

# Program Book



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Missions Conference of the Deaf

# Conference Activities

## Tuesday August 1

11:00 AM-6:00 PM	<i>Certified Lay Servant Training</i>	<i>Cabin 19</i>
3:00 PM	Check in Opens	Adams-Mangrum Lodge
3:00-6:00 PM	Camp Activities Time	Pecan Room and Campground
6:00-7:30 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:30-9:00 PM	Opening Worship	Magnolia Room
9:00-10:30 PM	Social Time	Magnolia Room
9:15-10:30 PM	Tractor Rides and Campfire S'mores	Outside the Adams-Mangrum Lodge

## Wednesday August 2

7:30-8:00 AM	Morning Devotions	Pecan Room
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast <i>(WFDM Executive Officers eat together)</i>	Dining Hall
9:00-10:00 AM	Reports from the Nations	Magnolia Room
10:00-10:30 AM	Break and social time	
10:30-12:00 PM	Reports from the Nations	Magnolia Room
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch <i>(UMCD Jurisdictional groups may have lunch together)</i>	Dining Hall
1:30-3:00 PM	Workshop: Alzheimer's and Dementia Care	Magnolia Room
3:00-3:30 PM	Break and social time	
3:30-5:00 PM	Mill Neck Workshop on Best Practices for Missions	Magnolia Room
5:00-6:30 PM	Dinner <i>(UMC-DHM will eat together)</i>	Dining Hall
6:00-8:00 PM	<i>Certified Lay Servant Training</i>	<i>Cabin 19</i>
6:30-8:00 PM	Recreation and free time	Pecan Room and Campground
8:00-10:00 PM	Cultural Performance Night	Magnolia Room

# Thursday August 3

7:30-8:00 AM	Morning Devotions	Pecan Room
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast <i>(ELM officers eat together)</i>	Dining Hall
9:00-11:00 AM	Listening Panel on Being Effective Mission Partners	Magnolia Room
11:00-12:00 PM	Break time	Pecan Room and Campground
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch <i>(UMCD officers will eat together)</i>	Dining Hall
1:30-2:30 PM	Speaker: Caesar Rentie	Magnolia Room
2:30-3:00 PM	Short break	
3:00-4:30 PM	Reports from the Nations	Magnolia Room
4:30-5:00 PM	Free time	
5:00-6:30 PM	Dinner <i>(UMC-DHM will eat together)</i>	Dining Hall
6:00-8:00 PM	<i>Certified Lay Servant Training</i>	Cabin 19
6:30-8:00 PM	Recreation and free time	Pecan Room and Campsite
8:00-10:00 PM	Cultural Performance Night	Magnolia Room

# Friday August 4

7:30-8:00 AM	Morning Devotions	Pecan Room
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast <i>(WFDM Executive Officers eat together)</i>	Dining Hall
9:00-10:00 AM	World Federation of Deaf Methodist Leaders meeting <i>(those not in the meeting can use this time to pack their bags Please be checked out of your rooms by noon!)</i>	Pecan Room
10:00-12:00 PM	Closing Worship	Magnolia Room
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:30 PM	Departures - God be with you until we meet again! <i>(see the Post Conference Schedule for optional activities)</i>	

# Campground Activities Schedule

Enjoy these activities at your leisure and in your free time!

## Monday July 31

5:00-6:00 PM Outdoor Pool  
7:30-8:30 PM Gym Activities

## Wednesday August 2

6:00-8:00 PM Lake Activities  
6:00-8:00 PM Indoor Pool

## Tuesday August 1

1:00-2:00 PM Lake Activities  
3:00-5:00 PM Sand Volleyball

## Thursday August 3

6:00-7:00 PM Outdoor Pool  
6:00-8:00 PM Indoor Pool  
6:00-8:00 PM Lake Activities

# Post Conference Schedule

## Friday, August 4

1:00-2:00 PM Depart from Lakeview Camp. Guests needing transport to their departing flights will be arranged. Guests remaining in the Dallas area after the conference will be given transportation to their pre-arranged lodgings.  
5:30-7:30 PM Deaf fellowship and hamburger cookout at Lovers Lane UMC. Shuttle service is provided for guests staying at the Embassy Suites.

