

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SPRING MEETING, 2016

“Working in Faith: Putting Jesus First” (Matthew 25: 31-46)

Guest Speaker and Preacher Biographies

Friday, June 10, 2016 – Leadership Session Presenter –Rev. Dr. J. William Lentz



Bill is a member of the C-Link organizational leadership consultation team, where he has the opportunity to use the experience and skills he developed as the senior pastor of large churches to help business professionals manage anxiety and develop their leadership skills! Much of his work is founded on the insights of systems theory, which recognizes that conflict within any system of relationships — whether it is a company, a community, or a family — prevents men and women from reaching their goals and enjoying their full potential. As a leader of churches with more than 1,000 members, he knows how to motivate and inspire people while managing complex organizations and making difficult decisions when they need to be made. He loves working with people and listening closely to them. He specializes in helping teams, congregations, and companies develop healthy, productive working relationships. Rev. Lentz earned a Masters of Divinity degree from the Divinity School at Duke University and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by Albright College where he also earned a Bachelor of Arts with honors. For 17 years, Rev. Lentz served as senior pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He served as the senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Lancaster in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for 5 years. Rev. Lentz is currently the pastor of Messiah United Methodist Church in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania and is also an adjunct professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary and Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA.

Friday, June 10, 2016 – Worship Preacher – Rev. Alan Miller



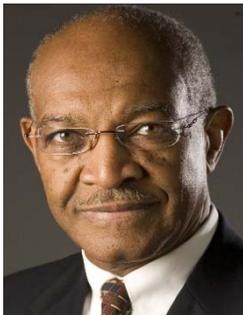
Alan was ordained in July of 1979 and began his full time ministry as the Associate Pastor of St. Stephen’s UCC in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ. He also served as the Pastor of Greenawalds UCC in the Penn Northeast Conference, Associate Southern Conference Minister for the Western North Carolina Association, UCC. He participated fully in the search and call process in the Association, and in his role as Associate Conference Minister was a resource and consultant for local congregations. While in North Carolina, Alan completed both his Church Consultant Certificate at the Center for Congregational Health in Winston-Salem and his Myers-Briggs Type Indicator certification at Otto Kroger Associates in Fairfax, Virginia. In April 2002 Alan accepted the position as Conference Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ. In this position Alan works with 138 congregations and 38,000 members. Because of his own formative faith experience, Alan’s call has been to help people see the relevance of God’s presence in their everyday lives. His relational style has made him a popular preacher, lecturer, and teacher.

Saturday, June 11, 2016 – Evening Speaker – Anthony Campolo, Ph.D.



Tony Campolo is Professor of Sociology and Special Assistant to the President at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. He previously served for ten years on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Eastern College and earned a Ph.D. from Temple University. As founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (EAPE), Dr. Campolo has worked to create, nurture and support programs for “at-risk” children in cities across North America, and has helped establish schools and universities in several developing countries. Dr. Campolo is one of the founders of the Red Letter Christian movement and blogs regularly at its’ website, www.RedLetterChristians.org. He also is a media commentator on religious, social and political matters, having guested on television programs including The Colbert Report, Nightline, Crossfire, The Charlie Rose Show, CNN News and MSNBC News. He co-hosted his own television series, Hashing It Out, on the Odyssey Network and, presently hosts Across The Pond, a weekly program on the Premier Christian Radio Network in England. Dr. Campolo has authored of 39 books, with his latest release in October 2012, Red Letter Revolution (Thomas Nelson), with co-author Shane Claiborne. Dr. Campolo is an ordained minister, having served American Baptist Churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and is presently recognized as an associate pastor of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church in West Philadelphia.

Sunday, June 12, 2016 – Celebration Worship – Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr.



The Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr., is The Harry Emerson Fosdick Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary, former Senior Minister Emeritus of The Riverside Church, President of the Healing of the Nations Foundation, and National Minister of the Drum Major Institute (all of these institutions of New York City). Additionally, Dr. Forbes is a highly acclaimed author, scholar and nationally sought-after speaker, affectionately referred to in national and international religious circles as the *preacher’s preacher* because of his extensive preaching career and his charismatic style. *Newsweek* magazine once recognized Forbes as one of the 12 “most effective preachers” in the English-speaking world. As a passionate educator, administrator, community and human rights activist and interfaith leader, Dr. Forbes was twice designated as one of America’s greatest Black preachers by *Ebony* magazine. Dr. Forbes is a featured TEDex speaker and also a frequent guest & contributor to top national media outlets including Huffington Post, MSNBC and others.

Most recently, as Senior Minister of the Riverside Church—an interdenominational, interracial, and international church built by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in 1927, Dr. Forbes led a 2,400 member church. Affiliated with the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. Forbes, was installed as the fifth senior minister of Riverside on June 1, 1989, and retired on June 1, 2007. He was the first African-American to serve as minister of this multicultural congregation. Dr. Forbes is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches.