

SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010 APPOINTMENT MAKING SCHEDULE

In **November, 2009**, each District Superintendent will include this schedule in his/her District Newsletter or in other mailings to inform all Clergy and Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairs of the appointment process time-line for 2010. This communication will be transmitted on behalf of Bishop James R. King, Jr.

1. Report to the Bishop and Cabinet Form (to be completed by the Pastor and the PPRC)

On **Monday, January 4, 2010**, the District Office will mail to each clergyperson a **Report to the Bishop and Cabinet Form** upon which information relative to the appointment process for 2010-2011 will be recorded.

Also, on **Monday, January 4, 2010**, the District Office will mail to each Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson a **Report of the Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee Form**. This form solicits information from this Committee relative to the appointment of a Pastor for 2010-2011.

Both the Clergy and the Committees are to return their forms no later than **Wednesday, February 3, 2010**. Each party is to sign the other's form after it is completed prior to returning to the District Office.

District Superintendents will be scheduling consultation conversations with all clergy and all Pastor-Parish Relations Committees. Conversations are desired with each clergy under appointment and each pastor-parish relations committee, regardless of whether a change in appointment is anticipated.

2. Cabinet Information Form (To be completed by all appointed clergy.)

By **Friday, January 15, 2010**, the **Cabinet Information Form** will be available on-line at the South Georgia Conference website (www.sgaumc.com). Clergy serving local churches will access the form using the same local church login and password as you did during the Charge Conference season. Extension Clergy should have a individualized user-name and password. If you can not locate your login information, please contact your District Superintendent. This form contains information that will be used to compile the Master List by which pastoral appointments will be made in June 2010. All clergy should complete the form by **Wednesday, February 3, 2010**.

It is critically important for all clergy and SPR Committees to submit all their forms by the February 3, 2010, deadline. Your assistance is appreciated.

3. Meeting Schedule

The Appointive Cabinet will meet on **Tuesday, February 16, 2010 (2:00 p.m.) through Thursday, February 18, 2010**, at Epworth By The Sea to begin the appointment-making process.. Consultations with the District Superintendents will continue following this meeting in relation to all Pastors and Pastor/Staff Relations Committees.

The Cabinet will meet on these additional dates:

Tuesday-Wednesday, February 23-24, 2010
Tuesday-Wednesday, March 2-3, 2010
Tuesday-Wednesday, March 16-17, 2010
Tuesday-Wednesday, April 6-7, 2010
Tuesday-Wednesday, April 13-14, 2010

District Superintendents will continue consultations with Pastors and Pastor/Staff Relations Committees following these meetings, as needed.

4. Projected Appointments

Appointment-making is an intensive process involving consultation, prayer, discernment, collaboration and more prayer. Clergy and laity at the local church level join Bishop King and the Appointive Cabinet in this complex work most intensely during the initial phase of consultation (see number 1 above). Ultimately, the Bishop and District Superintendents seek to prayerfully discern the anointed pastor for each appointment. Once a decision to make a change in pastoral appointment is made, the clergyperson and Pastor-Parish Chairperson are notified of the projected appointment. Following time for the announcement to be made in the local church, the projected appointments will be posted on the Conference website (www.sgaumc.org). These appointments are considered firm projections, still subject to change, until the Bishop finalizes them at the Annual Conference Session.

5. Transition Workshops—Clergy

On **Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at Tifton FUMC, and Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Dublin FUMC**, there will be two one-day Transition Workshops for full-time clergy. (These workshops will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.) One workshop will be offered for part-time clergy on **Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Eastman FUMC** beginning at 10 a.m. Every moving pastor is to attend one of the workshops. If a minister is unable to attend the nearest workshop, he/she is expected to attend the other. The workshop is being redesigned this year to add new dimensions to the training.

6. Transition Workshops—Laity

Each District Superintendent will schedule a two-hour workshop on in their district designed to help local church lay leadership prepare for the upcoming pastoral transition. Pastor-Parish Relations members, Board/Council Chairpersons, and other local church officers will be encouraged to attend. District Superintendents will communicate the date, time and location through Pastor-Parish Relations Chairpersons.

7. Annual Conference Session

The South Georgia Conference will meet **June 6-9, 2010, in Tifton**, during which Bishop King will fix these appointments for 2010-2011. Moving Day will be **Wednesday, June 16, 2010**.