

To: Clergy of the Florida Annual Conference
From:
Steven Riddle, Chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members
Vicki Walker, Chair of the Order of Deacons
Sue Hauptert-Johnson, Chair of the Order of Elders

On behalf of the Order of Elders, the Order of Deacons, and the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members, we offer a special invitation to all the clergy of the Florida Annual Conference to join in the processional and sit together at the Service of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination on Friday, June 11, 2010. If you would like to be part of this service, please make sure to do the following:

Send an email to Winnie Dean at wdean@flumc.org before noon on Monday May 24 indicating your commitment to be there (even if a great movie is showing!) so that we will know exactly how many places to reserve.

Bring your robe (black is preferable) or alb (white is traditional for deacons). Elders and deacons should wear red stoles. Provisional members, local pastors, and associate members who are not ordained as deacons (old Discipline) should not wear a stole.

Gather in the Lake Hollingsworth Room of the Lakeland Center at 6:30 p.m. on Friday June 11 to be lined up and prepared to go in as a group. Marshals will be there to direct you.

Why this special invitation? No one comes into ministry alone; we enter into a covenant community or a fellowship through which we pledge to mutually support, care for, and hold each other accountable. What better symbol of this covenant than to stand together as clergy and welcome those who share our sacred calling? And what better way to renew our vows and reflect upon them than to hear them again as we watch the sacred rituals that we experienced in the past?

Come join us as we celebrate this milestone with our newest clergy brothers and sisters, and as we recommit to our joyous and blessed life together.

Yours in Christ,
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