

# *Connected in Christ*

*Come to the Table*



**June 6 through 8, 2023**  
**Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center**

**184th Session**

**Bishop Dan Schwerin - Presiding**



**Northern Illinois Conference**  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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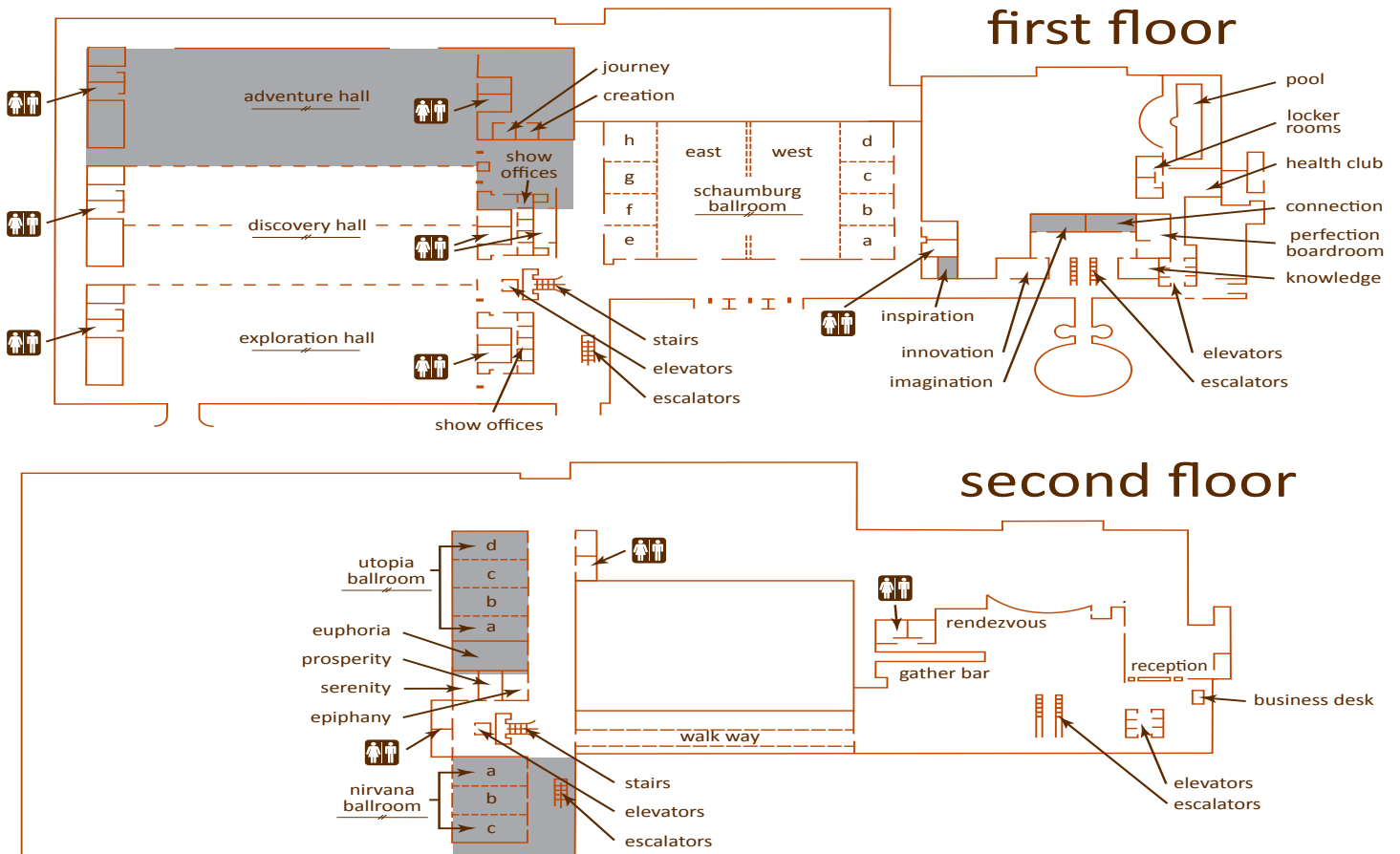
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## Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Map



# A Message from the Bishop

Dear Partners in Ministry:

Let me begin with gratitude. Thank you for your faithfulness in your home congregations and for your commitment to the holy conferencing of the United Methodist connection as we engage in our 184th annual conference session and its sacred invitation: "Come to the Table."

This year, as we gather, we remember that we are "Connected in Christ." That connection is witnessed in both the sacraments of Baptism and Communion. As we gather, we are drawn to the sacrament of Holy Communion, immersing ourselves in the love that God shed upon the earth through the gift of Christ's death and resurrection.

The United Methodist Church has been a connection of resilience in times of challenge. This year we are slowly and cautiously emerging from the global pandemic. This year we are wandering through the pain and sadness of losing siblings in Christ to disaffiliation. This year we continue to count the points of celebration in our conference as we make disciples through baptism, church development, missions and in set-apart ministries of deaconess, ordination, and missionary service.

These milestones are a tribute to your resilience and grace. It is with your commitment that we acknowledge that we are "Connected in Christ." This connection goes far beyond apportionments and appointments and the structures of a denomination. It is at the heart of our faith and our discipleship as we build our faith and our work on the witness of Jesus.

Throughout this annual conference we will revisit images of the Lord's Supper, the Feeding of the 5000 and the words of Psalm 23. We remember the promise of God and the words we utter in our community prayer, "Give us this day OUR daily bread." These moments in the Hebrew Scriptures and in Jesus's ministry feed us as we are called to feed others on the love and grace of our Lord and Savior. These are powerful images as we come to the table of God's grace and share the power of fellowship through our holy conferencing. Kindness is the bread we bring to conferencing.

Please be in prayer as you prepare for this gathering. This will be my first opportunity to preside at an annual conference as Bishop and my first annual conference with the people of Northern Illinois. Let us pray for one another that God might sustain us for the work of witness within and beyond this place.

May the grace of Christ be in our steps,



## Annual Conference Strategic Goals



### GOAL #1

To grow and reach new disciples of Jesus Christ

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19: ESV)



### GOAL #2

To live out the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching

[Jesus said] "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself". (Matthew 22:36-39: ESV)



### GOAL #3

To increase the number of highly vital congregations

All of you together are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of that body. (1 Corinthians 12:27: ICB)

# Agenda

## Tuesday, June 6

7:00 am	<b>Mission Truck Opens</b> .....	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot		
8:00 am	<b>Doors Open and Credentials Available</b> .....	Adventure Hall Foyer		
8:30 am	<b>Late Legislation Deadline to Chair of Daily Procedures with 75 Copies</b>			
9:00 am	<b>Laity Session</b> .....	Nirvana Ballroom		
	<b>Ordination Service Rehearsal</b> .....	Adventure Hall		
10:00 am	<b>Display Tables Open</b> .....	Nirvana Threshold		
10:30 am	<b>Opening and Plenary 1</b> .....	Adventure Hall		
	- BBC (Monitoring) Introduction	- Daily Procedures Motions		
	- Disaffiliation Presentation and Vote	- Historic Reports		
	- Organizing Motions			
Noon	<b>Lunch Break</b>			
	- Extension Ministry Lunch .....	Utopia A		
2:00 pm	<b>Plenary 2</b> .....	Adventure Hall		
	- Bible Study	- Introduction to Sections		
	- Ordination Class Introduction/Historic Questions			
3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>			
3:15 pm	<b>Legislative Sections</b> .....	Utopia A, B, C, & D, Nirvana A, B & C		
	- Section 1 - Nirvana A	- Section 2 - Nirvana B	- Section 3 - Nirvana C	- Section 4 - Utopia A
	- Section 5 - Utopia B	- Section 6 - Utopia C	- Section 7 - Utopia D	
4:00 pm	<b>Mission Truck Closes</b> .....	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot		
5:00 pm	<b>Dinner Break</b>			
6:15 pm	<b>Clergy Robing and Line Up for Service</b> .....	Euphoria		
7:00 pm	<b>Celebration of Minstry</b> .....	Adventure Hall		
	- Post Ordination Reception .....	Nirvana A		
7:30 pm	<b>Display Tables Close</b> .....	Nirvana Threshold & Adventure Hall Foyer		

