

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018

THE TABLE RUNNER

Official Newsletter of For Everyone Born

WELCOME!

Children of God, welcome to For Everyone Born, LYNC's National Convocation! Thank you for choosing to spend this pivotal time of fellowship, worship, and strategizing with others from across The United Methodist connection working for full inclusion in The United Methodist Church. You are among over 300 individuals congregating here in St. Louis for a vision of a just and inclusive Church. You are choosing to #BeTheWayForward.



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INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUPS

At 11:15 AM on Friday, we are going to offer informal discussion group opportunities. Groups will meet in the following rooms:

General Conference 2019 Presence and Hospitality

Facilitator: Helen Ryde Room: Poplar

Uniting Methodists: Next Steps

Facilitator: Rachael Baughman Room: Blanchette II

Having Conversations in Your Local Church

Facilitator: Ben Roe Room: Discovery

What Local Churches and RUMs Can Be Doing Now to Prepare

Facilitator: Frank Wulf Room: Lambert

Options for Post-General Conference 2019 with the Primary Outcomes

Facilitator: Vicki Woods Room: Boone

Building Connections with Central Conference Churches

Facilitator: Richard Bentley Room: St. Charles

Tweet, Facebook, and Instagram your experiences here to catalog this pivotal moment and to share updates with those at home. Include the hashtag #ForEveryoneBorn in your posts!



If your registration included breakfast, please take your breakfast ticket with you to breakfast at the Gateway Ballroom.

Please remember to **wear your name badge** at all times. This will help us ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all participants.



Is this your first Convocation?

Join Mark Bowman for an orientation session to #ForEveryoneBorn today at 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM, or 5:00 PM in the St. Charles Room.

CHOIR & MOVEMENT CHOIR PRACTICE will take place in the Grand Ballroom TODAY 6:30 PM -7:00 PM and **tomorrow** 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

Affirmation's **Sweet for the Sweets Reception** after tonight's session will be in Salons A & B. There will be a cash bar.

If you have an update, photo, or insight you'd like included in the next day's edition of The Table Runner, please send it in an email to **newsletter@foreveryoneborn.org**.

Submissions must be received by 6:00PM to be considered for the next day's newsletter. Editors retain the right to edit submissions.

REMEMBERING REV. HAROLD SWINK

It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the death of our beloved friend, the Reverend Harold Swink, on July 23, 2018. Harold had a heart attack last Friday and passed away on Monday surrounded by family and friends.

Harold's family and friends will gather on Sunday afternoon to thank God for the gift of Harold and to celebrate his life. Memorials may be made to Mosaic UMC or to Reconciling Ministries Network.

Harold spent decades leading worship on Wednesday evenings. He touched the lives of many, many people – not only in Oklahoma but throughout the world through his and his wife Monica's involvement in Reconciling Ministries Network. He and Monica were scheduled to travel to St. Louis this week for their global gathering.

Harold was both an active ordained elder and lay person in The UMC, having served in several churches in the Oklahoma Annual Conference. He and Monica were active members in Epworth UMC, Oklahoma's first Reconciling Congregation as well as charter members of Mosaic UMC. Harold's passions for peace and justice, the full inclusion of all God's children in the community, and his family and friends stand as a testimony to the powerful work of the grace of God in Harold's life. There is no doubt that Harold extended grace and mercy to all those he met in the same manner as he had experienced grace and mercy.

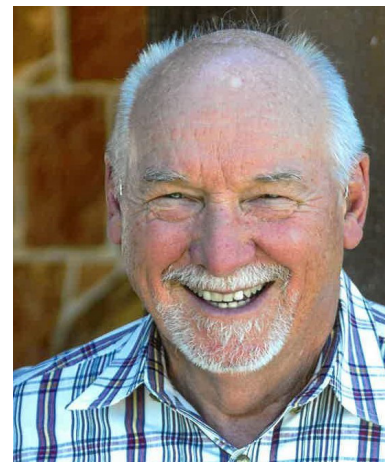


EXHIBIT BOOTHS



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| 1 | UMQCC | 7 | Brite Divinity School |
| 2 | Color for the Journey | 8 | Jim Dietrich Graphics |
| 3 | Iliff | 9 | Deaconess & Home Missioners |
| 4 | MFSA | 10 | Academy for Spiritual Formation |
| 5 | RMN | 11 | Wesley Theological Seminary |
| 6 | Jeff Wunrow Designs | 12 | Pacific School of Religion |

WIFI BTW  **WHEN IN MEETING ROOMS, USE "HILTON MEETING" (CODE: 500)**
WHEN IN THE LOBBY AREA, USE "HHONORS LOBBY"

"TIPS FROM INTROVERTS FOR INTROVERTS ON HOW TO SURVIVE A CONFERENCE"

Are you more interested in deep-talk than small-talk? Do hours of meeting new friends make you more tired than energized? You may be an introvert.

The delightful, sometimes-irreverent nonprofit blogger Vu Le just released a list of tips this week on *Nonprofit AF* from introverts for introverts attending conferences. You can find that list at www.nonprofitAF.com. Some of his tips include setting goals to meet a number of people per session, signing up for a volunteer duty, and "look[ing] for the person with purple, blue or green hair. They will be safe to talk to."

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