

Facilities

Location

Woolwich Memorial Centre
24 Snyder Avenue South
Elmira, ON N3B 2Z6

Meals

Meals will be in the **Jim McLeod Arena** of the Woolwich Memorial Centre. This year we are offering a meal package for **\$50.00**. This includes snacks, lunch, and dinner on Friday and snacks and lunch on Saturday. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate partial packages. Payment for the meal package **must accompany your registration form**. In our planning we do attempt to offer alternative vegetarian meals. If you have special needs beyond this choice, we ask you to make your own arrangements. Requests for vegetarian meals cannot be accommodated after **April 30th**, so this is another reason to get your registration in as soon as you can.

Accommodation

We will not be offering billets this year. The following is a list of available facilities in the Elmira area. You are responsible for making your own reservations and paying for accommodation at a hotel/motel or bed & breakfast.

HOTEL/MOTEL

Best Western St. Jacob's Country Inn, 50 Benjamin Rd., St. Jacobs 800-972-5371 or 519-884-9295 www.stjacobscountryinn.com

Destination Inn and Suites, 547 King St. N., Waterloo 519-884-0100
www.destinationinn.com

Waterloo Inn, 475 King St. N., Waterloo 1-800-230-4134
www.waterlooinn.com

Comfort Inn, 190 Weber St. N., Waterloo 519-747-9400 www.choicehotels.ca

BED & BREAKFAST

Bristow's Inn, 80 Arthur St. S., Elmira 519-669-1604

Claddagh House, 22 Ellen St. W., Kitchener 519-743-1553

Evenholme Estate, 16 Isabella St., St. Jacobs 519-664-2208

Marshall Woods B&B, 194 Marshall St., Waterloo 519-883-0273

Maryhill Country Inn, 1302 Maryhill Rd., Maryhill 519-648-3098

Norfolk Guest House, 102 Eramosa Rd., Guelph 519-767-1095

Queensway Landing, 46 Queensway Dr., St. Jacobs 519-664-2824

Stonehurst B & B, 265 St. David St. S., Fergus 519-843-8800

Teddy Bear B&B Inn, 2456 Floradale Rd., Elmira 519-669-2379

This is a sampling of available accommodation.
For further options please check the internet.

“Rekindling the Fire”



**HAMILTON
CONFERENCE**
The United Church of Canada

86th Annual Meeting
Elmira, Ontario
June 4-5, 2010

Welcome

The 86th Annual Meeting of Hamilton Conference will be held at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue South, Elmira, Ontario, June 4 and 5, 2010. Our President, Jeff Crittenden, has chosen as his theme for this year **"Rekindling the Fire."**

There will of course be opportunities to pray and worship together and opportunities to renew old friendships and make new ones. We will elect a President-designate, approve the Conference budget, receive the Settlement Report and appoint individuals to the committees and related organizations of the Conference. We will hear from our Candidates and give prayerful consideration to their future ministry. A change for the Annual Meeting this year will be the **Celebration of Ministries Service on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.** There will be an opportunity to recognize our retirees and jubilands at a luncheon on Saturday.

We are very pleased to have the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III as our guest at this Annual Meeting. He will be leading us in theological reflection on Friday and Saturday and he will preach at the Celebration of Ministries Service on Friday evening.

Michael Blair will be with us throughout the weekend as our General Council guest. Michael will be inviting us into times of theological reflection during the weekend.

Following the Retirees' Luncheon on Saturday we will be worshipping in a Memorial Service and a Service of Holy Communion.

As mentioned, the **Celebration of Ministries Service** will be held at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, Elmira at **7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2010.**

If you are a Presbytery Representative for your congregation or if you are ministry personnel, you are expected to attend our Conference Annual Meeting.

Registration Form

Information from this form enables the Agenda & Business Committee to plan the Annual Meeting in ways that help you to be as full a participant as you can be, so please send your registration as soon as possible.

- Please complete **one Registration per person.**
- Please print clearly and provide **complete contact information.**
- This Registration form **must be signed by your Presbytery Secretary,** and returned to the Conference Office by **April 30, 2010.**
- Please note that, if you wish to purchase the **\$50.00** meal package, **payment must be submitted with your completed registration form.** Please make your cheque payable to Hamilton Conference.
- Those individuals who are inclined to make a donation toward the cost of the Annual Meeting over and above this charge could do so through their Pastoral Charge.

Youth Forum

Youth Forum — for young people 14-19 years of age — will meet this year with the theme **"I'm Igniting!"** YF will begin Thursday evening at 7:00 at Trinity United Church in Elmira and run until the closure of the Conference meeting. Applications for YF leadership and YF participation will be available for download on the Hamilton Conference website, or from the Conference Office upon request.

CAYTS

Children and Young Teens ages 9-13 meet this year at the Annual Meeting site in Elmira, June 4-5th. The program will run in conjunction with the Conference meeting, with parents/guardians responsible for overnight care. Our theme this year is : Geocaching Our Treasured Planet. See the Conference website for registration forms.

