

“By No Other Name”

Acts 4:12



Tenth International
General Conference

Houston, Texas
August 3rd to 9th, 1981

conference
schedule

Monday

ELDERS NOMINATION COMMITTEE + Cabaret + 7:AM

All district members of the Elder Nominating Committee are required to attend this first closed meeting. First order of business will be to elect a chairperson. (For the agenda of open meeting with the committee and its nominees, please refer in the schedule to Monday, 9:00 - 11:00 PM)

MUSICIANS AND MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING + Grand Ballroom + 8:00 AM

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 8:30 - 10:00 AM

The Rev. Charles Larsen, pastor of MCC of the Resurrection in Houston, will preach.

DEACONS' WORKSHOP + Cabaret + 10:30 - 12:30 PM

This workshop/sharing time is designed especially for (but not limited to) deacons and will offer a time of sharing concerns, building support systems, exchanging information and experiences, and helping each other comprehend and clarify the duties, privileges, responsibility and joys of this ministry to the church. All deacons and other interested people are invited and urged to attend.

BUSINESS MEETING (SEATING OF DELEGATES) + Grand Ballroom + 10:30 AM

This introduction of all lay, clergy and newly-licensed clergy delegates to the floor marks the official commencement of the Tenth General Conference business session.

ADDRESS BY THE REV. ELDER TROY PERRY + Grand Ballroom + 10:50 AM

CONFERENCE PROCEDURES AND PRESENTATION OF ELDERS' WHITE PAPER FORUM + Grand Ballroom + 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

ACTION ON ELDERS' WHITE PAPER + Grand Ballroom + 1:15 - 2:00 PM

This is an official business session; all delegates are required to attend.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, TASK FORCE WORKSHOP STYLE MEETINGS + 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Open to the public in various rooms to be announced. In an attempt to adequately inform delegates and other interested people, this time has been specifically set aside to allow for information sharing and dialogue around the various issues, tasks and reports being presented during the conference. You are urged to attend these sessions of your particular interest in order to insure as much communication, understanding and clarification as possible.

"HOW GOD WORKS TO RESOLVE FAMILY CONFLICT" + Room To Be Announced + 2:00 - 4:00 PM

As a Christian and a gay person it is often difficult to find harmony with children, parents and former spouses. A discussion of how God can bring peace and love where there has formerly been conflict and pain.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS COMMISSION FORUM + Emerald + 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Although this is a regular business session and delegates are required to attend, it will be a question and answer forum open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend in order to adequately prepare for the GSS Report to be presented to the business session Tuesday, 10:30 AM.

CONFERENCE CHOIR PRACTICE + Grand Ballroom + 5:30 PM

The Conference Choir is open to all who wish to participate. It will perform at the final morning worship service on Sunday, August 9. Those interested in joining the Conference Choir must attend all scheduled rehearsals (times to be announced). If you wish to participate, please meet in the Grand Ballroom at 5:30 PM.

WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:30 - 9:00 PM

The Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, from Los Angeles, CA, will be bringing the keynote sermon.

ELDERS' NOMINEES' FORUM + Emerald + 9:00 - 11:00 PM

This is an open meeting. Nominees to the office of Elder will answer questions, discuss issues, and otherwise be available for public inquiry as to their positions, concerns and qualifications, as determined by the Nominations Committee.

MONDAY CONTINUED

SOCIAL/POOLSIDE GATHERINGS + 10:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Tonight and each night throughout the Conference, various activities are being provided for those wishing to share together in social settings. Activities will include two feature length movies each night, informal gatherings around the pool (no swimming allowed after 10:00 PM per hotel policy) and other events which should allow opportunity for those who do not wish to go to bars or attend other activities away from the hotel. A schedule of each night's activities will be posted at the information center.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS/ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETINGS

- + From Monday through Saturday at 6:30 AM there is scheduled a Meditation/Support Time.
- + AA/AT Meetings will be held Monday through Saturday at 6:00 PM.
- + Both of these events will be held in the AA/AT Hospitality Suite (see information center for location); some will be open and some will be closed meetings. Announcements will be made daily on the information board in the information center.

