

Conference Cost

Costs, unless otherwise noted, include:

Conference fees, lodging and 6 meals.

Epworth by the Sea is now a wireless internet campus

Pitts and Booth, (more centrally located)

Double Room: \$ 220.00 per person

Single Room: \$ 295.00 per person

Robertson building (newer, w/ bayside view)

Double Room: \$ 235.00 per person

Single Room: \$ 320.00 per person

Commuting: \$ 65.00 per person

(No room/no meals, but meals can be purchased individually from Epworth)

Note: no more membership fees!

Check with your presbytery to determine availability of scholarships for conference registration cost.

It is the registrant's responsibility to assure full payment before registration can be confirmed or secured.

Cancellation policy is as follows:

More than two weeks notice: full

Less than two weeks: full, less \$50;

Less than 72 hours: full, less \$100.

Emergency Contact Number while at Conference: 912-638-8688

Please note:

The deadline for registrations is Tuesday, April 1, 2009.

Conference Schedule

Monday, May 4th

2:00-4:00 p.m. Registration
4:00 p.m. Welcome & Devotions
5:30 p.m. Supper
6:30 p.m. Worship and Announcements
7:00 p.m. Keynote Address

Tuesday, May 5th

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Devotion and Announcements
9:00-10:20 a.m. Workshop I
10:30 a.m. Thornwell Presentation, Worship by Word and Sacrament
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:25 p.m. Prayer
1:30-2:50 Workshop II
2:50 p.m. Awards
3:00 p.m. Free Time

Wednesday, May 6th

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Devotion
9:00 a.m. Business Meeting
9:45- 11:05 a.m. Workshop III
11:05 a.m. Dismissal and Check-out
12:00 noon Lunch

Note: based on your feedback, we have made some changes to the schedule from previous years.

A free will offering for the Thornwell Home and School for Children will be taken during the Communion Service on Tuesday morning.

Directions to Epworth: St. Simons Island is 80 miles from Savannah, GA and from Jacksonville, FL., 12 miles from I-95, and 13 miles from Brunswick/Glynco airport. Follow St. Simons Causeway from Brunswick to Sea Island Road. Go left at light. Take first left at Hamilton Road then right on Arthur J. Moore Drive.

Epworth Phone: 912-638-8688

Keynote:

“PATTERNS OF LIFE, THE LIFE CYCLE OF CHURCHES,

by Rev. Roe M. Calloway, Honorably Retired

Workshop Leaders and topics:

A. Rev. Ken Meeks, Executive Presbyter, NE Georgia Presbytery “How Healthy Churches Manage Conflict”

B. Mr. Jerry Dean Webber, Financial Officer, Presbyterian Homes of Georgia “Grants and Financial Management”

C. Rev. Greg Garris, Interim Executive Presbyter, Savannah Presbytery “Corporate and Individual Grief in the Church”

D. TBA, “Life in the Church after 60+”

E. Rev. Dave Grove, Pastor, Cedartown Presbyterian Church, and former Youth Director, “Reaching Youth in the Church”

F. Rev. Roe M. Calloway, Honorably Retired “Discovery of Vision and Purpose”

Colossians 3:12

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

**ASC Conference Registration Form
May 4-6, 2009**

Name _____

Address _____

Church _____

Presbytery _____

First Time Attending [] Pastor [] Laity []

Phone: Home () _____

Work () _____

Email _____

Are you willing to share contact information with other attendees? Yes ___ No ___

Double Room ___ or Single Room ___

P & B Lodging ____, Robertson lodging ____,
Commuting ____

Special Needs:

Handicapped Room [] 1st Floor []

Close to Meeting Room []

Roommate Preference:

(Roommate assigned if dbl room with no preference)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____

Phone _____

Make checks payable to "ASC".

Detach and mail this form with check **by April 1st** to:

Maurine Resch

PO Box 248

Blythe, GA 30805

Phone: 706-373-9480

Email: ascregistrar@bellsouth.net

History and Goals

The **Association of Smaller Congregations** (ASC) of the Synod of South Atlantic, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was organized in April 1987 by a group of visionaries led by the late Rev. Foster Edwards, a Presbyterian minister in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

This group sought to create an organization which would:

- *encourage and support smaller congregations,*

- *promote awareness of the unique strengths and needs of smaller congregations,*

- *provide opportunities for fellowship, education, and creative thinking and sharing between smaller congregations, and*

- *facilitate communication between churches, presbyteries, and higher governing bodies.*

All churches and their members within the ecclesiastical bounds of the Synod of South Atlantic, having 200 or fewer members are considered as members of the ASC.

It is the hope of every member of the board that our organization will serve to support the life and ministry of the smaller congregations in the Synod of the South Atlantic. We hope to do this through worship, fellowship, education and prayer for the people of these congregations and for their pastors.



Association of Smaller Congregations

Synod of South Atlantic
PC(USA)

22nd Annual Conference

*“The Fabric of Our Lives;
Threads of Life, Woven
Together”*

May 4-6, 2009

***Epworth by the Sea
St. Simons Island, GA***