

**Western NC UMC
Deaf Ministry
Origins:**



In the late 1960s, Bishop Earl Hunt welcomed Rev. Tom Summey back from the military where he had served as a Chaplain during the Vietnam Conflict and the Korean War. Due to excessive, loud gunshot fire, Rev. Summey's hearing began to fail and limit his ability to serve his congregants effectively.

Bishop Hunt met with Rev. Summey in 1970 and proposed that he learn sign language at Lenoir Rhyne College and create a form of Deaf Ministry.

In 1971 Deaf Ministry was born in the North Carolina Mountains thanks to the vision of Bishop Hunt and the willingness of Rev. Summey.

Over the past 40 years the little ministry has come down off the mountain under the leadership of various devoted hearts to Jesus that have a passion for the deaf and the hard of hearing in Western NC.

**United Methodist
Congress of the Deaf**

Founded in 1973 by a network of ministers and Deaf people within the United Methodist Church, UMCD's purpose is to "celebrate and promote Christian leadership and discipleship within the Deaf community."

In 2005, UMCD hosted the first Global Deaf Methodist Missions Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, welcoming people from Korea, Japan, Guam, The Philippines, Kenya, Sri Lanka, and Liberia.

UMCD is pleased to be part of celebrating 40 years of Deaf Ministry in Western North Carolina. We pray for more United Methodist churches to reach out and invite Deaf people to the ministry of Jesus Christ.



CELEBRATING
**40 years of Deaf
Ministry
in
The Western N.C.
Conference of the
United Methodist
Church**



July 29th-31st, 2011

**Lambuth Inn
Lake Junaluska,
NC**

**Ministries with Deaf,
Late-Deafened,
Hard of Hearing and
Deaf-Blind**

Keynote Speaker
◆Bishop Peggy Johnson◆
Of the UMC Eastern Pennsylvania
Conference

Her history includes a four-point charge in Frederick MD, as campus minister for Gallaudet University, co-pastor (with her husband, Mike) of Lansdowne United Methodist Church, in Baltimore, MD. and service for 20 years as pastor of the historic Christ UMC of the Deaf in Baltimore starting in 1988.

Also featuring:

◆Leo Yates, Jr.◆

Counselor for the Deaf, Interpreter at Foundry UMC in Washington D.C. and Author of Interpreting at Church: A Paradigm for Sign Language Interpreters

◆Walt & Pat Ebert ◆

Missionaries with the UMC General Board of Global Ministries – Haiti

◆Dee Mathis◆

Executive Director of the Mission Deaf Connection Center in Arkansas and Founder and Director of **Mission Hearts**, the organization that ministers to and provides opportunities for deaf community members to volunteer in emergency and disaster relief efforts around the world.

◆Long’s Chapel Sign Choir◆

Lake Junaluska’s own local talent!

◆Sandy Saunders◆

Choir Director for Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf in Baltimore, Maryland.

◆Carol Stevens◆

Deaf ministry area coordinator for the Pennsylvania-Delaware conference and interpreter for 45 years.

Workshops:

- ❖ Hard of Hearing and Late Deafen issues
- ❖ Mental Health & the Deaf community
- ❖ Missions to Haiti, Korea & Africa
- ❖ Church leaders interested in providing Deaf Ministry – Where do we start?

Other events:

- ❖ Enjoy the breathtaking sites in the NC mountains – golf, hike, sightsee, & relax!
- ❖ UMCD Business meeting
- ❖ WNCC-UMC Deaf Ministry meet & greet
- ❖ Fun & fellowship w/ friends - old & new!
- ❖ Celebratory Banquet Saturday night!
- ❖ Sunday morning worship with Bishop Peggy Johnson.

Weekend Conference Fee: \$50.00
 (One day only fee: \$35.00)
 UMCD Bi-annual Dues:\$20.00

Accommodations



LAMBUTH INN

689 North Lakeshore Drive,
 Lake Junaluska, NC 28745
www.lakejunaluska.com/lambuth-inn/

(If you wish to reserve more than Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights, you must call the reservation line to make these arrangements.)

Reservations

800-222-4930

Group Code: 631218

Room Rates:

Single	Double	Triple	Quad
\$104	\$58	\$40	\$33

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 TO BESURE YOU GET A ROOM!!!**