MEDITATION CHAPELS

- + *Individual meditation time* is being made available on a 24 hour schedule in the *Belvedere B*. This room is for those who wish to spend time in meditation and prayer. This is not for group meetings; silence is requested in respect to others wishing a quiet place to meditate.
- + *Group meditation/prayer time* will be made available each evening for those wishing to share together in the *Cabaret* beginning at 9:00 PM. Groups wishing to use this space and time are responsible for organizing the event; there will not be a planned worship provided by the Worship Committee. Prior arrangements must be made with the Conference Coordinator. Should others wish to meet, but find the *Cabaret* in use by another group already, they may select any of the meeting rooms with permission from the Conference Coordinator, the Rev. Pepper Shields, who may be contacted through the information center.

Tuesday

COMMUNION SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:00 - 7:30 AM

The Rev. Bjorn Marcusson, Worship Coordinator of MCC Copenhagen, Denmark, will officiate.

WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 9:00 - 10:00 AM

The Rev. Delores Berry, MCC Baltimore, will preach.

BUSINESS MEETING + Emerald + 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Action on the GSS Report and begin other Reports.

BUSINESS MEETING + Emerald + 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Continuation of Reports.

WOMENS' CONCERNS WORKSHOP + Embassy + 2:00 - 5:00 PM

This workshop will provide a place for women to share with other women their concerns, fears, accomplishments and their need for support systems and understanding. This time is reserved for women only, and all women are invited to attend.

MENS' CONCERNS WORKSHOP + Marco Polo Room + 2:00 - 5:00 PM

For men only, this workshop is to serve the same function for men as the workshop listed above for women.

WORLD CHURCH EXTENSION WORKSHOP + Cabaret + 2:00 - 5:00 PM

This workshop is designed to provide insight into the needs, accomplishments and goals of WCE. All are invited and encouraged to participate.

WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:30 - 9:00 PM

The Rev. Elder Charles Arehart, MCC of the Rockies in Denver, CO will preach.

TUESDAY CONTINUED

SOCIAL/POOLSIDE GATHERINGS + 10:00 PM - 1:00 AM

See information center for scheduled activities.

WOMEN SHARING STORIES + Cabaret + 9:00 PM - ??

The Rev. Jennie Bull, Washington D.C., will moderate this time for UFMCC women, clergy and laity, to share our life stories, our struggles and joys.

Wednesday



COMMUNION SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:00 - 7:30 AM

The Rev. Jose Cruz, Christ MCC, Miami, FL will officiate. This service will be conducted in the Spanish language.

WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 9:00 - 10:00 AM

The Rev. Brent Hawkes, MCC Toronto, Canada will preach.

BUSINESS MEETING + Emerald + 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Election of Elders and continuation of Reports.

ADDRESS BY DR. JAMES TINNEY + Grand Ballroom + 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Dr. Tinney is a professor at Howard University, a Church of God in Christ lay theologian, editor of *Spirit*, and director of the Pentecostal Coalition for Human Rights. A dynamic speaker, Dr. Tinney will share insights into issues relevant to the Universal Fellowship. Do not miss this important and valuable experience.

BUSINESS MEETING + Emerald + 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Continuation of Reports.

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE FORUM + Emerald + 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Although a part of the business session which delegates are required to attend, this forum will provide opportunity for questions and answers regarding the Inclusive Language Task Force Report in preparation for the presentation at the business session on Friday at 10:30 AM. The forum is being made available to allow you to hear and present your questions and concerns so that you may be able to adequately be aware of the issues involved in this important report, and to allow an ample opportunity for meaningful dialog. (Please note that there will also be an Open Meeting of the Inclusive Language Task Force at 8:00 AM on Thursday.)

WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:00 - 8:00 PM

The Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey, MCC Los Angeles, CA will preach.

THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATES THE INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF THE DISABLED + Grand Ballroom + 8:30 - 10:00 PM

An evening dedicated to raising consciousness about the struggles of disabled persons and celebrating the courage and victories of some very special people in this, the United Nation's International Year of the Disabled. The evening will include testimonies and an extraordinary film about an MCC Toronto member, Mr. John Kellerman, an activist for the rights of disabled people. Mr. Kellerman will be present with us and we will be honoring him. The Rev. George McDermott, of MCC Providence, RI will be MCing the evening.

SOCIAL/POOLSIDE GATHERINGS + 10:00 PM - 1:00 AM

See information center for schedule of activities.

Thursday

COMMUNION SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:00 - 7:30 AM

The Rev. Karen Ziegler, MCC New York, will officiate.

