

Keystone Annual Conference 2011

June 5 - 6
Pleasantville Camp
Pleasantville, PA

❖ What happens at Annual Conference?

Vision casting, business, reports, worship, celebration, ordination, fellowship

❖ Who attends?

All appointed Pastors, lay Delegates, those being received as CMCs, new Transfers, and conference officers attend. Others such as church officials, missionaries, and visiting clergy may attend. All interested others are welcome to attend.

❖ What should I/we do to get ready for Annual Conference?

- Prayer
- Contact other pastors/delegates/churches in your district.
 - Will anyone be going alone and/or for his/her first time?
 - Make plans to share a ride and sit together at conference.
- Watch for emails and web updates on AC items such as Agenda, Nominating Report, and AC Booklet. [Keystone AC Web Page](#)

❖ What is the Bar of Conference?

The Bar of Conference is a designated area of seating on the floor of conference for voting members, lay delegates, and those with Honorary seats, plus others at the direction of the Bishop. As Conference is called to order, the Bishop will designate specific rows and/or sections which will be the Bar of Conference and who may sit within the Bar.

❖ Who has a Vote?

Those having a vote are ordained ministers, conference ministerial candidates who are senior pastors, and lay delegates.

❖ Who has a Voice?

Those having a voice are all who have a vote along with those having Honorary seats.

❖ What are Honorary Seats?

Honorary Seats means having a voice but no vote. They are granted to Licensed Pastors, Conference Ministerial Candidates, Missionaries, visiting clergy, church officials, and other conference officers or committee members present.

❖ Where do I sit? I am a new CMC.

Those being received as Conference Ministerial Candidates (CMCs) have an Honorary Seat and may sit within the Bar of Conference.

❖ **May my spouse sit with me in the Bar of Conference?**

No, unless your spouse has a seat or an honorary seat in the Bar of Conference.

❖ **What does a lay Delegate do at Annual Conference?**

A lay Delegate sits within the Bar of Conference, has a voice and vote, and fully participates in Annual Conference.

❖ **What does a Reserve Delegate do at Annual Conference?**

A Reserve Delegate, if attending in place of a Regular Delegate, sits within the Bar of Conference, has a voice and vote, and fully participates in Annual Conference. Otherwise, a Reserve Delegate sits outside the Bar of Conference but may attend all sessions.

❖ **Is there a Registration Fee?**

Yes. The registration fees are: \$65 per ministry couple or \$50 per individual and \$40 per retiree couple or \$25 per individual retiree. All meals (dinner Sunday night, breakfast and lunch on Monday) plus lodging are included in this price. If you choose to seek lodging off-campus, the price will still be as listed above.

❖ **What happens at Registration?**

A day and a half of meeting, greeting, and fellowship begins! All Pastors and Delegates must sign-in and pickup their nametags. Pastors also need to pick-up their new Membership Cards.

❖ **What about Meals?**

Meals, as listed on the Agenda, are provided on-site as part of Annual Conference for those who are registered. Other attendees may pay for individual meals; cost is \$7 per meal.

❖ **How is Annual Conference part of our Free Methodist polity and process?**

See the FM *Book of Discipline 2007*—Chapter 5 – Annual Conferences, particularly pp. 121-129.

The BOD is available at: www.freemethodistchurch.org Go to Resources – Book of Discipline

Challenge to all prior to Annual Conference:

- **Please identify 2 things you are doing or will do to spread the gospel and 2 things you are doing or will do to promote social justice.**
Bring your lists to Annual Conference for a discussion time on becoming an activist.
- **Pastors, be sure to bring your one page Ministry Plan.**

Challenge to all during Annual Conference:

- **Meet and greet five people you don't yet know.**
Nametags make it easy to find names/churches that are new to you.
- **Welcome two of our “new” pastors**—new CMCs, Elder Ordinands, and Transfers.
Their nametags will be highlighted.