



# The Connection

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## United Methodist Polity

NACBA National Conference  
Wednesday, July 11  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Taught by Beth Cook,  
Director, Office of Church  
Ministries Education, Candler  
School of Theology, Emory  
University.

Learn about:

- *The Book of Discipline*
- General Conference; Annual Conferences; Charge Conferences
- Bishops, Elders and Deacons
- Local Church governance

Meet polity requirement for UMC  
CBA Certification.

## UMACBA/NACBA National Conference News

R. Mark King, Communications Director

The United Methodist Association of Church Business Administrators Executive Committee met on Monday and Tuesday, February 26 and 27, in Ft. Worth, Texas. Grapevine/Ft. Worth is the site for the NACBA National Conference, which will be held July 11-15, 2007. The committee worked to plan the United Methodist component of the conference and we believe we have some exciting activities planned.

The United Methodist schedule covers July 11-13. On Wednesday evening, we will hold our traditional reception which will feature a Western theme this year. Thursday will feature our annual luncheon meeting and our dinner banquet later that evening. We will also hold worship after the banquet. Friday will find us traveling to Ft. Worth for a night at the Stockyards, an event you will not want to miss! Grapevine/Ft. Worth/Dallas is a treasure trove of Western culture with many other exciting things to do including shopping, museums, and entertainment galore.

The Gaylord Texan, the conference center hotel, is a spectacular facility in and of itself. The 5 acre atrium, all under air conditioning and safe from the hot, July Texas sun, is an amazing edifice. The Gaylord Texan is a first class accommodation that will spoil each of us with its many restaurants, pools, event rooms and Western ambiance.

We are pleased to continue our tradition of offering four seminars in conjunction with the NACBA seminars. At the present time, we are planning to sponsor two courses on Thursday, one on Advanced UM Polity and one on Pensions/Benefits. On Friday, we will present Desktop Publishing and Planned Giving. Don't forget, for those of you who need United Methodist Polity in order to finish certification, Beth Luton of Candler will offer this course on Wednesday afternoon, July 11, 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

Register for attendance online at [www.nacba.net](http://www.nacba.net) and be sure to include the United Methodist registration in your total package. For those of you seeking recertification this coming year, attendance at the UMACBA is required. But what an enjoyable avenue to pursue the recertification requirements.

See ya'll down at the ranch! Giddeup!

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letter from the  
**President**  
PHILLIP M. ESTES

Dear Friends:

We read of Jesus' teaching on love and effective ways to work with others in Luke 6:37-38, "Do not judge, ... do not condemn, ... forgive, ... give, and it will be given to you. A good measure ... will be put in your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." As church administrators, we are called to give our best to those we serve. How very appropriate then is the theme of this year's annual conference, **Improving Your Serve**, which will be held July 11-15 in Dallas/Ft. Worth.

We're excited about the opportunity to join fellow United Methodist administrators this year for learning, fun and camaraderie. Phil Greenwald, Executive Committee Member-at Large, is the 2007 Conference Coordinator. We're grateful for his work and are looking forward to the workshops that he and the Executive Committee have worked to organize featuring:

### Fun and Fellowship

- Wednesday night - Western Hoedown Reception/Nominations
- Thursday night - Worship and Program
- Friday night - Dinner at the H3 Steak House and Rodeo - Ft. Worth Stockyards

### Workshops

- Advanced United Methodist Polity, Understanding the Denomination
- Planned Giving and Endowments
- Desktop Publishing and Targeted Marketing
- Health and Pension Benefits

Please make your reservation now. You'll want to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to share ideas, laugh, and learn in ways that will enhance your ability to *give in good measure* to those you serve and strengthen your spirit as we work together to Improve Our Serve for Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Phil

## Interested in Being a Mentor to Certification Candidates?

The Executive Committee is putting together a program where certified UMCBA's can assist those who are in the process of becoming certified by being a "mentor" to them. We are in the process of developing a Mentor Manual with all the specifics.

Remember what it was like when you went through? Couldn't you have used a mentor? Be one for someone today!

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT MARK KING (mking@centenary-ws.org or 336-724-6311)

# UMACBAOnline

UMACBA Online is a forum designed to strengthen the connection and provide a resource for members to share information on church management.

## What is UMACBA Online?

UMACBA Online is a list serve sponsored by Yahoo!. This is a group of individuals who are connected by e-mail around a common interest – United Methodist Church Administration. When a member of the group sends an e-mail, everyone in the groups gets a copy. If you are interested in the subject or have an answer to the question, we encourage you to respond.

## Why should I join?

Why re-invent the wheel if someone else has solved the same problem? Have a question on why Methodists do things differently? UMACBA Online can provide you with quick feedback on a subject you are currently working with. Suppose your finance committee or pastor asks you to develop financial policies. Post a question and you should receive several responses from others who have already established such a policy.

## Who is the moderator?

UMACBA Online is a spin off from a similar concept of NACBA. Michelle DeFano, former UMACBA Vice-President established the group and serves as one of the moderators. Currently, Diane Wilkinson, Vice-President serves as the co-moderator.

## How can I join?

Two easy ways:

- 1) SEND an e-mail to [umacba-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:umacba-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You will receive a subscription confirmation message. Simply reply to this message and your subscription will be complete.  
-OR-
- 2) Go to [www.groups.yahoo.com/invite/umacba](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/invite/umacba) and click the "Subscribe" button.

## If I don't like it, can I cancel?

Yes, it is easy. Just send an email to [umacba-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:umacba-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com) or go to the Yahoo Groups web site and un-subscribe.

## I'm going on vacation, how can I turn off my email notification

You can handle your own 'turn off' and 'turn on' needs. Simply log-in to Yahoo! and edit your membership. You can choose to receive individual e-mails, a daily digest of e-mails sent that day, or none at all.

## Ok, so how many people get my email address and send me spam?

None... Yahoo Groups has a no spam policy and today we have no report of members receiving unsolicited e-mail as a result of being a part of the group. The moderators approve all members. We try to limit memberships to individuals serving as church administrators, conference treasurers, etc. in United Methodist Churches or affiliated organizations.

## Who else is a member?

To date almost one hundred twenty individuals are participating.

The purpose of the United Methodist Association of Church Business Administrators shall be to support the ministry of Christ and the Christian Church by providing leadership, training, and encouragement in the areas of church business administration for individuals and organizations of The United Methodist Church.

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## MEMBERSHIP

For more information about becoming a member of UMACBA or for a membership application, go to our website [www.umacba.org](http://www.umacba.org) or contact Sheri Kimble, General Council on Finance and Administration, at 615-369-2351, fax is 615-369-2355.

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# IMPROVING YOUR SERVE



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
51st NATIONAL CONFERENCE ★ JULY 11–15, 2007 ★ DALLAS-FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

Visit [www.nacba.net/conference](http://www.nacba.net/conference) to view the conference video, get more information, and register online.  
Don't miss this opportunity to become a more effective servant leader to your congregation!

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