OPEN MEETING OF THE INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE TASK FORCE +
Cabaret + 8:00 - 9:00 AM

THURSDAY CONTINUED

WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 9:00 - 10:00 AM

The Rev. Elder Jean White, MCC London, will preach.

NO BUSINESS SESSION TODAY

In order to allow delegates to attend workshops, the schedule has been arranged so that no business session is scheduled today. It is hoped that delegates will avail themselves of this opportunity to participate in the various workshops designed to speak to many diverse issues and topics of interest throughout the day.

PASTORAL CONCERNS WORKSHOP + Crystal Room + 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Designed primarily for pastors and worship coordinators, this workshop will focus on the needs of the pastor. Suggestions for support systems, discussions of the needs and frustrations of the pastorate and specialized ministry, and other topics of concern and interest will be featured.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION AROUND THE WORLD WORKSHOP + Cabaret + 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

This international look at Christian Social Action will be co-sponsored by the Department of Christian Social Action and the non-U.S.A. Congregations, Districts and World Church Extension Areas.

There will be four main areas of focus for the Workshop:

1. What is Christian Social Action outside of the U.S.A.?
2. What problems are faced by people doing Christian Social Action in non-U.S.A. Congregations, Districts and World Church Extension Areas?
3. What are some solutions to these problems?
4. What resolutions should be brought to the full General Conference?

You are urged to share in this important event.

THE UFMCC INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICES + Bluebonnet + 10:30 - 11:30 AM

"Yes, Virginia, there really is a 5300 Santa Monica Boulevard" is the topic of this workshop designed to acquaint you with the Fellowship offices in Los Angeles. Mr. Phil Gallnitz, office manager, will be available to answer questions and share about the office staff and their responsibilities, as well as explain the various services available through the office.

SMALL/RURAL GROUP WORKSHOP + Azalea Room + 10:30 AM -
12:30 PM

A very serious concern to the Fellowship is the persistent problem encountered by small and rural groups who feel isolated because of their inaccessibility to others in the Fellowship. This workshop is designed for (but not limited to) pastors and worship coordinators of rural and small groups to encourage understanding and systems of support and to allow you to share with others in similar situations.

TINNEY RAP TIME + Grand Ballroom + 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Dr. Tinney will offer fresh insights, share concerns, and touch upon issues pertinent to the Universal Fellowship from a loving, knowledgeable and realistic perspective. Dr. Tinney has supported the concept of UFMCC and has closely followed our struggles and has celebrated our successes with us. Do not miss this experience if at all possible.

HYMNODY WORKSHOP + Marco Polo Room + 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Facilitated by Dr. Richard Follett and Mr. Jim Mitulski of the Fellowship's Hymnody Committee, this workshop will center around the study of hymnology, how hymns are developed and changed, and will discuss the process of continuation of the UFMCC trial hymnal which is being introduced at this General Conference.

BUILDING A NETWORK OF WHITE PEOPLE AGAINST RACISM +
Embassy + 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

How can the white community understand how it has oppressed blacks? What can the white community (and the individual white person) do to combat racial prejudice and oppression? How much can one individual do? How can those who want to understand and help join others to combine their efforts? These are some questions that will be discussed at this workshop.

DOING OUTREACH TO THIRD WORLD COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP +
Cabaret + 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Who are Third World Peoples? Where are they geographically? What are their needs, hopes, and goals? What are their oppressions and from where do their oppressions come? This exciting, informative workshop will attempt to speak to these and many other issues in a constructive, sharing way and is facilitated by people knowledgeable and concerned.

THURSDAY CONTINUED

THE CHURCH LIBRARY WORKSHOP + MCC Houston + 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Facilitated by Mr. Charles Botts, librarian at MCC of the Resurrection in Houston, this workshop will feature a tour of the Houston facility, considered by many to be the most complete of any UFMCC congregation. Subjects to be covered include the role of a library in the church, how to start a library from scratch, the selection of books, library organization, library policies and administration and the advertising of the library. Attendance at this workshop is limited, so if you wish to attend, please contact the information center to reserve a space and to make arrangements for group departure to MCC of the Resurrection in Houston.

