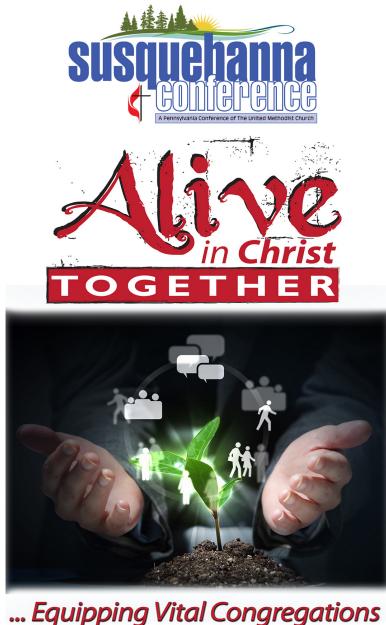
- 2015 Worship Design Team -

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... Equipping Vital Congregations

Opening Celebration

Annual Conference 2015 Messiah College, Grantham, PA

The Susquehanna Annual Conference

Opening Celebration

Thursday, June 11, 2015 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Michelle Campbell will provide sign language for this service.

Note: All hymn words and responsive readings will be projected on the screens. *You are invited to stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

Mr. Matthew Wensel, Organ Mr. Chris McKee, Trumpet

The Gathering music will begin at 1:45 p.m.

CALL to WORSHIP

Resurrection: God's Vital Sign

Utilizing Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:6-11

Rev. Dr. Garv D. Weaver

Wesley Bloomsburg UMC - Bloomsburg, Pa.

Rev. Judi Herrold

St. Paul's Lewisburg UMC - Lewisburg, Pa.

Rev. Michelle L. Whitlock

Waverly UMC - Waverly, Pa.

Rev. Randall G. Bennett Jr.

Christ Community UMC - Selinsgrove, Pa.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 545 Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*THE PRAYER of PRAISE

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

Resident Bishop of the Harrisburg Episcopal Area

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Everlasting God: by the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, You have equipped the saints

in every age to share the resurrection story.

Congregation: Our stories are united in the living truth of Christ's resurrection.

Leader: Courageous God: We are mindful that vital faith often brings persecution and even martyrdom. Yet, in the midst of tribulation, You call us to proclaim without compromise the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We unite with our brothers and sisters around the world who are, at this very moment, suffering and dying for the faith.

Congregation: Equip us by Your Word and empower us by Your Holy Spirit to engage our dying world with the vital love of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Provident God: Your plan of redemption cannot be thwarted. Therefore, make of us responsible stewards of the grace given in Holy Conferencing. Let us make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Congregation: Unite us, O Lord, in what is right: one faith, one baptism, and one body - growing in maturity until Christ returns.

Leader: This we pray in the matchless name of Jesus the Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

ACT of PRAISE "Glory Be to the Father"

> The United Methodist Hymnal, p.71 Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent. Music: Henry W. Greatorex

PRAYER of ILLUMINATION Rev. Marian Hartman

District Superintendent, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre District

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Rev. Marian Hartman

SERMON "Equip, Empower, and Engage" Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

"We Believe" *THE RESPONSE

> We will join in the historic Apostle's Creed during the singing of this song. Words and Music: Travis Ryan, Richie Fike, and Matt Hooper CCLI # 6367165 Rev. Randall G. Bennett Jr. Mr. Matthew Wensel, Piano

Mr. Kevin Lance, Guitar

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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