## Wednesday, June 7

7:00 am	<b>Health Screening</b> .....	First Aid Office/Adventure Foyer
	<b>Mission Truck Opens</b> .....	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot
	<b>Cross-Cultural/Cross-Racial Breakfast</b> .....	Nirvana Ballroom
7:30 am	<b>Display Tables Open</b> .....	Nirvana Threshold
8:30 am	<b>Plenary 3</b> .....	Adventure Hall
	- Episcopal Address	- Introduction of Consent Calendar
	- Presentations	
10:00 am	<b>Break</b>	
10:30 am	<b>Retirement Service</b> .....	Adventure Hall
	- Deadline for petitions to be removed from Consent Calendar	
Noon	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
	- Retirement Lunch.....	Utopia A & B
Noon	<b>Mission Truck Leaves</b> .....	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot
2:00 pm	<b>Plenary 4</b> .....	Adventure Hall
	- CCFA Presentation	- Presentations
	- UM Foundation Annual Meeting	- Vote on Consent Calendar
3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	

# Agenda

## Wednesday, June 7 (continued)

3:30 pm	<b>Plenary 5</b> ..... Adventure Hall - Bible Study                      - Bishop's Appeal Offering - Presentations
5:00 pm	<b>Dinner Break</b> <b>Foundation Open Reception</b> to Celebrate Carolyn Cook's Retirement ..... Utopia C& D
7:00 pm	<b>Plenary 6</b> ..... Adventure Hall - Annual Conference Shepherding Team Table Talk - Korean Peace Reflections and Prayer      - Laity Address - Legislation                                      - Presentations
7:30 pm	<b>Display Tables Close</b> ..... Nirvana Threshold

## Thursday, June 8

7:00 am	<b>Health Screening</b> ..... First Aid Office/Adventure Foyer
7:30 am	<b>Display Tables Open</b> ..... Nirvana Threshold
8:30am	<b>Plenary 7</b> ..... Adventure Hall - Award Recognition                      - Board of Pensions Presentation - Cabinet Report                              - Legislation & Nominations - Missions Collection Report      - One Matters Awards
10:00 am	<b>Break</b>
10:00 am	<b>Family Reception for Memorial Service</b> ..... Utopia A
10:30 am	<b>Memorial Service</b> ..... Adventure Hall
Noon	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:00 pm	<b>Display Tables Close</b> ..... Nirvana Threshold
2:00 pm	<b>Plenary 8</b> ..... Adventure Hall - BBC (Monitoring) Report      - Courtesies and Privilege - Legislation                                      - Presentations

### Voting Rights for Clergy and Lay Members at the 2023 Annual Conference

#### Clergy WHO ARE eligible to vote:

- Clergy members in full connection
- Provisional clergy members
- Associate clergy members
- Full-time and part-time local pastors

#### Clergy WHO ARE NOT eligible to vote:

- Clergy from other conferences or denominations
- Clergy on Honorable Location or Administrative Leave
- Clergy on Involuntary Leave of Absence

#### Clergy WHO HAVE VOICE BUT NO VOTE:

- Affiliate Members
- Ordained and provisional clergy from other annual conferences
- Ordained clergy from other Methodist denominations

#### Voting Rights for Lay Members (¶ 602.6)

Laity ARE eligible to vote for:  
 All business of the 2023 annual conference.



## Labyrinth

The point of a maze is to find its center.  
 The point of a labyrinth is to find your center.

*Thank you to Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary for the use of their Labyrinth.*

**We invite you to find your center, to deepen your awareness of God's presence, by walking the labyrinth in the Connection/Imagination room, or by tracing the labyrinths provided on your table.**



## Who We Are

### OUR MISSION (Why)

"The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God." (Par. 601)

### OUR VISION (Where)

"Making and supporting vital Christians in vital congregations that engage with their communities and the world for peace, justice and mercy."

### OUR PRIORITIES (What)

1. Equip both Leaders and Churches:
  - With strategies to reach new members.
  - To help members grow as disciples.
  - To be more effective in community outreach.
2. Resource struggling churches.
3. Rethink how to be vital churches.
4. Cultivate trust within the conference.

### OUR VALUES (How)

- Focus on mission
- Evaluation, accountability and support for growth
- Experimentation and risk-taking (with room for failure) for the purpose of learning
- Transparency honesty and graciousness with each other
- Safe spaces for sharing
- Building relationships
- Providing resources/services closer to the local church
- Fostering and celebrating diversity (as a conference, in our community & in the world)

Based on Landscape Survey and Annual Conference Presentation June, 2016

## Annual Conference Leadership

**Bishop Dan Schwerin** is serving as the resident bishop in the Northern Illinois Conference for 2023. Bishop Schwerin was elected to the episcopacy at the North Central Jurisdiction gathering in November 2022.

Bishop Schwerin (he, him, his) is husband to his wife, Julie, and a father, grandfather, and poet. Jesus is the gold in his life. He is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology and did post-graduate Bowen family systems theory work there. He has enjoyed many contexts for pastoral ministry, including urban and rural churches, a new-church plant, and superintendent of two districts. He also pastored a multi-staff downtown church, which became a Reconciling Congregation and launched a beloved community of nonprofits that benefitted children dealing with poverty, people who wanted to battle generational poverty, and offered music lessons for children.

After the General Conference of 2019, Bishop Schwerin was asked by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to lead a collaborative effort with conference partners to increase racial justice and radical inclusion. He then served as Assistant to the Bishop in the Wisconsin Conference. He has also served on the General Conference Task Force on Funding Patterns in the UMC.

Dan and Julie love evening walks and labyrinths. His poetry comes from life on a farm or making his rounds across thirty-plus years as a pastor in Wisconsin. His debut haiku collection, *Ors*, from Red Moon Press, won the Haiku Foundation's Touchstone Award in 2015.

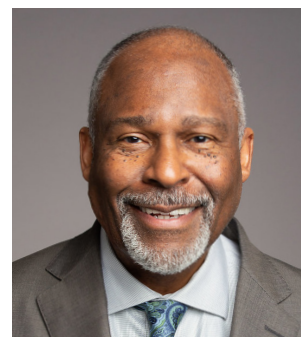


**Ecumenical Guest, Rev. Molly Carlson**, has served as the Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ since August 2020. Prior to serving in this role, Rev. Carlson served in local, regional and national settings of the church. Her ministry has taken her to Indiana, Kentucky, Oregon, California, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Washington and Tennessee. She currently lives in Dekalb, IL, with her husband, Michael, their two young adult children and several pets.

**Memorial Service Preacher, Rev. Dr. Myron F. McCoy**, serves as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple. He previously served as president of the Saint Paul School of Theology, and pastor at the St. Mark and South Shore United Methodist Churches in Chicago. He has also served as a District Superintendent in the Northern Illinois Conference.

Beyond the local church Dr. McCoy serves as a Trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University, chair of the Board of Directors of the Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries and serves on the Board of Directors for Kids Above All and Illinois Churches in Action. In previous years Dr. McCoy served in NIC as co-chair of the Shepherding Team and chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Dr. McCoy has also served as Chair of the United Methodist University Senate, the NCJ Committee of the Episcopacy, and Board of the UM Publishing House. He has been on the UM National Shalom Committee, Co-Chair of the Task Force to Study the Episcopacy of the UMC 2004-2008, and a trustee of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Baker University, and the Association of Theological Schools.

