

General Conference 2003 Prayer Calendar

June 2003

Quote:

"The work of prayer is prerequisite to all other work in the kingdom of God, for the simple reason that it is by prayer that we couple the powers of heaven to our helplessness, the powers which can turn water into wine and remove mountains in our own life and in the lives of others, the powers which can awaken those who sleep in sin and raise up the dead, the powers which can capture strongholds and make the impossible possible." O. Hallesby (1879 – 1961), one of Norway's leading Christian teachers and devotional writers.

Appreciation:

Thank you for joining the hundreds of Free Methodists that are coupling the powers of heaven on behalf of our church and church leaders.

True Fast Note:

For those who want to participate in the "True Fast" a guide is also available on the church web site. This guide is being used by many of those participating in the forty day fast. If you would like more information about the "True Fast" please e-mail Doug and Margie Newton at: PrayforGenConf@fmcna.org

PRAYER SECTION

Daily

Pray for the leaders of General Conference as the time for the conference nears and details and deadlines mount.

As these leaders sow to please the Spirit and reap eternal life for doing so – may they not become weary in doing good, and know that at the proper time they (along with the church) will reap a harvest if we do not give up. May the Lord bless them as they take every opportunity to do good to all the people they are working with and for – especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 6:8b & 9)

- Bob McDowell as General Conference Coordinator - Lenora Spears as Assistant to the Coordinator
- Registrars Margie Keane and Linda Abell
- Board of Administration Members: Hank Bode - Chairman, Carol Bartlett - Secretary and Gene Keene - Budget and Finance
- Executive Directors: Art Brown - Free Methodist World Missions and Gary Kilgore - Administration and Finance,
- Pastors: Lucia Delamarter - Senior Pastor, Everett (WA) FMC and Alberto Quintanilla - Senior Pastor, Camino de Gracia CPP, Downey (CA) FMC
- Bishop Joe James - Central Area, Matt Whitehead - Superintendent Pacific Northwest Conference,
- Those in charge of the children's programs and care
- Those in charge of working with the teens
- Doug and Margie Newton as prayer coordinators
- Our Board of Administration (chaired by Hank Bode)
- Committees and their Chairmen
- All delegates
- SPU President Phil Eaton and his staff who will be hosting General Conference

June 1 – May we as the Free Methodist church be completely humble, gentle, patient and bear with one another in love. May we make every effort to keep unity in the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:2&3)

General Conference 2003 Prayer Calendar

The Four Purposes For The Free Methodist Church As Given By Our Bishops:

As a community of Free Methodists we will celebrate in worship and fellowship

June 2 – May we shout for joy to the LORD. May we worship the LORD with gladness and come before him with joyful songs. May we know that the LORD is God – that it is he who made us, and we are his; that we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. May we enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; may we give thanks to him and praise his name. May we acknowledge that the LORD is good and his love endures forever – and trust that his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalms 100)

As a community of Free Methodists we will cast vision through stories.

June 3 - May we declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:3)

As a community of Free Methodists we will call all to holy living and service.

June 4 - May we do good, be rich in good deeds and be generous and willing to share – that we may lay up treasures as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that we may take hold of the life that is truly life. (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

As a community of Free Methodists we will commit to mission and multiplication.

June 5 – May we be righteous - trees of life - and be wise – winning souls. (Proverbs 11:30)

June 6 - As a community of Free Methodists may we spread the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians 2: 14 & 15)

June 7 – May we pray constantly for our Bishops and the members of the Board of Administration, that our God may count them worthy of his calling and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of theirs and every act prompted by their faith. So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in them, and they in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 1:11& 12)

June 8 - May we as a body of believers make requests, prayers, intercession and offer thanksgiving for everyone-- for country leaders and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (2 Timothy 2:1&2)

June 9 – May we as the Free Methodist church live in confidence, hope and trust that we too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (Ephesians 2:22)

June 10 - May the Lord bless Seattle Pacific University staff as they host GC 2003 and work with the many people involved in the logistics of planning. May they be blessed with the fruit of patience, kindness and self-control and be wise in how they relate to people.

June 11 - May the Lord join the hearts of all those praying for our church that we may follow the pattern of prayer before Pentecost – joining together constantly in prayer - before, during and after GC 2003.

June 12 – May we as the church excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in our love for our leaders and for one another – may we also be intent about excelling in the grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

General Conference 2003 Prayer Calendar

Praying for the Speakers and Teachers:

May the speakers and teachers be empowered to use scripture to teach, rebuke, correct and train all those who listen so that we as a church may be continuing to be equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16&17)

June 13 - Bishop Haskins and Bishop Snyder - Teaming preaching at the Opening Saturday, June 28, 7-8.30 pm

June 14 – Rev. Clarence Marks with Babble Mason in concert -Sunday, June 29, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

June 15 – Dr. Ajith Fernando- Sunday, June 29, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

June 16 – Rev. Jesses Carvalho -Monday, June 30, 7.00 - 8:30 pm

June 17 - Rev. Badeg Bekele -Tuesday, July 1, 7:00 - 8.30 pm

June 18 – Dr. Delia Nuesch-Olver -Wednesday, July 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pin

June 19 – Bishop James and Bishop Krober - Teaming preaching at the Closing Friday, July 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

June 20 – Dr. Ajith Fernando Monday - Wednesday 8:30 - 10.00 am

June 21 – Art Brown - Thursday 8:30 -10:00 am

June 22 – Doug Newton - Friday 8:30 - 10:00 am

June 23 –May Hill, Ashton, Moyer and Emerson Halls be places of joyful fellowship and peace so that rest for the spirit and body can be had in these residence halls.

June 24 – As the resolutions are submitted and committees meet - may the counsel they receive from one another and from others help their plans succeed. (Proverbs 15:22)

June 25 –As Agape travel assists many in their travel plans may the employees be thorough, thoughtful and comprehensive in the help they give.

June 26 –As the youth workers for the conference work with our young people may the Lord's Spirit be with them. May they be used to inspire our teens to flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22)

June 27 – As people gather in Gwinn Commons, Falcon's Landing and the Corner Market for meals may the conversation be wholesome – that what is said around the tables is helpful for building others up according to their needs - that the conversations may benefit those who listen. (Ephesians 4:29)

June 28 – Arrangements for facilities and housing would go smoothly and that those involved in setting up would have a spirit of unity as they work together.

June 29 – May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip us (the Free Methodist Church) with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrew 13:20 & 21)

June 30 – John Hyde (a great man of prayer) believed that the time for very earnest definite prayer is immediately after the service or a convention – prayer room parties remained to plead that the results of the convention might be permanent. May the Lord raise this conviction in our hearts and others as we head into General Conference 2003.