Table Groups

Table Groups will be part of the way we build community and undertake discussion of business at this Annual Meeting. All delegates will be assigned to a Table Group.

Celebration of Ministries Service

The Celebration of Ministries Service will be held on **Friday, June 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue South, Elmira. The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III will be the guest preacher.

Leadership

Jeff Crittenden, President



Jeff Crittenden is an ordained minister serving at Glen Abbey United Church in Oakville. He has held a variety of ministry leadership roles in Ontario, Quebec, the Maritimes and in Alberta/Northwest Conference for eight years prior to being called 'home' to Southern Ontario in 2005. Jeff holds graduate degrees in Divinity and Theology, and a Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching from McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Jeff served as a Commissioner to General Council 38 in Wolfville, has served on the National Stewardship and National Evangelism committees, as well as participating in numerous Conference and Presbytery committees in Alberta/NW and Hamilton Conferences. Jeff is an associate faculty member at St. Stephen's College in Edmonton. Jeff is dedicated to an experiential teaching and preaching ministry.

Jeff has a deep love for the United Church and hopes that together we will celebrate God's daring, risky, imaginative Word in our midst. Jeff is committed to expressing the gospel in a variety of ways so that we will recognize the Holy in our lives and respond. The Conference theme for Jeff's term is Rekindling the Fire, a theme based on our calling to remember and share our faith in word and in deed.

Jeff lives in Burlington with his wife Tonia and their two children, Savannah and Graeme (and Bean, their Labrador!).

Keith Hagerman, Music Leader

An ordained minister, currently serving at Parkminster, Waterloo, Keith has served churches in London, Hamilton and Maritime Conferences. With a life long passion for music in worship, Keith has led many workshops on music and worship, has been song leader for London Conference, planned major worship services for General Council, written a musical on solidarity with Guatemala, and recently completed a Fellowship at Harvard Divinity School looking at the interface of spirituality and the arts. He was our music leader at last year's Annual Meeting. A multi-instrumentalist, Keith is especially interested in enabling congregational singing.



Theme Speaker

The Rev. Otis Moss, III



Rev. Otis Moss, III is Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois, the largest church in the denomination, with 8,000 members. He received his B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Morehouse College, and graduated from Yale with a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Ethics and Theology.

He has been Chaplain of the week at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY and has served as a guest lecturer for the Interdenominational Theological Center, Emory University, Presbyterian College, Paine College, Dillard University, Howard University, Yale University, Harvard University, and Morehouse College. His passion for youth and intergenerational ministry has led him to create the Issachar Movement, a consulting group designed to bridge the generation gap within churches and to train a new generation of prophetic church leadership.

Rev. Moss has done extensive research in the areas of African-American culture, theology, and youth development. He is the author of *Redemption in a Red Light District*, and his essays, articles, and poetry have appeared in *Sojourners Magazine*, *The Urban Spectrum*, and *The African American Pulpit Journal*, which, along with BeliefNet, recently named Reverend Moss as one of the "Twenty to Watch" ministers who will shape the future of the African-American Church.

His love for God and young people has led him to speak and preach in churches, seminaries and colleges across the globe, including places such as South Africa, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Egypt and now with us, in Hamilton Conference, Canada! Rev Moss is married to Monica and has two children, Elijah and Makayla.

Proposed Agenda



86th Annual Meeting of Hamilton Conference
of The United Church of Canada, Elmira, Ontario
Friday, June 4 and Saturday, June 5, 2010

Friday, June 4, 2010

- 8:00 am Registration Opens
- 8:15 am Orientation for New Delegates
- 9:00 am Worship & Table Group Reflections
Constitution of the Court
Welcome to Traditional Territory
- 10:15 am Enabling Motions
Introductions
Open Nominations
CCOSA—Safe Community
- 10:45 am Education & Students
– First Group of Candidates Address the Court
- 11:15 am Settlement Report
- 11:30 am Education & Students
– Second Group of Candidates Address the Court
- 12:00 pm Education & Students Ballot
- 12:15 pm Book Room & Announcements
- 12:30 pm Lunch

Friday, June 4, 2010

- 1:00 pm Celebration of Ministries Rehearsal
Gender Justice Lunch & Learn
- 2:00 pm Budget Presentation
- 2:15 pm Theme Teaching & Table Groups
- 3:00 pm Human Resources Report and Motions
- 3:15 pm Nominees for President Designate Address Court
- 4:00 pm Recess
- 5:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Celebration of Ministries Service
- 9:30 pm Reception

Saturday, June 5, 2010

- 9:00 am Worship & Table Group Check In
- 10:30 am GCE Report
- 11:00 am Budget Discussion & Vote
- 11:30 am Youth Forum
- 12:00 pm Courtesies
- 12:30 pm Retirees Luncheon
- 2:00 pm Closing Worship
Retirees & Jubilands Address Court
Memorials
Communion
Installation of President