## Saturday, August 5

8:00 AM Guests meet at Lovers Lane UMC, 9200 Inwood Road, choose one of the following tours: (Allow \$40 for two meals out)  
1. The President's Tour: Visit the George W. Bush Library on the campus of Southern Methodist University. Oval Office replica and 9/11 exhibits. Lunch at Café 43. Visit the John F. Kennedy museum with dinner and shopping in the West End.  
2. Cowboys and Cowboy Tour: Visit the home of the NFL Dallas Cowboys and player locker rooms. See the Fort Worth Stockyard Station, home of real cowboys. Shopping time and a one hour train ride included.  
3. Six Flags Over Texas: All day fun of thrilling rides and activities.  
9:00 PM Tours return to hotels and lodgings.

## Sunday, August 6

9:00 AM Deaf worship and Fellowship in Watson Hall, Lovers Lane UMC.  
10:50 AM Worship and Holy Communion in the Sanctuary.  
12:00 PM Lunch in Watson Hall  
1:00 PM Departures for airports and return home

# A Message from Tom



Welcome to our 4th Global Methodist Missions Conference of the Deaf and to Waxahachie, Texas. Thank you for responding to the invitation to be part of this fourth international gathering of Deaf Christians from the Wesleyan family of Methodists, and our connection to all Christians in Christ's Body, the Church. Our theme is "Look, your names are on My hands," based on Isaiah 49:16. This verse appeared during the time of Israel's exile in Babylon, and painful wondering if God had forgotten his chosen people. Through the prophet Isaiah came a stirring response from God, "Can a mother forget her nursing child? Though even if they forget, I will not forget you.

See I have engraved you on the palms of My hands." God claims his people, using the very symbol of a slave's ownership to one's master, a tattoo, to declare his bond. May God's beloved Deaf community see in God's hands, our names, in the language of signs. May our time together be an offering of praise to God, of gratitude to Christ, and cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace, Rev. Tom Hudspeth, D.Min.,  
General Secretary, World Federation of Deaf Methodists, and host pastor, Lovers Lane UMC, Dallas, Texas

## Opening Worship Drums



### **Numu Tomoyaketu/Comanche Thunder**

is a Southern plains drum group comprised of brothers who have been together for four years. Comanche Thunder songs are of the Comanche people, Influenced by an uncle, Elton Yellowfish. We sing to enjoy the Spirit of our people that still remain and the goodness that is among all of us. When we sing and drum we are honoring our ancestors.

Members: Jim Yellowfish, Tim Yellowfish, Tennyson Yellowfish, Byron Komah, Josh Guererro, and Anthony Naudi

# Master of Ceremonies

## Rev. Dr. Kirk VanGilder



Kirk VanGilder, Ph.D., is the associate professor of religion at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Kirk was born hard of hearing before losing more hearing in late adolescence and transitioning into the Deaf world. He is an ordained United Methodist clergy person and has served as a minister in Deaf churches in Baltimore and Pasadena, MD as well as campus minister to Gallaudet University from 1997-2002. Kirk has also traveled to Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Turkey to work with

Deaf community development and support.

## Presenters

### Bishop Peggy A. Johnson - Opening Worship



Bishop Peggy A. Johnson is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and serves as the episcopal leader of the Philadelphia Area of the United Methodist Church, which includes the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Lebanon Valley College, a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary. Prior to her election to the episcopacy in 2008 she served as a pastor in the Baltimore-Washington Conference since 1980. Her churches included a 4-point rural circuit in Frederick, MD, a suburban Baltimore

congregation, a campus ministry at Gallaudet University and for 20 years she was the pastor of the Christ UMC of the Deaf. Bishop Johnson has a particular passion for ministry with people with disabilities and her years as the pastor of an all-Deaf congregation led her on paths of experience with not only the deaf and deaf-blind communities but also with those who have mobility, intellectual, and mental health challenges. She is married to the Rev. Michael C. Johnson, a United Methodist pastor, and they have two adult sons, Peter and Gabriel.



### **Rev. Joo Hai Kang - Morning Devotions**

Rev. Joo Hai Kang was born in Korea and became Deaf at the age of 2. He entered and graduated from Seoul National School for the Deaf before entering and graduating from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea. Rev. Kang later studied and graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, USA. He was ordained as the first Deaf Presbyterian minister in Korea and served Younknak

Presbyterian Church of the Deaf in Seoul, Korea as an assistant pastor and later as senior pastor. In the USA, he has served Jacksonville Methodist Church of the Deaf in Jacksonville, IL and Magothy Methodist Church of the Deaf in Pasadena, Maryland. Rev. Kang is currently serving the Lord's Grace Deaf Mission Church in Seoul, Korea. He has also been on the boards for the World Federation of the Deaf and Korean Association of the Deaf. He was also elected president of the Society of the Korean Sign Language Studies.



