

# 3 "L" Academy Registration Form

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**August 14-15, 2017**

*Hilton Jackson, County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi*

Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will spouse attend? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration:	Cost	Enclosed
Attendee.....	\$40.....	\$ _____
Spouse.....	\$25.....	\$ _____
	Total: \$	_____

**Mail to Mississippi Conference UMC-3 "L" Academy, 320-A Briarwood Dr., Jackson, MS 39206**

Contact David Stotts at 769-243-7020, if you have any questions concerning registration or program.

*For hotel reservations at the site of the 3 "L" Academy, contact the Hilton Jackson at 1-888-263-0524. Ask for a room in the United Methodist Church block and use the block code UMCC3L. The hotel is located at 1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi.*

## Keynote Speaker



The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe is the General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church. She has served as the social justice agency's top executive since 2014 after 22 years at Emory University.

As Dean of the Chapel & Religious Life at Emory, Henry-Crowe conducted a ministry to and with a diverse constituency of 12,000 students and 2,400 faculty members. She focused on interfaith and ecumenical work, mentoring and vocational formation of a new generation for social-justice ministries, and stewardship and fundraising.

For 16 years, Henry-Crowe served as a member of the United Methodist Judicial Council, the denomination's "Supreme Court." She is the first woman elected president of the Judicial Council, serving in that role from 2008-2012.

Henry-Crowe was ordained an elder and continues to be a member of the South Carolina Annual Conference.

Recipient of a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory, Henry-Crowe also holds Doctor of Divinity degrees from Wofford College and LaGrange College. She has served on the Board of Trustees for Claflin University, Columbia College and Santiago College.

In 2000, she was named Chaplain of the Year by the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry. She has been repeatedly recognized for her work and commitment to social justice.

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Learning, Living, and Leading Stewardship by Connecting & Sharing Your Time, Talents, Gifts, Service, & Witness



Sponsored by:

**Mississippi Conference Board of Pension**

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The academy will provide an opportunity to explore clergy benefits, financial planning, stewardship education, and connectionalism as the participant leads the denomination in Mississippi and to accomplish the mission of The United Methodist Church: The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs.

**The Mississippi Conference Board of Pension is pleased to present a two-day educational session where we plan to assist clergy in modeling and teaching the United Methodist commitment to fully utilizing their time, talents, gifts, service, and witness.**

*Session Descriptions*

- Setting and Monitoring Financial Goals** – *John Garrison, Ernst & Young Financial Planner* This class will be packed full of simplified and practical ways to take full command of your financial wellness, including: Setting and living into your financial goals, Discovering and using financial management tools and resources, and Planning for a secure retirement. You will learn how to enroll in the EY process that is provided free of charge by Wespath.
- United Methodist Benefits Review** – *Ron Coleman, Wespath* The United Methodist Church offers many benefits to its clergy. This class will explain what benefits you may expect from the Church when you retire, become disabled, or die.
- Unexpected Events: Benefits You Need the Most** – *Carrie Persivale, Wespath* What happens when life throws you a curve and you face a difficult situation involving disability or incapacity? Learn how the Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) helps through unplanned transitions. In this class, you will learn “what to do” and “what to expect” at those times when you and your family need benefits the most.
- Legacy Wealth Planning** – *Ronald C. Morton, J.D., LL.M.* We’ll discuss subjects most of us would rather avoid: death, disability, and taxes. Many people do not give a thought to the certainty of their own death; yet it will happen to each and every one of us. Then what happens?
- Clergy Compensation Update** – *David Stotts, CPA & Conference Treasurer* This session will review the 2018 Clergy Budget Compensation form and changes that will be found on it. We will look at the tax implications of each line and discuss any proposed or enacted tax law that is coming before us.
- Cultivating Stewardship & Generosity** – *Melvin Amerson, Texas Methodist Foundation* Celebrating the Offering is a workshop for pastors and church leaders of small and large churches who want to rekindle the offertory time during worship. Ideas will be shared to create an atmosphere of celebration and extravagant generosity during the offering. Developing a Culture of Generosity is designed for pastors and church leaders of small and large congregations who want to cultivate a culture of *Extravagant* and *Fruit-filled* Generosity in their local church. Year-Round stewardship ideas and strategies will be offered to develop congregations of generous people.
- Social Security** – *Channon McLaurin, Social Security Administration* Discovering and then incorporating several financial management tools. This session will help prioritize and balance financial goals. Question and answer period about deploying resources including investment questions will conclude this break-out session.
- Buying a Home-Looking Toward Retirement** – *Ellen Short, Realtor* The time is going to come when you will need to buy a home. Whether it is now or in the future, there is no better time than now to begin to understand the process and what you will need to consider when doing so.
- Stewardship of Clergy Health** – *Marcus Gaut, DNP, RN-BC* In 2017 a survey on the health and wellness of the clergy is being done. Hear what the survey is about and how it will resource you in caring for your health.

- Electronic Giving** – *Mary Lee Reed, United Methodist Foundation Associate Director* This session will provide valuable information on electronic giving. Statistics show that when properly implemented, electronic giving options can increase members’ giving by 20%. Other reasons to consider e-giving and a look at Vanco’s system will be provided. Vanco is the provider recommended by the General Council on Finance and Administration.
- Conference Benefits Program** – *David Stotts, CPA & Conference Benefits Officer* We will look at the benefits now being offered and what you can enroll in the fall of 2017 to begin in 2018. We will look at the chart on computing direct invoice. An explanation of the proposed changes to the retiree supplement for the Post Retirement Benefits will be discussed.

*Session Schedule*

TIME	SESSION CONTENT
<b>Monday, August 14, 2017</b>	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Fellowship
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Keynote Address – Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, <i>General Board of Church &amp; Society, General Secretary</i>
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-11:45 a.m.	Session 1 Plenary – Financial Planning - John Garrison, <i>Ernst &amp; Young Financial Planner</i>
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-2:15 p.m.	Session 2 Plenary – UM Benefits Review - Ron Coleman, <i>Wespath</i>
2:15-3:30 p.m.	Session 3 Plenary – Unexpected Events: Benefits You Need the Most - Carrie Persivale, <i>Wespath</i>
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45-5:00 p.m.	Session 4 Plenary – Legal Documents and Legacy Wealth - Ron Morton, <i>J.D., LL.M.</i>
	Dinner and Evening on your own
<b>Tuesday, August 15, 2017</b>	
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Fellowship
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Session 5 Plenary – Clergy Compensation Update - David Stotts, <i>CPA &amp; Conference Treasurer</i>
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Session 6 Plenary – Stewardship - Melvin Amerson, <i>Texas Methodist Foundation</i>
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Session 7 Plenary – Social Security - Channon McLaurin, <i>Social Security Administration</i>
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Worship Time - Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Session 8 Plenary – Buying a Home-Looking Toward Retirement - Ellen Short, <i>Realtor</i>
1:45-2:15 p.m.	Session 9 Plenary – Stewardship of Clergy Health - Marcus Gaut, <i>DNP, RN-BC</i>
2:15-2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45-3:30 p.m.	Session 10 Plenary – Electronic Giving - Mary Lee Reed, <i>United Methodist Foundation, Associate Director</i>
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Session 11 Plenary – Other Conference Benefits Program - David Stotts, <i>CPA &amp; Conference Treasurer</i>