

WE ARE ONE: Connected in Covenant

UM Connection DAILY

The Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church • Becoming fully alive in Christ and making a difference in a diverse and ever-changing world • Wednesday, May 31, 2017

United Methodists gather for holy conferencing

By MELISSA LAUBER

WE ARE ONE. We are 159,048 lay members and 1,049 clergy who gather in 628 churches to worship Christ and share God's love.

From the Chesapeake Bay through the mountains of Appalachia; in the corridors of power and upon historic city streets, we live out the story of a life-giving Savior.

At an open Communion Table, we gather in our diversity – searching and certain, remembered and forgotten, whole and broken, cast down and resurrected – we are one.

We are blessed by diversity: Latino, Mizo, Indian, African, Chinese, Black, White, Native American, Korean, Bermudian, and mixed in a rich and messy blend of lifeblood and culture.

More than 69,680 of us put our hands to work for God on mission trips; spending close to \$5.2 million to serve 1,329,942 people. We are one in our hope, we are one in prayer, we are one in a God who is present among us.

We believe in grace, we believe in connection, we believe that faith is found in the sometimes difficult, and always fascinating, mixture of social action and personal holiness. The Bible is our book. We sing its truths in our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

We have been, are, and will be one – united in covenant – so that, in everything, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

In these next three days, we gather as one, claiming the faith of the first Methodists who came together 233 years ago at Lovely Lane Church in Baltimore. We are strengthened by the saints who have gone



before us; we are inspired by possibilities of a new episcopal leader, Bishop Latrelle Easterling, who now guides us into a season of spiritual growth and Gospel promise.

We are United Methodists, connected in covenant, inspired – together – to be alive in Christ and make a difference in an ever-changing world. Christ makes us one.

The theme of this annual conference session is “We are One.” During the next three days, members will vote on four resolutions, five Constitutional Amendments, the proposed 2018 budget and other items that enable the ministries of our connectional church.

Ordination will be held Thursday evening, and the Memorial Service will be Friday morning. We'll hear Bishop Easterling preach tonight at opening worship. The Rev. Steven Manskar will lead a Bible study the first thing on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Throughout it all, there will be reports and information shared from local church, district, conference and denominational leaders on the many issues – some controversial, some inspiring – facing the church today.

The annual conference, the Book of Discipline says, is the basic, fundamental body in the church. Over the next three days, this body will gather for sacred and holy work – living as people worthy of the call we received from God, conducting ourselves with humility, gentleness, and patience, accepting each other with love, and making an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties us together – one body, one spirit, one hope.

Annual Conference Live Streaming is available online at <http://bwcumc.org>.

Manskar leads Bible study on Ephesians 4

THE REV. STEVEN Manskar, director of Wesley Leadership with the denomination's Board of Discipleship in Nashville, will be leading the Bible study at the Annual Conference Session Thursday and Friday.

Manskar, a clergy member of the Minnesota Conference, is the author of several books, most recently, "Disciples Making Disciples." He served congregations in Maryland and Minnesota until he joined the staff of Discipleship Ministries in 1999. Both his M.Div and D.Min degrees were earned at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Manskar's Bible study will be held

Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and Friday at 8 a.m. The first morning, he'll look at Ephesians 4:1-6 and on the second day he'll explore Ephesians 4:7, 11-16.

"Paul is laying before the people that we are one in Christ, that it's all about unity," Manskar said. "I'm going to unpack that, verse by verse on Thursday."

On Friday, he said, we'll learn how that unity is lived out in the life of the church and the church's mission.

"And, of course, I'll be making lots of Wesleyan connections," he said. Early Methodism, through its preaching and particularly through the network of small

groups is where disciples are formed, he said.

Manskar will use the image of a Gothic cathedral to illustrate his point. Which one? You'll have to wait until Friday morning to find out.

"What makes it possible for us to be who God has called us to be are those pillars that hold up the church," he said. "The pillars are the apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, pastors and class leaders."



Steven Manskar

Bishop Lyght to preach at Ordination Service

BISHOP ERNEST LYGHT, retired, will be preaching the service of Ordination and Consecration on Thursday evening.

