

2009 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE:
MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009

11:00-1:30pm Benedicta Fine Arts Center Lobby
Registration/Exhibit setup/Book sales setup/Stage and music setup

11:30-12:30pm Gorecki Cafeteria, LUNCH

12:45-1pm, Gorecki Center Upstairs, Gathering Music

1:00-1:45pm Gorecki Center Upstairs, Plenary #1
Gathering Music
Welcome (:05)
Introduction to the 2009 MN Conference Annual Meeting, for all
participants: Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers (:30)
(Includes introducing honored guests)
President Elect,
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (:05)
David Schoen, (10)

1:50-2:00pm BREAK

2:00-2:15pm Gorecki Center Upstairs
Opening music, Worship 1, Psalm 42:1-2; Theme: *Longing*

2:15-3:30pm Gorecki Center Upstairs, Plenary #2
BUSINESS SESSION #1:

Call to Order
Credentials Report
Approve Standing Rules
Adopt Agenda
Appoint Parliamentarian
Approve Minutes, 2008
Accept Written Reports
Welcome from Conference Min.
Recognition of Honored Guests and voice without vote, etc.
Nominating Workgroup Slate Presented

Awards/Recognitions:

Conference Staff

Committee On Ministry:

Persons in Care(refer to list, all stand at once);
New Clergy (each stands as name is read)

Anniversary Churches

Anniversary Clergy

ONA/ 5 for 5/Accessibility/Earthwise Congregations

Explanation of Resolution Hearings/Discussion Sessions

Explanation of/Invitation to Speak Outs!

3:30-3:45 Speak Outs! #1 (15 min.)

3:45-4:00 BREAK

Exhibits open/Registration continues, Book sales/Benedicta Fine Arts
Center Lobby

4:00-4:30pm Gorecki Center Upstairs
Resolution & Conference By-Laws Hearings –READING sessions

4:30-5:30pm Gorecki Center Upstairs, or breakout rooms
Resolution/By Laws: WORKING sessions: discussion, debate,
reconciliation; and/or other Conference business

5:30-6:45 pm BREAK

Exhibits open/Registration continues, Book sales/Benedicta Fine Arts
Center Lobby

7:00-8:00pm Gorecki Center Upstairs

Gathering music

Plenary #3 – Keynote 1: Rev. Dr. Paul Nixon:

I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church

8:00-8:10pm Transitional Music

8:10-9:00pm Plenary #4 -- Gorecki Center Upstairs

Worship 2: Isaiah 40:28-31, Theme: *Invitation & Promise*

Paul Nixon presides and preaches: *Finding Jesus on the Metro*

Communion celebrated

Necrology read as part of service, with AV support

9:00pm After hours: Activities TBA/Various locations;

Social time with refreshments, Gorecki Lobby

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009

6:30-9:30am Blood Pressure screenings/health tests: UCC Pension Boards

7:00-8:00am BREAKFAST, Gorecki Cafeteria, identified tables

Hospitality Gatherings for New Delegates and Attendees

8:00-9:00am Exhibits open/Registration continues, Book sales/Benedicta Fine Arts Center Lobby

8:45-9:00am Plenary #5 – Gorecki Center Upstairs
Worship 3, Morning Prayers: Psalm 51:1-2,10, Theme: *Preparation*

9:00-9:45am Gorecki Center Upstairs
Bible Study 1: Romans 12:2, Theme: *Discernment*
Led by an Associate Conference Minister

9:45-10:45am BUSINESS SESSION #2:
9:45 Conference Minister's "State of the Conference" Report (:20)
10:05 Treasurer's Report/Proposed New Budget Presentation (:30)
10:35-10:45am Speak Outs! #2 (10 min.)

10:45-11:00am BREAK, Exhibits open/Registration continues/
Book sales: Benedicta Fine Arts Center Lobby

11:00-12:00pm Plenary #6 – Gorecki Center Upstairs
Gathering Music, Keynote 2: Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith

12:15-6:00pm Exhibits open/Book Sales: Benedicta FA Center Lobby

12:15-1:15 pm LUNCH, Gorecki Cafeteria

1:30-3:00pm WORKSHOP SESSION #1
Breakouts, Various Locations/Includes Nixon, Smith

3:00-3:30pm BREAK
Exhibits open/Book Sales: Benedicta FA Center Lobby

3:30-5:00pm – WORKSHOP SESSION #2
Breakouts, Various Locations/Includes Nixon, Smith

5:00-6:00pm BREAK
Exhibits open/Book Sales: Benedicta FA Center Lobby

6:00-7:00pm DINNER, Gorecki Cafeteria

7:15-8:45pm Plenary #7 – Gorecki Center Upstairs
Gathering Music

BUSINESS SESSION #3:
7:15-7:45pm:
ELECTION of Nominating Work Group Slate,
RECOGNITION: Friends of Conference

AWARDS: Armstrong-Voss Scholarship, Leysath Award,
Honored Laywoman Award

7:45-8:30pm: RESOLUTIONS final open discussion,
VOTE on Resolutions & By-Laws

8:30-8:45pm: Final discussion of BUDGET
VOTE on Budget

8:45pm Worship 4, Evening Prayers: Psalm 51: 1-2, 10, Theme:
Discernment, God's will

9:00pm 9:00pm After hours: Activities TBA/Various locations;
Social time with refreshments, Music by CODA, Gorecki Lobby

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

7:30-8:30am BREAKFAST, Gorecki Cafeteria

8:45-9:00 am Worship 5, Morning Prayers, Isaiah 43:18-19; Theme:
Transformation, new and renewed relationships

9:00-9:30am Bible Study 2: Isaiah 43:18-19,
Led by an Associate Conference Minister

9:30-9:45am -- Speak Outs! #3 (15 min)

9:45-10:45am Plenary #8, Gorecki Center Upstairs:
Gathering Music

BUSINESS SESSION #4: Remaining REPORTS/AWARDS:
Conference Board Moderator
Pilgrim Point Camp
Heritage Grant & Remaining AWARDS
(Session may be composite of other elements TBD)

10:45-11:00am BREAK [Space re-set for worship]

11:00-12:00pm Worship 6: Rev. 21:5/Romans 15:32; Theme:
Renewal/ New Community, Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith presides & preaches,
Communion served, Commissioning of Volunteer Leaders & Synod
Delegates, Annual Meeting Choir, directed by Malcolm Anderson

12:00-1:00pm LUNCH: Box Lunches-To-Go, Pre-Paid with registration

"Together, we will be renewed!" 2009 Annual Meeting