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34th Annual Friends of the Museum Banquet Bishop Kammerer to be keynote speaker

Bishop Charlene Kammerer will be the keynote speaker for the Friends of the Museum Annual Banquet at Lambuth Inn's International Room on Friday, August 17 at 6:30.

"We are so grateful to have Bishop Kammerer serve on the Friends of the Museum Board of Directors," said Board President, the Rev. Dr. Donald Rankin. "She is a great speaker and is genuinely committed to anything she undertakes, so we know it will be an outstanding evening," he added.

Charlene Payne Kammerer was born in Orlando, FL and grew up in Winter Garden. She graduated from Wesleyan College in Macon, GA., with a B.A. degree in Religion and Philosophy. Wesleyan is the first college in the world chartered for the granting of degrees to women. She obtained Master of Christian Education and Master of Divinity degrees from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She was ordained deacon and elder in the Florida Conference. She received a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH.



Bishop Kammerer

Bishop Kammerer's service in the church has included equal years in parish ministries and connectional ministries, including service as a campus minister at Duke University and a District Superintendent of the Tallahassee District, Florida Conference. She was elected to the episcopacy in July 1996, and assigned to the Western North Carolina Conference. She served there until 2004, when she was assigned to the Virginia Conference.

She is married to Leigh Kammerer and they now make their home at Lake Junaluska. The couple has one son, Christopher Hal. Charlene and Leigh have been partners in ministry since being students together at seminary. Leigh's vocation in ministry is in the field of addiction counseling.

Music and entertainment

Those attending the Banquet will have a special treat. Former Junaluska singer, Ron Whittemore, accompanied by Kathy McNeil Baldwin, will provide music and promises to be a real treat. The Banquet Committee said what is always a great time of fellowship is certainly enhanced by adding these two well-known Junaluska and Museum friends.

Tickets

Tickets for this August 17 event are available online at www.methodistmuseum.org, by calling (828) 456-7242, by mailing a check to the Museum at P O Box 518, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745 or just stop by the Museum at 575 North Lakeshore Drive. The price of \$25 each covers the cost of the meal, gratuities and other fees.

Silent Auction

For the first time, a Silent Auction will be part of the Dinner Meeting and those present may take their items when they depart that evening. Books, a few duplicate Wesley and Adam Clark items and Methodist memorabilia will be part of the treasures available. Beginning on Aug. 15, they may be viewed in the Hale Conference Room of the Museum. The SEJ Heritage Museum also plans to have a table of items at the banquet. Items will range in cost from \$25 to \$100 beginning bids.

Smithsonian returns Asbury Trunk and Wesley hymnal after year-long exhibit

After being viewed by millions of people from across the country and around the world, the small leathered-covered wooden trunk has returned home to the Museum, arriving this past week. It is back on display for Museum participants to view and to contemplate how one might have managed to have all their worldly possessions in this trunk and a saddlebag. He traveled more than a quarter of a million miles as a circuit rider and assigned many young men to cover territory as preachers from lower Georgia to upper Maine. Asbury is credited with being the person most

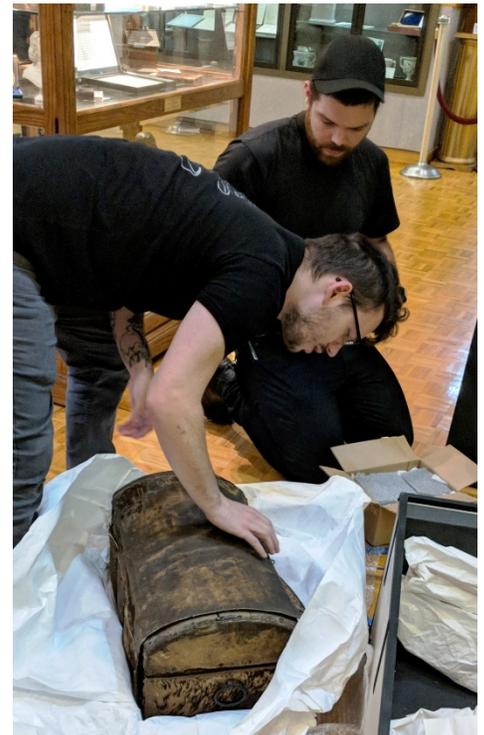


Bolden at The National Museum

influential in adding Methodists to America's religions.