Dr. McCoy holds a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University, an M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and a DMin. from United Theological Seminary. Dr. McCoy is also a recipient of honorary doctorates from both Baker University and United Theological Seminary. Dr. McCoy is married to Karen (Fulgham), and they are the parents of three adult sons: Justin, Armand, and Marlen, and grandparents to Miles and Karli.



## Annual Conference Leadership (continued)



**Bible Study Leader, Dr. Rolf Nolasco**, is the Rueben P. Job Professor of spiritual formation and pastoral theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and director of the Rueben P. Job Institute for Spiritual Formation.

Dr. Nolasco is an experienced professor, trained in pastoral and counseling psychology, mindfulness and contemplative spirituality, and affective neuroscience. Nolasco is also a psychotherapist, published author, and has vast experience in cross-cultural communications from living and working across the world within varying social and cultural backgrounds. In addition to *Hearts Ablaze: Parables for the Queer Soul*, he is the author of *God's Beloved Queer*, *The Contemplative Counselor: A Way of Being*, and *Compassionate Presence: A Radical Response to Human Suffering*.

**Worship Leader, Rev. Dr. Addison Shields, Jr.**, is an ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church and retired July 1, 2014, after serving the denomination for 34 years. He pastored six congregations in the Northern Illinois Conference before his retirement. Dr. Shields also served as the District Superintendent for the former Rockford and Chicago Southern Districts. He is currently serving as senior pastor for Transformation Community United Methodist Church in Harvey, Ill. Dr. Shield's musical ministry started at a young age. He was the organist for many churches across the Chicago Metropolitan area. He studied voice under the late Thelma Wade Brown at American Conservatory of Music at Roosevelt University. While singing with the Kennedy-King College Community Choir, he was part of the guest chorale performing with the Ohio Philharmonics, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and performances at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Dr. Shields sings baritone as a member of the South Holland Master Chorale in South Holland, Ill.



**Musician, Wanda J. Bishop, aka Joy**, is an accomplished educator, worship leader, keyboardist, songwriter, and vocalist, affectionately called "the little energetic lady with an infectious smile!" At present, Wanda is employed at Our Lady of Africa Catholic Parish and as music director for Maple Park United Methodist Church. She is adept at a broad range of musical styles and genres and has formerly served as Minister of Music in many Chicago churches. Wanda was Director of Youth Ministry at Beth Eden Baptist for ten years. Wanda is a member of the Chicago Music Association and sings with the Chicago Community Choir. She was a former Chicago Public School substitute Music teacher at Grant Elementary and Longwood Academy Charter Schools.

She is an established local and international artist. She is a published songwriter and has recorded with Jazz Flutist Nicole Mitchell on the Afrika Rising CD. Wanda completed two international tours to perform as Assistant Music Director for The Harlem Gospel Singers in 2018 and returned in 2019 as Pianist for Rev. Calvin Bridges Ministries. Wanda's musical gifts opened doors for her to minister and perform in ten international countries to date. In the Chicago Theater community, she's been contracted as Composer, Music Director, Instructor, and Pianist.



**Annual Conference Committee Chair, Deborah Dangerfield**, has been an active member of Maple Park UMC in Chicago since 1963. In the NIC, she

serves or has served on the Nominations Committee, Board of Pensions, ACST, BMCR, and the Inter-Ethnic Strategic Development Group. She has also served as a jurisdiction delegate. Deborah has a master's degree in both business and health care.



**Annual Conference Committee Vice Chair/Daily Proceedings Chair, P. Joanne Ray** is a member

of Grace United Methodist Church in Joliet and is a leader in their music and audiovisual teams. She is a founder and principal of Consultants in Association Philanthropy (CAP). Joanne is a graduate of Valparaiso University.



**Conference Secretary, Randy Hayes**, is a former local pastor, active member at Faith United Methodist in Polo, and former

Conference Co-Chair of the Bishop's Initiative on Children & Poverty. Randy spent his professional career in Behavioral Health as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Certified Addiction and Drug Counselor.



# The Annual Conference Cabinet



**Bishop Dan Schwerin**



**Rev. Arlene Christopherson  
Asst. to the Bishop/Director  
of Connectional Ministries**



**Rev. J. Martin Lee, Director  
Congregational Development  
and Redevelopment**



**Rev. Jeffrey Bross  
Prairie Central  
District Superintendent**



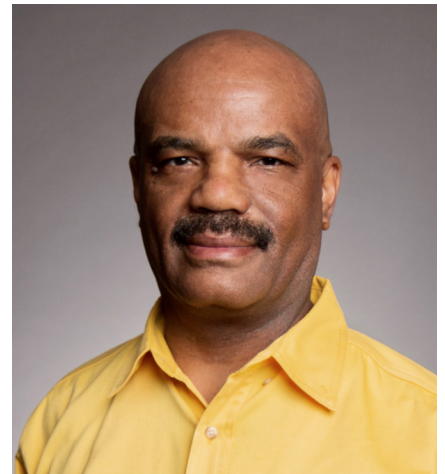
**Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer  
Prairie North  
District Superintendent**



**Rev. Brian Gilbert  
Prairie South  
District Superintendent**



**Rev. Brittany Isaac  
Lake North  
District Superintendent**



**Rev. Jacques Conway  
Lake South  
District Superintendent**

# **Celebration of Ministry**

## **Including A Service of Commissioning and Ordination**

### **Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 7:00pm**

You are welcome to stand at the times in the service when individuals are recognized, commissioned and ordained. As we stand where we are in silent, prayerful support, we embody the Church in affirming the work of the Holy Spirit in these persons.

In keeping with the significance of the occasion, please refrain from the use of photography or videography, especially at the times of commissioning and ordination.

Please do not approach the worship platform with phones, cameras or video recorders.  
Photos will be available online at the UMCNIC Flickr page [www.flickr.com/photos/umcnicac](http://www.flickr.com/photos/umcnicac) to download for free.

Following the service, all are invited to greet those recognized in the Nirvana Room A .

#### **Prelude Music**

*Sheep May Safely Graze* by Johann S. Bach

Wanda J. Bishop

#### **Processional**

*O For A Thousand Tongues* by Charles Wesley

No. 57 UMH

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my  
great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread thro' all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.

5. To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

*We Are Called* by David Haas

No. 2172 TFWS

1. Come, live in the light  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord  
We are called to be light for the kingdom  
To live in the freedom of the city of God

2. Come, open your heart  
Show your mercy to all those in fear  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness will be no more

#### **Refrain**

Refrain: We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God

3. Sing, sing a new song  
Sing of that great day when all will be one  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love (united in love)

#### **Refrain x2**

# Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Welcome

Bishop Dan Schwerin

## Greeting and Prayer

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you!**

Bishop: We come together to praise God, to hear the Holy Word, and to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts. Give your grace to all servants of your church, that we may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill our various ministries. Grant that we your people may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

## Introduction of Ecumenical Officer and Guests

Rev. Arlene W. Christopherson, Assistant to the Bishop/Director of Connectional Ministries

Rev. Molly Carlson, Conference Minister Illinois Conference United Church of Christ

Roland Fernandez, General Secretary General Board of Global Ministries

## Recognition of Our Common Ministry

Bishop: Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God. Through baptism, all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers, the church, Christ's body, made visible in the world. We all share in Christ's ministry of love and service for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.

