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Please mark your first, second, and third session preferences:

- Worship
  - Finance/Stewardship
  - Lay Leadership
  - Missions/Outreach
  - Heritage/Connectional
  - Clergy\*
  - Youth Leadership
- \*for clergy only*

**Conference Cost : \$35**

*Includes one-night stay in the newly renovated Martin or Hunt dorms, Friday dinner, and Saturday breakfast and lunch.*

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# ACADEMY

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**JULY 7 & 8, 2006**  
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The Academy for Faithful Ministry was developed for the purpose of giving laity and clergy in the United Methodist Church scriptural background and theological support from a Wesleyan perspective to help them understand and better serve their many roles within the church.

The Academy is a two-day conference beginning Friday evening and is hosted at McMurry University. Sponsors include McMurry, the Texas Methodist Foundation, the Abilene District, and the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Attendees hear a powerful keynote speaker and participate in small breakout sessions led by knowledgeable and experienced facilitators.

In addition, the relationships you develop will **continue online at the Community of Faithful Support**. There you will continue to discuss ideas, ask questions, and grow with the love and support of those you met at the Academy.



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## FOR LAITY ONLY:

### WORSHIP *Rev. Greg Kennedy, Rev. Jon Sims*

Attendees will learn how to enhance worship experience in the local church by exploring essential worship practices in biblical and ancient times, the unique heritage of our Wesleyan/Methodist ways of worship, and the fresh expressions of worship in the post-modern world.

### FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP *Dr. K.O. Long, Bynum Miers*

Participants will appreciate that stewardship means supporting a process of growth for Christian disciples and enabling them to discover, develop and deploy their gifts for the Kingdom of God. Explore with us some practical steps that will help set the financial matters of the church within this larger disciple-making framework.

### LAY LEADERSHIP *Dr. Pug Parris*

Laypersons will learn how to fit their passions, gifts, and abilities into a ministry that fits the mission of the local church and the United Methodist Church.

### UMC HERITAGE & HISTORY *Dr. Robert Monk, Bill Libby, Dr. Jim Kirby*

This course will focus on topics including the roots and growth of Methodism, distinctive Wesleyan emphases, and essential elements of Wesleyan Theology.

### MISSIONS/OUTREACH *Ann Spence, Dr. John Miller*

Based on a rigorous adherence to Scripture, John Wesley emphasized repeatedly the responsibility of Christians to care for those less fortunate. Our discussion in this session will focus on servant leadership as a way of understanding both a scriptural and Wesleyan foundation for missions and outreach within the church.

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP *Rev. Tim Kennedy, Tyson Alexander, Doris Stevens, Trey Gillette*

We are living in a fast paced, rapidly changing world. Out of this reality arises difficulty mixed with opportunity. How can we adapt our approach to reach out to a generation that has grown up in a world of divorce, half-truths and high technology? How do we fulfill our mission and our call to faithfully engage this post-modern generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ? God is calling our youth to rise up and become faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in the world! Youth ministers and key youth leaders are invited to join us for a time of learning, discussion and purposeful equipping for the road ahead!

**YOUTH: Don't miss out on our special Friday night outing!**



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### *Insight for Oversight (A Methodist Way of Thinking)*

Bishop Dan E. Solomon is a retired bishop of The United

Methodist Church. He currently serves as the president of the Texas United Methodist College Association (TUMCA) and is the Bishop in Residence at McMurry University. He served as bishop of the Oklahoma Area from 1988-96 and the Louisiana Area from 1996-2000. In his work with the general church, Bishop Solomon has served as president of the General Board of Global Ministries and has been a member of the Commission on Status and Role of Women and the General Board of Church and Society. In 2000, he served as president of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference. His publications include *Faith Home, Cabinet, The Pulpit, and Christian Advocate*.

Bishop Solomon graduated summa cum laude from McMurry University and with honors from the Perkins School of Theology, where he received his M.Div. and was named a distinguished alumnus in 1995. He earned a D.Min. from United Theological Seminary and holds honorary doctorates from McMurry University, Oklahoma City University and Centenary College. In 2004 he was named a distinguished alumnus of McMurry University.

## FOR CLERGY ONLY:

### CLERGY *Dr. Wayne Day*

Participants will explore ministry in the twenty first century. How has it changed? How is it the same? Discussions will include creating and sustaining excellence in ministry, the pastor as a moral leader, discovering and building visions, and much more.