

A FOLLOW-UP REMINDER

Last month we alerted you to a 4-day event scheduled for Lake Junaluska, North Carolina over the Labor Day Weekend, September 2-5, 2005. The Reconciling Ministries Network will be hosting their 8th National Reconciling Convocation, “Hearts on Fire.”

Reconciling Ministries is the main pro-homosexuality lobby group within our denomination seeking to overturn the United Methodist Church’s teachings on marriage and sexual ethics. According to the Reconciling website’s description of “Hearts on Fire,” it will convene “United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities that are called in faith to celebrate, ignite and empower the inclusive church of Jesus Christ.”

The “Hearts on Fire” brochure declares that this event will include “a rainbow community of faithful lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual disciples committed to justice!”

Reconciling hopes to attract 400 United Methodists to the convocation. Speakers will include 7 bishops: Susan Morrison, Melvin Talbert, Joseph Sprague, Sally Dyck, John Schol, Minerva Carcano and Bishop Richard Wilke.

If you are concerned about Reconciling Ministries’ use of the Lake Junaluska Assembly facility for the promotion of a program that is incompatible with the current standard on homosexual practice within *The Book of Discipline* and with its assessment that “homosexual practice is incompatible with Christian teaching,” be sure to write your letter, or make your call soon.

You may write to the Executive Director of Lake Junaluska, Jimmy Carr, at the SEJAC Office, P.O. Box 67, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745, or e-mail him at jlcarr@sejumc.org. The telephone number is: 888/525-3586.

Be sure to copy your district superintendent and your bishop.