NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE NUMBER program) and mail to Please include conference fee wih registration form (Individual - \$35 or Family - \$50, *which includes admission to the Heritage Center during the Conference, no charge for Thursday evening* **REGISTRATION FORM** Coalition for Appalachian Ministry 1329 Wears Valley Road • Townsend, TN 37882-3427 Т **50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** EMAIL:



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50th Anniversary Celebration



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Schedule of Activities held at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center 123 Cromwell Drive • Townsend, TN 37882-0268 www.gsmheritagecenter.org • (865-448-0044)

Thursday, September 18, 2014

2:00 pm - Conference opens • Welcoming Worship – Edwin Lacy, Wild Goose Uprising

- 2:45 pm Panel of Denominational Appalachian Ministry Network Representatives
- 4:30pm Group Dinner at Carriage House Restaurant (Dutch-treat)
- 6:30 pm Music
- 7:00 pm Keynote Speaker Mark Banker Part 1
- 8:00 pm 50th Anniversary Reception

Friday, September 19, 2014

9:00 am - Worship

- 9:15 am Keynote Speaker Mark Banker Part 2
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Response Panel Current & Future Ministries in Appalachia
- 11:45 am Closing

Conference includes various displays and networking opportunities.

For additional Anniversary Information or to register online, visit: www.appalachianministries.org (see 50th Anniversary tab)

Speaker Notes

Dr. Mark Banker will be the Keynote Speaker. Dr. Banker is the author of "Appalachians All". Dr. Banker was born and raised near Kingston, TN. He is a graduate of Warren Wilson College [B.A.-1973, The University of Virginia [M.A.T.] and the University of New Mexico [Ph.D. – 1987]. Since returning to the family farm near Kingston, TN., he has taught history at the Webb School in Knoxville, TN. He has particular interest in Southwest Appalachia. He has written two Volumes on the history of Warren Wilson College. He wrote the centerpiece article for the summer, 2003 Journal of Presbyterian History special issue on "Missionaries. Multiculturalism and Mainstream Protestantism". He is working with others on a book of essays on the contribution of mission workers in Appalachian ministry.

Rev. Edwin Lacy is a musicianturned pastor who graduated from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in 2000. He had a dream of creating a new experimental worshipping community that would offer bluegrass music expressions of Appalachian culture and a home to the nonchurched in the community. A small brick church that was about to be closed became the location for this new ministry. Pews have been replaced with rockers, organs with banjos, and goblets with Mason jars. Additionally, Wild Goose has moved away from traditional, preacherbased worship into incorporating the congregated group; discussions occur instead of sermons. Through these means, Wild Goose creates a vivid and extremely unique Appalachian experience for participants in the Uprisings. Wild Goose is located in Floyd County, VA., and is a ministry of Abingdon Presbytery (PCUSA)