The son of the Rev. William and Attrue Lyght was born in Salisbury, Maryland. Growing up in a Methodist parsonage, he lived in Princess Anne, Chester, Pennsylvania, Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Wilmington, Delaware. He received a B.A. degree in history from Morgan State University and the M.Div. degree from Drew University. Princeton Theological Seminary awarded him the Th.M. degree and the DMin degree.

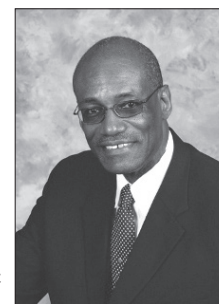
The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference elected him to the episcopacy in 1996 and assigned him to the New York Area. In 2004, he was assigned to the West Virginia Area.

Lyght served as president of the United Methodist Men's Commission during the 2000-2004 quadrennium, and as a member of the General Council on Finance and Administration. He was also secretary of the Council of Bishops.

Bishop Lyght is the author of "Have You Faith in Christ? A Bishop's Insight into the Historic Questions Asked of Those Seeking Admission into Full Connection in The

United Methodist Church." The book looks at each of the 19 questions candidates are asked by the bishop prior to ordination.

The responses, he writes, are both public and personal: "The candidates' responses are indicators of one's personal relationship with God and the depth of commitment to God and the work of ministry in and through The United Methodist Church."



Bishop Ernest Lyght

Gaines-Cirelli to explore 'Blest Communion'

THE REV. GINGER Gaines-Cirelli is the preacher for the Memorial Service on Friday. Gaines-Cirelli is the senior pastor of Foundry UMC in Washington, D.C., and the first woman senior pastor in the church's 200-year history. Prior to that, she served as pastor of St. Matthews UMC in Bowie and Capitol Hill UMC.

A native of Kiefer, Okla., a small town near Tulsa, she earned her master's degree from Yale Divinity School. She was also a pastor-theologian fellow for Princeton University Seminary. She is one of the editors of the Common English Woman's

Bible, which was released last year.

She and her husband, Anthony, a Roman Catholic theologian who works for the U.S. Conference of Bishops, live on Capitol Hill.

The title of her sermon is "Blest Communion," inspired by the fourth stanza of the hymn, "For All the Saints." Her Scripture text is taken from John 14:1-4.

Her current passion in ministry, among many, is strengthening Foundry in its call to love God, love others, and change the world.

"I am passionate about positioning Foundry for innovate ministry and leadership that shares the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with new people

and more diverse people," she said. "I am passionate about preaching the Gospel in challenging times. I am passionate about advocating for a United Methodist church that is big and open enough to

make space for faithful ministry in diverse contexts. I am passionate about lifting up the Wesleyan way of discipleship for new generations who are hungry for the promise of amazing grace."



Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

Give Generously Good Reads

At this session, members will be able to contribute to two special ministries.

BISHOP EASTERLING is calling for a “Seeds of Security” (S.O.S.) offering during the opening worship tonight.

This domestic violence initiative supports men and women seeking refuge from abusive relationships or marriages. The decision to leave an abusive partner or spouse comes with great risk, from physical retaliation to homelessness. A major impediment to leaving is the financial means to seek shelter and security.

During the Ordination Service tomorrow night, an offering will be taken to bring scholarship help to the youth who wish to attend ROCK but are financially unable.

ROCK, the annual conferencewide youth retreat, will be held at Ocean City, Jan. 26-28, 2018. Some 5,000 teenagers and their youth directors and chaperones attend the life-changing event.

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling recommends the following books to those interested in learning more about transformative growth.

1. “Disciples Making Disciples: A Guide for Covenant Discipleship” by Steven W. Manskar
2. “Legacy Church” by Stephen Gray and Franklin Dumond
3. “Grace to Lead: Practicing Leadership in the Wesleyan Tradition” by Kenneth L. Carder and Lacey Warner
4. “The End of White Christian America” by Robert P. Jones
5. “Leadership Directions from Moses” by Olu Brown
6. “Roadmap to Reconciliation: Moving Communities into Unity, Wholeness, and Justice” by Brenda Salter McNeil
7. “Christian Social Innovation: Renewing Wesleyan Witness” by L. Gregory Jones

Thornton retires

AFTER LEADING THE Retreat and Camping Ministry of the Baltimore-Washington Conference for more than 30 years, Andy Thornton will retire later this fall.

