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**Christmas Conference 2011-12**  
**The Woodlands United Methodist Church**  
**January 6-8, 2012**

Friday, January 6

- 1-3:00 p.m. Check-in/Registration at Marriott Woodlands Waterway Hotel,  
1601 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas (281) 367-9797  
Call Paul Ervin at (828) 507-5346 for assistance if needed.
- 4:00 p.m. Transportation from Hotel to The Woodlands United Methodist Church,  
2200 Lake Woodlands Drive (281) 297-5900  
All meetings and events to be held at The Woodlands UMC
- 4:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Steve Moore, AFTE Fellowship Chair  
(Aldersgate Room)
- Common Reading  
*The Lemon Tree*, by Sandy Tolan  
Moderator: Dr. Kerry Dearborn  
Seattle Pacific University
- 5:45 p.m. Reception at The Woodlands United Methodist Church (Narthex)
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner - (Jones Library)  
Welcome and Invocation – Dr. Ed Robb, Senior Minister of  
The Woodlands United Methodist Church and AFTE Chair;  
Paul Ervin, Executive Director of AFTE;
- 7:15 p.m. Plenary Session I: What I wish I had known when I was a Fellow  
Presenter: Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, Princeton Theological  
Seminary - (Aldersgate Room)
- 8:00 p.m. Break (Allen Parlor)
- 8:15 p.m. The AFTE Story  
Presenter: Dr. Ed Robb, AFTE Board Chairman and Senior  
Minister of The Woodlands United Methodist Church
- John Wesley Fellowship Introductions and Updates (Aldersgate Room)
- 10:00 p.m. Evensong – John Wesley Fellows, Class of 2011 in Robb Chapel
- Mark Gorman
  - Tammie Grimm
  - Justus Hunter
  - Bobby Rackley
  - Chuck Russell
- 10:30 p.m. Transportation to Hotel

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Saturday, January 7

- 8:00 – 8:15                      Transportation from Hotel lobby to The Woodlands UMC
- 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.                Continental Breakfast at The Woodlands UMC (Jones Library)
- 9:00 a.m.                        Morning Meditation – John Wesley Fellows, Class of 2011  
Robb Chapel
- 9:30 a.m.                        Plenary Session II: Research on Biblical Literacy: The Student in our  
Future  
Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean (Aldersgate Room)
- 10:30 a.m.                      Break (Allen Parlor)
- 11:00 a.m.                      Plenary Session III: What our Church most needs now – Theologians!  
Presenter: Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon, Bishop, North Alabama Conf.  
Questions & Answers (Aldersgate Room)
- 12:00 p.m.                      Lunch at The Woodlands UMC (Columns Café – Box Lunch)
- 1:15 p.m.                        Sectional Papers I – D206, D208, D210 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor South End - Adult  
Classrooms)

1. Burroughs – Paper Titles - TBA
2. Kim –
3. Choi -

<u>Convener</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Respondent</u>
1.	1. Presian Burroughs	1. Angie Temple Harvey
2. Mathieu Gnonhossou	2. Sangwoo Kim	2. Kevin Watson
3.	3. Jung Choi	3. Brad Johnson

- 2:30 p.m.                      Break – Allen Parlor
- 2:45 p.m.                        Sectional Papers II – D206, D208, D210 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor South End Adult  
Classrooms)

1. Peck-McClain – Paper Titles - TBA
2. Cady -
3. Reisman -

<u>Convener</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Respondent</u>
1. Diana Abernethy	1. Emily Peck-McClain	1.
2. Christine Johnson	2. Stephen Cady	2. Matthew Sigler
3. Brian Yeich	3. Kim Reisman	3.

- 4:00 p.m.                      Transfer to Marriott Hotel for free time
- 6:45 p.m.                      Transfer from Hotel Lobby to the Woodlands UMC

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- 7:00 p.m. Dinner at The Woodlands UMC and special recognitions (Jones Library)
- 8:15 p.m. Plenary Session IV: Formation of the Soul of the Professor  
Bishop William H. Willimon (Aldersgate Room)
- 9:15 p.m. Dessert and Fellowship (Jones Library)
- 10:00 p.m. Evensong and Communion in the Robb Chapel –  
John Wesley Fellows, Class of 2011
- 10:30 p.m. Transportation to the Hotel

Sunday, January 8

- 8:00 – 8:20 a.m. Check Out and Transportation to The Woodlands UMC  
(Take Baggage for holding in Wesley Hall at The Woodlands UMC)
- 8:15 – 10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast at The Woodlands UMC (Columns Café-  
AFTE Participants with coupon from the Gift Bag)

**Worship Services at The Woodlands UMC**

- 8:30/9:35 a.m. Chapel (Traditional) – Robb Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. The Harvest (Contemporary) – Main Sanctuary
- 9:29 a.m. The Loft (Emergent) – Across the parking lot
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service – Main Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch with Friends and Supporters of AFTE (Wesley Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Airport Transportation leaves from The Woodlands UMC

\*Note: Tom Albin will be available for individual and/or group meetings during meals or breaks to have conversations and prayer for spiritual direction or discernment. Feel free to contact Tom prior to the conference to confirm a time. His email is: [talbin@GBOD.org](mailto:talbin@GBOD.org)