



The Sunday before we gather for Annual Conference is the Day of Pentecost. Following local church Pentecost celebrations and parties, we will join together in Buckhannon to celebrate the 2400 newly received disciples. As the newly birthed church did, we will offer ourselves to the teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.

*So those who welcomed Peter’s message were baptized . . . they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would see their possessions and goods, and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2: 41-47)*

Each year of this quadrennium, we will give attention to how we make that breath of fresh air known. The yearly themes of:

### **Hopeful, Innovative, Invitational & Generative**

will help us give focus to that responsibility and gift we share of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

As **Hopeful** disciples we will:

Gather at the Table of our Lord remembering and celebrating the way we come together as a community to share with one another in flood recovery.

- Celebrate the Spirit’s work with us as we acknowledge the 2400 newly received disciples and hear the stories of their journey.
- Continue our conversation in Circles of Grace.
- Welcome a new president to West Virginia Wesleyan.
- Hear the story of Living Hope High School.
- Celebrate a time of worship in the African-American Tradition.
- Vote on Constitutional Amendments.
- Celebrate Commissioning and Ordination of Trinity Sunday.
- and much, much more!

We look forward to seeing you at West Virginia Annual Conference 2017