

The Inspiration Daily

Lake Junaluska, N.C. — Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017

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Generations
September 4-8 2017

"One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4)

NOAC by the numbers*

- 855 people are registered.
- 17 people have attended all of the National Older Adult Conferences since 1992.
- \$8,929.84 was received in Wednesday's worship offering.
- 707 CWS kits were assembled including 432 school kits, 274 health kits, and 1 clean-up bucket. \$921.22 was donated to the CWS kit collection.
- 237 people total signed up for bus trips this week to Junaluska Elementary, Smoky Mtn. National Park, Asheville's African-American history, Biltmore House and Gardens, Hendersonville, and Oconaluftee Indian Village.
- \$4,887 was raised at this morning's walk benefiting the Brethren Peace Center in South Sudan. About 170 people registered for the walk.

**Numbers as of noon Sept. 7*

Did you win an item?

Silent auction items must be picked up today by 9 p.m.

Take NOAC home

Recordings of presentations, sermons, and Bible studies are available to purchase in the Stuart office, or fill out the order form in the NOAC packet.



Photo by Eddie Edmonds

Check out time, luggage storage, sack lunches, more

Check out times—If you are staying on campus, please check out as early as possible and no later than 11 a.m. tomorrow morning. You are requested to pack up and remove luggage from rooms before morning worship.

Luggage storage—As of 7 a.m., trolleys will be making extra runs to Bethea Welcome Center, where lug-

gage storage is available. Storage also is available in Terrace and Lambuth.

Sack lunches—Jones Dining Hall will be open at 10:30 a.m. for those who want to purchase sack lunches to go.

Meals tomorrow—Jones will serve meals through dinner tomorrow evening for those staying on in Lake Junaluska.

Photo scavenger hunt
by Ted Foster

Can you guess what these photos show? Answers will be given during Friday morning announcements.



For soul, mind & body.



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What inspiration have you gotten from NOAC?



Tom Schuyler:

A sense that the church is moving forward, and that we're growing in our relationships with each other, and that we're becoming stronger as a result.

Kay Reinoehl:

I was challenged by Jim Wallis' belief that my generation can



be the bridge to making a difference, solving racial inequality in our world. It's a challenge to live up to.... You come somewhere like this and see how much there is to be done. Be involved, be active, be vocal.



Duane Hawk:

Just the friendliness of everyone, and everyone is

willing to talk and discuss. Some of the worship services have been inspiring.... Jim Wallis today, trying to get the motivation going to take action.... It's been good.

Carolyn Shell:

The talk this morning on racism...it's inspired me to do more. My husband is a pastor. We are a small church so we're limited. [Pause.] Well, maybe we're not so limited!



Pat Kressin:

The setting is so inspirational! The speakers are all different but they have all been thought provoking.



'We have got the greatest message!'

A dialogue on the church's future

By Jan Fischer Bachman

In an afternoon dialogue, Annual Conference moderator Samuel Sarpiya and Intercultural Ministries director Gimbiya Kettering challenged participants to think about the church's future in face of declining membership, church closings, and societal changes.

The situation "calls for risk taking," Sarpiya said. "We have got the greatest message that a generation coming unglued needs," he said. "We can be the voice of peace and reconciliation."

He encouraged everyone to consider "How can we join what God is already doing?"

Rockford (Ill.) Community Church, where Sarpiya serves as pastor, contacts 5,000 people weekly through ministries in the local area. Sarpiya explained, "We are building a community...not tied to a building. Our building is in the hearts of men and women."

What about rural churches?

"Are there people who have needs for friendship?" Sarpiya asked. He mentioned single mothers, parents who need a

Please pray

Wildfires are threatening Camp Koinonia in Washington State and Camp Peaceful Pines in northern California. Please pray for all who are in the path of fires in the western states. We continue to keep in prayer those affected by Hurricane Irma across the Caribbean, those in the path of the storm on the continental US, and those still recovering from Hurricane Harvey.

break, people facing opioid addiction.

"They all need the love that the church can extend to them," he said.

"The church is fired up and ready to go!" he said.

Hungry for more? Go to the Virginia church planting retreat on Oct 20-22, where Kettering will be in leadership. Find details online at the web address www.brethren.org/intercultural.



"Our job is to help this country navigate this...demographic change that so many white folks are afraid of.... You can do this. It's part of your vocation as Christians."

—Jim Wallis

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