“Camp gives a young person the chance to be outside and away from the many distractions they see every day,” said Thornton. “At camp, caring adult counselors and mentors come alongside campers, helping them think through decisions and experiences in a way that will prepare them for their future.”

Last year, RCM saw more than 15,000 people on retreats, and camping saw a 2.7 percent increase in residential campers with an 11 percent increase in day camping, which includes initiatives in Baltimore and West Virginia.

Under Thornton’s leadership, hundreds of new disciples of Jesus Christ have been made, capital improvements have been many, and finances stabilized.

You might consider adding one of the blue “I Love Camp” ribbons to your name badge as a sign of your support for RCM... and as a way for us all to say, “Congratulations, Andy!”

Consent Calendar forms available on BWC website

PURSUANT TO THE Conference Rules, the reports from all program and administrative committees have been placed on the consent calendar (cc). These reports can be found on the conference website at www.bwcumc.org/events/annual-conference/consent-calendar. (No action item, resolution or petition shall be included on the consent calendar.) These items do not require Conference action and will be received without further reference.

An item may be removed from the consent calendar by submitting a form with signatures of 10 members. A link to this downloadable form to remove an item from the consent calendar can be found at www.bwcumc.org/events/annual-conference/consent-calendar.

These forms must be submitted to the Conference Secretary by noon on Thursday, June 1.

Exhibitors provide resources to enrich ministry

The exhibit hall, downstairs from the main meeting space, is open today from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Thursday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Exhibitors include:

Africa University
Appalachia Service Project
Armbruster A/V
Baltimore County Christian Workcamp
Baltimore Washington Area Reconciling Ministries
Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW
Board of Child Care
Born Again Jewelry @Colesville UMC
BWC Board of Church and Society
BWC Commission on Archives & History
BWC Committee on Native American Ministries
BWC United Methodist Men
Cokesbury
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Lay Servant Ministries
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Taylor begins her ministry as conference secretary

BY ERIK ALSGAARD

AS THE NEW Baltimore-Washington Conference Secretary, Cynthia Taylor brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the conference and United Methodism to the table.

A member of Mt. Olive UMC in Randallstown, Taylor begins her four-year term as secretary this year after serving on the BWC's rules committee and as chair of the Discipleship Council.

But what people may not know about her is that she's the youth group leader at her church.

"It just seemed like God saved the best for last," she said, referring to the middle and high school students she leads every week. "I'm 65 and these are some of the best kids, ever."

Before Mt. Olive, Taylor attended Epworth Chapel UMC. She moved her membership because Epworth stopped its 8 a.m. Sunday service and moved its Sunday

school time to coincide with a later worship service. Taylor taught Sunday school, and so, in order to not miss worship, she began going to Mt. Olive because they offered the early worship experience.

"What happened was, I started liking the church (Mt. Olive)," she said. "I found out that they had been praying for over a year for a person to lead their youth group. I just felt that that was where God was calling me to be."

As the new conference secretary, Taylor admits that she has a lot to learn. She's thankful to her immediate predecessor, the Rev. Mary Jo Sims, for making the transition as smooth as possible.

Part of her job during this Annual Conference Session will be to keep track of the daily proceedings. In addition, she assists the bishop at the dais with keeping track of speeches during debate. Any amendments more than five words long also must be turned in to Taylor.

Her big job, though, is the publication of

the BWC's historical record, better known as the conference Journal. Conference staff, especially Kayla Spears in the Communications Ministry department, help her in this task.

A mother of two and grandmother of two, Taylor is a student of the Bible. Psalm 23, which she says goes way back in her family, is important to her.

"It's what I always call our 'Family Scripture,'" she said. "When I was about six years old, my grandmother was dying of cancer. We recited that for her. It was also my mother's favorite Scripture."

And when her daughter was in grade one Sunday school, they had to memorize Scripture. If you guessed Psalm 23, you'd be correct.



