



RAPPAHANNOCK
RIVER DISTRICT

“Go, Make Disciples”

**Rappahannock River District
Conference**

& Training Event

8:30am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Wright's Chapel UMC

8063 Ladysmith Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

I-95 Exit 110, Ladysmith

8:30am – 9:00am	Registration & Fellowship
9:00am - 11:00am	Worship & District Conference
11:15am – 12:45pm	Classes
12:45 pm	Lunch
After Lunch	On Site Mission Experience

**This's Year's District Conference Offering will go to UMCOR
Hurricane Relief.**

**Special Music Provided by
Wilderness Community UMC
Praise Band**



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING TO ANY PART OF THE DAY SO WE CAN HAVE ADEQUATE HAND-OUTS. See last page to register for classes and/or lunch. If you are coming to the worship & district conference session only, call 804.448.8326 or email us at rappahannockriverdistrict@vaumc.org so we have a packet for you.



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bobby McClain

Dr. William Bobby McClain earned his B.A. degree, summa cum laude, at Clark College, Atlanta. His Master's and doctoral degrees were earned at Boston University School of Theology. He conceived of and chaired the committee which produced the hymnbook, *Songs of Zion*, which sold more than 2.5 million copies and changed the composition of Christian hymnals of every denomination. He most recently co-chaired the committee for the sequel to *Songs of Zion: Zion Still Sings! For Every Generation*.

After the publication of *Songs of Zion*, he wrote *Come Sunday: A Liturgical Companion to Songs of Zion*, and he is at work completing *African American Preaching and the Bible: The Preaching of Zion*, the third book in this trilogy. In 1978, Dr. McClain established and served as the executive director the Multi-Ethnic Center for Ministry at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. There he wrote *Travelling Light: Christian Perspectives on Pluralism*. He is also the author of *Black People in the Methodist Church: Whither Thou Goest* and with the late Dr. Grant Shockley and Dr. Karen Collier, *Heritage and Hope: African American Presence in Methodism*.

In 1991, his Clark Atlanta University alma mater awarded him the Doctor of Divinity degree in recognition of his achievements in religion and civil rights. In 1999, he was named to the Mary Elizabeth McGehee Joyce Chair in Preaching and Worship at Wesley Theological Seminary, the first fully-endowed chair in the seminary's history, where he taught preaching and worship for 34 years. He was the commencement speaker for Wesley's Commencement in 2013, held at Washington National Cathedral on May 13, retired from the seminary on December 31, 2013, and is now Professor Emeritus.

Professor McClain met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Montgomery, Alabama, where Dr. King was pastoring and McClain was a teen-aged preacher in his hometown of Gadsden, Alabama. After completing his seminary degree at Boston University, where King had previously received his doctorate, Reverend McClain returned to Alabama in 1962 to work with King and the civil rights movement and to serve as pastor of Haven Chapel Methodist Church in Anniston, Alabama, where he remained until returning to graduate school at Boston University in the fall of 1964. From 1968 to 1978, Dr. McClain, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, served as senior pastor of the historic Union United Methodist Church in Boston. During that same period he taught at Boston College, Harvard University, Northeastern University and Emerson College. While at Union, he and the Rev. Warner Traynham of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church in Boston organized the nation's first Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast on January 15, 1970.

From 2001-2003 Dr. McClain served as the Senior Pastor of Philadelphia's Tindley Temple United Methodist Church where the great Charles Albert Tindley served as pastor and wrote many of his famous and beloved Gospel songs.

Called on frequently to lecture and preach in major pulpits and universities throughout this country and abroad, he has preached in Africa, Asia, the West Indies, New Zealand, and Europe. Professor McClain opened the 126th season of the New York Chautauqua Institution in 2000 as Keynote Preacher and Chaplain-in-Residence with thousands in attendance to listen to his preaching each day. In February of 2009, he lectured in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the 30th Annual Britt Lecturer.

Dr. McClain serves as the Advisory Board Chairperson for the Center for Music and Worship in the Black Church Experience, a one-of-a-kind North American institute that provides training in the sacred music of the Black church and beyond to musicians and worship leaders for the enrichment of congregational worship in diverse contexts. He also serves as Vice President of the United Methodist General Commission on Archives and History, and writes and reviews features in their publications.

In July of 2015, Dr. McClain was awarded the Roger Deschner Award by the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. In September of 2015, he was honored as one of the Outstanding Alumni of Boston University School of Theology.

Dr. McClain is the father of two sons: William Bobby McClain, Jr. and David Wilson McClain. He and his wife, the former Jo Ann Mattos, who was the executive administrator of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church for more than 12 years, make their home in Fort Washington, Maryland.

