

# WELCOME TO



## ***2017 GEMN Global Mission Conference***

**May 24 - 26**

**Nauvoo, Alabama**

**Camp McDowell  
105 DeLong Rd  
Nauvoo, Alabama 35578**

# **Reconciliation: God's Mission – and Ours**

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## **Conference Schedule**

**\* All Lodging and Activities in Bethany Area \***

### **Pre-Conference Programs:**

#### **Tuesday, May 23:**

- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Global Mission Formation Program
  - *Program includes lunch*
- 3:00 – 6:00 pm: Global Mission Train the Trainer Program
- Arrival day for Conference Attendees – Registration & Welcome at Phifer Hall
- 6:00 pm – Dinner – Doug Carpenter Hall
- 7:00 pm – Meet and greet/Informal Welcome at Phifer Hall
- End of day – Compline – Phifer Hall

#### **Wednesday, May 24:**

- 7:15 am: Morning Prayer – Phifer Hall
- 8:00 am: Breakfast - Doug Carpenter Hall**
- 8:30 am: Registration Continues at Phifer Hall**
- 9:00 am: Conference Opens – Welcome – Phifer Hall**  
*The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop, Diocese of Alabama, Episcopal Church*  
*Introduction of Bishop MacDonald: The Rev. David Kendall-Sperry, GEMN*
- 9:30 am: First Plenary Session Keynote Speaker**  
*The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald*  
*National Indigenous Anglican Bishop, Anglican Church of Canada*  
**Topic: "Finding A New Horizon in Christ"**

*\*Note on Small Groups – Small group discussions will take place in situ around the tables in Phifer Hall, immediately following the keynote presentation.*

#### **Small groups - Session 1 – Phifer Hall**

- Noon: Lunch – Doug Carpenter Hall
- 12:45-1:45 pm: GEMN Annual Meeting – Doug Carpenter Hall

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#### **2:00-3:00 pm: Workshop Session I – Locations TBD**

- 3:00 pm: Break

#### **3:15-4:15 pm: Workshop Session II – Locations TBD**

#### **5:00 pm: Reception, Networking & Displays – Doug Carpenter Hall**

#### **6:00 pm: Welcome Dinner – Doug Carpenter Hall**

- 6:45 pm: Second Plenary Session Keynote Speaker – Doug Carpenter Hall**  
*The Reverend Paul-Gordon Chandler, CARAVAN*  
**Topic: "We Are One Hand"**

- 9:30 pm: Compline – Phifer Hall

## Conference Schedule (cont.)

### Thursday, May 25:

- 7:15 am: Morning Prayer – Phifer Hall
- 8:00 am: Breakfast – Doug Carpenter Hall
- 9:00 am: Introduction and Opening Prayer – Phifer Hall**
- 9:15 am: Third Plenary Session Keynote Speaker**  
*Ms. Heidi Kim*  
*Staff Officer for Racial Reconciliation, The Episcopal Church*  
**Topic: “From Suffering to Redemption: The Healing Power of Reconciliation”**

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### **Small groups – Session 2 – Phifer Hall**

- Noon: Lunch – Doug Carpenter Hall

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- 1:00 pm: Quiet Time / Meditation**
- 2:00-3:00 pm: Workshop Session III – Locations TBD**
- 3:00 pm: Break
- 3:15-4:15 pm: Workshop Session IV**
- 5:00-6:00 pm: Reception, Networking and Displays – Doug Carpenter Hall**
- 6:00-7:00 pm: Dinner – Doug Carpenter Hall**
- 7:00 pm: Special Event – Hall Hall**  
*Music by “The Paybacks”*

### Friday, May 26:

- 7:15 am: Morning Prayer – Phifer Hall
- 8:00 am: Breakfast – Doug Carpenter Hall
- 8:45 am: Final Plenary Session on Reconciliation – Doug Carpenter Hall**  
**Topic: “Reconciliation: Pulling it all Together”**  
*Panel Discussion with:*
  - *Moderator: The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler*
  - *The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald*
  - *Ms. Heidi Kim*
  - *The Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler*
  - *The Rev. Canon Dr. Phil Groves*
- 10:15 am: Break / Walk or ride to Chapel of St. Francis
- 10:30-11:45 am: **Final Eucharist – Chapel of St. Francis**  
*Celebrant: The Rt. Rev Mark MacDonald*  
*Preacher: The Rt. Rev John McKee Sloan*
- Noon: Lunch – Doug Carpenter Hall
- 1:00 pm: Bus Departs for Birmingham International Airport**

## 2017 GEMN Global Mission Conference

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### Conference Overview

**The Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN)** is dedicated to giving you the tools you need for global mission. We are the independent mission network in the Episcopal Church, dedicated to proclaiming, inspiring and igniting the joy of God’s mission. GEMN consists of dioceses, churches, organizations, and individuals who are passionate about engagement and connecting people through mission.

GEMN holds an annual Global Mission Conference designed to create a forum in which those having a passion for global mission engagement can meet, learn, and exchange ideas. We hope to provide a space for continuing discernment of where God is leading us next as the hands and feet of Christ, as a church, as individuals, and as God’s people.

Each year we select a timely theme to explore, and this year’s theme reflects God’s urgent call to the Church in a time of divisions and conflict:



### *“Reconciliation: God’s Mission – and Ours”*

With a beautifully scenic and peaceful background at the Diocese of Alabama’s Camp McDowell, we will explore in depth the theme of reconciliation in our mission engagement. Together, we will learn and engage with powerful tools such as Indaba and Asset-Based models for mission, featuring great speakers on a variety of reconciliation topics, including restorative justice, interfaith, racial and environmental reconciliation.

In addition to our keynote speakers, we will hold a series of workshops designed to give you practical tools that you can bring back to your diocese, church or organization.

Workshops will include healthy short-term mission trips, leadership and fundraising, applying Asset-Based Community Development tools in your ministry, developing and maintaining mission relationships, discerning a call as a missionary and more. You will have opportunities to network with mission partners, talk with current missionaries, visit the Camp farm, and attend our in-depth Global Mission Formation or Train-the-Trainer Programs.

