

**Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church  
Board of Christian Education's \* Committee on Local Church Christian Education**

# **CONVVO 2004**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVOCATION**

**Saturday, September 25, 2004  
9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

### **Glen Mar UMC**

**8430 Glen Mar Road  
Ellicott City, Maryland**

**A training event for Sunday School Teachers, Sunday School  
Superintendents, Directors of Christian Education, PASTORS,  
and other interested local church leaders.**

# General Information



## THE PLENARY

<sup>5</sup> Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love God with all that's in you, love God with all you've got! <sup>6</sup> Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. **Get them inside of you <sup>7</sup> and then get them inside your children. Talk about them** wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; **talk about them** from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. <sup>8</sup> Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; <sup>9</sup> inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates. Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Taken on the surface, this scriptural admonition might be taken to mean that the only thing that's important is to be sure that our children know the rules. However, in shaping Christians, relationships are often the key to encouraging children and youth into a life of faith.

**Vance P. Ross** is associate general secretary at the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and a clergy member of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Until January, 2004, Rev. Ross served as the pastor of First UMC in Hyattsville, MD, and has a particular passion for Christian formation and discipleship. A powerful preacher and energetic leader, Vance will focus on the importance of building relationships as the foundation for effective Christian formation.



## LUNCH

Lunch is provided as part of your day. The menu: a ham or turkey sandwich, chips, dessert, and a choice of bottled water, or bottled iced tea (sweetened or diet). If you are a vegetarian, please so indicate on your registration form. The menu for vegetarians is the same except that the sandwich is cheese. If your dietary restrictions are more complex than this, please bring food items that will complete your menu and fulfill your dietary needs.



# THE SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Registration, Refreshments, and Displays Open

9:30 a.m. Plenary – **Vance P. Ross,**

General Board of Discipleship

**Relationships Come Before Rules!**

11 a.m. Workshop 1

12:30 p.m. LUNCH

1:45 p.m. Workshop 2

3:15 p.m. Dismissal



## SPECIAL NEEDS?

### PLEASE GIVE US COMPLETE INFORMATION ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM!

#### ***Accessibility:***

This site is largely, but not totally, accessible, and we may need to arrange class locations to suit the needs of our participants. There is an elevator, and the church is air conditioned. We may be in touch with you by phone in order to arrange for your comfort and successful participation in this convocation.

#### ***Hearing Impairment/Deaf:***

Please indicate your need for special seating or for an ASL interpreter.

#### ***Diet:***

The lunch menu is a plain turkey or ham sandwich (condiments packaged separately), chips or pretzels, drink and dessert. We have taken pains to select foods that can fill most dietary needs. The only other option is a cheese sandwich for vegetarian guests. If this does not meet your needs, please supplement with food brought from home. We can help you with refrigeration if needed.

#### ***Other needs?***

Please indicate your need and we will do what we can to accommodate you.



# How to Register

Complete the registration form on page 12 (inside back cover) of this brochure and mail to:

**CONVO 2004– Michell Savoy  
Baltimore-Washington Conference Center  
7178 Columbia Gateway Drive  
Columbia, MD 21046**

## Questions? Contact

Michell Savoy: [msavoy@bwcumc.org](mailto:msavoy@bwcumc.org) (preferred)  
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# Directions

## **GLEN MAR UMC**

**8430 Glen Mar Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043**

### **From I-95 Traveling SOUTH** (from Harford County)

Take I-95 SOUTH/Fort McHenry Tunnel exit (#62) toward Baltimore/Washington and travel through the tunnel to exit 43B, MD-100 W toward Ellicott City. Take the MD-104 exit, exit #2, toward MD-108. Enter the next roundabout and take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto Waterloo Rd/MD-104. Turn right almost immediately onto Glen Mar Rd. Driving time from Perry Hall is about 40 minutes.

### **From I-95 traveling NORTH** (from the DC area)

Take I-95 NORTH MD-100 via exit number 43B toward Ellicott City. Take the MD-104 exit, exit #2, toward MD-108. Enter the next roundabout and take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto Waterloo Rd/MD-104. Turn right almost immediately onto Glen Mar Rd. Driving time from downtown DC is about 40 minutes.

