Bishop Jonathan Holston is the resident bishop of the South Carolina Conference. Prior to his election and consecration in July of 2012, he served as the senior pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Atlanta. Bishop Holston holds a Master of Divinity in biblical studies from The Interdenominational Theological Center, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta. He also has a bachelor’s degree in religion from the University of Georgia. He has also traveled extensively as a specialist in missions to Ecuador, Uganda, Costa Rica, Haiti, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Kenya, India, China and Hong Kong.

Bishop James Swanson is the president of GCUMM and resident bishop of the Mississippi Conference. He served as pastor of St. Mary’s Road United Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia, for 14 years, where the church grew from 16 active members to a membership of 950 with 525 in average worship attendance. While at St. Mary’s Road, he was a co-chair of the Mayor’s Task Force on Gang Activity where he helped erode the influence and growth of gangs. Bishop Swanson holds a Master of Divinity from C. H. Mason Seminary, ITC, Atlanta, Georgia. He also has a bachelor’s degree in Christian Ministries from Southern Bible College, Houston, Texas.

Mr. Shan Foster has served as the MEND Director since spring 2015. Shan graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human and Organizational Development in 2008. During his time at Vanderbilt, Shan was named the SEC Men’s Basketball Player of the Year and is Vanderbilt University’s all-time leading scorer. Shan was drafted into the NBA in 2008 and was inducted into the Tennessee Hall of Fame in 2009. Recently, Shan was honored as SEC Legend at the 2016 SEC Basketball Tournament. Prior to his work at YWCA, Shan served as Dean of Culture for Intrepid College Preparatory Charter School in Nashville. Shan now sits on the board for Intrepid and is also a member of Joyful Heart Foundation’s Advisory Committee.

Dr. Kevin Watson taught at Seattle Pacific University and Perkins School of Theology before joining the Candler faculty in 2014. His research interests focus on Christian formation and discipleship from a Wesleyan perspective, particularly communal formation, Wesleyan/Methodist Christianity, the history of early Methodism, American Methodism, common misunderstandings of the Wesleyan tradition, and current events in The United Methodist Church. In addition to writing articles for both scholarly and popular publications, Dr. Watson is the author of three books, including Pursuing Social Holiness: The Band Meeting in Wesley’s Thought and Popular Methodist Practice (Oxford Univ. Press, 2014). He is currently working on a history of the development and fragmentation of American Methodism as a theological tradition.

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12th National Gathering of United Methodist Men
Schedule of Events

St. Lukes UMC • Indianapolis, Indiana • July 7-8, 2017

Friday, July 7, 2017
   3:00 pm - 6:30 pm  Ministry Fair
   3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Prayer Line Orientation
   4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  Prayer Line Open
   4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  John Wesley Fellow Dinner (reservations required)
   7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  First Gathering
      • Bishop James Swanson

Saturday, July 8, 2017
   8:00 am - 10:00 am  Second Gathering
      • Shan Foster
      • Kevin Watson
   10:00 am - 5:00 pm  Ministry Fair
   10:15 am - 5:00 pm  Hands on Ministry (outreach experiences)
   10:00 am - 5:00 pm  Prayer Line Open
   10:15 am - 11:45 am  Workshop Period A
   12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  Lunch (on site)
   1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  Workshop Period B
   3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  Workshop Period C
   4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  Dinner (on your own)
   7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  Third Gathering
      • Bishop Jonathan Holston

Sunday, July 9, 2017
   8:30 am - 9:30 am  Worship at St. Lukes UMC (optional)

MINISTRY FAIR EXHIBITS
Come and join your fellow men in exploring exhibits from general agencies of the UMC, bookstores, ministries, etc., during the event beginning Friday 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm & Saturday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Mission Experiences: (Saturday 10:15 am - 5:00 pm)

Mobility Worldwide (formerly PET Project) – “A Gift of Mobility”
Men will build PET (Personal Energy Transportation) units. Those hand-cranked carts are provided to those in the developing world who lack mobility due to polio, land mine injury, birth defects or amputation.

Produce Drop
Society of St. Andrew will operate a potato or vegetable drop in which men will package produce for the hungry in the Indianapolis area.

Mission Project with the Men of St. Lukes UMC
St. Lukes has a mission outreach for building handicapped ramps or similar construction. Men will build component parts of the ramps on-site for transporting to their final destination.
Workshops: 90 minute presentations offered during three periods on Saturday morning and afternoon.

