

NORTH CENTRAL NY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, May 26, 2009:

8:30-10:00 am	Clergy Packets Available	Liverpool Fellowship Hall
9:30- 1:00 pm	Clergy Session	Liverpool UMC
2:00-4:00 pm	Ordination Rehearsal	Hendricks Chapel
4:00 pm	Celebration of Ministry Banquet & Retirement Dinner	Bella Domani

Wednesday, May 27, 2009:

8:00 am -12:30 pm	"Get Out" Mission Project Brown Memorial/Westside Ministry	
9:00 am – 12:00n	Mentor Training	Holiday Inn-Boardroom 4
10:15 -11:15 am	Peer Learning Info Session	Holiday Inn Boardroom 3
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Peer Learning Info Session	Holiday Inn -Boardroom 3
12:00 – 5:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Convention Center Foyer
1:30 – 5:00 pm	Pre-Conference Briefing	Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Prayer Encounter	Grand Ballroom

Thursday, May 28, 2009:

6:00-9:00 am	ProCheck Health Screening	Cotillion 1
8:00 am	Registration Desk Open	Convention Center Foyer
8:45 am	Gathering Music & Announcements	
9:00 am	Opening Worship	Convention Center
	- Bishop Marcus Matthews, Preaching	
10:00 am	Call to Order	
	Organizational Motion & Standing Rules	
	Holy Conferencing	
12:00n -1:30 pm	Lunch Break	
	Extension Ministries Luncheon	Onondaga H
1:30 pm	Gathering Music	Convention Center
1:45 pm	Holy Conferencing	
5:15 pm	Dinner Break	
5:45 pm	Buses to Hendricks Chapel	Hotel parking lot
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Ordination & Commissioning	Hendricks Chapel

Friday, May 29

6:00-8:00 am	ProCheck Health Screening	Cotillion 1
7:00 – 8:00 am	Global Ministries Breakfast	Ballroom
7:15 am	Conference Choir Rehearsal	Convention Center
8:00 am	Registration Desk Open	Convention Center Foyer
	Gathering Music	Convention Center
8:15 am	Bible Study	Convention Center
	With Bishop Jonathan Keaton	
9:15 am	Holy Conferencing	Convention Center
12:00 – 1:30	Laity Luncheon	Grand Ballroom
	Local Pastor/Associate Member Meeting	
	Liverpool Fire Hall	
	CRCDS Luncheon	Onondaga F
1:30 pm	Gathering Music	Convention Center
1:45 pm	Holy Conferencing	Convention Center
5:00 pm	Dinner Break	
5:15 pm	Memorial Communion Dinner	Cotillion 1
	Palestinian Dinner	Andrews Memorial UMC
7:00-9:00 pm	Memorial Communion Service	Convention Center
	- Bishop Keaton, Preaching	
9:00 pm	Singing n' S'Mores with CCRM	Outdoor Patio Area

Saturday, May 30, 2009:

7:00-8:00 am	Social Ministries Breakfast	Ballroom
8:00 am	Information Desk Open	Convention Center Foyer
8:00 am	Gathering Music	Convention Center
8:15 am	Morning Worship with CCYM	
8:45 am	Holy Conferencing	
	Announcements	
11:30 am	Service of Appointments	

1 **Reports and Action Items for The North Central New**
2 **York Annual Conference (continued)**

4 **REVISION TO: NCNY Conference Council Report to AC 2009**

6 • **Mileage Reimbursement for Conference Staff:**

8 Motion to increase the budgets of Congregational Development by \$2,000 for
9 the Director of Congregational Development; Spiritual Leadership by \$1,000 for
10 the Director of Spiritual Leadership; and, Service Ministry Area by \$500 for the
11 Director of Connectional Ministries to cover the additional mileage. Motion
12 approved Sept. 27th, 2008.

14 Respectfully submitted by Chuck Forbes, Chair, Conference Council.

17 **NCNY Board of Ordained Ministry**

19 The start of a new quadrennium meant many new board members and division chairs
20 on the Board of Ordained Ministry. It also meant several changes in the Discipline that
21 required us to rethink and retool for our tasks.

23 Several took advantage of training offered at the General Board level to be better
24 equipped for the job ahead. The added bonus was meeting and interacting with our
25 counterparts from other conferences across the denomination.

27 Our year began with the Fall Retreat at Casowasco, September 29-30 with an
28 emphasis on building community and fellowship as colleagues. Changes in the
29 Discipline and information from General Board workshops & training were shared. As
30 a result the Board agreed that candidates will be eligible to seek ordination after a
31 minimum of 2 years of provisional membership, provided all requirements are met as
32 prescribed by the Board of Ordained Ministry.

34 A new model for training mentors was developed and offered once during the year
35 and again on the day of Pre-conference briefing. The new model trains participants to
36 be **Candidacy Mentors** for those entering the process to be licensed or ordained,
37 **Clergy Mentors** to walk alongside local pastors as a learned peer, and **Equipping**
38 **pastors** who supervise and advise those seeking and working in local churches as
39 Certified Lay Ministers.

41 In addition to the usual work of the Board, we began to wrestle with how to define
42 and encourage effectiveness, both for clergy and for congregations. A task force has
43 brought us back serious food for thought. The work in this area will be ongoing.

New ACT *continued from page one*

Reluctantly, members of New ACT returned to their work following their time with these current and emerging young leaders in upper New York, to hear reports from subteams, update timelines, and prepare for reports at Annual Conference sessions. Convener Bill Gottschalk-Fielding lead the team through their work.

Safe space

Creating safe space to listen to diverse voices is part of New ACT's ongoing work. Under development is a model which allows serious listening among those with different perspectives. The model will be used by New ACT in their discussions, as well as in sub teams, including those which will address a number of critical questions. Guidelines for the conversations and guidelines to insure that groups are diverse will be written, and training provided for critical question team leaders. New ACT member Darryl Barrow noted the guidelines will develop "a posture of listening."

The foundation for this work will include information from "Building

Inclusive Community," a multi-Conference Retreat in which some members of New ACT recently participated, with Eric H. F. Law of Kaleidoscope Institute. An overview of that training was shared with the entire New ACT at their April 25 meeting.

Team report

The Asset Allocation Team report brought a number of questions back to New ACT regarding their work, including responsibilities, timeline issues, and budget concerns. Suggestions out of this sub-team included moving up the decision as to new AC conference center administrative office location and adding an Executive Director for camping to the list of staff needed in place July 1, 2010. Those suggestions were received with no action taken.

Work on the Shared Ministry Formula is moving in the direction of using local church income as opposed to expenses or use of membership/average attendance. The subcommittee looking at that suggestion is gathering the necessary data to determine what that would look like for local churches.