### **From Annapolis/I-97**

Travel NORTH on I-97 to MD-100 West toward Ellicott City and travel approximately 11 miles. Take the MD-104 exit, exit #2, toward MD-108. Enter the next roundabout and take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto Waterloo Rd/MD-104. Turn right almost immediately onto Glen Mar Rd. Driving time from Annapolis is about 40 minutes.

### **From I-70 traveling EAST**

Travel EAST on approximately 31 miles from Frederick. Merge onto US-29 South via exit number 87A toward Columbia/Washington. Merge onto MD-100 via exit number 22 – on the LEFT – toward Glen Burnie. Travel about 2 miles, then take the MD-108 exit (exit #2) toward MD-104. Turn Left onto MD-108/Old Annapolis Rd. Turn left onto Waterloo Rd/MD-104. Pass through 1 roundabout. Turn right onto Glen Mar Rd. Travel time from Frederick is approximately 50 minutes.

### **PARKING at Glen Mar UMC**

There are parking lots beside the church and behind the church, and there are entrances on both lots. Registration will be in the fellowship hall, easily accessed from the back lot.



# CLASS CATALOGUE

Following you will find a description of each 90-minute class offered at CONVO 2004.



## TOPICAL Classes

### 1 **HELP! I'm a New Teacher!!**

How can a new Sunday School teacher prepare to become an effective spiritual leader? This class will offer practical suggestions and helpful resources for preparing lessons and classroom management.

**Ida Clark** is a member of Adams UMC in Lothian and a retired reading specialist for the Anne Arundel County School system. Ida is also a member of the BWC Board of Christian Education.

### 2 **Online Sunday School**

Developed by a local church Christian Education director in the Western Pennsylvania Conference and already in use at Rockland UMC in our conference, OSS is a curriculum-enhancing resource for use primarily through the week as a follow-up to the Sunday lessons. Based on the UM curriculum, these resources offer online games and other materials for your students at a very reasonable price. Want to take a look and see how to use them? Come to this class!

**Marianne Ferrans** is the developer of the Online Sunday School. Also leading in this class will be members of the Sunday School faculty of Rockland UMC in Ellicott City who have used the program.

### 3 **Nurturing Children as Participants in the Church**

Being part of the worshipping community or the family of faith is a work of formation – or culture. And even though it's the work of the whole "family," it's not something that the whole family always thinks about.

**Wesley Scouten** is a member of the Committee on Local Church Christian Education and pastor of St. Matthews UMC in Hagerstown. We is also a retired educator.

## 4 Are You a Model of Faith?

Growth in faith and understanding is a lifelong endeavor, so Christian education and formation for adults is truly important. It is also critical to how children and youth perceive their involvement in growth opportunities.

**Mark Haines** is a professional Christian educator, serving at Hunt's Memorial UMC in Riderwood. He has also served the church on the staff in the \_\_\_\_\_ annual conference.

## 5 Children and the Sacraments

There are many different understandings about how children can relate to the sacraments. In some congregations children are never exposed to the sacramental life of the faith. In others, children are full participants. The debate rages on, "Can children understand? And if they can't, should they participate." Come join the discussion!

**Patricia Sebring** is the pastor of College Park UMC and has served as a Christian educator. She has a vital interest in the formation of children and youth.

## 6 Casting Your Anchor Into the Future

Just how does one pass on the *tradition* of faith without being a traditionalist or losing the children and youth in class because of being "old fashioned." Leonard Sweet suggested in a lecture that without the traditions and history of faith, we are rudderless. Rather than throwing out what is essential to who and whose we are, come learn how to utilize our traditions/history and keep faith relevant in the current time. The discussion in this class will also include helping children and youth to see themselves as current members of the faith community AND as future leaders.

**Vance P. Ross** is today's keynote speaker.

## 7 All Children and Special - Some Just Have Special Needs!

It seems that quite a few of the children who come to Sunday School and church activities present some challenges that many teachers fear or hope they will not confront in their groups. This class will focus on what to look for and how to prepare well for children with special needs – from those with ADHD to autism to behavior issues.

**Debbie Harris** is a specialist who offers teacher development training in the Calvert County School system. She is a member of \_\_\_\_\_ UMC.

## 8 Developing Day Care and Preschool Ministries in the Local Church

Quite a few churches in our conference already sponsor weekday ministries successfully. This class will be led by two preschool/day care directors whose programs are excellent and who have a very helpful understanding of the relationships necessary between the church and weekday ministry as well as knowledge of the secular/civic agencies that regulate such centers. This is an excellent opportunity to get your questions answered!

