

All Means All: Everyone Welcome Here

Friday afternoon at 1: **Let's Get Going!** *It's time to Rally Forward! We start by singing some of the great hymns of the church and meeting the Rally Forward Design Team.*

Rally Forward Workshop Leaders

Friday afternoon at 2 and 4: **Homosexuality and Scripture.** *Is there an exegetical framework for better understanding the revelation of Scripture and homosexuality:* Led by Rev. Dr. Tex Sample who is the pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Kansas City, MO. Tex is also the Robert B. and Kathleen Rogers Professor Emeritus of Church and Society at Saint Paul School of Theology and the author of more than 10 books including serving as a co-editor of "The Loyal Opposition: Struggling with the Church on Homosexuality."

Friday afternoon at 2 and 4: **Homosexuality and Tradition.** *How we came to where we are: a brief history of the UM Church and homosexuality.* Led by Rev. Dr. Jim Darby a retired pastor in the Great Plains Annual Conference and a past District Superintendent. Jim most recently helped represent Rev. Cynthia Meyer when then Bishop Scott J. Jones of the Great Plains Annual Conference sought to bring her to trial.

Friday afternoon at 2 and 4: **Homosexuality and Reason.** *What does science reveal about an understanding of our sexual orientation?* Led by Dr. Barbara Lukert who is a member of Asbury UMC in Prairie Village KS and is Professor of Medicine Emerita at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, KS. Dr. Lukert has served on The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society and attended the 2004 General Conference as a delegate from the then Kansas East Conference.

Friday afternoon at 2 and 4: **Homosexual and Experience.** *In the Wesleyan tradition, experience helps validate the authority of scripture. So, is our sexuality chosen or does it choose you? Hear what experience has to say.* Led by Caroline Morrison an MDiv student at Saint Paul School of Theology and Jody McClure who lives near Hutchinson KS and recently authored the book "Mud Puddles: A Path to Peace." In it Jody writes bravely about herself, her family, her friends, and her community as she journeyed to live out the fullness of her sexuality.

Rally Forward General Session Speakers

Friday Evening at 7: **Where are We NOW?** *The Judicial Council has met. In 106 days the General Conference convenes in Saint Louis. What is the status of **A Way Forward and the One Church Plan?*** Keynote Words from Rev. Dr. Mark Holland a pastor in the Great Plains Annual Conference. Mark served as lead pastor for more than 15 years at Trinity UMC in Kansas City, KS. He is the past Mayor of Kansas City KS and is now the Executive Director of Mainstream UMC whose mission is to pass the One Church Plan. Music led by the Asbury Worship Team.

Saturday Morning at 9: **What Can YOU Do?** *Okay...maybe you are not one of the 800 some votes in Saint Louis. But, there is much you can do to help the church find its Way Forward.* Keynote Words from Laura Young the Coordinator for the Reconciling Ministries Network in the Southcentral Jurisdiction.

Rally Forward Closing Worship

Saturday Morning at 10:45: **Put it in God's Hands, Too!** *Rally Forward closes with Inspirational worship!* Sermon by Rev. Dr. Nanette Roberts who received her DMin from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC and currently serves as the Senior Pastor at Grace UMC in Olathe KS. Nanette the co-founder of Mainstream UMC. Music led by the Heartland Men's Chorus Ensemble.