As the Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, and spoke to Jesus at the River Jordan, so now may this same Spirit speak to us, renewing within us the power to express the mind and mission of Christ through our common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry,  
I call upon all God's people gathered:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**People: We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.**

## Opening Hymn

*One Bread, One Body*

No. 620 UMH

**Refrain:** One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord

1. Gentile or Jew, Servant or free  
Woman or man, No more

**Refrain**

2. Many the gifts, many the works  
One in the Lord, Of all

**Refrain**

# Celebration of Ministry (continued)

## Recognition of Set Apart Ministries

### Recognition of Consecrated Deaconess

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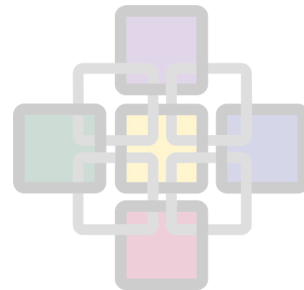
Bishop: In your consecration, you publicly declared your commitment:

- To engage in this lifelong work of love, justice and service and to assume its responsibilities led by the Spirit of God.
- To be diligent in prayer, in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, in mutual relationship with the communities you serve and in all other means of grace available to you.
- To earnestly seek to carry forward your ministry call in sincerity and in love under the direction of the Church.
- To accept responsibility for participation in the mutually supportive deaconess and home missionary covenant community and for a lifetime of loving and supporting your sisters and brothers as part of the world diaconate.

Do you now affirm these commitments publicly in the presence of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference?

Deaconess: I do

Bishop: Almighty God, Source of all mercies,  
graciously behold this your servant  
now to be commissioned as a deaconess of your Church.  
Anoint her with your Holy Spirit,  
enrich her with your heavenly grace,  
and strengthen her for the tasks which lie ahead;  
that in all her works,  
she may glorify your holy name,  
and advance your blessed work;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*The one to be commissioned will kneel. As hands are laid on her shoulders, the Bishop says:*

Joann Cultura Melad

I commission you to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into all the world,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop to congregation:

Christian friends, I commend to you this person  
whom we this day have recognized and commissioned  
to carry into all the world the sacred and imperishable message of eternal salvation.

# Celebration of Ministry (continued)

## Recognition of Local Pastors

Pastor Sharon Engert

Lino Aragon  
Xiomara Aragon-Castro  
Joshua D. Brown  
Ron DeBaun  
Nicholas Joyner  
Shalamar Molina-Perez  
Jenny Moller  
D. Josiah Montgomery  
Jacqueline Salgado  
Ivan Sarabia  
John Marc Sianghio, Jr.

Leader: Eternal God, you call each and every one of us to love you and love our neighbors.

**All: Today we celebrate those who have answered your call as Local Pastors in past year.**

Leader: Fill them with the presence, power, and hope your Spirit brings.

**All: Empower them to spread your Word connecting all into the body of Christ.**

Leader: Sanctify their lives that they may reveal your love.

**All: Use them as your means of grace as they go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give themselves for others. Amen!**

Bishop: I invite you to extend your hands in blessing toward these persons.

Let us pray:

Bless these Local Pastors who have committed their lives– their gifts and skills, time and resources to your service. They are the lifeblood of our mission, bringing Christ to the world. May they experience the joy of service as they invite and lead others in your church. Amen.

## Recognition of Transfer from other Methodist Denominations

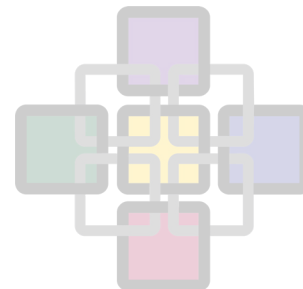
Bishop Dan Schwerin

Rev. Satya Sudhakar  
Rev. Solomon Sudhakar

Bishop: I invite you to extend your hands in blessing toward these persons.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, pour out your grace upon Satya and Solomon that they might know your spirit's presence with them as they join with their sibling in Christ as clergy members in the Northern Illinois Conference. Give them grace to love and to lead your people into deeper faith as they serve the church. Amen.



# Celebration of Ministry (continued)

## Sending Forth of a Missionary

Bishop Dan Schwerin, General Secretary Roland Fernandez

Rev. Jane Eesley

*The missionary will kneel. As hands are laid on her shoulders, the Bishop says:*

Gracious, Loving, Amazing, Extraordinary and Surprising God,  
Our hearts overflow with joy as we gather to celebrate the life of this your servant Jane.  
We rejoice with her in this important moment of her journey  
and we call your blessing upon her for what lies ahead.  
Jane has truly come through the fire,  
she has crossed many Jordans,  
and had made tough decisions as she dared to believe in you  
and answer your call to mission service as a Global Missionary of the United Methodist Church.  
As Jane faithfully responds to serving you and others,  
may the power of the Spirit be with her, fill her and strengthen her.  
As we raise our voices together in blessing:

**All: May the Holy Spirit fill you with passion for mission. Amen.**

## Welcoming of our Ministry Partners

Bishop: I present to you this Deaconess, these Local Pastors, these new members of our clergy family and this missionary of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church!

## Singing Response

*Go Ye, Go Ye into the World* by Natalie Sleeth

Sung by the musicians

## Presentation of Persons to Be Commissioned and Ordained

Eugene Williams, Lay Leader and Mark Meyers, BOOM Chair  
Mary Gay McKinny and Lynn Mikels, Elder and Deacons Registrar:

### To be commissioned for the work of an elder:

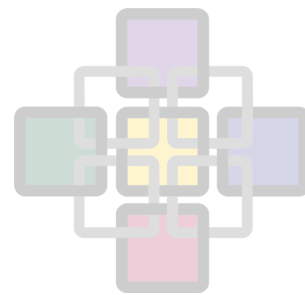
Jaeon Cho (Jake)  
Clayton Scott Edwards  
G. Morris K. Jarkloh, Jr.

### To be ordained a deacon:

William Cody Johnson

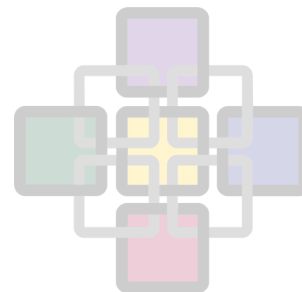
### To be ordained an elder:

Beverly Doreen Dukes  
James Fu  
Sung-Eun Kim  
Elsa Noemi Meza  
Elizabeth M. Rutherford  
Jieun Mori Siegel  
Tyler Swihart-Ward



## Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Bishop: These persons are by God's grace  
to be ordained, commissioned, or recognized for set apart ministry  
in Christ's Holy Church.  
Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them  
have discerned that they are persons  
of sound learning and of Christian character,  
possess the necessary signs of God's grace,  
and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, they believe them to be duly called to serve God.



We ask you, people of God,  
to declare your assent  
to the ordination, commissioning, reception or recognition of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,  
to be ordained or commissioned?

**People: We do! Thanks be to God!**

Bishop: Will you uphold them in their ministry?

**People: With God's help, we will.**

### The General Examination

*After the examination, the candidates for ordination are seated and commissioning sponsors robe those to be commissioned.*

### The Examination of Persons Being Commissioned

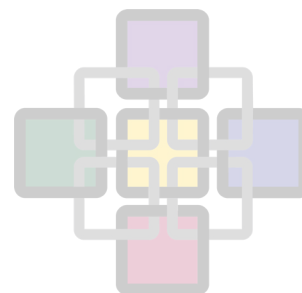
#### Special Music

*Aatma se Bharkar prabhu  
Charano Me Tere Aate He Ham*

Northern Illinois Conference Indian Chorale

### The Prayer of Commissioning with the Laying on of Hands

Bishop: God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers,  
you raise up people to be apostolic leaders in your church.  
By your Holy Spirit  
help these, your servants,  
to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.  
Deepen their sense of purpose  
as they exercise commissioned ministry.  
Empower them, and those who will walk with them to guide their ministry,  
together with all of your people,  
to heal the sick,  
love the outcast,  
resist evil,  
preach the Word,  
and give themselves freely for your name's sake.



# Celebration of Ministry (continued)

*The bishop, standing behind and laying both hands upon the shoulders of each candidate, prays:*

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon \_\_\_\_\_.  
Send him/her now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
to announce the reign of God,  
and to equip the church for ministry,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## Welcoming Those Commissioned

Bishop: I present to you these newly commissioned members of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church!

## The Word Proclaimed

### Scripture Reading

*Luke 11:1-8*

Eugene Williams

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

### Alleluia

*Lets Sing Unto the Lord* By Carlos Rosas  
Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Let's sing unto the Lord: Alleluia!