Also returned was an original 1742 hymnal written by Charles and John Wesley, while they were at Oxford. Both items were part of a Religion in Early America exhibit, which traced the distinctive way that religion developed in the early American republic. It focused on three themes: the diversity of religious traditions in early America, the principle of freedom of religion that was incorporated in the U.S.

Constitution's Bill of Rights and became a guiding American ideal, and the growth of different religions in the new republic after the nation was formed.



Carefully unwrapping the Asbury Trunk

Museum and Council welcome Lindsey Buckner

Staff and duty changes take place

New staff member Lindsey Buckner has joined the WMC and Museum staff with the title of Administrative Assistant and Communications. "We are delighted to have her. In the short time she has been here she has proven to be an important asset," said Jackie Bolden. Buckner graduated from Western Carolina University with a B.S. in Communications and Public Relations. She and her husband, Chris, who is an Accountant, live in the area. Presently her duties are part-time.

Jackie Bolden, formerly Museum Director, will continue with the Museum but will take on the role of additional duties for the World Methodist Council. "I look forward to this new challenge, although a very unexpected one," said Bolden, "and hope to justify the faith that has been placed in me. I am grateful to Bishop Ivan Abrahams, the General Secretary of the WMC, for his confidence."



Lindsey Buckner

These changes occurred after a career change by WMC executive assistant Barby Bowser, who had been with the WMC for five years and has now gone back to the Foundation for Evangelism where she had previously worked. "Barby has received many words of thanks and well wishes. Lindsey and I want to add our prayers and blessings to her as she takes on this new role. We wish Barby and her young family only life's greatest blessings as she continues to serve all of us who are Methodists," Bolden said.



Improvements

Recent parking lot improvements included crack filling, sealing and striping. “It’s important that we maintain our facilities inside and out,” explained Treasurer/CFO Kirby Hickey. “In the long run, good maintenance is a cost saving measure in addition to being a visitor enhancement.”

Some exterior painting was completed on both buildings and extra effort has been expended on the Susanna Wesley Garden – a place for prayer, meditation and relaxation.

Excerpts from Bishop Abrahams July Council Newsletter

Dear Friends,

It is all systems go at our headquarters in Lake Junaluska and Kwanglim Methodist Church as we prepare for the World Council Meeting from 12-15 July in Seoul, South Korea. Council will be an opportunity to be reunited with old friends and meet new ones. At Council, we will share in vibrant worship, pray together, feel the heartbeat and pulse of global Methodism, and cast a new vision for the future.

During June, I was privileged to join Methodist young people from all parts of the world at Metanoia (formerly known as the International Youth Conference) in Costa Rica. If the enthusiasm, commitment, and passion of the young adults is anything to go by, I am very optimistic about the future of our church. Thank you to Kimberly Reisman and her team for teaching me fresh ways to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to a new generation.

The Geneva Secretary, Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, and I participated in the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches and the 70th Anniversary Celebrations in Geneva. One of the highlights of the celebrations was Pope Francis’ visit, described as an “ecumenical pilgrimage.” The Central Committee theme was; “Walking, praying and working together.” The Central Committee relaunched the Thursdays in Black Campaign. I wish to encourage all Methodists to observe this campaign as an expression of our commitment to speak out against gender-based violence and create a just society of equity between women and men.

Next month I will share in the Nelson Mandela centenary celebrations. I look forward to stories of how Methodists around the world promote active citizenship and build communities to revive the legacy of this son of Methodism and global icon.

Your partner in Mission and Ministry
Ivan



**Bishop Abrahams with Beatrice Finn,
Director of ICAN*, 2017 Nobel Peace
Prize Recipient**

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