“Understanding our past helps us to prepare for our future. The Showers Symposium will give participants an excellent opportunity to do both. The presentations and responses will provoke thought, and the fellowship will allow further discernment about our heritage and our destiny as United Methodists.”

—Bishop Michael Coyner

From the Northwest: Take I-65 south through Indianapolis to Exit 107 (Keystone Avenue). Turn right. Go to the third stoplight (Hanna Avenue); turn right. Once you pass the second stoplight (State Street), you have reached the campus.


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The Past and Present of the United Methodist Heritage

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Indiana United Methodist Missions Fair (displays and representatives) in the Schrurter Student Center concourse.

Morning Session

Welcome & Orientation
8:45–9 a.m.
Morning Session
9:45–10 a.m.
Response by Mr. Radcliffe Ganda, United Methodist Youth Leader Scholar, Uindy Class of 2010

Women School of Christian Mission
Recognition of United Methodist
11:20 a.m.
Elder in south Indiana conference & interfaith Programs, ordained
Cartwright, Dean of ecumenical
response by Dr. Michael g.

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Women School of Christian Mission at Uindy.

Mission & Justice
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Those who do not sign up for one of the lunchtime conversations are encouraged to go to a nearby restaurant or purchase a meal at the Uindy dining hall ($5.50).

Lunchtime Conversations

11:40 a.m.–12:50 p.m.
A buffet lunch will be provided in the lower level of Schrurter Student Center for those who register in advance (see registration form) to participate in one of the following conversations.

Mission & Evangelism
What does it mean to be “ambassadors for Christ” (2 Cor. 5:17) in the world? Is the primary reason we “do missions” to convert people to Christianity? When United Methodists offer the Gospel to others through our missions, should we simply “trust God to change hearts,” or do we have a responsibility to teach the faith in ways that help clarify what it means to be Christian?

Mission & Service
What does it mean to be a servant of Christ when involved in the lives of others? Does being a missionary mean something in addition to being a servant of Christ? Can United Methodists avoid becoming condescending in our missions to those in need? What does “Christian mission” look like if it is not “Christian service”?

Mission & Interfaith Dialogue
Can United Methodists “offer Christ” while respecting differing faith traditions? Are United Methodist mission efforts compatible with non-Christian humanitarian efforts? What does it mean to be “in mission” if our efforts are not always and everywhere to “convert the other” from another perspective or tradition?

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Afternoon Session

The Present & Future of Christian Mission in the United Methodist Church

1–1:45 p.m.
“Apostles Without Attachment: A Theology of Mission for the 21st Century”
Dr. Thomas Thangaraj, Brooks Assoc. Professor of Christian Mission at Candler School of Theology (Emory University), ordained minister in the Church of South India.

1:45–2 p.m.
Response by Dr. Greg Clapper, Professor of Philosophy & Religion, University of Indianapolis, ordained elder in the Iowa Conference.

2 to 2:15 p.m.
Coffee Break

2:15–3 p.m.
“Not Bootstrap Theology: Grace and Holiness in Mission”
Dr. Beth Felker Jones, Assistant Professor of Christian Theology, Huntington University.

Dr. Thomas Thangaraj is also a United Methodist layperson in the North Indiana Conference.

3–3:15 p.m.
Response by Dr. Scott Kicker, Logan Chair in Evangelism and Wesley Studies, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, ordained elder in the Iowa Conference.

Panel Discussion

3:15 to 4:15 p.m.
Closing Panel & Audience Questions
Panel discussion with the four principal speakers and opportunities for the guest presenters to respond to one another.

Registration Information

Name _____________________________
Address _________________________________________
Phone # ___________________________
E-mail _______________________________________

Lunchtime conversation preference (please number 1 through 4, 1 being your first preference):

☐ Mission & Evangelism
☐ Mission & Service
☐ Mission & Interfaith Dialogue
☐ Mission & Justice

Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you like to reserve a space for one of the lunchtime conversations? (Includes a buffet lunch. Seats are limited to 20 seats per conversation).

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Panels: Mission & Justice

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”