The United Methodist Church
Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference

A Service of Remembrance

Thursday, July 14, 2016
10:30 a.m.
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Prelude

*Greeting
Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor
Holston Annual Conference

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints.
Amen.
The risen and victorious Christ is with us. Alleluia!
Amen.
We have gathered here to celebrate the lives of those who have served faithfully through the years and now share the triumph of Christ. Alleluia!
Amen.
Let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life, among those who mourn as with those who now see Christ face to face.
Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn
For All the Saints
UMH 711 Stzs. 1, 2, 3

*Prayer for the Saints and Faithful Departed
Bishop Taylor

O God of both the living and the dead,
we praise your holy name for all your servants who have faithfully lived and died. We thank you for the sacred ties that bind us
to those unseen who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses.

Today, we pray for those who have shared ministry with us, who have run with patience the race and now reside with you.

As Bishop Taylor reads each name, a candle is lit and a bell will be rung.
Bishops

Bishop Mack B. Stokes
Bishop Robert C. Morgan
Bishop J. Lloyd Knox
Bishop Roy C. Clark
Bishop Charles W. Hancock
Bishop William W. Morris

Spouses

Mrs. Mariam Hancock
Mrs. Mary Ann Minnick
Mrs. Eva Eutsler
Mrs. Mildred “Tuck” Jones
Mrs. Louise Short

* indicates those who are able may stand

Bishop Taylor continues the prayer with the people.

We pray that, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be diligent followers; and that nothing will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn  For All the Saints  UMH 711 Stzs. 4, 5, 6

All who are standing may be seated.

Scripture  Matthew 25:14-30  Rev. Denise Walton
South Georgia Conference

Sermon  Well-Done, Good and Faithful Servant  Bishop Young Jin Cho
Virginia Conference

*Hymn  Sing With All the Saints in Glory  UMH 702
*Blessing
Postlude
Worship Leaders

Bishop Young Jin Cho
Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor
Rev. Denise Walton

Worship Directors

Dr. Dawn Chesser
Holston Conference

Dr. Sam Persons Parkes
Alabama-West Florida Conference

Worship Design

Stanton Adams
South Carolina Conference

Spanish Translation

Martha Rovira-Raber
Alabama-West Florida Conference

Musicians

Lead Vocals: Robert McMichael
Worship Leader, Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church
Marietta, GA

Piano: Jarvis Wilson
Minister of Music, Hillside International Truth Center
Atlanta, GA

Organist: Chuck R. Newman
Organist and Director of Music, Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church
Marietta, GA
In Memoriam

Deceased Spouses of Bishops

Mariam Crawford Hancock
*October 18, 2012*

Mary Ann Minnick
*May 7, 2013*

Eva Eutsler
*May 25, 2014*

Mildred “Tuck” Jones
*August 31, 2015*

Louise Short
*June 24, 2016*
BISHOP MACK B. STOKES born December 21, 1911 died November 21, 2012. Bishop Mack B. Stokes, age 100, of Perdido Key, Florida, died peacefully in his sleep on November 21, 2012. Bishop Stokes was born in Wonson, Korea, on December 21, 1911. He grew up in a missionary home with three brothers, all of whom became Methodist preachers. Mack graduated from the Seoul Foreign High School at age 16. He received his A.B. from Asbury College, his B.D. from Duke University, and his Ph.D. from Boston University. For 31 years he was a professor at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, where he was Parker Professor of Systematic Theology, and Associate Dean. He taught thousands of young preachers, who became his friends for life. He was elected to the episcopacy of the United Methodist Church in 1972, and served as Bishop in Mississippi until 1980. During this service he led a successful effort to merge the African-American and White Methodist conferences. Mack was a distinguished scholar - a great philosopher and Personalist. He authored more than 10 books and numerous articles. One of his books, Major United Methodist Beliefs, has had multiple printings and has been translated into several languages. However, he was best known as a humble servant of Christ, having preached around the world for more than 70 years. In June, 1941, Mack married Ada Rose Yow of Henderson, North Carolina. They did everything together for 67 years, until she passed away in 2008. When Mack was asked whether Rose was his first love, he responded, "Oh, no, she was my only love." In 2008, Mack and Rose established the "Bishop Mack B. and Rose Stokes Chair in Theology" at Emory's Candler School of Theology. Mack continued his life-long service to Emory University for more than 70 years, having also been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1972. Mack is survived by two sons, Arch Yow Stokes of Perdido Key, Florida (Maggie), and Marion Boyd Stokes III of Atlanta, Georgia; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; his brother-in-law, Jensen Yow; and his sisters-in-law, Alda Stokes, 102, and Marilyn Stokes. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rose; his precious daughter, Elsie Pauline; and his three brothers, Lem, Jim and Charlie Stokes.
BISHOP ROBERT “BOB” C. MORGAN was born Sept. 15, 1933, in Birmingham, Ala., and he died March 16, 2014. He was educated in Birmingham Public School and graduated from United Methodist-related Birmingham-Southern College. He earned his master of divinity from Candler School of Theology at United Methodist-related Emory University before returning as a pastor to the North Alabama Conference. Davis noted that Morgan’s leadership skills gained recognition early, and he was appointed a superintendent of the Tuscaloosa District when still in his mid-30s. He was the senior pastor of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church in Birmingham, when he was elected bishop. As bishop, he was a member of the United Methodist boards of Discipleship and Global Ministry. Morgan was president on the United Methodist Board of Church and Society from 1988 to 1992. Morgan also was president of the Council of Bishops from 1999 to 2000. After his retirement as an active bishop in 2000, Morgan became bishop-in-residence and a religion instructor at his alma mater, Birmingham-Southern College — a position he held until his death.

