

July 22, 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers

This is the new official call to the 2010 annual Gathering of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. This year we will be gathering at Franklinton Center at Bricks. We will begin our meeting in the early afternoon of September 17th and will conclude in the early afternoon of September 18th.

The theme of this year's meeting will be "Moving Forward with Faith and Hope". We all know that this last year has been a time of great transition and we continue to deal with challenges of ministry and dwindling finances. It has not been an easy year, but we have faced it with faith and hope in the God who has called us. Our agenda, program and worship moments will focus on God and our continuing need to have faith and to go forward in hope. A highlight of our meeting will be our Friday evening worship service. We will also celebrate the recent graduates of the Pastoral leadership Development program at Friday evening's worship.

Registration materials and other pertinent information regarding the Annual Gathering will be found online at our www.soc-ucc.org Conference website. Registration will be \$65.00 per person, which includes your meals and \$55.00 for retired clergy. Information regarding this gathering will be found online at our Conference website. Please access this information at your earliest convenience and register your delegate and attendees. If you are unable to access this information, please contact the Conference office at 336-222-8771. We will gladly send the information to you in the mail.

I look forward to seeing you at Franklinton Center on September 17th and 18th.

Rev. Dale Kennedy
Southern Conference President

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Acting Conf. Minister/ ENCA Assoc. Conf. Min.