No. 862 UMH

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*Wisdom First, Courage Second*

Bishop Dan Schwerin

## Our Response

### Invitation to Offering

Sejoon Jang

*The offerings given today will support the ongoing work of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, through whose work candidates for ministry are recruited, empowered, and sent to serve on behalf of our conference locally and around the world.*

### Prayer for the Offering

Matthew Mariani

### Offertory Song

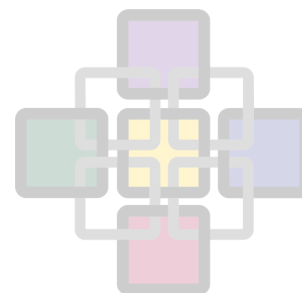
*Hallelujah Hallelujah Gayenge*

Northern Illinois Conference Indian Chorale



# Celebration of Ministry (continued)

## Examination of Deacon and Elders



Bishop: **A deacon**

is called to share in Christ's ministry of servanthood,  
to relate the life of the community to its service in the world,  
to lead others into Christian discipleship,  
to nurture disciples for witness and service,  
to lead in worship,  
to teach and proclaim God's Word,  
to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion,  
to interpret to the church the world's hurts and hopes,  
to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed,  
and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice, liberation and reconciliation,  
especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.  
This is the rule of life and work of a deacon.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a deacon?

Response: I do so believe.

Bishop: Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission,  
covenant to participate in the order of deacons?  
Will you give yourself to God through the order of deacons,  
in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service?

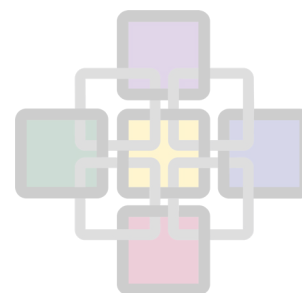
Response: I will, with the help of God, and the help of my siblings in the order of deacons.

Bishop: **An elder**

is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church:  
to preach and teach the Word of God  
and faithfully administer  
the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion;  
to lead the people of God in worship and prayer;  
to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ;  
to exercise pastoral supervision,  
to order the life of the congregation and the connection,  
to counsel the troubled,  
and declare the forgiveness of sin;  
to lead the people of God  
in obedience to Christ's mission in the world;  
to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people;  
and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church  
and in service in and to the community.  
This is the rule of life and work of an elder.

Do you believe that God has called you  
to the life and work of an elder?

Response: I do so believe.



## Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Bishop: Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the order of elders?  
Will you give yourself to God through the order of elders, in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service?

Response: I will, with the help of God, and the help of my siblings in the order of elders.

### Singing Response

*Go Ye, Go Ye into the World* by Natalie Sleeth

Sung by the musicians

### Prayer for the Ordinands

#### Laying on of Hands

*The candidate for ordination as deacon is invited to kneel before the bishop as directed.*

*Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each ordinand.*

*The bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinand, praying:*

Almighty God, pour upon (Name) the Holy Spirit,  
for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy church.

**All Respond: Amen.**

*The candidate places hands on a Bible as the bishop lays hands on the hands of the ordinand and says:*

(Name), take authority as a deacon to proclaim the Word of God  
and to lead God's people in ministries of compassion and justice;  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



**All Respond: Amen.**

### Singing Response

*Go Ye, Go Ye into the World* by Natalie Sleeth

Sung by the musicians

*Candidates for ordination as elder are invited to kneel before the bishop one at a time as directed. The bishop lays both hands on the head of each ordinand, praying:*

Almighty God, pour upon (Name) the Holy Spirit,  
for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church.

**All Respond: Amen.**

*The candidate places hands on a Bible as the bishop lays hands on the hands of the ordinand and says:*

(Name), take authority as an elder to proclaim the Word of God,  
and to lead God's people to serve the world; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Respond: Amen.**

### Singing Response

*Go Ye, Go Ye into the World* by Natalie Sleeth

Sung by the musicians

### Presentation of New Deacon and Elders to the Church

Bishop: I present to you these newly ordained deacon and elders in the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church!

# Celebration of Ministry (continued)

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Table

### Confession

**God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.**

**Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### Assurance

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's Love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ. You are forgiven!

### The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Bishop: Life up your hearts.

**People: We life them up to the Lord**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You built your church on the foundation of the prophets and apostles, And instituted a holy ministry so that your prophetic and apostolic Word might be heard until the end of time.

And so, with your people on earth  
And all the company of heaven  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Song

*The Chalice of Blessing* by M. Roger Holland III

Sung by the musicians

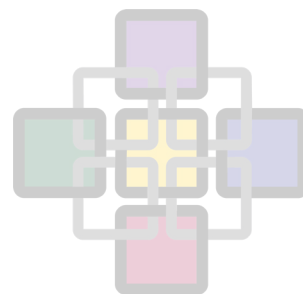
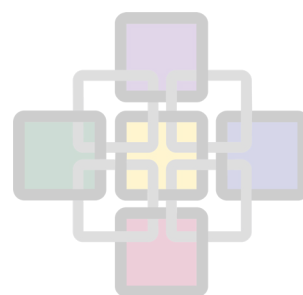
Bishop: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...  
... And so, In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
Now and forever.

### The Lords' Prayer

*(Please pray in the language or from the tradition that is most familiar to you, while the prayer is sung.)*

### Giving and Receiving of the Elements

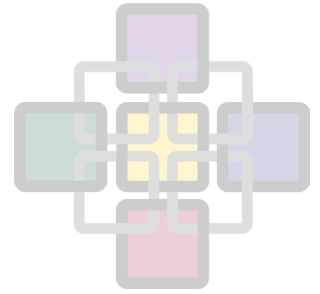
*Prepackaged communion elements will be distributed to the congregation by the ordination class at the direction of the ushers.*



# Celebration of Ministry (continued)

## Prayer After Thanksgiving

Bishop: Let us pray.  
We thank you, gracious God, for this holy mystery  
In which you have given yourself to us,  
And united us in the communion of your Holy Spirit.  
We bless you for raising up among us faithful servants.  
Clothe them and us with your righteousness  
And grant that we, with them,  
May glorify you by giving ourselves to others,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Song	<i>The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power</i> by Andre' Crouch	No. 204 Zion Still Sings
The blood that Jesus shed for me, Way back on Calvary The blood that gives me strength, From day to day It will never lose its power,	It soothes my doubts and calms my fears: And it dries all my tears The blood that gives me strength: From day to day, It will never lose its power	
It reaches to the highest mountain; It flows to the lowest valley, The blood that gives me strength From day to day, It will never lose its power	It reaches to the highest mountain: It flows to the lowest valley The blood that gives me strength: From day to day It will never lose its power	

## Sending Forth

### Blessing and Benediction

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all always.  
Ordained  
Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve God and your neighbors in all that you do!

**The People: We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!**

Closing Song	<i>We Shall Overcome</i>	No. 533 UMH
We shall overcome, we shall overcome. We shall overcome someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday.	We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday. The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through, The Lord will see us through someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday.	
We are not afraid, we are not afraid, We are not afraid today. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday.	Black and white together, Black and white together, Black and white together someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday.	
We are not alone, we are not alone We are not alone today Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We are not alone today.		
The truth will make us free, the truth will make us free, The truth will make us free someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday.	We shall all be free, we shall all be free, We shall all be free someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday.	