Cynthia Taylor

Martin: 'We are in ministry together'

BY ERIK ALSGAARD

YOU WOULD NEVER know it from her enthusiastic approach to life, but you could say that Delores Martin is the Reluctant Conference Lay Leader.

"I never wanted to be a lay speaker," she said recently. "That was never anything on my radar. I kept saying 'no' when they asked me to take the position."

As it turns out, you don't need to be a speaker to be Lay Leader, Martin said. When she met with then Bishop John Schol to talk about the job in 2011, Martin told him what she didn't want to do.

"He said he wasn't looking for a preacher or anything like that," she said. "He said he was looking for a leader."

Martin has served the Baltimore-Washington Conference as Lay Leader since then. She will be welcoming laity throughout the BWC to the Laity Session at 2 p.m. today.

Martin is a member of Good Hope Union UMC in Silver Spring, a church she joined in 1990.

"I was originally a member of the AME Zion church," Martin said. "I was born and raised in that church in Henrietta, North Carolina."

It wasn't an easy decision to become United Methodist, she said, likening the experience to giving up a family tradition. "But I did not think about it," she said. "The Sunday that I joined, it just happened. It was like God said, 'Now's the time.'"

From the moment she started in the UMC, Martin has been an active lay person in the church. Calvin Williams, a former conference lay leader, and Jim Williams were at Good Hope Union, she said, "waiting to give me a job to do."

At the time, Martin was employed with the National Credit Union Administration. Both Calvin and Jim Williams thought Martin would make a good church treasurer, which she did for the next six or seven years.

Her church involvement ramped-up when she attended Leadership Days, she said, at the invitation of her pastor, the Rev. Jim Logan. It was only then, she said, that her eyes were open to the full depth and breadth of the church's ministry.

"The conference Board of Laity is like the umbrella for all the district lay leaders. We get together and talk about what's happening in our districts. They, in turn, are in contact with their local church lay leaders," she said.

An avid supporter of laity being in partnership with clergy in ministry, Martin said she appreciates the model that Bishop LaTrelle Easterling is using by always having a lay person co-celebrate Communion.

"We are in ministry, together," Martin said. "So often we tend to think it's a hierarchy. With this bishop, she very much wants the laity to be her partner. I like that."

Martin believes that to truly be a partnership, the clergy need to listen to what the laity have to say.

"It doesn't matter if it's from a 2-year old to a 102-year old," she said. "We have to listen."



Delores Martin



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Thurston to lead music at annual conference session

THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE is blessed with outstanding musicians throughout its churches. Some of them will lead worship and some will enhance the worship experiences this week.

Ron Triplett, assisted by Raimon Jackson, head up the music team this year. Stanley Thurston from Foundry UMC will direct the choir, made up of volunteer clergy and laity that will lead worship at services during the Annual Conference Session, as he has done in previous years.

Also performing is the Linden-Linthicum Children's Handbell Choir. Under the direction of Dave Foley, they will provide

their special brand of music as part of the Ordination Service. The choir is made up of seven children, grades 3-6. Foley is Director of Music and Communications at the church. One of the three pieces they will perform, "Jubilation for the 2017 Baltimore-Washington Conference Ordination," he wrote specifically for this occasion.

An Epworth UMC Praise Team joined by other music leaders from Hispanic/Latino ministries in the BWC, will provide music and leadership at the Ordination Service and in other worship experiences. Pastor Franklin Arias, on the student track at Wesley Theological Seminary, will direct the Spanish and English Praise Team. He

leads two Spanish services at Epworth UMC in Gaithersburg and will be joined by other leaders in the conference, including Frederick District Superintendent, the Rev. Edgardo Rivera, and his son, Edgardo Rivera, worship leader at Church of the Redeemer-Frederick Campus, and Hughes UMC member Mayruis Pimentel.



Stanley Thurston

24 Retirees Honored

TWENTY-FOUR RETIREES, WILL be honored today at a luncheon for the 617 years they have given in ministry. Over the course of their ministry, they, among a myriad of things, served as trustees of colleges and nonprofits; helped lead the national celebration of the United Methodist hymnal, served as director of Camp Manidokan, taught college students and seminarians, led deaf ministries, been honored for preaching, oversaw the restoration of the historic Evans House, changed hearts with stories of Jesus, baptized a 16-year old boy in the Voronezh River in Russia, and played a Celtic harp to patients in the hospital.

