

Dear Friends,

The North Alabama Conference Advocacy for Social Justice team is sponsoring an event scheduled on April 25, at Canterbury UMC, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.



Empowering the Church to Work for Justice

Register online! By clicking the ORANGE BUTTON to the right.

This is an Advocacy for Social Justice Event sponsored by the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church

Featuring Workshops with Experts on Social Justice Issues

Providing the Tools Local Churches Need for Direct Involvement

- From Barriers to Bridges: Advocacy for the Disabled
- Alabama Arise: Legislative Advocacy for the Poor
- Restorative Justice: Advocacy for Persons in the Criminal Justice System
 - Church & Society: Justice Work in the Local Church
 - Social Principles: Social Theology for the Local Church

Featured Speakers

Jim Winkler, General Secretary of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, works to link justice and mercy within the UMC, to connect the board with local churches and annual conferences worldwide, and to make United Methodism the premier denominational advocacy agency on Capitol Hill.

Rev. Neal Christie, Assistant General Secretary of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society for Education and Leadership Formation, works in close collaboration with advocacy and United Nations members. He has authored numerous prayers, articles and book contributions, including *Justice in Everyday Life: A Study of the Social Principles*.

Bryan Stevenson is Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery and a professor of law at the New York University School of Law. His representation of the poor and death row inmates in the deep south has won him national recognition in his field.

Ginny Thornburgh is Director of Interfaith Initiative for AAPD, which supports persons with disabilities and their families as they seek spiritual and religious access. She is co-author of *From Barriers to Bridges* and editor of *Loving Justice: The ADA and the Religious Community*.

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This event is hosted by the:

Canterbury, Birmingham church

Start Date: 4/25/2009
End Date: 4/25/2009
Start Time: 9:00 a.m.
End Time: 4:00 p.m.

Registration or Info File (FOR PRINTING): [click here](#)

Location: Canterbury UMC

Coordinator: Paulette West

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Kimble Forrister is the state coordinator for Alabama Arise, a coalition of 150 congregations and organizations which promotes fairer public policy on issues affecting lower-income Alabamians, such as transportation, the death penalty, health care, unfair lending practices, constitutional reform and education.

Rev. James Fields is pastor of St. James UMC in Irondale and a member of the Alabama House of Representatives, representing Cullman County District 12. Rev. Fields was formerly a fraud investigator with the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.



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1. **JOHN ALEXANDER** wrote on 3/21/2009 5:52:32 PM

Living Faith Seeking Justice - Empowering the Church to Work for Justice looks like a must for those who want to learn about and participate in UMC justice mission ministries.

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Blessings this holy week,

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