



Keynote Speaker
Virginia Conference
United Methodist Women
45th Annual Meeting

**Bishop
Sharma D. Lewis**

About Our Bishop

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, resident bishop of the Richmond episcopal area, became the first African-American woman to be elected bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church in 2016.

Prior to her episcopal assignment, she held a distinguished record of service in the North Georgia Conference including her appointment as district superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District in 2010. In 2007, Bishop Lewis' remarkable pastoral leadership at Wesley Chapel, a three-year tenure, led to over 600 new and restored members and worship attendance doubled. While there, her visibility as a strong spiritual and pastoral leader propelled her into numerous leadership roles in the local community.

Bishop Lewis has offered her gifts to The United Methodist Church in a variety of ways including as a board member of the Wesley Woods Foundation, SEJ Committee on the Episcopacy, Cabinet representative for United Methodist Women and the Committee for Equitable Compensation. She is currently a board member and vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Evangelism for the World Methodist Council (WCC) of The United Methodist Church, a member of the Black Clergywomen and Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR) of The United Methodist Church. Bishop Lewis has also been appointed as liaison to the Interagency Sexual Ethics Task Force (IASETF), a taskforce of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Bishop Lewis was born and raised in Statesboro, Ga. in a loving Methodist family where individuals have answered God's call to serve the church and to minister to God's people. A graduate of Mercer University (B.S., Biology, 1985), the University of West Georgia (M.S., Biology, 1988) and Gammon Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (M.Div., 1999), Bishop Lewis worked as a research biologist and chemist prior to surrendering to God's call upon her life. She has led mission experiences to Jamaica, Kenya and the Philippines.

Saturday October 28, 2017

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**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**



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Trinity United Methodist Church
903 Forest Ave, Henrico, VA 23229

Tentative Schedule

Friday

7:00 pm Join us for a music and dance concert, followed by an ice cream social

Saturday

8:30 am Registration will open

9:30 am Opening remarks

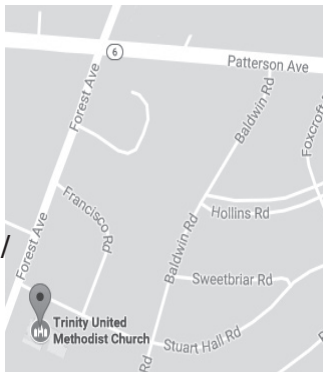
10:00 am Focus Groups

12 noon Lunch

1:00 pm Business meeting including Bishop Lewis as keynote speaker.

All Events are held at Trinity UMC
903 Forest Ave
Henrico, VA 23229

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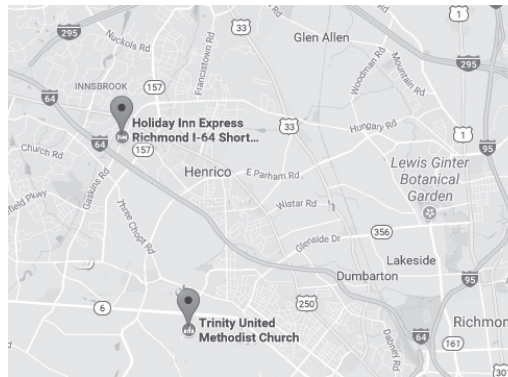
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Room rate is \$89 + tax**

Trinity UMC and the hotel are approximately 12 minutes apart.



Reminders

UMFS Donations to Bring: crayons, pencils, markers, post-its, scissors, paper, tape, calculators, notebooks, staples, ziplocs, cardstock, folders, glue sticks, poster board, erasers, index cards, tissues, paper towels, clorox wipes, and board games. See details vaumw.com/events/annual-meeting

The bookroom will be open. Look for posted times when you arrive.

Registration

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ANNUAL MEETING

October 28, 2017
Henrico, VIRGINIA

The registration fee of \$15.00 includes Saturday's lunch.

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Name _____

Mailing Address _____

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Please mark all that apply:

- Local Unit Delegate
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Please mail registration form and check for \$15.00 made payable to Virginia Conference United Methodist Women

to the Registrar:

**Mary Saylor
PO Box 7316
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OCTOBER 15, 2017**

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