We hope that you will join us at beautiful Camp McDowell to learn, share and connect with others in global mission.



## Keynote Speakers



**The Right Rev. Mark MacDonald** became the Anglican Church of Canada's first National Indigenous Anglican Bishop in 2007, after serving as bishop of the U.S. Episcopal Diocese of Alaska for ten years. This was a home-coming of sorts for Bishop MacDonald, who had attended Wycliffe College in Toronto and served as a priest in Mississauga, Ont.

He has had a long and varied ministry, holding positions in Mississauga, Ont., Duluth, Minn., Tomah, Wis., Mauston, Wis., Portland, Ore., and the southeast regional mission of the Diocese of Navajoland. In his current role, Bishop MacDonald has worked tirelessly across Canada and the US, in seeking dialogue, healing and reconciliation for the pain endured under the Indian residential school system and other unjust colonialist structures, in articulating and integrating indigenous perspectives, spirituality and theology worldwide, in developing widespread indigenous leadership, and in sharing the enormous gifts of traditional peoples with the modern church.

Bishop MacDonald is the board chair for Church Innovations, a third order Franciscan, and North American President of the World Council of Churches. He is the author of several publications, and a frequent contributor to the Anglican Journal. Bishop MacDonald and his wife, Virginia, have three children.

**The Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler** is an author, an Episcopal priest, a mission partner with the Episcopal Church, interfaith advocate, art curator and social entrepreneur who has lived and worked in the Middle East and North Africa for many years. He is the Founder and President of CARAVAN, a peacebuilding interfaith arts non-profit associated with the Episcopal Church that builds bridges through arts between the creeds and cultures of the Middle East and West. From 2003-2013 he was the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church-Maadi/Cairo. The international English-speaking church and its international congregation welcomes people from many denominations and faith traditions.

He grew up in Muslim West Africa (Senegal), and has lived and worked extensively throughout the Islamic world with churches, faith-based publishing and relief and development agencies. The author of several books, his acclaimed book on Muslim/Christian relations is *"Pilgrims of Christ on the Muslim Road: Exploring a New Path Between Two Faiths"*. More information is available at [www.paulgordonchandler.com](http://www.paulgordonchandler.com).





**Ms. Heidi J. Kim**, Episcopal Church Staff Officer for Racial Reconciliation, is responsible for facilitating the establishment and growth of networks in the Church that confront structural issues of racism in society and the church. Daughter of Korean War refugees, reconciliation in an international context is close to her heart. Her approach begins with accountability to our Baptismal Covenant's call to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself" and to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." She believes that true reconciliation involves lovingly embracing the vast diversity of background, belief, and experience found in the Body of Christ, and focusing on our common ministry therein.

Ms. Kim has an extensive background in both secondary and higher education. She served as a Diversity Director for a Jesuit high school for six years, and taught courses at the college level in Sociology, Anthropology, Women's/Gender Studies, American Studies, and Ethnic Studies. She also has extensive experience as a professional classical soprano, having sung with several of the nation's top professional chamber choirs. She currently serves as the soprano section leader for the critically acclaimed ensemble, Seattle Pro Musica, and is in demand as a soloist.

Heidi is a graduate of Brown University, holds an MA in Sociology from UCLA, and is currently completing an EdD in Educational Leadership at Seattle University. She is married to Dr. Alec Campbell, and has two teenage daughters, Fiona and Kiera. She attends St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle, where she is a member of the Cathedral Choir.

**The Rev. Canon Dr. Phil Groves** will present a comprehensive double-workshop on Indaba at our conference this year. Indaba is a designed process of deep listening and conversation that seeks to build Christian community, energize mission, and provide a context in which conflict can become not just resolved, but transformed. It is a foundational model utilized in the wider Anglican Communion for reconciliation and conflict transformation. Dr. Groves has described this work as "not so much about creating safe spaces, but leading people to dangerous places safely".



For more than ten years, Dr. Groves led the Anglican Communion's Continuing Indaba conflict transformation and reconciliation ministry, recently returning to parish ministry as Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice in the Church of England's Diocese of Oxford. In addition to many years of ministry in Leeds and Melton Mowbray, England, Dr. Groves also spent six years in Tanzania where he taught in the Anglican training college and mentored new clergy. He currently serves with the Anglican Peace and Justice Network and is a Canon of All Saints Cathedral, Mpwapwa, Tanzania. Dr. Groves is co-author with Angharad Parry Jones of the acclaimed book: *"Living Reconciliation"*.

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...**

### **Our Conference Sponsors**



### **Diocese of Alabama**

GEMN wishes to express its deep gratitude to the members of the Diocese of Alabama, the Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, the Rev. Deacon Judy Quick, the members of the diocesan Department of Mission and Outreach, and to all who have offered their gracious southern hospitality, welcome, and support. We are grateful for the Diocese of Alabama's partnership in hosting this year's conference and in its long-time support for global mission.



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## **Workshops**

**Wed and Thu (2:00-4:15 pm)**

**\*Note on Workshops** – There will be two sets of workshops offered Wednesday and two sets offered Thursday. All workshops will be one hour long with a 15-minute break between, except for the two-hour Indaba workshop, which will be presented on both Wed and Thu. Each participant may choose two per day. Some workshops will be available in multiple sessions, others only on one day or the other. Please check the schedule below carefully.