**Postlude** *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty* by Stralsund Gesangbuch Wanda J. Bishop

# **Celebration of Ministry (continued)**

## **Order of Procession**

Lamp – Cerna Rand  
Christ Candle – Scort Christy  
Cross – Matthew Mariani

Bible – Amos Oladipo  
Chalice – Mi Sook Yoo  
Bowl & Towel – Alka Lyall

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The Licensed, Commissioned, Consecrated, and Ordained Ministers  
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Mary Gay McKinney, Elder's Registrar, Board of Ordained Ministry  
Lynn Mikels, Deacon's Registrar, Board of Ordained Ministry  
Sejoon Jang, Treasurer, Board of Ordained Ministry  
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Rev. Molly Carlson, Conference Minister Illinois Conference United Church of Christ  
Bishop Dan Schwerin, Presiding Bishop, Chicago Episcopal Area

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Northern Illinois Conference Indian Chorale

**2023 Newly Commissioned and Ordained**

# Celebration of Ministry (continued)

## Thank you to our Participants

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**Local Pastors** answer God's call to serve the mission of Jesus Christ in a local congregation under the authority of a license for pastoral ministry. They are not itinerant ministers and are not ordained or elected into full membership of the annual conference. A local pastor's authority is within their appointment setting and does not extend beyond it.

**Deacons** are called by God, authorized by the church, and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice. They serve the community and congregation in a ministry that connects the two. The deacon's ministry connects the church's worship with its service in the world (§§ 328-331).

**Elders** are called by God, authorized by the church, and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service. The elder serves in ministry and servant leadership giving pastoral leadership to order the life of the congregation. (§§ 332-335).

**Commissioned/Provisional Members** are in the ordination step between candidacy and full membership. Those applying for ordination serve as a provisional member for a minimum of two years. Provisional membership ends with ordination. (§§ 324-327).

**Full Connection/Full Members** are an ordained deacon or elder that serves as a full member in an annual conference. Their life and work is amenable to the annual conference and they are supported by and accountable to that annual conference.

# Retirement Service: A Ritual to Honor Retirees and Pass the Mantle Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 10:30 am

## Prelude Music

*Jesus You're the Center of My Joy* by Richard Smallwood

Wanda J. Bishop

## Opening Song

*Come to the Table of Grace* by Barbara Hamm

No. 3168 Worship and Songs

Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of love.  
Come to the table of love.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of peace.  
Come to the table of peace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of joy.  
Come to the table of joy.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of joy.

## Greetings and Reflections

Bishop Dan Schwerin

## Call to Worship

Cerna Castro Rand

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Leader: Come to God's Table.

**People: We come with joy.**

Leader: This is the table of unity and love.

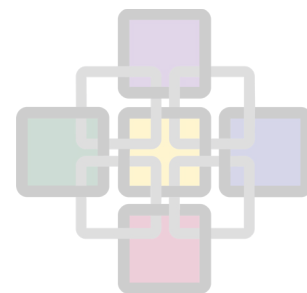
**People: This is the table of mercy and grace.**

Leader: All are welcome; be of one mind and one heart.

**People: We come with joy, with the mind of love.**

Leader: Come, all things are ready.

**People: And all are welcome here.**



## Song Response

*Come to the Table* by Claire Cloninger

No. 2264 TFWS

Come to the table of mercy,  
prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty,  
come and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation;  
receive from his nail scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation;  
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## A Prayer of Praise (In unison)

Timothy Biel, Jr.

**God of the universe, we come to your table of grace filled with gratitude and praise. May we feel your presence among us as we celebrate this holy communion. Bless this time of worship and this celebration of our retirees. Amen.**



# Retirement Service (continued)

## Gospel Reading

Luke 9:12-17

Amos Oladipo

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a deserted place." But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." They did so and had them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled, and what was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

## Recognition of the Retirees

**Bishop:** Retirees and spouses, please stand. Beloved friends in Christ, you came to us from congregations and ministry settings where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you. You were charged to love, serve and pray for all people among whom you worked, caring for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. These things you have done.

**People:** **We give thanks to God for the lives that have been changed through your faithful witness and service.**

**Bishop:** At your licensing or ordination, you received authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the church of God, to preach the Word, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to Order the life of the church. At your commissioning, you received authority to equip the people of God, and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. There were times when the seas were rough and the way unclear, but God's goodness and guidance has seen you through.

**People:** **We give thanks to God for the courage you have shown and the steps of faith you have taken.**

**Bishop:** Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you. And continue to be true to your calling to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. This is a transition, not a finale. This is an opening to new uncharted waters, not the end-of-the-road. May God's love and power be with you always. Let us pray together.

**People:** **God of grace, you fill your servants with vision. You empower your servants with your Spirit. We give thanks for the ministry of these women and men, and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through them as they built your Reign of justice. Give them a sense of your abiding presence that they may continue to love and serve you, and ever grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

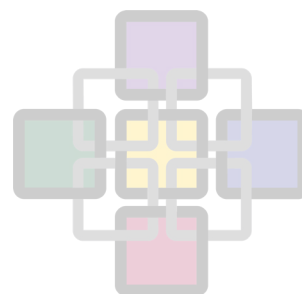
## Introduction of Retirees

Arlene Christopherson

### Retiring Class of 2023 (Years of Service)



Cynthia Anderson (19)  
Julie Bunt (23)  
Susan Flinn-Portee (23.25)  
Brian LeBaron (17)  
Claire Marich (15)  
Miguel Nieves (26)  
Noah Panlilio (28)  
Gary Peluso-Verdend (40.25)  
Jim Rough (46)  
Jonathan Singleton (33.5)  
Brett Todd (28.75)  
Brad Wilson (41.5)  
Mary Zajac (17)





# Retirement Service (continued)

## Those concluding Ministry as Local Pastors

Bruce Anderson (7)

Gary Rich (6)

Karen Sersen (10)

## Questions and Response from the Retiring Class

*In keeping with our theme, “Connected in Christ: Come to the Table”, the retiring clergy were invited to reflect on one of the following questions:*

1. What was your most memorable experience of presiding at the Lord’s Table?
2. How has your experience of sharing at the Lord’s Table with others changed your understanding of welcome, hospitality, inclusion, and grace?
3. As you look forward to retirement, how will you continue to share the Lord’s Table with others?
4. What advice would you give to incoming clergy in making the Lord’s Table meaningful in this challenging world?

## Special Music

*Come to the Table* by Sidewalk Prophets

Addison Shields, Jr., soloist

## Passing of the Mantle

Noah Panlilio, Elizabeth M. Rutherford

## Closing Song

*Shalom to You*

No 666 UMH

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

## Benediction

**Bishop:** For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven. So, too, there is a time for movement, new adventure, fields of service not yet touched. With love, we send you forth in the spirit of John Wesley; May the world be your parish.

**People:** **Go into the world and respond to the love of Christ in all you do. Live out the vision God has given you. May God’s mercy, grace, and peace be with you. May you be channels for God’s mercy, grace, and peace to the world wherever you may be!**

## Postlude

*Come to the Table of Grace* by Barbara Hamm

Wanda J. Bishop

## Thank you to our Participants

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# Peace for Korea, Healing for the World

## Korean Peace Reflections and Prayer

### Wednesday, June 7, 2023, evening

#### Prelude

*The Sound of Ching*

Jeremiah Lee

#### Opening Song

*O So So - Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

No. 2232 TFWS

##### Verse 1 (English):

Come now, O Prince of peace,  
make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus,  
reconcile your people.

##### Verse 2 (English):

Come now, O God of love,  
make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus,  
reconcile your people.

##### Verse 1 (Korean):

Ososo ososo,  
pyonghwa eui imgum  
uriga hanmom  
iruge hasoso.

##### Verse 2 (Korean):

Ososo ososo,  
sarang eui imgum  
uriga hanmom  
iruge hasoso.

#### Litany of Peace

Jaeon Cho, Chan-Ik Choi, Hyewon Hyon, JinHee Kang, Hyo Sun Oh, Chanjae Woo

Leader: Christ is our peace; in flesh and body, Christ has made both groups into one and has broken down the wall of hostility.

