



## Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

August 30, 2010

Greetings from the new Upper New York Annual Conference!

Bishop Marcus Matthews and the Conference Board of Pension & Health Benefits of the Upper New York Annual Conference invite you to attend the Association of United Methodist Church Pension & Benefits Officers meeting in Rochester, New York, from **October 27 through 29, 2010**.

The event will take place at the Rochester Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, located at 70 State Street in downtown Rochester NY. The hotel has extended a group rate of \$85 per night. The registration fee is \$150 which includes the fellowship event and other expenses of this meeting. (*Registration for this event is now closed.*)

Our fellowship event will be a dinner at the Strong National Museum of Play. Buses will take us the short distance between the Plaza Hotel and the Museum at 6:00 p.m., returning to the hotel at approximately 8:30 p.m. Exhibits available to our group at the Museum include the Caterpillar Atrium, Reading Adventure Land, Super Heroes and the National Toy Hall of Fame, where you will likely find some of your favorite toys from years ago. Find out more at [www.museumofplay.org](http://www.museumofplay.org)

As well, there are many restaurants and activities within walking distance of the Plaza Hotel. A short drive or cab ride away are the theater and museum districts featuring the George Eastman House (founder of Kodak), the Strassenburgh Planetarium, and several small theaters with live entertainment. If you are staying longer, within a 90 minute drive is Niagara Falls, the Finger Lakes wine trails, and the "Grand Canyon of the East"... Letchworth State Park. A little farther are other treasures such as the Adirondack Mountains, Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame, and the St. Lawrence River/Thousand Islands region.

If you are flying into the Greater Rochester International Airport, go to the baggage claim area and use the courtesy phones – **dial 22** to request a free shuttle to the hotel.

I'm looking forward to our time together in Upper New York!

Vicki L. Putney  
Benefits Officer