<b>Wed, 2:00–3:00 pm</b>	<b>Wed, 3:15-4:15 pm</b>	<b>Thu, 2:00-3:00 pm</b>	<b>Thu, 3:15-4:15 pm</b>
<b>Session I</b>	<b>Session II</b>	<b>Session III</b>	<b>Session IV</b>
<b>Indaba: Building Genuine Global Partnerships for Local Mission</b> <i>Phil Groves</i>		<b>Indaba: Building Genuine Global Partnerships for Local Mission</b> <i>Phil Groves</i>	
<b>People First: From Outreach to Partnership</b> <i>Heidi Kim</i>	<b>Building Vibrant Diocesan Companionship: Iowa, Scotland and Swaziland</b> <i>Bp. Ellinah Wamukoya/ Bp. Alan Scarfe</i>	<b>Truth and Reconciliation: The Church’s Experience in Canada</b> <i>Bp. Mark MacDonald</i>	<b>The Power of Art in Interfaith Peacebuilding: An Illustrated Presentation</b> <i>Paul-Gordon Chandler</i>
<b>Lift Every Voice: Youth/Young Adult Focus on Truth, Reconciliation, and Peace</b> <i>Beth Crow</i>	<b>Healthy Short-term Mission</b> <i>Bill Kunkle/ Christine Mercer</i>	<b>Lift Every Voice: Youth/Young Adult Focus on Truth, Reconciliation, and Peace</b> <i>Beth Crow</i>	<b>Healthy Short-term Mission</b> <i>Bill Kunkle/ Christine Mercer</i>
<b>Creative Mission Companionships I</b> <i>Judy Quick/ Martha Alexander</i>	<b>What in the World Does the TEC Global Partnerships Office Do? Partnerships at all Levels</b> <i>Elizabeth Boe/ Buck Blanchard</i>	<b>Creative Mission Companionships II</b> <i>David Kendall-Sperry/ Tim Skimina</i>	<b>What in the World Does the TEC Global Partnerships Office Do? Partnerships at all Levels</b> <i>Elizabeth Boe/ Buck Blanchard</i>
<b>Asset-Based Community Development: A Mission to Reconcile</b> <i>Titus Presler/ Holly Hartman</i>	<b>Asset-Based Community Development: A Mission to Reconcile</b> <i>Titus Presler/ Holly Hartman</i>	<b>Environmental Reconciliation: Tour of McDowell Farm School</b> <i>Ali Papp</i>	<b>Environmental Reconciliation: Raising Environmental Awareness and Responsibility</b> <i>Maggie Johnston</i>

## **Workshop Descriptions**

### **Indaba: Building Genuine Global Partnerships for Local Mission**

*Phil Groves (Wednesday and Thursday, Double sessions from 2:00-4:15)*

*Description:* Indaba has proven successful in building partnerships for mission. Traditional patterns of mission have focused on wealthy western churches supporting projects and people in developing countries. Indaba has enabled the development of partnership through deep encounter with one another. Indaba is not frightened of conflict and enables change and transformation. It has been especially powerful as it challenges traditional power structures enabling all to speak and listen. This workshop will enable reflection on your global partnerships, biblical patterns and practical guidelines to revive mission in your local context and the local context of your partners.

### **People First: From Outreach to Partnership**

*Heidi Kim (Wednesday, Session I)*

*Description:* How can we shift the narrative of mission and ministry from “doing for” disadvantaged others to partnering with others for mutual formation and transformation? This workshop will incorporate the people first model for prison re-entry ministries to invite participants to re-imagine their own ministries of community engagement.

### **Building Vibrant Diocesan Companionship: Iowa, Scotland and Swaziland**

*Bp. Ellinah Wamukoya / Bp. Alan Scarfe / Suzanne Peterson*

*Description:* This three-way companionship among Iowa, Swaziland and Brechin, Scotland, became official in 1990, but the relationships reaches back much further. The Iowa link with Brechin was made official in 1982, and the late Bernard L. Mkhabela, Bishop of Swaziland, and Bishop Walter Righter explored a three-way companionship in 1988. We are privileged to have the presence of companion bishop from Swaziland, the Rt. Rev. Ellinah Wamukoya and the Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa, to describe the challenges and the blessings of this enduring relationship. The Rev. Canon Suzanne Peterson, former missionary to South Africa will moderate.

### **Truth and Reconciliation: The Church's Experience in Canada**

*Bp. Mark MacDonald (Thursday, Session III)*

*Description:* Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Process has had a unique focus on young people, Indigenous Peoples, and the churches. In this workshop we will explore the dynamics of this and what it has meant for the churches. This allows a special insight into the church and the impact of systemic evil.

### **What in the World Does the TEC Global Partnerships Office Do? Partnerships at all Levels**

*Elizabeth Boe/Buck Blanchard (Wednesday, Session II & Thursday, Session IV)*

*Description:* How do Episcopalians build partnerships at the parish, diocesan, and churchwide level? How do missionaries help build partnerships and relationships around the Anglican Communion? Who can I talk to in order to get involved with global mission locally and internationally? Elizabeth and Buck of the TEC Global Partnerships Office answer these questions and more.

## **The Power of Art in Interfaith Peacebuilding: An Illustrated Presentation**

*Paul-Gordon Chandler (Thursday, Session IV)*

*Description:* In this workshop, Paul-Gordon Chandler will focus on how the arts can be one of the most effective mediums to build bridges... to enhance understanding, bring about respect, enable sharing, as well as developing and deepening friendships between those of different faiths and cultures – thereby changing negative perceptions and creating lasting change in the quest for peace and harmony. He will illustrate this by sharing the inspiring development of CARAVAN and its unique peacebuilding interfaith artistic initiatives around the world.

## **Lift Every Voice: Youth/Young Adult Focus on Truth, Reconciliation, and Peace**

*Beth Crow (Wednesday, Session I & Thursday, Session III)*

*Description:* This workshop will focus on Lift Every Voice, a three-year initiative through the Diocese of North Carolina, which has brought together young people from Botswana, South Africa, and across the United States to revisit racial injustice embedded in the history of these countries, to examine systems that perpetuate racism, and to learn skills for effective advocacy and non-violent communication. During the workshop, participants will hear stories from the last two summers and discuss some of the training that has occurred.

## **Healthy Short-term Mission**

*Bill Kunkle/Christine Mercer (Wednesday, Session II & Thursday, Session IV)*

*Description:* What does healthy short-term mission mean, and what does it look like? How do we create relationships, foster development and mutuality that does not slip into dependence or paternalism? How do we prepare teams to engage in building relationship in short-term mission? Bill Kunkle and Christine Mercer share their extensive experience in leading mission teams throughout both Central America and the Caribbean as they explore best-practices and guidelines for keeping short-term mission healthy.

