



Southern Conference

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Brothers and Sisters of the Southern Conference, Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for all of you.

To the Delegates, Pastors, Leaders, and Laity of the Southern Conference, this is your Official Call Letter, inviting you to attend and participate in the Southern Conference 52nd Annual Gathering, June 22-24th, 2017, hosted by the Eastern Virginia Association at the beautiful and scenic Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Our theme this year is "Living our Faith, Building on Hope, Sharing our Love" (1 Cor. 13: 13) and now, faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. (NRSV)

It will be a celebration of what God has done and is doing in the life of the Southern Conference. Every Local Church and related Institutions are invited to attend. On Thursday evening, the Southern Conference will gather for a spirit filled worship experience. We have invited a dynamic and gifted speaker, who will lift our spirits and start us on the path to an enriching and fulfilling Annual Gathering. It will be a time to gather, learn, share, relax, and be with others. It is within walking distance from the beach, so you can get up early, walk, pray, take in some sun, and hopefully it will take you away from the some of the many issues we face daily.

On Friday evening, our banquet will feature a rendition of the "Love Boat ", so, pack your Hawaiian/Tropical wears. It will be filled with music, including a live jazz band. There are activities planned for the youth, and Karaoke on the beach at Neptune Park. Our closing worship speaker and celebrant will be our own General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer.

The registration form and other business materials will be on the website (www.soc-ucc.org) and mailed to each church.

Come join us as we are planning an excellent agenda of fellowship, food, learning, relationship building, praise, worship, and business. *You don't want miss it!* And, may the Lord find favor on you and your families and bless you abundantly!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Edward Davis

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