### **Rev. Caesar Rentie - Thursday Afternoon Speaker**

Rev. Rentie is the Chaplain Vice President of Pastoral Services for Methodist Health System and also a Licensed Local Pastor for North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Caesar served as Sr. Pastor for Acadia Park United Methodist 2003-2011. He is currently on staff at First United Methodist Mansfield. He earned a BA from the University of Oklahoma in 1988; he majored in Communications, where he also played football for Barry Switzer and the Oklahoma Sooners. He

attended Texas Christian University in 1997, Brite Divinity School where he received his Master of Theological Studies. In his former career he played professional football in the NFL and in the World League of American football. During that time he played for the Chicago Bears, the New York New Jersey Knights, and the Birmingham Fire. He is an adult child of Deaf parents and husband to his lovely wife of five years Cynthia Rentie and the parent to three children Dennis, Carra and Chloe.



### **Dr. Amy T. Wilson - Mill Neck International**



Amy T. Wilson is Director of International Programs at the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, where she leads a team of specialists who share their expertise, knowledge, and technical skills with parents, educators, and professionals in economically poor countries. Dr. Wilson was a professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research at Gallaudet University for 14 years. After living in developing countries and noting the poor assistance people with disabilities were receiving from U.S.

development organizations, she developed Gallaudet's MA degree in International Development. The degree, which is the only one of its kind in the United States, focuses on the inclusion of people with disabilities in development assistance programs and in nongovernmental, federal, and faith-based development organizations both in the United States and overseas. Dr. Wilson evaluates and advises development organizations and agencies (e.g., U.S. Agency for International Development, the InterAmerican Development Bank, the World Bank, and the Peace Corps) about the inclusiveness of their programs, as well as their effectiveness with various disability communities.)

### **Sarah Hogue - Mill Neck International**



Sarah Hogue graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in English and Masters of Education in Special (Deaf) Education. Inspired by her experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Jamaica, Sarah was driven to learn about the field of international development and enrolled in the International Development for People with Disabilities M.A. (IDMA) program at Gallaudet University. Upon graduation in 2010, she worked with the World Federation of the Deaf on their Human Rights and Capacity Building Project in the West and Central African

region. Sarah has collaborated with grassroots organizations including Global Deaf Connection, focusing on Deaf Education and mentoring in Kenya, and Global Reach Out with youth exchange programs in India. She participated in exchange programs through Mobility International USA in Jordan, working to improve conditions for women and girls with disabilities, as well as Discovering Deaf Worlds' EMPOWER Program in the Philippines sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Sarah also completed a consultancy for UNICEF in Bhutan, where she compiled the first research report on the Deaf community in the history of the nation.



## **Kathy Shockley - Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter**



Kathy Shockley joined the Alzheimer's Association Greater Dallas Chapter in October, 2016, as Field Manager, Programs & Services. Kathy is a licensed nursing home administrator in the state of Texas, with a Masters in Long Term Care from the University of North Texas. She has worked in the field of long term care in Dallas since 1994, with a primary focus on dementia care. Kathy has been an active volunteer with the Dallas Independent School District since 2003, and she currently serves as President of the National Charity League Dallas Chapter. Kathy and

her husband Bryan have been married 22 years, and have 2 daughters, Carlyn and Anna. Their favorite family pastimes involve Rangers games and traveling to Northwest Michigan each summer. Kathy and Bryan are also members of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church.

## **Debra Adams - Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter**



Debra Adams currently serves as the Director, Community Relations. With a Master's in Organizational Leadership, Non-profit Management Certification and Bachelors of Religious Education, Debra has held senior leadership positions in education or healthcare related non-profit settings for over 30 years. Debra's expertise is to fulfill the mission of an organization expanding revenue, outreach and program development by maximizing the experience and expertise of both a staff and volunteer workforce. Prior to joining the Alzheimer's Association 6 years ago, Debra was Vice President of Programs and Services for Junior Blind

of America, Los Angeles, California responsible for 14 programs and over 200 staff. Debra has also served as Regional Manager for ResCare, Inc., and held staff positions as Director of Education Services at three faith-based organizations. Debra and her husband have been married for 35 years with three adult children and three loving grandsons with whom she spends much of her free time. Debra and her husband are the founders of Adams Family Ministries, published authors and public speakers with a focus on marriage and family success.

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