

# 2011 COSROW EVENT

January 21-22—Blue Lake Assembly—Andalusia, AL

## *"May Those Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful"*

The 2011 COSROW Event is fast approaching and will prove to be a very pivotal point in the preparation for the election of delegates for both the General Conference and Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference (SEJ).

We have assembled four outstanding speakers, all of whom have been and continue to be heavily involved in the workings of our church. All have been delegates previously and are well versed in the preparation required and the stamina necessary for

being a delegate.

As you are aware General Conference determines the laws of the church under which we all operate. It is extremely important that we have a good cross section of our membership representing us and helping to shape the future of the United Methodist Church.

SEJ is equally important as it is where the election and assignment of bishops takes place.

At this meeting you will be provided with information that will enable you to not only understand the process involved but become directly involved if you are interested.

*Delegates are elected - they don't just happen! Who is going to represent you ?*

## FEATURED PRESENTERS



Dawn Wiggins Hare

Dawn was born and reared in Brewton, AL. A graduate of the University of Alabama with a double major in Theatre and Mathematics and a minor in Music and went on to receive her Juris Doctorate.

She currently is serving as Circuit Judge for the 35th Judicial Circuit in Alabama.

Dawn is active in Monroeville FUMC. Her service throughout the district and conference is extensive. She was a

Reserve Delegate to SEJ in 2004.

She serves as a Board Member for the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits Appeals Committee Secretary and a member for the SEJ appeals Committee.



**Tonya L. Elmore**

Tonya Elmore was appointed District Superintendent of the Mobile District in 2007.

Born in Chicago, reared in Iowa she moved to Ft. Walton Beach and affiliated with Mary Esther UMC and then on to Huntingdon College and Youth Director at Dalraida. Drew University provided a Masters of Divinity degree. In 1990 she became a LLP and was ordained a Deacon in 1991, and an Elder in full connection in 1994.

Tonya is talented in music and word along with an equally important talent for administration all of which she generously shares with our conference.

Tonya served as an alternate delegate to General Conference and was a part of the Jurisdictional Conference in 2004.



**Edna L. Williams**

Edna is a retired Tuskegee University Library Director and member of Tuskegee UMC.

She was a delegate to the 1992 and 2004 General Conference and a Jurisdictional Conference (and alternate General Conference Delegate) in 1996, 2000 and 2008.

She has served in numerous capacities in both the UMC and UMW. Edna has been a delegate to the World Methodist Conference: Rio de Janeiro, 1996; Brighton, England, 2001; Seoul, South Korea, 2006 and is planning to attend the 2011 conference in Durban, South Africa.

Edna states that her greatest honor was being selected the recipient of the Alice Lee Award in 2002.



**Robin Wilson**

Robin Wilson is the co-senior pastor of Dauphin Way UMC.

She is a native of Prattville, Alabama, where she was reared in First UMC.

Her educational background includes a BS from Vanderbilt University, MDiv from Duke Divinity School, and she is currently a doctoral student at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Robin is married to Dr. Jeff Wilson, also co-senior pastor of Dauphin Way, UMC.

When not enjoying her family, leading in the local church, or writing her doctoral project, Robin serves as a trustee of Birmingham Southern College, as the chair of the audit committee for GBOD, and as the vice chair of the adult discipleship division of the Curriculum Resources Committee with the United Methodist Publishing House.

Robin served as a Jurisdictional delegate and General Conference alternate in 2008. She also attended General Conference in 2000, 2004 and 2008.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY— January 21st

- 3:00 pm Early arrivers may hike or tour on Blue Lake trails.
- 4:30 pm Registration Begins
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Welcome
- 7:15—8:30 pm **Session I**  
*Organization of the General Church*

Following this session you are invited to an informal fellowship time in the lounge by the dining hall.