FOREVER YOUNG, LIFE NOT DEATH, AHEAD: A WORKSHOP ON AGING + Embassy + 1:30 - 3:30 PM

A workshop *for persons over age thirty* on the effects of Christian attitudes and prayer on the aging process, presented by 79 year old Galen Moon and 22 year old Paul Tatum, both from Pomona, CA. In this workshop you will discover that you can do something to modify the "old age syndrome" and that there are many ways of finding surcease from the stereotypical old age picture. You will take a personal inventory of goals, relationships, self esteem, prayer habits and faith. You will discover that growing older does not mean racing toward the grave and that loneliness is frequently distance from God and that living with God can change the whole picture.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKSHOP + Azalea Room + 1:30 - 3:30 PM

What is substance abuse? What forms does it take? Who is afflicted? Who is affected? How can the abuser find help and support? How can the non-abuser assist? How can the non-abuser survive and support a spouse or friend who is an abuser? These and other questions will be discussed. Those who are currently having difficulties or who have faced this dilemma, and those interested in understanding and helping are encouraged to attend.

SAMARITAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE WORKSHOP + Crystal Room + 1:30 - 3:30 PM

STI is the officially recognized educational arm of the Fellowship. How does it operate? What services does it offer? Is its purpose only to train clergy for UFMCC? How does it attempt to assist the lay community in their attempt to minister to the Church and the world? What progress has it made in the past years and what are its present needs, goals and purposes? The staff of STI will be present to answer these and other questions you have regarding your school. They will share exciting new achievements and goals regarding accreditation plans, facility expansion, curriculum revisions and expansions, and extension programs.

POLITICAL ACTION WORKSHOP + Bluebonnet Room + 1:30 - 3:30 PM

What is political action? May political action be Christian? Should the UFMCC be involved in political action? How may we as a Fellowship and as individuals be involved in legislative action for gay and lesbian rights? This workshop and sharing time is designed to help answer these and other such questions.

ADDRESS BY MS. JOAN CLARK + Grand Ballroom + 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Ms. Clark, one of our featured guests at this conference, was, from 1972 to 1979, employed as an executive staff person with the Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries for the United Methodist Church. Her responsibilities with United Methodist Women included leadership development, program development, consciousness raising, and education. In addition, she worked to increase women's understandings of the influence of the political right on the social justice agenda of the churches and community groups.

In April, 1979, she was fired from her position with the Women's Division upon acknowledging publicly her identity as a lesbian. Ms. Clark now resides in Chicago, where she is employed as the coordinator of the Ecumenical Women's Center, a women's community organization involved in education, advocacy, and the provision of direct services related to the concerns of incarceration, battering and abuse, racism, homophobia, and corporate social responsibility.

TEX-MEX BUFFET + Poolside + 6:00 PM

A social time of sharing and delicious food around the pool. Cost will be minimal and advance registrations *must be made* by Tuesday at the information center.

WORLD CHURCH EXTENSION WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom +
7:30 - 9:30 PM

SOCIAL/POOLSIDE GATHERINGS + 10:00 PM - 1:00 AM

See information center for scheduled activities.

Friday

COMMUNION SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:00 - 7:30 AM

The Rev. Brenda Cisneros-Hunt, MCC Detroit, MI will officiate.

WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 9:00 - 10:00 AM

The Rev. Elder John Hose, MCC Atlanta, GA will be preaching.

FRIDAY CONTINUED

BUSINESS MEETING + Emerald + 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Presentation of the Inclusive Language Task Force Report.

PANEL DISCUSSION + Grand Ballroom + 2:00 - 3:30 PM

"THE NEW RELIGIOUS RIGHT: HOW CAN WE RESPOND?"

Distinguished panelists: Ms. Joan Clark, Director of Ecumenical Women's Center in Chicago; Rabbi Allen Bennett, Rabbi of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, San Francisco, CA; the Rev. Angela Needham, UFMCC clergy, feminist, and pastor in Northampton, England; and Dr. James Tinney, professor at Howard University, Church of God in Christ lay theologian, editor of *Spirit*, and director of the Pentecostal Coalition for Human Rights. The Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson will moderate.

