

## ACCOMMODATIONS

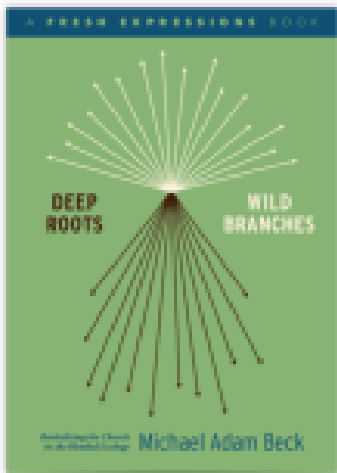
Please call and make your hotel reservations. We have blocks reserved at these hotels.

### ***Equus Inn***

3434 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL, 34475  
\$85 Double Queen or King Room  
Refrigerator and microwave  
Breakfast buffet, Free parking  
Booking Code NFAMLP

### ***Fairfield Inn & Suites Ocala***

King - \$94\* two queens - \$99\*  
Includes: hot breakfast & parking



## SCHEDULE:

### REGISTRATION

Tuesday, September 15 12 noon-2 pm

### PRE-CONFERENCE

Tuesday, September 15 2 pm-5 pm  
Those registered will gather for further discussion and preparation of GC2028 legislation.

### OPENING SESSION & DINNER

Tuesday, September 15 5:30pm Fresh Expressions - Dinner Church

### “STRUCTURED” FREE TIME

Gather for a time of casual conversation & fellowship.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Morning devotions 9am  
Appointment of nominations and audit committees.

First reading of bylaws (if needed)

### BREAK

First session: 10 am-12 noon

Lunch 12:15 pm-1:15 pm  
with guided discussion

Afternoon session: 1:30 pm-5 pm  
Fresh Expressions Dinner Church and discussion

Second reading of bylaws (if needed)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Morning devotions 9 am

Report of audit committee and

nominations

Closing session: 10am-12noon

Closing worship, installation of officers

Lunch 12:30

The Executive Committee with incoming and outgoing officers meet during lunch.

### REGISTRATION INFO:

\$200 per clergy

\$200 per spouse

(attending sessions and earn CEU)

\$100 per non-participating spouses or individual

Includes Lunch Tuesday-Thursday

Dinner Tuesday-Wednesday

## LOCATION OF GATHERING

St Mark's UMC  
1839 NE 8th Rd,  
Ocala, Florida

Pastor. Professor.  
Coach. Consultant.  
Author. Michael Beck  
Michael is currently  
the Director of the  
Fresh Expressions  
House of Studies at  
United Theological  
Seminary.



Director of Fresh Expressions Florida,  
and Director of Fresh Expressions for  
The United Methodist Church.  
He serves as the co-pastor of Wildwood  
UMC, St Marks UMC, and Compassion  
UMC with his wife, Jill, where they  
direct addiction recovery programs,  
a jail ministry, a food pantry, an  
interracial unity movement, and house  
a faith-based inpatient treatment center.  
Wildwood and St Marks are traditional  
congregations AND a network of  
thirteen fresh expressions that gather  
in tattoo parlors, dog parks, salons,  
running tracks, community centers,  
burrito joints, and digital spaces.  
Michael guides leaders in an individual,  
regional, statewide, and national  
capacity. He also teaches as an adjunct  
professor at several educational  
institutions. He coaches entrepreneurs  
across the theological spectrum and has

consulted with hundreds of churches,  
districts, denominations, networks, and  
dioceses. As an active ministry  
practitioner, he has started and  
developed businesses and planted  
missional communities most of his life.  
Michael has done this for over a decade  
while pastoring in the local church.  
His coaching and consulting work  
are not theoretical only, but experiential.  
He believes in maintaining a  
practitioner's ethos: "I eat my own  
cooking and share experimental recipes."

### ***Deep Roots, Wild Branches***

Rather than competing for resources or  
identity, rooted traditions and wild  
missional communities nourish one  
another. We will explore how  
established congregations and Fresh  
Expressions can grow side-by-side in a  
multi-faceted ecology of church. These  
presentations will help local pastors  
recognize the unique gifts of established  
congregations—stability, depth,  
wisdom—while also embracing the  
Spirit-led creativity of Fresh Expressions  
that emerge in everyday spaces.  
Participants will learn how to cultivate  
eco systems where both forms of church  
share one mission, cross-pollinate, and  
bear fruit for their neighborhoods.



2026 Annual Gathering  
of the National Fellowship  
of Associate Members  
and Local Pastors  
September 15-17, 2026  
St Mark's UMC  
1839 NE 8th Rd,  
Ocala, Florida  
**Rev. Dr. Michael Beck**  
of Fresh Expressions