**Jane Frantzich** is the director of Calvary Center at Calvary UMC in Annapolis, and \_\_\_\_\_ is the director of Early Years Learning Center at Wesley Freedom UMC in Eldersburg. Both Jane and Ruth are members of the BWC Preschool/Day Care Conference planning team.

## 9 Intergenerational Events or Hospitality

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**Carolyn Anderson** is \_\_\_\_\_ at Covenant Point UMC in Waldorf.

## 10 Teaching So Your Students Will Learn

It's not just another fad. People really do have preferences as to how they learn. Some folks really don't learn well from a lecture – their auditory learning capacity may be limited. And some just don't like math ☺! So the way you teach really does make a difference. This class will explore how to use the many ways we learn in your teaching.

**Denise Ryles-McKoy** is a Christian educator serving First UMC in Hyattsville.

## 11 Church School Administration - for Superintendents and Other Leaders

Here's your opportunity! SS Superintendents and CE Chairs have been asking for a class to help them in their work. This class will offer a discussion of your roles as well as suggestions for how you can best support the teachers and group leaders who are literally **in your care**.

**Sherry Perrine** is a Christian educator serving Wesley Freedom UMC in Eldersburg.



***Class listings are continued on the next page....***

## AGE-LEVEL CLASSES

The following group of classes will include 1) information on the particular age-level student, including how they learn and how best to help them learn; and 2) planning a lesson specifically for that age level. United Methodist curriculum will be used in the lesson planning section. You are invited to bring a copy of your fall curriculum, especially a teacher's manual and children's copy for the age levels listed below.

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### **The Preschool Class - Ages 3 to 5**

*Nancy Gray* is the director of the preschool at Huntingtown UMC in Calvert County and an experience preschool teacher.

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### **The Early Elementary Class (Grades 1-2)**

*Debbie Schneider* teaches an early elementary class at First UMC in Laurel.

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### **The Older Elementary Class (Grades 3-5)**

*Jacquelyn Thorpe* is a deacon in full connection and a Christian educator who teaches at Howard University.

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### **The Youth Class (Grades 6-12)**

*Juanita Chaplin* teaches youth Sunday School classes at Community UMC in Washington, DC.

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### **The Adult Class**

*Anthony Love* is the pastor at Covenant Point UMC and experienced Sunday school teacher.



**Complete this FORM - IN FIVE EASY STEPS!**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked by SEPTEMBER 10**

Please follow all the steps and check all that apply.

**STEP ONE: Vital Statistics**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP TWO: Indicate your special needs so we can serve you better.**

- Vegetarian lunch (Limited provisions made - sandwich is cheese instead of turkey)
- Do not order lunch for me.
- Disability. Specify \_\_\_\_\_

*Accessibility in this building is pretty good, but there are some limitations. We may need to arrange class locations to suit your needs. Please be sure to give us ample information. We will be in touch by phone in order to serve you as well as we can.*

- I want a CEU certificate. PLEASE PICK IT UP AT THE END OF THE DAY!

**STEP THREE: Select classes. List FOUR choices by number and title. Every effort will be made to give you your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice classes. We will offer some classes in both time slots, depending on registration numbers and the best use of the teachers' time.**

	Class #	Title
First Choice	_____	_____
Second Choice	_____	_____
Third Choice	_____	_____
Fourth Choice	_____	_____

**STEP FOUR: In which parts of the day will you participate? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY** (There is no cost difference; this helps us to see that you are registered for classes while you are present.)

- Plenary: *Relationships Come Before Rules!* (9:30 AM)
- Workshop 1 (11 AM)
- Lunch (12:30 PM)
- Workshop 2 (1:45 PM)

**STEP FIVE: RETURN THIS FORM WITH \$20 TO:**  
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*Please make checks payable to BWC Treasurer*

**IMPORTANT:** A separate registration form is necessary for *EACH* registrant. If your church is paying for several registrants, the check and all forms must be mailed together. **NO FAXES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

**IMPORTANT!!**

**THE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASES to \$30 on all registrations postmarked on September 11 or after. Walk-ins will be accepted ONLY on a space-available basis, and those not pre-registered may have to go out to lunch. This event is subsidized**

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