GAY LITERATURE WORKSHOP + Marco Polo Room + 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Dr. Richard Follett, executive director of STI, and co-chair of the National Council of Teachers of English Committee on (Concerns of) Lesbians and Gay Males in the English Profession, will facilitate this workshop. Definitions of lesbian literature and of gay male literature will be offered. Also to be discussed are such topics as the need to study such literature since there is a suppression of such materials and a denial of social realities, selected literary images, and poetry/short-story sharing times. During the segment on poetry/short-story sharing group participants will be asked to read works they have brought with them, either written by themselves or by others/published or not, and to discuss these with small groups. NOTE: participants are encouraged to bring sharing materials but may choose not to if they so wish.

STAYING YOUNG WHILE GROWING OLDER: A WORKSHOP ON AGING + Cabaret + 2:00 - 4:00 PM

A participatory workshop for men and women *under thirty*, there will be an exploration of the application of Christian attitudes and prayer as a positive means of enriching your growth/aging process. The workshop will be facilitated by 22 year old Paul Tatum and 79 year old Galen Moon, both from Pomona, CA.

You will get a good look at the complex structure of aging which involves sexuality, friendships, partnerships, community involvement, finances, fears of loneliness, isolation, dependency, and what to do to further enrich your growth/aging process. You will discover that you have the God-given and Christ explained ability to create for yourself the "Old Age" milieu, conditions, and pattern you want to experience when you become a senior citizen.

CUBAN RELIEF WORKSHOP/SHARING TIME + Bluebonnet Room +
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Mr. John Chasteen, Director of the Cuban Relief Program, whose offices are in the Los Angeles UFMCC Headquarters, will share the current status of the program, share the frustrations and joys inherent in the program, answer questions, and otherwise share from his perspective as well as to allow you the opportunity to share.

FORUM ON THE BUDGET + Grand Ballroom + 4:00 - 5:00 PM

A forum to discuss the budget to be presented to the business session on Saturday at 10:30 AM.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS COFFEE-KLATCH + Castillian Room +
5:30 - 6:30 PM

An informal gathering sponsored by the Department of Ecumenical Relations offering an opportunity to meet the many Gay/Lesbian organization representatives and to share information with them.

WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:30 - 9:00 PM

The Rev. Elder Freda Smith, Sacramento, CA will preach.

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT + Grand Ballroom + 9:30 - 11:00 PM

This special social event will feature well -known comic, Robin Tyler, who will provide an enjoyable, hilarious program of entertainment, and an exciting musical concert by the professional Montrose Singers and Band, of Houston.

SOCIAL/POOLSIDE GATHERINGS + 11:00 PM - 1:00 AM

See information center for scheduled activities.

Saturday

COMMUNION SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:30 - 8:00 AM

The Rev. Willie White, Rochester, NY, will officiate.

WORSHIP SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 9:00 - 10:00 AM

The Rev. Ron Anderson, of the New Freedom Evangelistic Team, will preach.

SATURDAY CONTINUED

BUSINESS MEETING + Grand Ballroom + 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Budget and Resolutions.

HUMAN RIGHTS RALLY + Grand Ballroom + 2:00 - 3:30 PM

The Board of Elders and the Department of Christian Social Action present the Human Rights Award to the Unitarian Universalist Association. Dr. Loretta Williams, Chair of the Department of Social Responsibility for UUA, will receive the award and address the Rally. Don't miss this exciting speaker! The Rally will also include introduction of special guests and musical entertainment.

TEACH-IN: EL SALVADOR-ATLANTA-HIROSHIMA + Grand Ballroom + 3:30 - 5:00 PM

A workshop dealing with the UFMCC's Christian response to the situations in El Salvador and Atlanta, and concerning issues of nuclear power and world peace. The Teach-In will conclude with a litany for justice and peace.

AD HOC AND REPEAT WORKSHOPS + 3:30 - 5:00 PM

This time has been reserved for special interest groups and those wishing to repeat previous workshops. Anyone or any group wishing to schedule an event must make arrangements with the Conference Coordinator through the information center *no later than noon on Friday* since space is limited. Events will be scheduled on a first come, first scheduled basis.

ORDINATION SERVICE + Grand Ballroom + 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Ms. Jean Gralley and Mr. Ken Elder will be preaching.

SOCIAL/POOLSIDE GATHERINGS + 10:00 PM - 1:00 AM

See information center for scheduled activities.

Sunday

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE OF GENERAL CONFERENCE X + Grand Ballroom + 10:30 AM

This exciting event will feature the Conference Choir and the Rev. Elder Troy Perry will deliver the sermon. Seating is limited so plan to arrive early.

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