## **Creative Mission Companionships I**

*Judy Quick / Martha Alexander (Wednesday, Session I)*

*Description:* The Rev. Judy Quick (Diocese of Alabama) and Ms. Martha Alexander (Diocese of N. Carolina) have been integrally involved with developing innovative companionships: Alabama with Haiti, the Virgin Islands and Alaska; North Carolina with Botswana and Costa Rica. They will share their successes, challenges, and approaches to building, nurturing, maintaining, and even sometimes ending creative mission companionships, exploring their recent experiences with best practices and healthy approaches to vibrant inter-diocesan and inter-parish relationships.

## **Creative Mission Companionships II**

*David Kendall-Sperry / Tim Skimina (Thursday, Session III)*

*Description:* The Rev. David Kendall-Sperry (Diocese of Ohio) has been part of developing a strong long-term companionship with the Diocese of Belize, and Tim Skimina (Diocese of Northern Indiana) has been working for a decade with the Diocese of Honduras. The Rev. Kendall-Sperry will share his diocesan model of “Streams of Mission”, and together they will share their successes, challenges, and innovative approaches to building, nurturing and maintaining these creative mission companionships,

exploring their recent experiences with best practices and healthy approaches to vibrant inter-diocesan and inter-parish relationships.

### **Asset-Based Community Development: A Mission to Reconcile**

*Titus Presler/Holly Hartman (Wednesday, Sessions I & II)*

*Description:* ‘A world of need.’ ‘Economic development.’ ‘Reaching out to suffering people.’ ‘Helping those less fortunate than ourselves.’ ‘Our mission project.’ – These and other common phrases in global mission work are used with sincerely good intentions, but what assumptions about the world do they express? Even as we seek to form community with the people to whom we go, we often see them primarily through the prism of need: educational need, medical need, opportunity need, economic need. And we assume we know what they need – the water, the electricity, the school, the clinic, the loan program, and so on. We are “the well-supplied” and they are “the needy”. Is it any wonder that misunderstanding and alienation ensue? This workshop focuses on meeting people not as needy but as gifted – with talent, resources, vision and initiative. In this workshop, we explore how asset-based mission facilitates a truly shared mission journey. As reconciliation is the heart of God’s mission in Christ, we explore how this approach offers avenues of reconciliation in both the current world situation and in response to historic mission legacies.

### **Environmental Reconciliation: Tour of McDowell Farm School**

*Ali Papp (Thursday, Session III)*

*Description:* The McDowell Farm School has returned to digging potatoes and many other seasonal crops ready for harvest throughout the year! We have produced food for Farm School participants and work to put as much local, sustainably grown and healthy food into our dining halls as possible. With the help of students and the whole Camp McDowell community, we have raised two barns, reassembled a greenhouse, built an expansive chicken coop with multiple chicken yards, and established over four acres in crop production. We are constantly growing, building and improving our farm! As the McDowell Farm School continues to grow and look to the future, we aim to stay true to our roots by producing food and managing our land using sustainable practices. Our goal is to have a farm that will produce alternative energy, zero waste and great food.

### **Environmental Reconciliation: Raising Environmental Awareness and Responsibility**

*Maggie Johnston (Thursday, Session IV)*

*Description:* At Camp McDowell, we strive to be good stewards the land on which we live. We also utilize our forests, canyons and streams to create appreciation and teach respect for the Earth to our thousands of visitors. At McDowell Environmental Center ([www.mcdowelllec.com](http://www.mcdowelllec.com)), we have had over 150,000 school children come through our three day program over the past 24 years. The McDowell Farm School ([www.mcdowellfarmschool.com](http://www.mcdowellfarmschool.com)) started about 5 years ago as the first residential farm school in the southeast. We connect children and adults to the foods they eat and the resources needed to produce them. Our latest adventure is to start the first nature based preschool in Alabama, Magnolia Nature School, in order to better serve and educate the local children and families. Come to this session to hear from Maggie Johnston more about these and the magic of McDowell Environmental Programs.

## **Biographical Descriptions of Presenters**

*Alphabetical by Last Name*

### **Ms. Martha Alexander**

*Companion Diocese Coordinator, Province IV*

Ms. Alexander is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. Prior to moving to Charlotte, North Carolina in 1970, she lived in Montreal, Atlanta and returned to Jacksonville for two years. Besides serving on several boards in the community, Martha is a Trustee of the Church Pension Fund and is the Companion Diocese Coordinator for Province IV. She has served as President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina and is currently a member. Martha has served as a deputy to five General Conventions and as an alternate to two General Conventions of the Episcopal Church. In 2015, she was the deputy chair of the Legislative Committee #6 on World Mission. She is a member of the Task Force on The Episcopal Church in Cuba, has been active in missions to Central America and serves on the Botswana Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina. She has also served as Secretary and Chair of the Standing Commission on World Mission. Martha is a current GEMN board member.

### **Mr. Buck Blanchard**

*Director of Mission and Outreach, Diocese of Virginia and  
Staff Officer for Global Mission Development, The Episcopal Church*

Charles (Buck) Blanchard is the director of Mission & Outreach for the Diocese of Virginia. His role is to encourage and facilitate the mission and outreach efforts of all parishes in the Diocese. Buck was born and raised in Richmond and graduated from the University of Colorado. From 1980 to 1982, Buck served in the Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa. After graduating from Washington and Lee School of Law in 1985, Buck worked as a lawyer for Hunton & Williams. From 1993 to 1998, Buck lived in Brussels, Belgium and helped establish the firm's European business practice and its office in Warsaw, Poland. After returning to the United States, Buck worked in the venture capital industry and ran his own private equity firm. He joined the diocesan staff in 2006. This year, Buck joined the Global Partnerships team of The Episcopal Church as part-time Staff Officer for Global Mission Development.

### **Ms. Elizabeth Boe**

*Staff Officer, Mission Personnel, Global Partnerships Office, The Episcopal Church*

Ms. Boe is the Staff Officer of Mission Personnel, serving on the Global Partnerships team, as well as a former Young Adult Service Corps volunteer who served in Tanzania. She works to identify, develop, support and nurture global relationships throughout the Anglican Communion, connecting with and supporting adult missionaries, Young Adult Service Corps members, dioceses, bishops and mission organizations to build networks of relationship at all levels of the church. She is a former board member of GEMN.

