

Join us and re-energize with worship, relaxation, & prayer at our
30th Annual Conference & Retreat

Association of Smaller Congregations

Synod of the South Atlantic, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

March 17-19, 2017

CHOICES:

"Choose this day whom you will serve"

- Joshua 24: 15

Keynote: Anna Carter Florence

Place: Epworth-by-the-Sea
St. Simons Island, GA



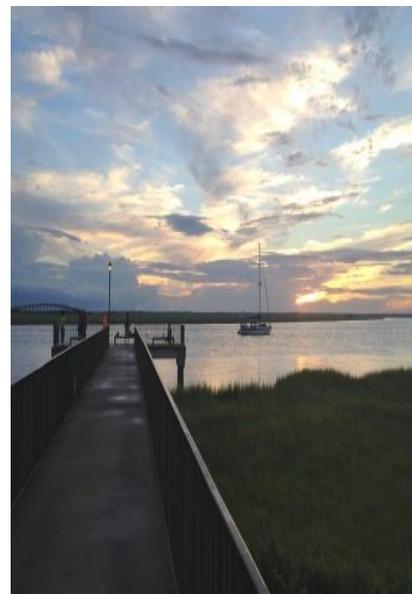
Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale College and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.). Her books include *Preaching as Testimony* and *Inscribing the Word*, as well as two forthcoming books: *'A' is for Alabaster: A Preacher's Alphabet*, and *Come Back When You've Found Something True: New Ways to Read Scripture*. She is a frequent teacher and lecturer in this country and abroad. Anna and her husband have two grown sons. They also have two dogs, two cats, a flock of chickens, and way too much knitting yarn.

The **Association of Smaller Congregations (ASC)** was organized in 1987 to serve congregations in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina having fewer than 200 members. The group seeks in their conferences to lift up these smaller congregations, offering tools and support, promoting their unique strengths and needs, and providing opportunities for fellowship, education, creative thinking and sharing. For more information and registration find us online and join the conversation on Facebook.

www.presbyasc.org

Workshop Tracks

We're doing things a little differently this year to give everyone something hands-on to take away from the conference. Instead of multiple unrelated workshops from which you can choose three, this year you will choose one workshop track from the four below. You will meet with your track cohort three times, with each session progressing a little further through the subject. At the end of the weekend, you will have some practical next steps to take back to your congregation on whichever topic you choose. If you've signed up for a missional track with Herb Coddington in the past, then you will be familiar with this format. When you register, please sign up for one of the following workshop tracks:



Choosing Reconciliation & Hope - Mary Beene

Conflict in the church is as old as the church itself – just look at Paul's letters and the book of Acts. But we are called to be reconciled – to Christ and to each other. How can we make our congregations places of reconciliation and hope even in conflict?

New Day, New Opportunities: Leadership Choices – Lawrence Peebles

Your church can have a preacher, but it may not look the way it used to look. This track will explore the social and financial realities of calling a preacher in the twenty-first century.

Asset Mapping & Leadership: Choosing Your Church's Future – Jamil el-Shair

Let's identify your assets that will allow you to have pastoral leadership and ruling elders for today and tomorrow. There is a great deal available to accomplish what you need. Let's discover your assets together.

Choosing to Work Together: Clusters & Partnerships – Lisa Culpepper & Herb Coddington

Lisa Culpepper and Herb Coddington are participants in two separate "missional clusters" in South Carolina. These two clusters of smaller membership churches have a combined thirty years of experience of doing collaborative ministry. In the class we will discuss the benefits of doing ministry together, key principles in cluster ministry and the process of forming partnerships among smaller membership congregations. Helpful resources in cluster ministry will also be made available.



Conference Schedule (subject to change)

Friday

3:00-5:30 pm Registration
 5:30-6:45 pm Supper
 6:45 pm Opening
 Gathering
 & Prayer Circles

Saturday

7:00-8:20 am Breakfast
 8:30-8:45 am Announcements
 8:45-10:00 am Worship
 10:30-11:45 am Track Session #1
 11:45-1:00 pm Lunch
 1:15-2:30 pm Track Session #2
 2:45-3:00 pm Prayer Circles
 3:00- til Optional Activities
 5:30-7:00 pm Dinner at Epworth
 7:00- til BINGO & Board Games in Jones

Sunday

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast & Checkout
 8:10-8:40 am Closing Prayer Circles
 8:45-10:00 am Track Session #3
 10:00-10:15 am Break
 10:15-10:45 am Business Meeting
 10:45-12:00 noon Worship & Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 12:00 noon Lunch

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Registration Information & Form

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Choose life, love and grace with ASC and **Anna Carter Florence**

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at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon’s Island, GA



Conference Cost

*Costs, unless otherwise noted, include:
Conference fees, lodging and 6 meals.*

Pitts and Booth (more centrally located)

Double Room: \$ 165 per person

Single Room: \$ 250 per person

Robertson building (newer, w/ bayside view)

Double Room: \$ 195.00 per person

Single Room: \$ 275.00 per person

Commuting: \$ 65.00 per person

(No room/no meals; meals can be purchased individually from Epworth)

It is the registrant’s responsibility to assure full payment before registration can be confirmed or secured. You may visit our website to pay online with your credit card through our PayPal account.

Cancellation policy is as follows:

More than two weeks’ notice: full refund

Less than two weeks notice: full, less \$75;

Less than 72 hours notice: no refund.

Check with your presbytery to determine availability of scholarships for conference registration cost.



**The deadline for registration is
Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

ASC Conference Registration Form

March 17-19, 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____ Presbytery: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you willing to share contact information with other attendees? Yes ___ No ___

Choose one of the following workshop tracks:

___ New Day, New Opportunities: Leadership Choices (Lawrence Peebles)

___ Asset Mapping & Leadership: Choosing Your Church's Future (Jamil el-Shair)

___ Choosing Reconciliation & Hope (Mary Beene)

___ Choosing to Work Together: Clusters & Partnerships (Lisa Culpepper & Herb Coddington)

Rooms: Double Room _____ or Single Room _____

P & B Lodging _____ Robertson lodging _____ Commuting _____

Special Needs: Handicapped Room [] 1st Floor [] Close to Meeting Room []

Roommate Preference: _____

(Roommate assigned if double room with no preference)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Make checks payable to "ASC".

Detach and mail this form with check by February 22nd to:

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