

# EVANGELICAL RENEWAL CONFERENCE FOR NEW ENGLAND UNITED METHODISTS

March 26 & 27, 2004

Sponsored by The Evangelical Renewal Fellowship

*The Executive Court Inn, Manchester, New Hampshire*

*Feature theme and speaker: Can We Trust The Bible?, Dr. Ben Witherington, III*

## **Purpose**

The Purpose of the Evangelical Renewal Conference is to provide fellowship, encouragement and vision for evangelical United Methodists in New England.

## **Friday Evening Program: 7 to 9pm**

Friday evening is the board meeting for ERF. All members of ERF are members of the board. Anyone may attend the board meeting, but only members may vote. The board meeting will consist of worship and prayer, hearing reports of ERF leaders, consideration of possible Annual Conference legislation and goal setting for the future.

## **Saturday Program: 8am to 3pm**

Registration begins (7:30 a.m.), breakfast and conversation with Bishop Susan Hassinger (8 a.m.), worship with Brian Souza (9:15 a.m.), plenary session with Dr. Ben Witherington (11 a.m.), fellowship lunch (12 noon), plenary session continued with Dr. Witherington (1 p.m.), ERF task groups meet (3 p.m.), depart (3:30 p.m.).

## **Our Topic and Speaker**

As debate rages in our church over topics like homosexuality and abortion it soon becomes apparent that they are not the real issues at all. Underlining these important issues is a greater issue and that is our trust in the Bible. The Bible is the primary basis for our response to many issues, as the United Methodist Discipline informs us. The level of trust we have in the Bible, however, leads to very different conclusions. **Dr. Ben Witherington, III** will guide us through this important topic of trust. Dr. Witherington is a United Methodist serving as a professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary and a prolific writer and speaker. He is a graduate of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

## **Accommodations**

The conference will take place at the Best Western Executive Court Inn and Conference Center in Manchester, New Hampshire. They are located at 13500 South Willow Street which is three miles west on Route 28 off exit 5 on Interstate 93. If you would like to stay there overnight on Friday, they are offering a special rate of \$89 per room if you tell them you are a part of the renewal conference. They may be reached at 1-877-627-2525.

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## **Registration and Fees (Prices are per person)**

Conference Registration:	Friday Evening	\$ 5.00
	Saturday	\$25.00
	Breakfast with the Bishop	\$10.00
	Fellowship Lunch	\$15.00