Session A: (10:15 - 11:45 AM)
Session B: (1:00 - 2:30)
Session C: (3:00 - 4:30)

While attending the 12th National Gathering of United Methodist Men, you will have three opportunities to attend training workshops and/or participate in “hands-on” mission projects. Workshop leaders include members of the General Commission on United Methodist Men staff, Bishop James Swanson, Shan Foster, Rev. Rob Fuquay, Rev. Tom Albin, and many others. There are also a wide variety of museums and shopping within a short driving distance from St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

**Leadership Track**

**Craft a Vision for Your Local Church**
Biblical visioning can unify churches, bridge diversities, create energy and inspire people to something bigger than themselves. This workshop will provide participants with tools in kingdom-building ministry, in their local church, to discern God's purpose for their ministries to men.

1A, 1C

**"I Can't Do This Alone": Developing Team Ministry**
Men's ministry is difficult and energy consuming; it is best done in connection with supportive people who share the same vision. Learn how to identify, develop and equip people to be part of a team that engages in shared ministries and have time to spare.

2A, 2B

**'This Happened to Me": Change the Game Plan**
This practical workshop will address the most common problems faced by people engaged in men's ministry and offer some possible solutions. There will also be an opportunity to discuss challenges faced by workshop participants.

3B, 3C

**Personal Growth Track**

**Men's Health and Wellness**
Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit? (1 Cor. 6:19) Learn how to treat your body as a living temple by addressing health concerns with preventative practices and engaging in healthy-living practices.

4A, 4C

**Leave a legacy for the "Next Generation": Grandfathering**
Don't you want to see your grandchildren in heaven? Don't you want the very best life in Christ for your grandchildren (biological or adopted)? For thousands of men who feel they are past their prime, this workshop will invite you to participate in a vital task.

5A, 5B

**Faithfully Handle Stress and Anger**
Unresolved anger and stress are linked to high blood pressure, anxiety and depression. Some Christian men fail to recognize and admit their inability to handle stress and their angry responses. This session will offer a space to talk about stresses and anger and suggest ways to address them as men of faith.

6C

**Spiritual Development Track**

**Live as a Spiritually Empowered Man**
God gives each person special abilities for the common good of the body of Christ. To live as an empowered man, you must discern these gifts, use them in the right place, at the right time, in the right roles and for the right reasons.

7B

**Prayer Through the Normal and Abnormal Days**
Any relationship requires good communication. Our relationship with God is no different. We find it easy to pray at certain points of our journey, while at other times it is difficult, if not impossible, to have conversations with God. In this workshop, you will experience ways to be in conversation with God throughout your life journey.

8B, 8C
Daily Engagement With the Holy Spirit
John Wesley believed that daily engagement with the Holy Spirit was necessary. In his Journal entry for August 15, 1750, he wrote, "I was fully convinced of what I had long suspected, ...that the grand reason why the miraculous gifts were so soon withdrawn, was not only that faith and holiness were well-nigh lost; but that dry, formal, orthodox men began even then to ridicule whatever gifts they had not themselves, and to decry them all as either madness or imposture." Come and learn ways to have a daily encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Core UMM Ministry Development Track

Where are They? Fishing for Men
Most men's groups know that there are men missing from their fellowship, but they don't have the knowledge and tools necessary to reach the missing generations. This workshop will provide information and honest discussion about Millennials and GenZers that will prove invaluable to fish in new ponds with new bait.

What if They Can't Come?
The requirements of work and family sometimes makes it impossible for men to be part of accountability groups or studies they would like to attend. By using electronic (web technology) we can connect to men who can't attend the traditional meeting. Resources and best practices will be discussed.

And the Winners are ______________! How Did They Do It?
Join this panel discussion with winners of the "Best Unit of Methodist Men in the United States" as they discuss their successes, challenges and strategies. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

Develop Discipleship through Small Groups
Small group ministry is an important tool for developing discipleship. You will learn best practices for using small group ministry to develop discipleship among men.

Living Lives with a Pure Desire
How do we facilitate discussions about sexual purity in our men's groups? These discussions can be extremely difficult. Learn techniques to have a healthy and helpful discussion about issues of sexual purity.

Reaching Youth: Planning, Organizing and Communicating for Effective Discipleship
This workshop will equip UM men to minister to youth and young adults. Currently, 320,000 youth meet in UM churches through church-sponsored civic-youth organizations. More than half of the youth come from unchurched families. Discover new and exciting ways to recruit and disciple youth and parents, engage members of your church and conference in these outreach ministries.

MEND (Men End Domestic Violence)
For too long, men have been conspicuously absent from efforts to reduce or eliminate domestic violence. We have been missing 50 percent of the population, thus half of the equation. It is time to involve men and make them part of the solution.

Cyber Bullying
According to the Cyberbullying Research Center, approximately 35 percent of students aged 11-14 experience cyberbullying. It is important for adults to know the causes and resources available to help victims find grace and healing.

Mentoring a New Generation
Investing in the lives of those just beginning the journey is powerful and effective. How can you be a mentor to this generation?

