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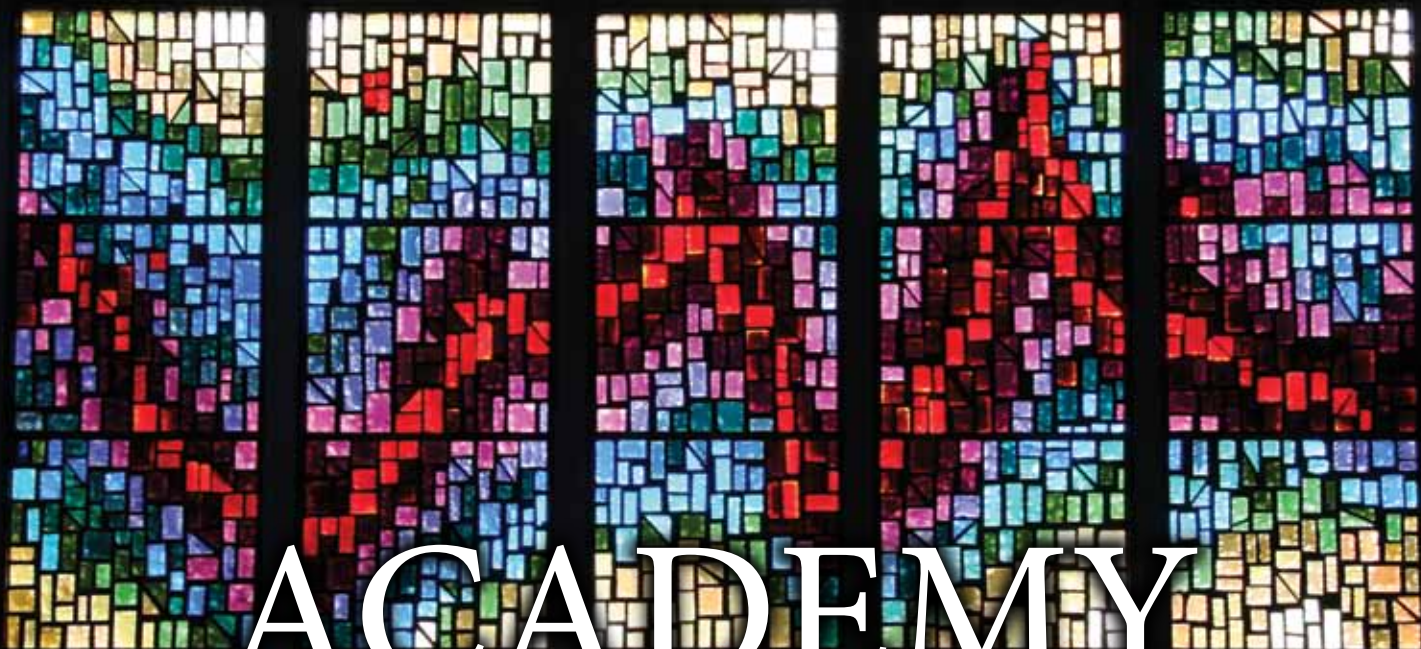
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FAITHFULNESS IN A COMPLEX WORLD



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OCTOBER 24, 2009

Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

St. Stephen UMC, East Campus at 4600 S. Western, Amarillo, Texas

Theme: Faithfulness in a Complex World

8:30 a.m. – Opening Plenary Session and Theme Interpretation: Dr. John Russell

9:00 a.m. – Sessions

Bible Study: Rev. Bill Libby

This session will focus on Professor Libby's archaeological digs in Jordan and the interesting light that archaeology sheds upon biblical studies.

Creative Ministry in the Small Membership Congregation: Dr. Cindy Martin, Dr. Mark Waters

This workshop will look at ways to break the mold of doing what is always done, and help you think of creative ways to accomplish ministry, while working within the resources that you have available.

Methodism 101: Dr. Pug Parris

This session will explore the foundations of Methodism, while finding application for the concepts of administration, evangelism and education of John Wesley in today's church. This motivating study of our denomination can be a learning experience for new members of the UMC, or a refresher course for life-long Methodists.

Clergy Track: Rev. James Greer, LMFT

As we minister and counsel, we join with God as God performs healing in the lives of people. The goal of this session is to discover how to become a part of God's healing process. Ideas will be conveyed that will assist church leaders to more effectively communicate with compassion, allowing others to feel that you and God care about what is happening in their lives. These skills can be used in a variety of ministering and counseling situations.

Worship: Rev. Tim Kennedy, Tyson Alexander

This seminar will focus on the intricacies of planning and leading worship in multigenerational settings. The meaning and importance of traditional liturgical elements will be considered alongside the call to speak to each generation anew. Insights from emerging Christianity will inform the discussion.

Mission/Outreach: Rev. Rich Jones

Rev. Jones serves on the staff of St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo. He will lead this session out of his passion for and rich experience in the mission and outreach of the church.

12:15 – Lunch

1:00 – Closing Plenary Session and Keynote: Bishop Dan Solomon

THEME INTERPRETATION



Dr. John Russell has been McMurry's president for 7 years. He came to McMurry in August 2002 from West Virginia University Institute of Technology, where he served as Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. He holds a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder and had a very successful 33 year career in the Air Force, where he retired with the rank of Colonel.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Bishop Dan E. Solomon is Bishop-in-Residence at McMurry University and President of the Texas United Methodist College Association. He served as United Methodist Bishop for the Oklahoma Area from 1988-1996 and the Louisiana Area from 1996-2000.

Bishop Solomon attended McMurry College and Perkins School of Theology. Both schools have honored him as a Distinguished Alumnus. He earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary.

Bishop Solomon has served as President of the General Board of Global Ministries; as Chair of the Trustees, General Board of Church and Society; and as chair of the World Division, General Board of Global Ministries.

Bishop Solomon and his wife, Marcia, have five children and nine grandchildren.

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