### **Ms. Beth Crow**

*Lead Youth Missioner, Diocese of North Carolina*

Ms. Crow has been the Lead Youth Missioner in the Diocese of North Carolina since 2008. Prior to that, she served in the same role in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia as well as being Youth Coordinator for Province Three. In 2010, Beth organized and coordinated a youth pilgrimage of reconciliation in the state of North Carolina, "Freedom Ride: 2010." As the result of a grant application Beth wrote, in 2014 the Jessie Ball DuPont Foundation funded Lift Every Voice. Beth is a member of the Bishop's Committee for Racial Justice and Reconciliation for the Diocese of North Carolina and a trainer for the diocesan program, "Seeing the Face of God."

**The Rev. Holly Hartman***Deacon for Global Mission Partnerships, Diocese of Massachusetts*

The Rev. Holly Hartman is a vocational deacon in the Diocese of Massachusetts. In her role as Deacon for Global Mission Partnerships in the diocese, she has traveled to far-off places and led many mission trips. Her understanding of short-term mission trips has evolved over her ten years of experience of traveling to Haiti, Africa, and Central and South America. Holly serves as secretary on the board of GEMN and also serves as deacon at Grace Episcopal Church in Everett, MA. In her spare time, she loves - traveling! - and spending time with her husband, two daughters, and dog Buttons.

**Ms. Maggie Johnston***Director, Educational Programming, Camp McDowell*

Maggie Johnston is the Director of Educational Programming at Camp McDowell. She taught junior high science at the Alabama School for the Deaf. Maggie retired about 13 years ago and came to McDowell as Director of McDowell Environmental Center. She serves on the boards of Environmental Education Association of Alabama (EEAA) and the Alabama Science Teachers Association (ASTA). She also helped to found Krik Krak, a small organization working in Haiti to feed school lunches and to help provide better sanitation and water supplies for a community in Haiti. She serves on the board of Creative Exchange Initiatives (CEI), who also works to build more sustainable systems in Haiti.

**The Rev. David Kendall-Sperry***GEMN Treasurer, Diocese of Ohio*

The Rev. Kendall-Sperry is rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Vernon, OH. He serves as the current Treasurer of GEMN and former chair of the Diocese of Ohio's Commission for Global and Domestic Mission (CGDM). The CGDM is a standing committee of the diocese, reporting to the Bishop, which has oversight for four working committees: Partnerships with Belize and Tanga (Tanzania, Africa), Domestic Mission, and Grants. Serving on the Domestic working group, he helps organize, and present at the annual diocesan conference on Domestic Mission activities, serves on the Belize working committee, and meets annually with the NWMC in Southern Ohio to exchange mission ideas and organization information between the dioceses.

**Mr. Bill Kunkle***Executive Director, Dominican Development Group*

Mr. Kunkle has decades of experience as both a successful contractor in the Tampa area and in mission leadership. In October, 2012, the Dominican Development Group Board of Directors unanimously chose Bill Kunkle to follow Dr. Bob Stevens as its new Executive Director. For many years, Bill had traveled to the Dominican Republic with the Tampa Deanery mission teams, helping build churches and schools in Mozoví, Montellano, Santana, San Pedro de Macorís, Barrio Las Flores, and Ingenio Santa Fe, and with the San Simón project supported by the Dioceses of Michigan. Besides these mission trips he has made many other trips to the DR and served on the DDG Board for a number of years.

**Ms. Christine Mercer***International Mission Coordinator, St. Stephens, Birmingham*

Christine Mercer is the International Mission Coordinator at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, in Birmingham, Alabama. She holds two undergraduate degrees from St. Andrews Presbyterian College: one in Business, and one in Psychology. Christine also holds a master's degree in Social Work from the

University of Georgia. Prior to her calling to lead international missions she held the position as Director of the Early Intervention Program for Cobb and Douglas counties in the metro-Atlanta area. Christine has lead dozens of short-term missions to Central America and is passionate about how God uses short-term missions as a gateway to the prospect of longer-term missions. Christine is married, has two children, and resides in Birmingham, Alabama.

### **Ms. Ali Papp**

*Director, Camp McDowell Farm School*

Ms. Papp graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago with a degree in Secondary Education. While studying abroad in Southern France, she discovered that she must, in addition to traveling the world, see what her own country holds. She made a bold move south to become an instructor at the McDowell Environmental Center years ago. The grip of Alabama was strong and here she remains, constantly striving to learn and grow. The sustainable farm is the ideal environment for her to cultivate her passion for all things cheese; milking goats, experimenting with new recipes, and reading and discovering as much as possible.

### **The Rev. Canon S. Suzanne Peterson**

*Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Waterloo, IA*

Canon Peterson is an Honorary Canon of the Diocese of Iowa, as well as the Diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa. She is a native of Bradenton, Florida and graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary. Canon Peterson has a diverse background in continuing education. She studied abroad in Australia, Switzerland, El Salvador, Nicaragua, as well as two sessions at the Lambeth Conference in Kent, England. In the USA she studied in Washington, DC, New York City, and Bellingham, Washington. She was an assistant rector at St. Paul's in Des Moines for 12 years, and the state-wide program coordinator for the Iowa Inter-Church Agency for Peace and Justice for 8 years. In the Diocese of Grahamstown she served five years as an assistant priest, three years as a parish priest, and five years as Sub-Dean and Acting Dean of the Cathedral in Grahamstown. Later she served three years in the office of the Archbishop of Cape Town.

