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Today's Schedule

8 a.m.	Registration open
8:30 a.m.	Clergy Session
8:30 a.m.	Laity Session
10:30 a.m.	Call to Order
Noon	Recess for lunch
1:45 p.m.	Singing Our Faith
2 p.m.	Worship
	Laity Address
	Denman Awards
	Resolutions
4:45 p.m.	Dinner break
5:00 p.m.	Laity Banquet
7:30 p.m.	A Service for the Ordering of Ministry

Leading by Following Jesus



Conferencing opportunity on Resolutions to happen during lunch break today

Annual Conference will begin considering Resolutions this afternoon. In order to facilitate Christian conferencing and attempt to resolve differences before we reach floor debate, there will be a time for discussion of resolutions at lunchtime today. If you have strong feelings about any of the Resolutions, plan to attend these conversations rather than waiting until floor debate. The locations for these conversations will be announced from the platform at adjournment on this morning, so you will need to be on the floor at that point to hear these locations, which occur in different sections of the Scope.

Conference remembers servants of the church

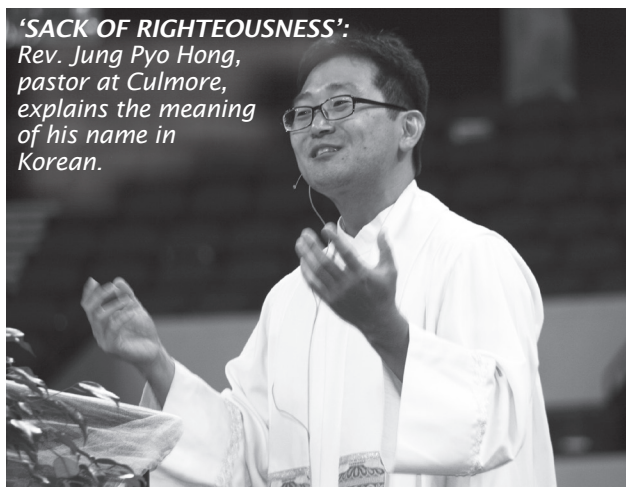
The moving Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion opened Annual Conference Sunday night, with preacher the Rev. J.P. Hong speaking about our fear and uncertainty around death, and on the “streaker” in Mark Chapter 14, who was so eager to run away in fear that he left his garment in the hands of his would-be captors. He said the young man, like Jesus, and like us, was wrapped in death clothes but robed in clothes of resurrection.

Bishop Charlene Kammerer led Communion, and the names and images of clergy, clergy spouses and lay members who had died in the past year were remembered by the audience.

“We are a fearful people; empty on hope, but full on fear,” he said. “The fear of death keeps us silent. We grieve in silence, and ponder our faith in silence.”

‘SACK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS’:

Rev. Jung Pyo Hong, pastor at Culmore, explains the meaning of his name in Korean.



He recommended we pray the familiar prayer “I believe; help my unbelief.”

“Help *our* unbelief,” he added.

He quoted Norman Cousins: “Death is not the greatest loss in life. The greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live.”

Hong concluded that we can have hope because of Jesus’ resurrection and we can support one another in seasons of grief.

Ways to experience Annual Conference now include several that are electronic

Live video streaming of the proceedings during the 2010 Annual Conference is available on the conference’s home page, <www.vaumc.org>

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Find us on Facebook

Are you on **Twitter**? If you plan to make Twitter posts (“tweets”) during Conference, simply add the hashtag **#vaumc** to your posts. To see a feed of all the post marked **#vaumc**, simply visit <<http://twubs.com/Vaumc>> or you can search for **#vaumc** through Twitter.

The conference Communications office and the *Advocate* magazine also maintain a presence on **Facebook**, two of many individuals, groups or pages related to conference ministries. Look for “Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church” on Facebook.

MOUNTAIN OF BOXES: United Methodists showed their generosity as Kits stacked up Sunday at the collection point beside the Scope.



Don't forget

• **KITS AND CANS** –Kit collection is helping replenish the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply. UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot reports there is a need for all types of kits. Kits will be accepted today from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the site on the corner of Brambleton and St. Paul's, and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is also a collection point in the same area for canned goods or dry foods, which will be donated to the Southeastern Virginia food Bank here in Norfolk.

• **STOP HUNGER NOW MEAL PREPARATION** –Members of Annual Conference are invited to participate in preparation of 100,000 meals through Stop Hunger Now. Meal preparation will take place in the exhibit hall today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Tuesday from 9 a.m. until the goal is completed. Since the start of this program, more than 28 million meals have been packed and sent to 30 countries.

• **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SUPPLEMENT PHOTOS** –The conference will publish a supplement to last year's *Pictorial Directory of the Virginia Conference Ministry*. Olan Mills will be set up in the exhibit hall from noon to 7 p.m. today to take photos of clergy, local pastors, diaconal ministers, certified professionals, those serving as pastoral supply, retired bishops and conference staff who did not have a photo taken last year, including those newly commissioned.

• **VOICES OF YOUTH** –The Annual Conference will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Voices of Youth, as a reunion choir will sing on Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. as part of the worship service. Voices of Youth 2010 will be on tour in all 18 districts of the conference July 4–July 23. To see the schedule, go to <www.voicesofyouth-va.org>.

• **BLOODMOBILE** –The annual blood drive that accompanies Annual Conference will be held Tuesday in the exhibit area beginning at 8 a.m.

Virginia joins Upper Room celebration

Today the Virginia Annual Conference will add its name to the guest list of a year-long birthday party for *The Upper Room*. *The Upper Room* grew out of the depths of the Great Depression as a way to encourage believers to turn to God daily in trying times. The seeds for the devotional were planted by Frances Craig, a laywoman from Texas. Readership has grown steadily and this year the one billionth copy of *The Upper Room* will roll off the press!



Volunteers needed early Tuesday morning

13th annual 'Potato Drop' will help feed hungry people

Annual Conference members have a unique opportunity to help provide 135,000 servings of potatoes to those in the Tidewater area who don't get enough to eat. Hundreds of volunteers can make short work of bagging 22 tons of potatoes donated by the Society of St. Andrew and delivered to the parking lot of Ghent United Methodist Church at 531 Raleigh Ave. beside the Scope very early Tuesday.

Bagging begins at 5:30 a.m. and should be finished by 7:30 a.m., in plenty of time for volunteers to attend conference events.

It was touch-and-go for a while as to whether or not potatoes would be available for this important annual "Potato Drop," co-sponsored by the Virginia Conference Board of Global Ministries and the Society of St. Andrew. But at the last minute, many prayers were answered when a broker

in Maine came through with enough potatoes for the event. The potatoes, delivered in 50-pound bags on pallets, will be unloaded by forklift from the tractor-trailer. About 600 bags will be broken open and volunteers will re-bag potatoes into 10-pound mesh bags for pick-up by 18 feeding agencies. The spuds will be distributed to the hungry throughout the Tidewater area.

Flyers with "Potato Drop" details, including directions to Ghent UMC, are posted throughout the Scope, and are available at the Information Desk and at the Society of St. Andrew's display in the exhibit area. You can also download the flyer from the conference website at <www.vaumc.org>.

Remember – you are needed, rain or shine – for this important annual event. Coffee and water will be available, provided by members of Ghent UMC. Every potato you bag will add to that "satisfied feeling" knowing you did something significant to feed the hungry.