

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

The Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy is held at Gray Center now one of the premier conference centers in this country with facilities unequaled!

Please visit the Gray Center web site:

www.graycenter.org

Check it out! There are three cottages and an inn, all AIR CONDITIONED; each room has two twin beds and a private bath. Most sessions are held in the Chapel and meals are prepared by a chef. There is ample display space for Cliff Hill Music and St. Andrew's Bookstore, and a wonderful screen porch and patio overlooking the lake (perfect for the Champagne and Chocolate Extravaganza on Saturday night). A very short, scenic walk takes you to each conference space.

There are services daily, including Morning Prayer, Evensong at St. Philip's Church in Jackson (with a free evening following), and the Festival Eucharist at St. Andrew's Cathedral

A full conference schedule
as well as on-line registration
is available on our website
(www.mississippiconference.org)

Waiting upon God: Advent premise -- Advent promise

In the dis-ease of our times, battered by a fragile economy and the brokenness of our world, Advent comes to us as the Church's gift –

Four weeks of something quieter, more solemn, more hopeful than the glitter of the commercial holiday.

Four weeks to let God enter anxious souls and psyches.

Four weeks of Scripture and prayer and music that hold up for us a sense of the immensity of God as well as the nearness of God.

Four weeks to ponder an Advent wreath, to watch the lights grow slowly and steadily brighter as the days of December grow shorter and darkness comes quicker.

In our regal blues and purples, we are cloaked for this season in a sober beauty as pointers to mystery, dread, awe and the sovereignty of God.

Advent always seems to put folk like us at odds with the surrounding culture – yet we have something to offer our world in anxious times and a frenetic season. It is this world, with its hurts and hopes, its faults and sins, its joys and sorrows, that God enters. Advent makes our longings and our fears into something holy and holds us in greater promises and equips us for God's purposes.

Advent's scriptures, Advent's music, speak to us of dread and awe, of judgment and mercy, of expectation and hope. And God calls the likes of us to incarnate God's promises and purposes for our time and place.

Join us in this Advent exploration – as we open our imaginations to Advent's larger themes – to history's end and a vision of humanity restored and the creation renewed; to the nearness of God and coming of Christ --- more than a baby in a manger, but also a message, a ministry and a man on a cross.

Even in the height of summer, we gather as a community of song and prayer, a people called to "wait upon God" in all the seasons of our lives.

The MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE *on* CHURCH MUSIC & LITURGY

**From 5:00 pm, Tuesday, July 28
Through lunch, Sunday, August 2
2009**

*Duncan M. Gray Conference Center
Canton, Mississippi*

**Sponsored by the
Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi**

www.mississippiconference.org

Our 34TH Season!

FEES

Fees include lodging, all meals, and packets of music for use in conference services:

\$560 -5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday lunch

\$325 - 3:30 pm Friday through Sunday lunch

Private rooms may be available for an additional fee of \$115. The conference reserves the right to limit the number of private rooms if needed to accommodate housing needs of all participants.

Reservations with a \$100 deposit are required by July 12. The deposit will be **non-refundable**, and is **non-transferrable** unless we are notified in writing no later than July 18. Some scholarship money is available for participants from Mississippi through the Diocese of Mississippi. If you are in need of scholarship assistance, please write to the Registrar. Check with your local church about financial assistance, as well.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP

We are offering 12 weekend scholarships worth \$325 each to anyone who is between the ages of 18 and 30. A brief letter of recommendation from your rector is required to receive this scholarship and should be sent in along with the registration form. These scholarships will be granted to the first 12 applicants and apply to participants from inside and outside the Diocese of Mississippi. This amount may also be applied to the full week of the conference.

CONFERENCE STAFF

Ellen Johnston

Dr. Mark Butler

Dr. Thomas Lee

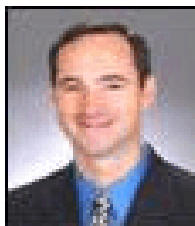
Dr. Jeff McLelland

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THE FACULTY

JOEL MARTINSON



Joel Martinson holds the position of Director of Music Ministries and Organist at The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas, Texas, where he coordinates the vibrant musical life of the parish, including choral and instrumental ensembles for all ages, and a music series. His compositions have received many awards and have been featured at conventions all over the country

MONTE MASON

Monte, a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, has been Organist/Choirmaster of St. Martin's by the Lake in Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota, where he also serves as Director of the Youth Arts Program. In addition, he is Founder and Director of The Gregorian Singers.



Monte has served on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and in 2003 co-edited with Judy Dodge Enriching Our Music 1 and 2. That year he was also in charge of all of the music at General Convention in Minneapolis.

THE VERY REV. JOY ROGERS



Joy serves as Provost of St. James Cathedral in Chicago. She has taught preaching at seminaries, diocesan deacon schools, and annual preaching conferences for Episcopal seminarians. She lectures on the theology of worship and the meaning of liturgy, and has developed special liturgies for gatherings of diocesan teens. Joy's sermons have been published in Sermons That Work and The Journal of the Association of Anglican Musicians.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this form with the deposit of \$100 (or the total fee of \$560 or \$325, as noted in fees section) to: *Dr. Mark Butler, 210 N. Leflore, Cleveland, MS 38732*. **On-line registration is available at www.mississippiconference.org.**

Make checks payable to: Mississippi Conference on Church Music & Liturgy
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Name: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms, Rev., Dr.)

Address: _____

City _____ State _____

Zip: _____ Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

Church: _____

City: _____

Position: _____

Name for name tag _____

First time to attend? _____ Yes _____ No

FEES

_____ \$560 FULL CONFERENCE

_____ \$325 WEEKEND

_____ Private Room (Add \$115)

Roommate Preference: _____

For Mississippi applicants:

I am applying for a Diocesan scholarship of

_____ \$300 for a week _____ \$150 for weekend

I am applying for an "Under 30" scholarship _____
(Rector's letter is attached)