After Morgan joined the faculty, the number of students bound for seminary increased, and his courses regularly attracted more students than there were seats. Thirteen of his recent students are now studying at United Methodist seminaries. Morgan is survived by his wife and ministry partner of more than 50 years, Martha; four children and eight grandchildren.
BISHOP JAMES LLOYD KNOX, who was known as a champion of mission, died at age 85 on April 13, 2014. Knox was born in Tampa in 1929. He was elected bishop in 1984 and served in the Birmingham, Ala., episcopal area until 1992, when he was appointed to the North Georgia Conference. After his retirement in 1996, Knox served as interim bishop in the Florida Conference in 1999 and again in 2000-2001 following the illness and death of Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson.

Knox and his first wife, Edith, were missionaries to Cuba and Argentina from 1958 to 1964. He served the Florida Conference as coordinator of the Florida Spanish Ministry and superintendent of the DeLand and Miami Districts. In Cuba, Knox served the Santiago de las Vegas Circuit. In Argentina, he was pastor of congregations in Lomas de Zamora and superintendent of the Buenos Aires South District. His experiences in those countries made him sensitive to the needs of people in the United States who do not speak English, according to an article by Religion News Service in 1993. At that time, he was opposing a bill that would make English the official language of Georgia. “Having lived in another country, I understand how overwhelming it is not to be able to function in your own language,” he said. Knox graduated from Florida Southern College in 1951 and went on to earn a master of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology. In addition to his work with the Board of Global Ministries, Knox served as director for the denomination’s Board of Church and Society and commissions on Religion and Race and Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. He was a member of the Human Relations Commission of the State of Georgia and a trustee of 12 colleges, including Clark Atlanta and Emory universities. Knox and his first wife, Edith, who died in 2008, are survived by two children, Richard Michael and Carol Anne. He also is survived by Julia Nolen, whom he married in 2009.
BISHOP ROY CLYDE CLARK, who nurtured United Methodist ministry globally and vital congregations locally, died May 27, 2014, in Nashville. He was 93. Clark was born July 24, 1920, in Mobile, Ala. He graduated from United Methodist-related Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., and Yale University Divinity School. He was ordained an elder in Mississippi, where he eventually served five pastorates between 1944 and 1963. Clark was bishop of the Columbia (S.C.) Area, which encompasses the South Carolina Annual (regional) Conference, from 1980 to his retirement in 1988. But his denominational leadership extended far beyond South Carolina. As an active bishop, he was a director of the denomination’s mission agency, the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. For four years, he also was the president of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which as part of the mission agency coordinates the denomination’s humanitarian relief and disaster response. In retirement, he remained a leader of the Council of Bishops’ work in missions. He also led the Council of Bishops’ initiative “Vital Congregations — Faithful Disciples,” a predecessor to today’s efforts to foster congregational vitality. Clark is preceded in death by his wife of 45 years Esther, who died in 1991, and his wife of 18 years, Marion, who died in 2010. He also is preceded in death by his daughter Susan McEwen Clark. He is survived by a daughter, Lynn Blanton Clark, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
BISHOP C. W. “HANDY” HANCOCK, 91, of 5300 Zebulon Road, Macon, Georgia died Friday, March 13, 2015. Bishop Hancock was predeceased by his wife, Mariam Crawford Hancock, and his son, David Charles Hancock. He is survived by his children, Stephen Hancock (Janet) of Kemp, Texas, Susan Robinson (John) of Conyers, Georgia and Laura Osiecki (Paul) of Coppell, Texas; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Hancock McDonald (Mike); eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.
BISHOP WILLIAM WESLEY “BILL” MORRIS died Thursday morning, Jan. 14, 2016. Morris, who was 78, led the Alabama-West Florida Episcopal Area from 1992 to 2000. He was the first African American to hold that post, and made news in 1998 when he was among the clergy officiating at the funeral of George Wallace, who had by then often apologized for defending segregation as Alabama’s governor. Morris also oversaw the Nashville Episcopal Area, comprising the Tennessee and Memphis Conferences. He retired from the episcopacy in 2004.

William Wesley Morris was born in Baltimore on August 7, 1937, and attended the Baltimore public schools. He was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Scarritt College and Vanderbilt University, where he earned a doctorate of ministry degree. Morris was ordained a deacon in 1959 and an elder in 1961. He served Bethany Methodist Church and Union Avenue Community Methodist Church in Chicago; Stanley Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee; John Wesley United Methodist Church in Nashville; and First United Methodist Church in Gallatin, Tennessee. As an African-American pastor at the predominantly white Gallatin church, he also was crossing an important racial boundary for the Tennessee Conference. In that conference, he twice was a district superintendent, leading the Clarksville and Murfreesboro (Tennessee) Districts. On July 15, 1992, Morris was elected a bishop at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. As bishop, Morris served as president of the United Methodist Board of Pension and Health Benefits from 2000 to 2004. He was a trustee of several United Methodist institutions, including Emory University in Atlanta. One abiding interest of Morris’ was men’s ministries, and as a retired bishop he served as interim top executive of the Commission on United Methodist Men for more than a year and supervised the agency’s move into its current Nashville headquarters. Morris and his first wife, Eva J. Morris, had two daughters. He was married to the late Mary Head Morris of McMinnville, Tennessee, and they had two sons. He married Princilla Smart Evans in 2006.