Two Day



Meal Bags

Hands on

Mission Experience

Heartwood Center, in addition to providing food during the summer break, also provides food during the Christmas break for children participating in the Federal free/reduced lunch program at school. Children in 9 local schools will receive food to fill in the gap while school is out.

We are assembling "Two-day" bags of individual, easily prepared food items for children.

We will supply the items to go in the bags but need your help assembling them. Please stop by our table anytime today and fill some bags.

Lunch Plans:

New Hope UMM is offering Hickory smoked Pork BBQ, (choice of Sweet Baby Ray's or Home-made north Carolina vinegar-based BBQ sauce), Bush's baked beans, home-made cole slaw, choice of Chocolate Mousse or Vanilla Crème filled cake, and sweet tea, lemonade, coffee, or water for \$9.00

(A vegetarian option is also available if notification is received in advance).



Or, feel free to bring your own lunch and join us!

Last year's attendees RAVED about this delicious meal! Please join us and support the New Hope UMM!

**RSVP &
PREPAYMENT
REQUIRED FOR LUNCH**

Book of Discipline of the UMC 101

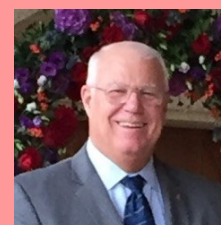
Terry Bain, Associate Lay Leader, Rappahannock River District



What is this book all about? How do we read it? Why do we read it? A class designed to answer basic questions concerning the plan by which United Methodists govern. If you have a copy of the Discipline, please bring it to class. We will also have reference copies available.

Making the Bishop's Vision a Reality: Making Disciples

Marty Martin, Retired Elder, UMC



Our bishop has cast a vision of making disciples who are life long learners, who influence others to serve. That leaves us with the question, "What does it look like in our churches to make that a reality?". Join us to examine some means of making disciples, developing a culture of life long learners, and some means of influencing others to serve.

Navigating Social Media

Madeline Pillow

Editor and News Associate of the Virginia Advocate

Ideal for Beginners to social media as well as those with more expertise.



For churches ready to delve into the world of social media, or ready for new ideas, this workshop will look at some of the social media platforms and how they can work for your church. Having an online presence is integral in this digital age as well as understanding what social platforms make the most sense for your ministries and church demographics.

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Racial Harmony

Panel Discussion with District Young Adults Moderated by DS Ted Smith

We want Racial Harmony! Our nation needs more harmony and especially more authentic human connections through all the things that divide us. We want to connect with and show the love of Christ to one another because Christ loved us first. But how do we play our part in creating more racial harmony?

We may not have all the answers, but we do have a workshop led by young adults from our Rappahannock River district. In our session on racial harmony the young adults will share prepared thoughts, will respond to questions, and will participate in a panel discussion. Come join us in this important conversation and hear the offering and guidance of our young generation.



UMC Financial Forms

Carol Draper, VA Conference Staff Accountant

Many clergy and laity face confusion when trying to complete the variety of UMC and Federal financial documents, whether it's a 1099 form, a clergy compensation form, accountable reimbursement, housing exclusion or others. Carol Draper from the Conference Treasurer's Office, will help us come to a better understanding of how to complete these documents.



Ways of Experiencing God

Suzanne Spencer
Chair, Older Adult Council,
Virginia Conference

An interactive workshop on spiritual formation including prayer, meditation, journaling, and study offered by members of the Conference Older Adult Council. While the workshop is not just for older adults (however you define that), time will be spent discussing the many ways older adults can experience new and renewed vitality in their own spiritual formation. *(1 ½-2 hour session to be offered by members of the Conference Older Adult Council)*

Election of Delegates to the 2018 Annual Conference will take place at the Conference Session. Only Laity may vote for AC Delegates. Persons authorized to vote on all other district matters are Pastors who serve congregations & Laity who are elected officers from their respective congregations. For a complete list of Who Votes at District Conference or to review the list of Nominees before the conference, please contact the District Office after November 5.

District Conference Registration
(Complete one form for each person in your party)

Please register for the District Conference by
Calling 804.448.8326 or
Email to rappahannockriverdistrict@vaumc.org or
Mail to PO BOX 100, Ladysmith, VA 22501
by November 11.

Name _____

Church _____

Email _____

Phone _____

BBQ Lunch (#) _____ Vegetarian Meal (#): _____ Amount Enclosed (\$9 each): _____

(MAKE LUNCH CHECKS PAYABLE TO NEW HOPE UMM.

Advance payment required)

Because of space limitations, some classes will be limited in size to the first registrants. Please Indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice for classes:

_____ **Book of Discipline 101**

_____ **UMC Financial Forms**

_____ **Making Disciples**

_____ **Navigating Social Media**

_____ **Racial Harmony**

_____ **Ways of Experiencing God**

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