



THE 53RD ANNUAL GATHERING

JUNE 21-23 2018

CANTERBURY SCHOOL

5400 OLD LAKE JEANETTE ROAD

GREENSBORO, NC 27455

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me".

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation". (Psalm 51:10, 12)

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Email Address _____

Church Name & City _____

- Lay Delegate
(approved by Church)
- Clergy/Minister
- Board of Directors
- Non-UCC
(Clergy/Minister)
- Youth (Grades 6-12)
- Visitor

I certify my church has elected or otherwise officially approved me to serve as (one of) its lay delegate(s).

Please note that fees are non-refundable	Cost
Mandatory Boundary Training for Clergy	\$25.00
Registration for Clergy/Lay Delegates & Visitors Includes Fridays Outdoor Pig Pickin	\$99.00
Registration For Retired clergy Includes Fridays Outdoor Pig Pickin	\$75.00
Registration for Youth (Grades 6-12) Includes Fridays Outdoor Pig Pickin	\$50.00
Friday evening Pig Pickin Only	\$25.00
Total Enclosed: \$	

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Hotel reservations must be made by June 1, 2018 to get the conference rate. Hotel information is attached.

Make checks for registration payable to the Southern Conference UCC and mail to 252-B West Fifth Street Burlington, NC 27215. Do not send a check if you register online via soc-ucc.org.

The number of lay delegates is determined by church size as reported in the 2017 membership report. Churches with 1-300 members may send one delegate, 301-600 members may send two, 601-900 members may send three delegates, 900 + members may send four delegates.

The Southern Conference 53rd Annual Gathering Hotel Accommodations

**Note - Due to a large soccer tournament being held in Greensboro, accommodations are at various hotels. Each hotel offers different room types, block dates and has different available rooms. There will be a motor coach that will pick up from the various hotels on Friday, June 22nd for those who do not wish to drive to the meeting location. Please be sure to make your reservations asap but by June 1st. Due to high demand for this time of year, rooms are very limited around Greensboro and surrounding areas.

Wingate by Wyndham Greensboro, 6007 Landmark Center Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27407 (\$124+tax)

Block: June 20-23, 2018

Call (336) 854-8610 and ask for the Southern Conference United Church of Christ block

Fairfield Inn & Suites – 4308 Big Tree Way, Greensboro NC 27409 (\$139+tax)

Block: June 21, 2018 – June 23, 2018

You can book by calling the hotel directly at 336.369.1300 or with the reservation link

[Book your group rate for Southern Conference United Church of Christ](#)

Hilton Garden Inn Greensboro, 4307 Big Tree Way, Greensboro NC 27409 (\$145+tax)

Block: June 21-23, 2018

You can make reservation by calling 336-852-1491 and asking for the Southern Conference block or at the link:

http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/G/GSOGRGI-CNF-20180621/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Microtel Inn Greensboro, 4304 Big Tree Way, Greensboro NC 27409 (\$74.95+tax)

Block: June 21-23, 2018

You can make reservations by calling 336-547-7007 and asking for the Southern Conference block

Holiday Inn Express, 4305 Big Tree Way, Greensboro NC 27409 (\$139+tax)

Block: June 21-23, 2018

Make reservations by calling 336-854-0090 and asking for the Southern Conference block

Comfort Inn Greensboro, 1103 Lanada Road, Greensboro NC 27407 (\$109.99+tax)

Block: June 20-23, 2018

Make reservations by calling 336-297-1055 and asking for the Southern Conference block

Hyatt Place, 1619 Stanley Rd, Greensboro NC 27407 (\$99+tax)

Block: June 20-23, 2018

1. Guest may call the reservation line – 1-888-867-4003 (they will need to inform the representative they are with the Southern Conference)
2. Online- Your guest also have the option to book online. The link for your group is listed below. (Guest must impute the date and select check availability and the discounted rate will automatically appear)

https://greensboro.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=G-SOCO



March 27, 2018

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
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“Renew, Restore, Refresh”

Brothers and Sisters of the Southern Conference, Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for all of you.

To the Delegates, Pastors, Leaders, and Laity of the Southern Conference, this is your **Official Call Letter**, inviting you to attend and participate in the Southern Conference 53rd Annual Gathering, June 21-23rd, 2018, hosted by the Western North Carolina Association at the beautiful **Canterbury School in northeastern Greensboro, NC**. Our theme this year is **“Renew, Restore, Refresh”** (Psalm 51:10,12). It will be a celebration of what God has done and is doing in the life of the Southern Conference. Every Local Church and related Institutions are invited to attend.

On Thursday morning, we will be offering pre gathering Boundary Training for all clergy, and other workshops such as “Safe Church” for both laity and clergy. That evening we will have our opening worship service where The Rev. Kim Hodges from Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church UCC in Virginia Beach, VA will be our preacher. Friday and Saturday will be filled with additional educational learnings and panel discussions. The Southern Conference Celebration Dinner will be at 7:00 pm on Friday. Saturday, there will be a discussion on the **Three Great Loves**. Come join us as we are planning an excellent agenda of education, fellowship, food, relationship building, praise, worship, and business.

The highlights for our meeting include: Thought-provoking and engaging workshops focused on education and training for the purpose of being prophetic and putting flesh on the gospel; The United Church of Christ General Minister and President, John Dorhauer, will lead our Saturday discussion; Time for fellowship with members of the Southern Conference at our **“pig pickin”** outdoor casual celebration dinner featuring a **Bluegrass Band**; Youth Mission activities and a conference choir.

Like last year, you are invited and encouraged to register online. The deadline for registration is **Friday, June 11, 2018**. The registration form, online registration information and hotel accommodations will be sent out in a follow up letter and posted on our website, www.soc-ucc.org.

Come and be a part of what promises to be a wonderful move of God. **You don't want miss it!** And, may the Lord find favor on you and your families and bless you abundantly!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Edward Davis

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