Rust College Hosts Mississippi Conference-United Methodist Church
2009 Convocation on the Black Church

Rust College welcomed members of the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Several clergy and UMC members traveled from around the state to participate in the 2009 Convocation on the Black Church.

“Developing the Leader Within You” was this year’s theme to the convocation. Training sessions were held for clergy members, the laity, and youth—including workshops on finding and applying for grants, developing and sharing leadership skills, and youth and young adult ministries.

Rev. Eddie Jones, pastor of Griffin United Methodist Church in Starkville, Mississippi, and the Griffin United Methodist Church choir led the worship service held as part of the Convocation. Rev. Jones’ message focused on the theme of the event: leadership.

“Babies are born knowing how to dance,” Rev. Jones said. “…but we ought to be able to show them or teach them how to praise God.” His message to the congregation was inspire leadership, lead by example and have faith.

“Why don’t we believe that we can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us?” Rev. Jones asked. “With faith, we can move mountains.”

Rev. L. Fitzgerald Lovett, who coordinated the event, said he was pleased with the turnout.

“The Convocation has a purpose to resource and strengthen the church,” he said. The 2009 Convocation on the Black Church was also

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Rust Welcomes UMC Team October 26-27, 2009

Rust will host a United Methodist Church Team on October 26-27, 2009. The purpose of the team will be to recertify the College for continued listing as a United Methodist Church Institution. The listing will qualify the College for continued participation in the Black College Fund of the United Methodist Church and other support programs of the Church.

Dr. Haywood Strickland, President of Wiley College, will Chair the Team. Other members of the Team are Dr. Cynthia Bond Hopson of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, and Dr. John D. Jones, Associate Provost of Bennett College. The Team will meet with area heads and student leaders to discuss the College and the programs offered.

Please join in welcoming the Team from our largest private support organization, The United Methodist Church.

(Schedule of events on page 4)
Popular Play About Katrina Storm Performed at Rust College for Lyceum Series
Rust College students loaned their voices to the production

The National Black Arts Spoken Word Tour returned to Rust College on Thursday, October 22, 2009 for the staging of Hush Harbors: Speaking the Names From Katrina. Direct from New York, this production of Hush Harbors was sponsored as a part of the Lyceum series at Rust College.

Hush Harbors: Speaking the Names From Katrina is part three of the Katrina Storm Trilogy that originally began with New York’s hosting by popular actor Danny Glover of Wade in the Water at the National Black Theatre in Harlem, and the premiere of One More River to Cross (part two) at the African Poetry Theatre in Queens, New York. Hush Harbors explores the trials and tribulations of those who suffered and survived the Katrina Storm and Gulf Coast tragedy. This staged adaptation is written and directed by Dr. Maurice Henderson and also includes drama-turgy from Kween and award-winning filmmaker Walidah Imarisha.

Lending their voices to the production were two Rust College vocalists: Eddie Guyton of the Rust College A’Cappella Choir and Charlese Howell of the BSU Gospel Choir. They accompanied the production with renditions of “Wade in the Water”, “Walk With Me Lord,” and “His Eye Is on the Sparrow.”

The next Lyceum event will be held October 27, 2009. Jazz flutist Galen Razzaq will perform in the B.C.S. Heard Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

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sponsored by the Mississippi Office of Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century (SBC21). The organization assists predominantly Black United Methodist congregations in becoming effective in ministry and mission. SBC21 is fulfilling its goal to offer the United Methodist Church the gift of a transformational learning model that enables vibrant, growing, congregations to share their learning with partner congregations that are in search of new ideas and revitalization.

Mass Communications Week
October 26-29, 2009

PROGRAM OF EVENTS
Monday, Oct. 26 @ 9:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Open-House Tour of WURC-FM & RC-TV2 Media Facilities
*For Area High School Students.

Tuesday, Oct. 27 @ 10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. (Room BMC 103)
Panel Presentation By Industry Professionals
*Mr. Albert Chandler (’05), President/CEO, Kommission Enterprise, Chicago, Illinois.
*Mr. Jabari Oliver (’05), Marketing Consultant, Memphis-Rap.com/HipHopRX.com
*Mr. Ronald Walter (’00), Content Editor & Director, Sportzfam.com

Wednesday, Oct. 28 @ 10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. (Room 103)
Panel Presentation By Industry Professionals
*Dr. Juliana DaSilva Trammel (’01), Assistant Professor, Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia.
*Mr. Randy Paige (’86), Director of Photography, Paige McBride Entertainment, Memphis, Tennessee
*Mr. Earl Thigpen (’98), Associate Director, ESPN, Bristol, Connecticut

Thursday, Oct. 29 @ 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.
*Luncheon Reception: David Beckley Conference Center
*Pastor James W. Hare (’91), Enterprise UMC Circuit — Magnolia, Wesley Chapel, Mount Jordan, & Little Zion

*Assembly Presentation @ 2:40 p.m. (Doxey-Morehouse Auditorium)
*Rev. James W. Hare, Speaker
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