Approaching retirement, they plan to write books, paint, sit by the sea, spend precious time with family, discern new ministries, and continue playing bluegrass music, "a joyous way of celebrating life."

This group of 24 pastors is a varied one. But, said the Rev. Bill Herche, "our differences are what make us one body who can accomplish great things."

The Baltimore-Washington Conference has been blessed by their service.

Retirement Class of 2017

Retiree	Years Served	Retiree	Years Served
Patricia Berry	8	Brenda Joyce Mack	11
John M. Brooks	11	Jacqueline R.L. McLellan	24.5
Richard Lee Buckingham	20	Roderick Joseph Miller	35
Cynthia Horn Burkert	16	L. Katherine Moore (5.1.17)	39
Diane Dixon-Proctor	26	Marilyn Newhouse	17
Iris W. Farabee-Lewis	28	Lawrence Patrick Ricker	46
Charles Wayne Frum	26	Mabel E. Smith	15
Edward Hall	7.5	LaReesa Smith-Horn	31
William Allen Herche, Jr.	36	Arthur Dicken Thomas, Jr.	23
Barry Ellsworth Hidey	38	Rebecca Jane Vardiman	34
Kathleen Harriet Kohl	29	Clifford C. Webner	28
Ernest D. Lyles, Sr.	33	John Richard Yost	35

TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE: 617

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 2. Connect to MARRIOTT CONFERENCE.
 3. Launch a web browser.
 4. When prompted, enter the conference code – AC2017.
- The Welcome page will display and you can browse the Internet. When roaming through the hotel, your computer will sometimes disconnect and you will need to re-associate with another Wireless Access Point.

There are a lot of people here. Where are the best seats?

Please find the seat that best suits you, moving toward the center of the rows as possible. Visitors are encouraged to sit in the balcony to ensure there is space for voting members.

Will we be using hand-held voting machines?

Yes, a numbered voting machine will be given to lay and clergy members at registration. Clergy members will use them during the clergy session. They will also be used for voting on Thursday. The machines will be collected after Thursday's plenary session. If you leave before then, please make sure you return your machine.

Is this being live streamed?

Yes, your friends, family and congregation can watch the plenary sessions and worship service, from wherever they are, on the Conference website at www.bwcumc.org.

Where is the Prayer Room?

Before annual conference, the BWC's United Methodist Men covered the meeting space in prayer. During the session, they will make a space available for prayer and reflection in Room 8229.

What about this online Conference devotional I've heard so much about?

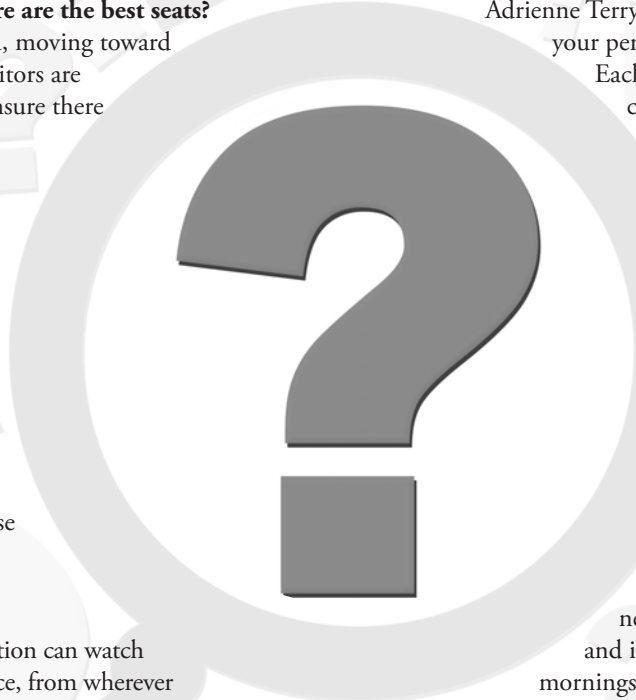
This exceptional collection of meditations and resources on the living parables of John, titled "Mosaics," is at www.bwcumc.org/events/annual-conference/mosaics-2017-annual-conference-devotional/

What's the Penny Challenge?