### **The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler:**

*Principal-in-exile, Edwardes College, Peshawar, Pakistan*

The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler has wide experience in theological education, cross-cultural mission and parish ministry in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. Past president of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin and academic dean of General Seminary in New York, he is principal-in-exile of Edwardes College in Peshawar, Pakistan, where he served on site 2011-14. He also taught at Episcopal Divinity School, Harvard Divinity School, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He has mission experience in India and Zimbabwe. In addition to numerous articles, Dr. Presler is the author of *Going Global with God: Reconciling Mission in a World of Difference*, *Horizons of Mission* in the New Church's Teaching Series, and *Transfigured Night: Mission and Culture in Zimbabwe's Vigil Movement*. Among his recent writings are "Why has Pakistan become so intolerant?" in *The Daily Beast*, "Witness, Advocacy and Union: Anglicanism's 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Contribution to Minority Christianity in South Asia" in the forthcoming Oxford History of Anglicanism, and "Religion, Education and Risk in Peshawar: A Missional Self-Examination" in *Missiology: An International Journal*. He blogs at [TitusOnMission.wordpress.com](http://TitusOnMission.wordpress.com).

**The Rev. Judy Quick**

*Chair, Companion Diocese Commission,  
Diocesan Coordinator for Episcopal Relief & Development, Diocese of Alabama*

The Rev. Quick serves as a Deacon in the Diocese of Alabama where she chairs the Companion Diocese Commission with the Dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and serves as the Diocesan Coordinator for Episcopal Relief & Development. She is the former Chair of the Department of Mission and Outreach and served on the Companion Diocese Commission with the Diocese of Haiti. She founded the Global Mission Roundtable where parishes involved in global mission can share ideas and experiences with the intent to encourage and support global mission throughout the Diocese of Alabama. She convenes the diocesan Global Refugee Crisis Response team and was elected First Alternate Clergy Deputy to the 2018 General Convention. In addition to diocesan ministry, Rev. Quick serves as a Chaplain for the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and serves on the board of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

**The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe**

*Bishop, Diocese of Iowa*

Alan Scarfe was elected 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa in November 2002. Prior to his election, Bishop Scarfe served as rector of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church in the Eagle Rock area of Los Angeles. He earned a Master of Arts in Theology degree from Oxford University, Oxford, England in 1972. From 1973 through 1975 he completed post-graduate studies at the Romanian Orthodox Institute in Bucharest, Romania. He is a 1986 graduate of The General Theological Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood in 1986. Bishop Scarfe was born in Bradford in Yorkshire in England.

**Mr. Tim Skimina**

*Diocese of Northern Indiana, Chair, Compañeros en Cristo*

Since 1997, Mr. Skimina has enjoyed traveling annually to Honduras for mission, where the diocese has a long-term mission relationship. He became the chairperson of Compañeros en Cristo, the mission relationship committee for the Diocese of Northern Indiana in 2005. A long-time member of GEMN, he has completed the GEMN Mission Formation certificate program and later the Train-the-Trainer program, in which he has co-led global mission training in Atlanta, Ohio, Puerto Rico and elsewhere. He served on the GEMN board of directors between 2008 and 2015 and on the World Mission legislative committee at the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

**The Rt. Rev. Ellinah Ntombi Wamukoya**

*Bishop, Diocese of Swaziland*

Bishop Wamukoya of Swaziland made history when she became the first Anglican Woman Bishop in Africa in 2012. She has a history of serving in community offices and organizations, and holds a Master's degree in Town and regional planning. She holds an undergraduate degree in Geography and African Languages at the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. Having long been active in the Anglican Church, she was ordained in 2005, and served as chaplain at the University of Swaziland. She has been a firm believer in developing lay ministry across the life of the church. 'She is someone who will set a direction, both operational and spiritual, and develop a vision for the future' said a friend, of her potential to provide leadership as a Bishop. 'She is a restorer of hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's followers, who has helped believers to connect to Christ, the church and their communities.'

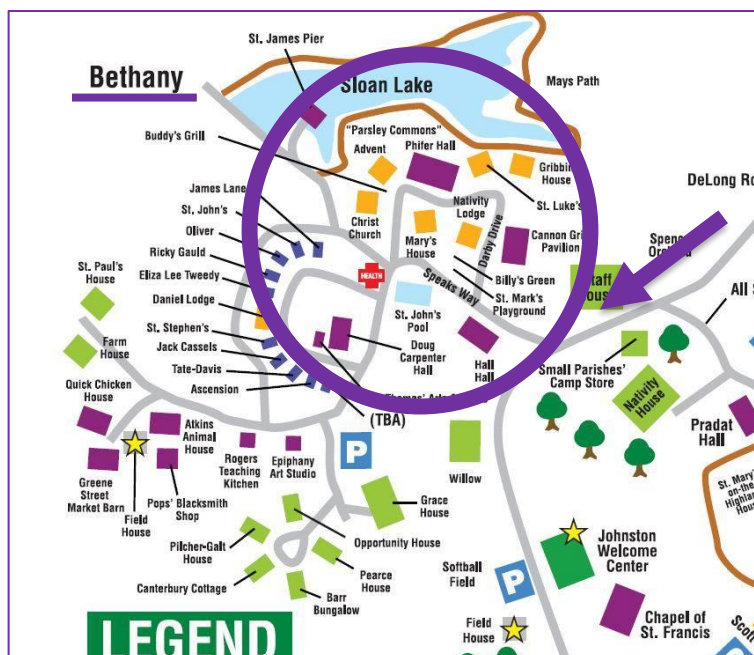
## General Information

### Conference Location:

This year's GEMN Global Mission Conference will be hosted at:

Camp McDowell of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama  
105 Delong Rd  
Nauvoo, Alabama 35578  
[campmcdowell.com](http://campmcdowell.com)

Camp McDowell is a very special camp and conference center in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama. Since it was established in Winston County in 1947, it has served the Episcopal Church by welcoming guests of all races, traditions, and abilities. It is the largest Episcopal camp and conference center in the United States. McDowell excels in many areas, including summer camps on Clear Creek and Bethany Village, the Conference Center, McDowell Environmental Center, McDowell Farm School, and the Alabama Folk School.



The conference will take place in the newly completed Bethany Village area. The overarching vision for Camp McDowell is to be a place that models for us **“The Way the World Ought to Be”**. It is committed to environmental sustainability, and minimizes its carbon footprint through solar and geothermal construction, using local materials and renewable resources. It practices sustainable, organic farming, and makes certain to put something into every meal that was grown at the farm. It also focuses on economic justice in its employment practices and fair compensation for every employee. The practice of holy hospitality is a key value for the camp. The camp and accommodations are both easily walkable and fully accessible in the case of physical challenges. Most of its facilities are based on an honor system that promotes the dignity of all.

