

## Conference Cost

*Costs, unless otherwise noted, include:*

*Conference fees, lodging and 6 meals.*

**Pitts and Booth, (P & B,** our usual buildings)

**Double Room:** \$ 200.00 per person

**Single Room:** \$ 260.00 per person

**Robertson building** (newer, w/ bayside view and dial-up internet connections)

**Double Room:** \$ 210.00 per person

**Single Room:** \$ 285.00 per person

**Commuting:** \$ 60.00 per person

(No room/no meals, but meals can be purchased 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 \$25;

Less than 72 hours: full, less \$75.

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

**Please note:**

**The deadline for registrations is Tuesday, April 1, 2008.**

## Conference Schedule

### Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Registration

4:00 p.m.

Welcome & Devotions

5:30 p.m.

Supper

6:30 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies

7:30 p.m.

Opening Address & Forum

### Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast

7:45 a.m.

Worship

8:15-9:15 a.m.

Keynote

9:20-10:50 a.m.

Workshop I

11:00-12:30 a.m.

Workshop II

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

Free Time

Free Afternoon

5:30 p.m.

Supper

6:45 p.m.

Awards & Special Recognitions

### Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Worship

8:30-10:10 a.m.

Workshop III

10:10-10:40am

Check-Out

10:45 a.m.

Business Meeting

11:00 a.m.

Worship & Communion

12:00 noon

Lunch & Dismissal

*A free will offering for the Thornwell Home and School for Children will be taken during the Communion Service on Wednesday 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

Workshop Leaders:

Our Keynote Speaker is Dr. Marilyn Johns, Director of the Summer Collegium at Virginia Theological Seminary. That project is funded by the Lilly Endowment in support of small congregations and their pastors.

- A. Herb Codington, a PC(USA) minister, "Churches Clustering by Geographic Closeness."
- B. David Sanders, Lay employee/facilitator for the ELCA, "Churches Clustering by Common Interest."
- C. Jerry Cannon, a PC(USA) minister, "The Three E's of Vitality."
- D. Mark Deaton, a PC(USA) minister, "Clustering in Urban Ministry."
- E. Dianne Wright, a certified PC(USA) Christian Educator, "Effective Youth Ministry in Smaller Congregations."
- F. Jeanette Dozier, a PC(USA) elder, "Being an Effective Elder."

Musicians:

Vicki Owens, a PC(USA) elder, will lead us in most of our worship experiences again this year.

Luqman Rahman will present a special event on Tuesday evening on drums and percussive instruments, our oldest form of adding instruments to voice in praise.

Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.

**ASC Conference Registration Form  
May 5-7, 2007**

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 1<sup>st</sup>** to:

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## 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)

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

***“Together, We Can Do It!”***

***May 5-7, 2008***

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