Take the Flag: Following God's Signals in the Race of Your Life.
The spiritual life is often compared to a race. There is a parallel between the flags used in auto racing and the signals God sends us in our fast-paced lives. This workshop will not necessarily turn participants into race fans, but it will help them become stronger disciples of Jesus Christ by paying attention to the signals God gives us each day.
Registration Form
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Registration deadline: June 15, 2017

Please print or type. Use separate form for each attendee, including spouses and accompanying persons.

1. Prefix: __________________________________________________
2. First Name: _______________________________________________
3. Middle: ___________________________________________________
4. Last: ______________________________________________________
5. Suffix: ____________________________________________________
6. Nickname (if different for badge): ____________________________
7. Gender:  ☐ Male  ☐ Female
8. Racial/Ethnic Background:
   ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native
   ☐ Asian
   ☐ African American
   ☐ Hispanic
   ☐ Pacific Islander
   ☐ Caucasian
   ☐ Other
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10. City: ______________________________________________________
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12. Zip code: _________________________________________________
13. Country: _________________________________________________
14. Day Phone: ______________________________________________
15. Evening Phone: __________________________________________
16. E-mail: __________________________________________________
17. Church Name: _____________________________________________
18. Church City: ______________________________________________
19. State/Province/Country: ___________________________________
20. UMM Leader, indicate current position:
   Pres. ☐  VP. ☐  Sec. Treas. ☐  Other ☐
   Local ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐
   District ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐
   Conference ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐
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   Scouting Ministry Specialist ☐
   Men's Ministry Specialist ☐
21. Jurisdiction: ______________________________________________
22. Conference: ______________________________________________
23. District: __________________________________________________
24. Program special needs (if applies):
   ☐  Sign language
   ☐  Translation language
   List translation needed: ________________________________
25. Age Group
   ☐  Under 20  ☐  20-30
   ☐  31-45  ☐  46-60
   ☐  61-74  ☐  75+
26. Volunteers
   ☐  Whatever needed
   ☐  Fluent for language speaker, will translate if needed.
      Please list language(s) ____________________________
27. ☐  I request auxiliary aids and services because of a
disability: Please contact me at the following address,
phone number:

_____________________________________________________________________

28. In case of emergency please contact:
   Name: ________________________________________________
   Phone: _____________________________________________
29. My favorite worship song: _________________________________
30. Dietary Restrictions:
   ☐  Diabetic
   ☐  Gluten Free
   ☐  Nut Allergies
   ☐  Vegetarian
   ☐  Other ______________________________________________
   ☐  None

Workshop Tracks
Saturday July 8, 2017

Seminars are being offered in one, two or three different time slots. You may decide
which seminars you would like to attend for each session. We will try to accommo-
date your choice. Select your seminar session choices from the brochure and enter
your first, second, and third seminar code for each session below.

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MISSION EXPERIENCES
Saturday, July 8—10:15 AM - 5:00 PM
   ☐  Mobility Worldwide (Formerly Pet Project - Gift of Mobility)
   ☐  St. Lukes UMC Handicap Ramp Project
   ☐  Produce Drop - Society of St. Andrew

CEU'S AVAILABLE
Continuing Education Units will be available for clergy and others in attendance in gatherings and seminars. For CEU information, contact
the GCUMM office at the event.
**REGISTRATION FEES**

Registration Fee must accompany this form for processing.
(Spouses pay participant rates).

- Early bird event registration (Before 4/1/17) **$99**
  (includes lunch on 7/8/17)
- EMS member registration **$99**
- Event Registration after 4/1/17 **$129**
- Late event registration after June 1, 2017 **$150**
- John Wesley Fellow Dinner (Member) or Circuit Rider no cost
- John Wesley Fellow Dinner (Non Member) **$50**
- **T-Shirt (Earlybird registration only)** no cost
  Indicate size needed:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
  - Extra Large
  - XXL
  - XXXL
- T-Shirt Order (to be picked up at event) **$20**
  Indicate size needed:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
  - Extra Large
  - XXL
  - XXXL
- I would like to help financially to make this event a success.
  Please use this donation to help provide funds for others to attend or offset mission costs. OPTIONAL **$________**

**TOTAL ________**

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**HOTEL LODGING**

We have contracted with a number of hotels in the Indianapolis area for rooms during this event. Room rates range from $119 - $175 per night. For a complete listing see the GCUMM website, online registration site or contact our office.

Payment is required upon submission of registration.

- Enclosed is my check made payable to GCUMM
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  - VISA
  - MasterCard
  - Discover
  - American Express

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**Questions?**
Call (615) 340-7145 or (866) 297-4312

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- Include and sign your check or enter credit card information?

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