**People: Christ is our peace!**

Leader: We pray for all who suffer from the divisions of the world: the global north and south, the rich and the poor, the haves and have-nots, the powerful and the marginalized;

**People: Lord, bring down the walls of hostility!**

Leader: We pray for people on our fragile earth who suffer from war, violence, political tensions, environmental damage, and unjust distribution of resources;

**People: Lord, make us instruments of your peace!**

Leader: We especially pray for peace in the Korean peninsula this evening, divided for 70 years, without any means of connection and communication between families, relatives, friends, and people in North and South.

**People: Christ is our peace!**

Leader: We cry with the Korean people in hoping for peace to bring down the walls of hostility, pain, and antagonism.

**People: Lord, bring down the walls of hostility!**

Leader: Christ is our peace, Christ is our hope, Christ is our reconciliation!

**People: Make us the peacemakers for your world!**

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

#### Special Song

*You Open the Morning of Peace* sung in Korean

NIC Korean Clergy Choir

# Korean Peace Reflections and Prayer (continued)

## Invitation to Prayer

Ju-Yeon Jeon

*Please use the fabric on the table to write your prayer for peace. Tie your prayer fabric onto the wired fence during this prayer service. Please feel free to move around during the service.*

## Peace Reflection

### *Peace for Korea, Healing for the World*

Hwa-Young Chong, Sarah Hyejin Hong, Martin Lee, Paul Lee

## Special Song

### *Our Hope is Peace*

Sun Hyung Jo

*This is well-known song that expresses Korean people's yearning for peace and reunification in Korea. This song is popular in both North and South Korea. The song's lyrics were composed by the highly-gifted artist Ahn Seok-Ju during Korea's period of colonization by Japan, while the song's melody was composed by Ahn's son, Byeong-Won. The lyrics in the original version of the song read, "Our hope is Independence", but after Korea gained its independence from Japan and the nation of Korea was divided in two, the song's lyrics were changed to "Our hope is Reunification". This song captures the painful history of the Korean nation. At the Inter-Korean Summit in June of 2000, Kim Dae-Jung and Kim Jong-Il held hands and sang the song together. In this service, the English version uses "our hope is peace" instead of "our hope is reunification" to make the song more singable and to point to the global need for peace.*

*The Korean clergy choir will sing in Korean once. All are invited to sing in Korean and then in English.*

*English translation is based on the Korean lyrics but not a direct translation.*

Korean:

urie sowoneun tongil  
kkumedo sowoneun tongil  
i jongsong dahaeso tongil  
tongireul iruja  
i gyore salrineun tongil  
i nara salrineun tongil  
tongiriyo oso ora  
tongiriyo ora

English:

Our hope is peace, God's peace  
We long for peace in our dreams  
With hearts and minds and spirits,  
Let us build peace  
Peace will bring healing to our world  
Peace will bring new life to all people  
Come quickly, peace, God's peace,  
Come quickly for our world

## Tong Sung Prayer

Sun Hyung Jo

## Call to Action

Sam Park & Charles Yoon

## Closing Prayer and Sending Forth

Bishop Dan Schwerin

## Postlude

### *The Sound of Ching*

Heewon Kim

**We are deeply grateful for Asian American Fellowship for their support for this service.**

### **Thank you to our Participants**

**Bishop Dan Schwerin, Jaeon Cho (Reader), Hwa-Young Chong (Reflection), Chan-Ik Choi (Reader), Sarah Hyejin Hong (Reflection), Hyewon Hyon (Piano, Reader), Ju-Yeon Jeon (Prayer), Sun Hyung Jo (Prayer, Song Leader), JinHee Kang (Reader), Jungmi Kang (Choir Director), Heewon Kim (Ching, Guitar), SoYoung Kim (Worship Arts), Jeremiah Lee (Ching), Martin Lee (Reflection), Paul Lee (Reflection), Hyo Sun Oh (Reader), Sam Park (Call to Action), Chanjae Woo (Reader), Charles Yoon (Call to Action)**

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*You Open the Morning of Peace, Composed by Chang-woo Baik, Lyrics by Chang-woo Baik*

*Our Hope is Peace, Composed by Byung-won Ahn, Lyrics by Suk-joo Ahn*

# Memorial Service

## Thursday, June 8, 2023, 10:30am

### Opening Song

*Come to the Table of Grace* by Barbara Hamm

No. 3168 Worship and Songs

Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of love.  
Come to the table of love.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of peace.  
Come to the table of peace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of joy.  
Come to the table of joy.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of joy.

### Call to Worship

Andrea Davidson

Leader: Come on in, where the table is spread; And the feast of the Lord is going on.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Leader: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

**People: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Processional Song

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God All Mighty*

No. 2058 TFWS

Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty  
Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee  
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eyes of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Lord, only Thou art holy and there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
All the cherubim and seraphim are falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

### Welcome and Opening

Bishop Dan Schwerin, Connie Augsburg

### Opening Hymn

*For All the Saints*

No 711 UMH

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou was their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

# Memorial Service (continued)

Opening Prayer

Bishop Schwerin

## Act of Remembering and Thanksgiving

### Old Testament Lesson

*Psalm 23 (The Voice Translation)* Innis Miller, Annie Gonzalez, Michael D. Mann

*Scripture passages will be read in segments as those who have gone before us are named*

### Active Clergy

Donald T. Plock, June 16, 2022

### Retired Clergy

Jean Bush-Norris, Nov. 23, 2022

John Cantwell, Aug. 16, 2022

Gary Curl, Feb. 22, 2023

Elmer Dickerson, Dec. 28, 2022

Kay Dillard, Jan. 5, 2023

Dennis Groh, April 22, 2023

Jim McDonald, April 21, 2023

Nicholas Mitrovich, Jr., Dec. 21, 2022

Bettye Mixon, Jan. 13, 2023

Dennis Morales, July 18, 2022

Burton Randle, April 16, 2023

John Rathod, Aug. 8, 2022

William R. Shealy, Jr., Jan. 14, 2023

Donald Walden, Dec. 19, 2022

### Spouses of Active Clergy

Bridget Cole-Tabb, Feb. 16, 2023

Saul Garcia, July 16, 2022

David Jones, March 29, 2023

### Spouses of Retired Clergy

Eric Hage, Aug. 26, 2022

Clara McLaughlin, May 9, 2023

Ann Reed, Aug. 1, 2022

Paula Svendsen, June 5, 2022

Neil Trinko, April 18, 2023

### Lay Members of the Annual Conference

Walton Davis, Jr., Lay Member to Annual Conference, June 17, 2022

Vivian Matthews, Lay Member to Annual Conference, July 6, 2022

Rodney Osborne, Lay Member to Annual Conference, March 4, 2022

Forest D Rice, Jr., Cokesbury Book Store Manager, June 2, 2022

Arthur Webb, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Dec. 6, 2022

### Singing Together

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

### Shepherd Me, O God

No. 2058 TFWS

# Memorial Service (continued)

## Epistle Lesson

*Romans 8:38-39*

Mi-Sook Yoo

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Sermonic Selection

*Table of Plenty*

No. 3173 Worship & Song

**Refrain:** Come to the feast of heaven and earth  
Come to the table of plenty  
God will provide for all that we need  
Here at the table of plenty

1. O come and sit at my table  
Where saints and sinners are friends  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
To share the cup of my love...

**Refrain**

2. O come and eat without money  
Come to drink without price  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
With faith and fullness of life...

**Refrain**

3. My bread will ever sustain you  
Through days of sorrow and war  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
To flood the depths of your soul

**Refrain**

## Sermon

*God with Us*

Rev. Dr. Myron McCoy

## Responding in Faith

### Love Feast

### Prayer

Creator of earth and heaven, Thy hungry children feed,  
Thy grace be to our spirits given, That true immortal bread.  
Grant us and all our race, In Jesus Christ to prove  
The sweetness of thy pardoning grace, The manna of thy love.