### Saturday—January 22nd

- 7:30 am Morning Stretch—New Conference Room
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:45—10:00 am **Session II**  
*Organization of the Southeast Jurisdiction*
- 10:15—12:00 am **Session III**  
*Organization of the Alabama -W. Florida Conference*  
Lunch
- 12:45-1:45 pm **Session IV**  
*Issues Facing the Church*
- 1:45 –2:45 pm **Session V**  
**Call to Action**
- 2:45—3:15 pm Break Out Sessions
- 3:15 pm Sending Forth

## *Alice Lee Award*

Alice Lee—1992  
Betty Salter—1993  
Mary Ellen Bullard—1994  
Amanda Burton—1995  
Evelyn Snell—1996  
Nancy Ross—1997  
Ruth Ann Powers—1998  
Clara Ester—1999  
Boots Guthrie—2000  
Nell Chance—2001  
Edna Williams—2002  
Vera Moore—2003  
Mable Anderson Dugger—2004  
Joyce Maddox—2005  
Jan Love—2006  
Willow Jean Spikes—2007  
Jane Walker (Posthumously) - 2008  
Florence Foy Strong—2008  
Libba Stinson—2009  
Ruth Gynther—2010

## *Jane Walker Scholarship*

Louise Stowe Johns—1997  
Pam Huff Freeman—1998  
Virginia Beckman—1999  
Gail Braughman—2000  
Katharine Boutwell—2001  
Reed Haigler—2002  
Holly Eckert-Morales—2003  
Patricia Brunner—2004  
Martha Kathryn Knight—2005  
Jenny Zeigler—2006  
Anna Tew—2006  
Jennie Hendrix—2007  
Christine Hale—2008  
Amanda Kelly—2009  
Alexandra K. Fisher—2009  
Katherine McMath—2010  
Angie Long—2010

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(334-222-5407) MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Blue Lake Assembly*

Single (old wing) \$77.50      Single (new) \$82.50      Triple (old) \$47.50  
Double (old wing) \$55.00      Double (new) \$57.50

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Requested roommates (must register together—make arrangements prior to sending in this form)

An offering for the Jane Walker Scholarship will be taken.

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 7, 2010.**

I would like to assist with COSROW by serving on one of the following committees or by:

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Piano ( ) Lead Music ( ) Newsletter ( ) Speaker Identification ( )  
Ruth Gynther Scholarship Committee ( ) Alice Lee Award Committee ( )  
Program Planning ( ) Annual Conference Breakfast ( )

Please Contact Me:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Don't file this information away....get busy and make something happen!**

## What Is COSROW

The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women is one of 12 church wide agencies of The United Methodist Church, which is financed through the World Service Fund (apportioned giving from local congregations). It is one of two independent commissions (the other is the General Commission on Religion and Race) charged with advocating, monitoring and challenging the church to seek justice and inclusiveness. The Commission is accountable to the General Conference, and is a member of the Connec-tional Table, the denomination's body for coordinating the program and administrative life of the church wide agencies.

The Commission is governed by a board of directors, representing annual conferences in the United States and beyond. Elected every four years, the board engages in a rigorous self-study to ensure that our mem-bers represent the diversity of The United Methodist church, including laity and clergy, youth and young adults, older adults, racial/ethnic women and men, persons with disabilities and regional representation.

Commission bylaws stipulate that the board president must be a woman, and members work to ensure that clergypersons and laypersons are equally represented as leaders in the agency. 2008-2012 officers include Bishop Mary Virginia "Dindy" Taylor as President, Chita Milan as Vice President, and Diane Kenas-ton as Secretary.

**Our mission** is to challenge The United Methodist Church at all levels to work for full and equal participa-tion of women in the total life of the denomination, including ordination of women, equal access to policy -making and recognition that Jesus Christ calls men and women alike to salvation, liberation, discipleship and service in church and society.

The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women is helping the church to be a more reliable and trustworthy agent of the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that we recognize every person as a "full an equal part of God's human family." (The Book of Discipline)

Through training, education, research and monitoring, GCSRW:

- Nurtures women leaders in the church
- Addresses gender discrimination
- Confronts sexual harassment and abuse and advocates for victims
- Raises awareness about women's issues and opportunities
- Identifies institutional sexism and recommends ways to diminish it