The change collected in this district challenge will benefit the Adrienne Terry Fund for Affordable Housing. Submit your pennies in the jar of your favorite district. Each penny is worth a point. Put silver coins in your competitors' jars to take away their points. Help "change the world" outside the main doors of the Exhibit Area.

What if I have more questions?

Ask a Highlighter, who are volunteers scattered around the hotel and dedicated to radical hospitality and finding you the answers you need. You'll also want to stay connected after Annual Conference through the *UMConnection*, the conference's award-winning newspaper, and the e-connection, a weekly electronic newsletter with the latest church news and information that comes out on Monday mornings. In addition, be sure to "like" our Facebook page, facebook.com/bwcumc, and follow us on Twitter, @bwcumc.



BWC BY THE NUMB3RS:

- Membership stands at 159,048, down 3 percent from the previous year.
- Worship attendance stands at 56,235, down 5 percent.
- Church school attendance stands at 16,416, down 4.8 percent.
- Professions or reaffirmations of faith for 2016: 2,643, down from 2015 by 14 percent.
- Adults and young adults in small groups for 2016: 33,340, down from 2015 by 2.8 percent.
- Worshippers engaged in mission for 2016: 69,680, up from 2015 by 4.9 percent. BWC churches served 1,329,942 people with ministries of outreach, justice and mercy.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:30 a.m.	Ordination Rehearsal	Ballroom
9 a.m.	Registration Opens	
9 a.m. - noon	Preconference Workshops	Virginia A, B, C
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Photos taken by Lifetouch	Delaware A
10:30 a.m. -	Retirement Reception and	Maryland A & B
1:30 p.m.	Luncheon (by invitation)	
2 - 5 p.m.	Clergy Session	Ballroom
2 - 5 p.m.	Laity Session	Washington Rooms 3, 4, 5
2 p.m.	Exhibit Hall opens	
5 - 6:45 p.m.	Dinner	Exhibit Hall A
5 - 6:30 p.m.	Extension Ministry Dinner (by invitation)	Maryland A & B
6 - 6:30 p.m.	Cabinet & Ordination photos	Ballroom
5 - 7 p.m.	Photos taken by Lifetouch	Virginia A, B, C
7 p.m.	Opening Worship	Ballroom

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Exhibit Hall A
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Photos taken by Lifetouch	Virginia A, B, C
8:15 a.m.	Gathering Music begins	Ballroom
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	Ballroom
9:30 a.m.	Plenary Session	Ballroom
Noon - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch	Exhibit Hall A
2 - 5 p.m.	Plenary Session	Ballroom

BWC CELEBRATES NEW APPOINTMENTS

Several people will be starting new ministries in the BWC.

The Rev. Antoine Love has been appointed assistant to the bishop. Christie Latona will serve as the director of Connectional Ministries. The Rev. Rodney Smothers will begin a new conference position as

Congregational Development Resource Specialist and the Rev. Ann Laprade has been named superintendent of the Baltimore Suburban District.

For a listing of clergy appointments visit, www.bwcumc.org/news/2017-appointments.

The Annual Conference Session is near the Woodley Park Metro stop. The National Zoo is within walking distance of the hotel. Walk out to Connecticut Avenue and turn left; the zoo will be about a 10-minute walk and will be on the right. Admission to the zoo is free. If you'd like to visit the National Mall to see museums or monuments, take the Red Line metro from Woodley Park toward Glenmont. Go three stops and transfer at Metro Center to the Orange, Blue or Silver Line toward Largo Town Center or New Carrollton. Take the metro two more stops to Smithsonian to come out of the metro on the National Mall. See map to the right.



Get your portrait taken

Photos will appear in a clergy photo directory. The laity are welcome to have their portraits taken.

Wednesday:
9 a.m.-2 p.m. – Delaware A
5 - 7 p.m. – Virginia A, B, C

Thursday:
8 a.m.-5 p.m. – Virginia A, B, C

Friday:
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Virginia A, B, C

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