Situated on 1,140 acres of fields and forests with miles of trails winding through beautiful sandstone canyons with waterfalls, Camp McDowell is the perfect place to relax and build community with your church family, small group, organization, or business. All people and traditions are welcomed with love and joy.

### Exhibits, Displays and Posters:

Tell us your mission story on a poster. Bring global crafts to share or sell. Bring mission-related materials and handouts for your ministry or mission organization. There will be time to share and display tables available (**no charge for conference attendees**; \$35 per display for non-attendees) during one or more of our evening events. Contact Karen Hotte for more information and to reserve exhibit space: [gemn@gemn.org](mailto:gemn@gemn.org).

### Our Conference Hashtag:

We would love for you to share your conference photos and comments on social media: **#gemn2017**

### General Conference Questions:

Karen Hotte, Executive Director, [gemn@gemn.org](mailto:gemn@gemn.org)  
The Rev. Holly Hartman, Registrar, [registrar@gemn.org](mailto:registrar@gemn.org)

## Accommodations:

Conference accommodations will utilize six lodges in the Bethany Village area. All rooms are brand-new, hotel-style with two double beds and a private bath. Handicap accessible rooms are available in each lodge. Linens are included. Plan to bring toiletries, hair dryer, etc., (but if you forget, we will have extra items available). Each lodge is equipped with a kitchenette, comfortable common room and a deck with rocking chairs to relax in.

<b>Single Rate (per room): \$110/night</b>	<b>Double Rate (per room): \$120/night (\$60 per person/night)</b>
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To register for your room, use the conference registration system and specify whether you wish to have a single- or double-occupancy room. If you will be sharing a room, please specify with whom you will be sharing; if you select a double room and are registering separately, please select one roommate to register for the room. For the Formation or Train-the-Trainer Program, please keep in mind that you will need arrive on Monday, May 22, (unless you are local), and you will need to register for an additional night of lodging on Monday night, May 22nd. If you are interested in a triple or quad room, please contact us at [registrar@gemn.org](mailto:registrar@gemn.org).

## Transportation:

### Flights:

Conference attendees who are flying in should plan to arrive and depart from Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM). Travel time from Birmingham Airport to Camp McDowell is approximately 1.25 hours. We recommend, if possible, that conference attendees schedule their flights to arrive in Birmingham on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> by 9pm or earlier** and their departure flight on **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm or later**. Dinner will be provided on Tues, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Camp McDowell for those who arrive at the Camp by 6pm. If you arrive or depart outside of these times, please be aware you may need to arrange for independent transportation with a taxi service or car rental. **If you are attending the Formation Program or the Train-the-Trainer Program, you may need to arrive on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be sure coordinate your arrival time with the registrar at [registrar@gemn.org](mailto:registrar@gemn.org).**

### Airport Transfers Between Birmingham Airport (BHM) and Camp McDowell:

We will be providing transfers by bus on a limited schedule between Birmingham Airport and Camp McDowell (\$95 roundtrip). Birmingham Airport has a single terminal, and buses will pick up at the baggage claim area. Buses will be scheduled for airport pickups at two-hour intervals from 10 am to 10 pm. Transfers will be provided on the following schedule:

#### Birmingham to Camp McDowell, Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- **10 am:** Bus departs BHM to Camp McDowell, arriving at approximately 11:15 am
- **12 noon:** Bus departs BHM to Camp McDowell, arriving at approximately 1:15 pm
- **2 pm:** Bus departs BHM to Camp McDowell, arriving at approximately 3:15 pm
- **4 pm:** Bus departs BHM to Camp McDowell, arriving at approximately 5:15 pm
- **6 pm:** Bus departs BHM to Camp McDowell, arriving at approximately 7:15 pm
- **8 pm:** Bus departs BHM to Camp McDowell, arriving at approximately 9:15 pm
- **10 pm:** Bus departs BHM to Camp McDowell, arriving at approximately 11:15 pm

#### Camp McDowell to Birmingham Airport, Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:

- **1 pm:** Buses depart from Camp McDowell, arriving at Birmingham Airport at approximately 2:30 pm.

#### Formation Program and/or Train-the-Trainer Attendees, Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>:

- **Contact us at [registrar@gemn.org](mailto:registrar@gemn.org)** to coordinate your transfer to Camp McDowell.

## Other Travel Options:

- **Rental Car:** A rental car may be a good option if you require additional flexibility with your travel schedule or if you are traveling with a team. Rental costs are similar to elsewhere in the US. Rentals are available at Birmingham Airport through most major car rental companies. Driving time to Camp McDowell is approximately one hour and 15 minutes; we do recommend that you bring or rent a GPS if you are planning to drive.
- **Taxi from Birmingham Airport:** Transfers to Camp McDowell via private car service is available through Birmingham Door-to-Door (205-591-5550; [www.birminghamdoortodoor.com](http://www.birminghamdoortodoor.com)). One-way fare for single passenger w/luggage is \$104 plus tip.

## Parking:

Complementary parking is available in designated lots in the Bethany Village area.

## Education Programs

### Formation Program for Global Mission Agents:



Our flagship GEMN Formation Program consists of two half-day sessions over a two-year period, held in conjunction with our annual GEMN Global Mission Conference. In addition to attending two Global Mission Conferences, students will explore mission theology, history, discernment, short-term mission themes, and project development. Participants are required to complete reading, fieldwork assignments, and a mission report, receiving certification as Global Mission Agents upon completion of the program. See our [GEMN Formation Program Page](#) for more information. The Formation Program will be held this year on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am to 3pm**, prior to the start of the conference. Gini Peterson, Program Coordinator. Program Fee: \$75.

