

Conference featured presenters



Bishop Janice Riggle Huie *Houston Area*

Bishop Janice Riggle Huie of the Texas Conference will be the preacher for the June 7 opening worship service. Bishop Huie was elected to the episcopacy from the Southwest Texas Conference in 1996. She served as president of the Council of Bishops from 2006-2008, and as president of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from 2000-2004.



Bishop Huie

Prior to being assigned to the Texas Conference, Bishop Huie served as bishop of the Arkansas Area from 1996-2004. She was superintendent of the San Angelo District of the Southwest Texas Conference when she was elected as a bishop in 1996. As a pastor, she had a record of church growth and vitality. Her pastorates included Manchaca UMC, a dynamic congregation in south Austin.

Bishop Huie was first elected a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference in 1980. She was a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences from 1984-1996. Since Bishop Huie's assignment there, the Texas Annual Conference has adopted a bold new missional strategy aimed at making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The primary priorities are as follows: Congregational Excellence (new church starts and re-vitalization of existing congregations), Clergy Excellence (recruiting gifted young pastors and supporting and training current pastors) and a re-aligned Missional Structure.

After graduating with honors from the University of Texas in Austin in 1969, Bishop Huie went to Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, earning a Master of Theology degree and receiving both the Flinn Award as outstanding senior and the De-Jernette Award in homiletics. In 1989 she was awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, where she focused on homiletics and liturgy.

Rev. Larry George *Dallas-Denton District Superintendent*

Rev. Larry George will be the preacher for the June 9 Memorial Service. He is completing his fourth year as the district superintendent of the Dallas-Denton District. Prior to his appointment as a superintendent, Dr. George served as a local church pastor in five of the six districts of the NTC. His assignments included: First UMC, Denton; Walnut Hill UMC, Dallas; Trinity UMC, Duncanville; Kavanaugh UMC, Greenville; University UMC, Wichita Falls; and Spring Valley UMC, Dallas.



Dr. George

Additionally, Dr. George and his wife, Mickey, served four years as a missionary for the General Board of Global Ministries. They were assigned to Zimbabwe

and Nigeria.

Dr. George earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Tech University, Lubbock; a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas.

Among Dr. George's conference responsibilities have been: Secretary of the Annual Conference; chairperson of the Conference Board of Church and Society; member of the Bishop's Task Force on Children and Poverty; Dean of the Cooperative Mission Event; and study leader for the School of Christian Mission.

He is presently secretary for the NTC Cabinet and serves on the Board of Pension and Health Benefits, the Hispanic Task Force, the Creating Congregations Team and the Conference Leadership Team.