



A National Conference on  
**Building a Wesleyan Theology  
of Peace for the 21st Century**

September 28 to October 1, 2006 San Francisco, California

**Co-sponsored by**  
***Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPWJ)***  
***Temple United Methodist Church, San Francisco***

**Pre-Conference Dialogue for College and Seminary Students**

Tuesday evening dinner, September 26 through Thursday lunch, September 28  
Edge Campus Ministry, San Francisco State University  
Led by *Carolyn Talmadge*, [title]

**Final Conference Program**

**Thursday, September 28**

1:00 – 5:00 Registration  
3:00 Leadership orientation  
6:00 Dinner  
7:30 Opening Worship  
Welcome: *Rev. Schuyler Rhodes*, host pastor  
Preacher: *Bishop Beverly Shamana*  
Readers and prayers: *Tyree Johnson, Martha Milk, E.J. Fieldhouse,*  
*Rev. Brenda Vaca*, Temple UMC

**Friday, September 29**

8:00 a.m. Gathering with coffee, tea and donuts  
9:00 Opening Worship Preacher: *Rev. Dante Tangoman*, Pastor  
Geneva Avenue UMC, San Francisco  
Readers:  
10:00 Plenary on the **WESLEYAN HERITAGE**.  
Introducing the Conference: *Howard W. Hallman*, Chair  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
"A Wesleyan Theology of Peace: What's the Evidence?"  
*Rev. Greg Bergquist*, Pastor, UMC, Santa Rosa, CA  
11:00 Break into four Quadrilateral groups to discuss  
Wesleyan heritage for a theology of peace.

**Scripture: Biblical Perspectives**

Discussion leader: *Rev. Brenda Vaca*, Temple UMC, San Francisco  
Reporter: *Jim Hipkins*, MUPWJ Board of Directors

**Tradition: Christian History**

Discussion leader: *Prof. Diane L. Lobody*, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Reporter: *David Wildman*, UM General Board of Global Ministries

**Reason: Theological Perspectives**

Discussion leader: *Bishop C. Dale White*, United Methodist Church

Reporter: *Bruce Pettit*, UM San Francisco District

**Experience: Nonviolent Action**

Discussion leader: *Rev. Kelvin Sauls*, UMG General Board of Discipleship

Reporter: *Joyce Georgieff*, MUPWJ Board of Directors

Noon            Box Lunch

1:00 – 3:45    QUADRILATERAL GROUPS

**Scripture: Biblical Perspectives**

Discussion leader: *Rev. Brenda Vaca*, Temple UMC, San Francisco

Presenter: *Prof. Richard Hays*, Duke Divinity School

“Dealing with Violence: New Testament Perspective”

**Tradition: Christian History**

Discussion leader: *Prof. Diane L. Lobody*, Methodist. Theological School  
in Ohio

Presenter: *Prof. Albert Hernandez*, Iliff School of Theology

“Approaches to War and Peace in Christian History”

**Reason: Theological Perspectives**

Discussion leader: *Bishop C. Dale White*, United Methodist Church

Presenter: *Prof. D. Stephen Long*, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

“A Theology of Peace for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

**Experience: Nonviolent Action**

Discussion leader: *Rev. Kelvin Sauls*, General Board of Discipleship

Presenters: “Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.”

*Arun Gandhi*, M.K. Gandhi Institute

*Bishop Forrest Stith*, United Methodist Church

4:00            Plenary: Feedback from four Quadrilateral groups

Presiding: *Howard W. Hallman*

Reporters from four groups

Reflections: *Bishop Forrest Stith*

6:00            Dinner

7:30            Film “A Force More Powerful” featuring Desegregation in  
Nashville, Tennessee; Mahatma Gandhi’s Salt March

Introduction: *Rev. Carlee L. Hallman*, Bethesda, Maryland

Discussant: Arun Gandhi

**Saturday, September 30**

8:00 a.m.      Gathering with coffee, tea and donuts

9:00            Worship

Preacher: *Rev. Schuyler Rhodes*

Reader:

10:00          Quadrilateral Groups

**Scripture: Biblical Perspectives**

Discussion leader: *Rev. Brenda Vaca*, Temple UMC, San Francisco

“Preaching and Teaching the Gospel of Peace”

**Tradition: Christian History**

Discussion leader: *Prof. Diane L. Lobody*, Methodist. Theological School in Ohio

Presenters: “EUB and Methodist Positions on War and Peace”

*Prof. J. Steven O’Malley*, Asbury Theological Seminary

*Prof. Barry Penn Hollar*, Shenandoah University

**Reason: Theological Perspectives**

Discussion leader: *Bishop C. Dale White*

Presenters: “Perspectives of Theologies of Liberation”

*Kevin Burke, SJ*, Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley

*Rev. Dr. Karen Oliveto*, Pacific School of Religion

*Prof. Douglas Powe*, Saint Paul School of Theology

**Experience: Nonviolent Action**

Discussion leader: *Richard Deats*, Fellowship of Reconciliation

Presenters: “Global Perspective”

Middle East: *Mubarak Awad*, Nonviolence International

South Africa: *Kelvin Sauls*, UM General Board of Discipleship

Philippines. *Rev. Elizabeth Tapia*

Noon            Box lunch.

1:00            Plenary: Reports from Quadrilateral Groups

Presiding: *Howard W. Hallman*

Presentation by reporters

Reflections: *Bishop Forrest Stith*

3:00            Plenary continued

Discussion of “Peace Possibilities in Israel/Palestine”

Speaker: *Mubarak Awad*, Nonviolence International

**DISCIPLESHIP FOR TRANSFORMING THE WORLD**

“Connecting with United Methodist Church”

*Bishop Roy Sano*, Council of Bishops

4:30            Time for networking and informal conversation

6:00            Dinner

7:30            Concert    Emmit Powell and the Gospel Elites

**Sunday, October 1**

9:00            Closing Plenary: consolidated report from plenary sessions

Presiding: *Howard W. Hallman*

Reporter: *Richard Deats*, former editor, Fellowship magazine

Reflections: *Bishop Forrest Stith*

Closing remarks: *Rev. Schuyler Rhodes*

11:00            Worship with Communion

Worship leader: *Rev. Schuyler Rhodes*

Preacher: *Bishop Roy Sano*

Lay Readers: *Chudy Nnebe. Mae Fajrdo*

Communion Celebrants: *Bishop Sano, Bishop Forrest Stith*

*Bishop C. Dale White, Rev. Brenda Vaca*

12:30            Luncheon