00 am	Break	
10:30 am–Noon	Session IV Gifts to Others	Bishop Hayes
12:00–1:00 pm	Lunch	On Site
1:15–3:00pm	Session V Summary of Actions	Presenter Panel

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