You can register for the Formation Program at the time of your conference registration. See [www.gemn.org/2017-gemn-global-mission-conference](http://www.gemn.org/2017-gemn-global-mission-conference) for information and to register. Also, check out our [Formation Program Brochure \(PDF\)](#). **Please note that travelers should schedule your flights to arrive on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, if you are attending the Formation Program.**

### Train-the-Trainer Program:

Our Train-the-Trainer Program is the next step for graduates of the Formation Program. Would you like to bring mission leadership training to your church, deanery, diocese or mission organization? This is your opportunity to become a certified trainer for the GEMN Formation Program for Global Mission Agents. The GEMN Formation Program was launched in 2003 as a discernment and training tool for mission, focusing on personal spirituality and discernment, fieldwork and readings. Previously offered only to participants at our annual GEMN Mission Conference, it is now being expanded to reach to diocesan and local mission groups. Those interested in being a trainer should be graduates of the Formation (or Certificate) Program, have a desire to guide others on their individual journeys, and a willingness to present trainings. The Train-the-Trainer Program will be held on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 pm to 6 pm**. See the [Formation Program Page](#) and the [Train-the-Trainer Page](#) for more information. Register for the Train-the-Trainer Program at the time of your conference registration. Gini Peterson, Program Coordinator. Program fee: \$50.



## 2017 GEMN Global Mission Conference Fees

### ***“Reconciliation: God’s Mission – and Ours”***

**May 24-26, 2017**

**Camp McDowell, Nauvoo, Alabama**

**Please Note:** Each participant will receive all meals (Tue dinner – Fri lunch), four plenary sessions, choices of workshops on mission themes, small group experiences, daily worship, display tables on global mission topics, and many networking opportunities among those who are passionate about mission. Lodging and airport transfer options and fees are separate as described above. **Fees do not include flights.** All conference fees must be received by May 12, 2017 to complete registration. **Those attending the Formation Program on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> should plan flights to arrive on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. General conference attendees should arrange for their flights to arrive on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> prior to 9pm and to depart no earlier than 4pm on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.** Additional lodging options are available for Monday night.

### ***Conference Fees***

**Includes: Meals (Tue Dinner through Fri Lunch), All Materials & Activities**

**Wed, May 24, 8:00 am – Fri, May 26, 1:00 pm**

**Conference Fee - Early Bird Rate (Before March 15):** **\$395 p/p**

**Conference Fee - Standard Rate:** **\$435 p/p**

**Three-Day Local Fee\* – Incl. all Meals & Activities:** **\$295 p/p**

**Two-Day Local Fee\* – Includes Meals & Activities:** **\$205 p/p**

**One-Day Local Fee\* – Includes Meals & Activities:** **\$115 p/p**

*\*Note: Local Fees are for Diocese of Alabama Members only and increase by \$10 after March 15<sup>th</sup>.*

### ***Lodging***

***(All Lodging is in the Bethany Area of Camp McDowell)***

**Double Room - Tue, Wed, Thu nights (\$120/nt or \$60/pp/nt)** **\$360 per room**

**Single Room - Tue, Wed, Thu nights (\$110/night)** **\$330 per room**

*\*Note: Additional rooms available Monday night for Formation Program*

### ***Special Programs and Rates***

#### **Global Mission Formation Program**

**Tue, May 23, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

***(Includes Mon dinner, Tue breakfast and lunch during program, and all materials)***

**Formation Program Fee:** **\$75 p/p**

#### **Train the Trainer Program**

**Tue, May 23, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

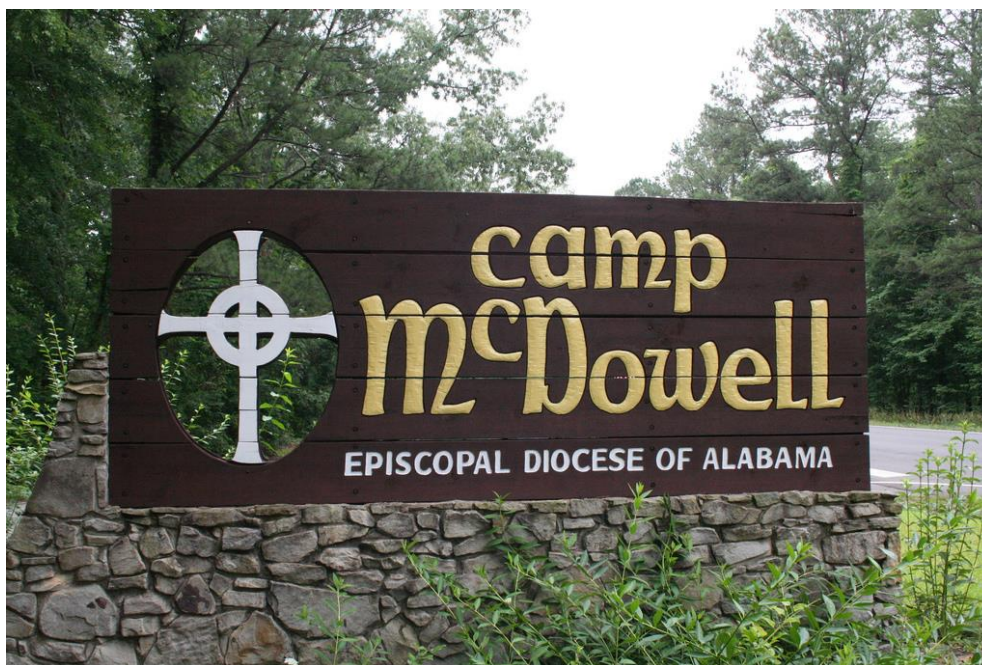
***(Open to graduates of the Formation Program; Includes all materials)***

**Train the Trainer Program Fee:** **\$50 p/p**

### ***Airport Transfers:***

**Round-Trip Transfers by bus from Birmingham (BHM) to Camp McDowell: \$95**

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**Be sure to visit the McDowell Camp Store!!**

Need a snack? Forget something? Want some souvenirs to bring home? The Camp Store has you covered!

The Camp Store is full of fun and interesting items, including local Alabama products, camp supplies, healthy snacks, clothing, souvenirs and more. It's just a short walk from the Bethany area. Hours will be posted at the conference.