Bishop Dan Schwerin

### Closing Song

*God be with You Till we Meet Again*

No. 672 UMH

1 God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain:** Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain**

3. God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain**

4. God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain**

# Memorial Service (continued)

Closing Prayer

Bishop Dan Schwerin

Recessional

Played by the band

## Thank you to our Participants

Bishop Dan Schwerin, Melwin S. Alagodi, Robert Anderson, Connie Augsburg (Conference Lay Leader), Andrea Davidson, Wanda Joy Bishop (Pianist), Kim Chapman (Percussionist), Annie Gonzalez (Reader), Michael D. Mann (Reader), Luther Mason (Reader), Myron McCoy, Innis Miller (Reader), Addison Shields, Jr. (Worship Coordinator), Mi-Sook Yoo (Reader)

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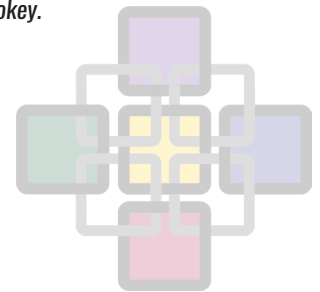
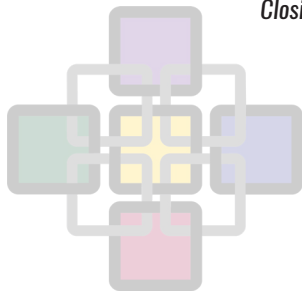
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# Parliamentary Procedure Chart - Robert's Rules

<b>To Do This:</b>		<b>You Say This:</b>		(See Key Below)				
<b>SECONDARY MOTIONS IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE</b>		<b>I</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>R</b>	
Adjourn	<i>"I move to adjourn."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Maj		
Call an intermission	<i>"I move we recess until . . ."</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Maj		
Suspend further consideration of an issue, especially in an emergency	<i>"I move we table the motion . . ."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Maj		
End debate and amendments	<i>"I move the previous question . . ."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	R	
Limit or extend the limits of debate	<i>"I move the debate be limited (or extended) to . . ."</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Maj*	R	
Postpone debate to a specific time	<i>"I move to postpone this matter until . . ."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	R	
Have the matter studied further	<i>"I move that this matter be referred to . . ."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	R	
Amend a motion, including amend by substitution	<i>"I move to amend by . . ." or "I move to substitute . . ."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	R	
Postpone indefinitely (Kills the main motion)	<i>"I move to postpone indefinitely."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	R	
<b>MAIN MOTION (Introduction of a Petition)</b>								
Introduce New Business	<i>"I move that . . ."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	R	
<b>INCIDENTAL MOTIONS (Pertaining to the business under consideration)</b>								
Correct an error in parliamentary procedure	<i>"I rise to a point of order"</i>	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Rules		
Obtain advice on parliamentary procedure	<i>"I raise a parliamentary inquiry"</i>	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Rules		
Request information	<i>"Point of information."</i> (must be in form of a question)	Yes	No	No	No			
Question the ruling of the presiding officer	<i>"I appeal the chair's decision."</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Maj	R	
Suspend the rules temporarily	<i>"I move to suspend the rules so that . . ."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3		
<b>BRING A MATTER BACK BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY</b>								
Take up a matter previously tabled	<i>"I move that we take from the table . . ."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Maj		
Reconsider previous action (May be made only by a member who voted previously on the prevailing side)	<i>"I move to reconsider the vote on . . ."</i>	No	Yes	**	No	Maj		

I = Interrupt Speaker?; S = Second Needed?; D = Debatable?; A = Amendable?; R = May be Reconsidered.

\*See GC rule 9.4 (an exception to usual 2/3 vote parliamentary procedure).

\*\* See GC Rules 21 and 30.

+ information shared from the Daily Christian Advocate, Delegate Handbook for General Conference 2020, page 73



# 2023 Awards and Recognition

## ONE MATTERS DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES AWARD

The One Matters Discipleship Award was created by the Discipleship Ministries (GBOD) in 2015 with the purpose of lifting up churches who have in recent years moved from 0 baptisms and 0 professions of faith into positive numbers as they redirected their focus toward intentional discipleship. In addition to the One Matters Discipleship plaque, each church will receive \$1,000 to encourage the continuation of their work in discipleship. The Northern Illinois Conference is one of the most diverse conferences in The United Methodist Church, so instead of recognizing one congregation, we have the opportunity to offer five awards, with the help of the Office of Connectional Ministries. Most importantly, as we celebrate these churches and hear their stories, we are invited to ask “What are they doing differently that is helping them to turn things around by God’s grace?” And when we discern an answer to that question, we can ask ourselves, “What can we do to make a difference?” Each person matters to God!



### This we celebrate!

#### PRESENTED TO:

- **Lake North: Urban Villiage Church**
- **Lake South: First United Methodist Church in Downers Grove**
- **Prairie Central: Wellspring New Faith Community (NFC) in Oswego**
- **Prairie North: First United Methodist Church in Belvidere**
- **Prairie South: Paw Paw United Methodist Church**

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For narratives, visit [umcnic.org/onematters](http://umcnic.org/onematters).

## NIC HIV/AIDS COMMITTEE AWARD

### Sylvia Jo Oglesby

The HIV/AIDS Committee of the Northern Illinois Conference would like to recognize Sylvia Jo Oglesby for her work with HIV/AIDS Community Outreach. Sylvia Jo Oglesby, member of Ingleside Whitfield UMC in the Lake South District, is the Founder of the Clergy and Lay Leadership Summit for HIV/AIDS Community Outreach for the African American Church. In 2005, she partnered with the McCormick Theological Seminary to launch the first Clergy and Lay Leadership Summit for HIV/AIDS Community Outreach. The summit still continues as a way to engage Clergy and Laity in identifying and strengthening their role in preventing and treating HIV/AIDS within the church and community.

## 2022 Mission Links Awards

Thank you to the following Northern Illinois Conference churches for becoming 2022 Mission Links (formerly Rainbow Covenant) churches. These churches have given 100% of their apportionments and supported project in each of the 7 giving areas. (Special Sundays, Global Advance Projects, Missionary Support, UMCOR/Emergency Relief Projects, U.S.-Based Advances, NIC Conference Projects, and NIC District Projects).

Thank you for living out the beatitudes and being a blessing for projects around the block and around the world.

Learn more about our Mission Links program and download the booklet with detailed listings of all the missionaries and projects our Annual Conference supports at [umcnic.org/MissionLinks](http://umcnic.org/MissionLinks).

Shirley Pulgar-Hughes,  
Conference Mission Secretary



### The Philip Otterbein Award: Highest Total Mission Link Giving United Methodist Church of Libertyville: \$34,020

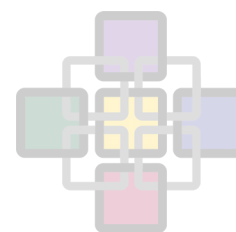
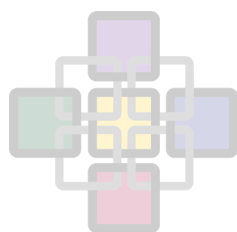
Also of note:

Church	Total Apportionments	Total ML Dollars	Per Capita
Rockford: Christ	\$80,914	\$29,713	27%
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood	\$77,001	\$28,899	45%
Arlington Heights: First	\$71,568	\$24,382	29%
New Lenox	\$70,945	\$23,321	33%

### The John Wesley Award: Highest Mission Link Giving per Member Evans United Methodist Church in Rockford: 74%

Also of note:

Church	Total Apportionments	Total ML Dollars	Per Capita
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood	\$77,001	\$28,899	45%
Lockport: First	\$20,976	\$11,973	40%
Earlville	\$5,520	\$5,000	39%
Rockford: Grace	\$23,880	\$7,555	39%

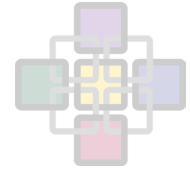


## 2022 Mission Links Awards (continued)

### All 2022 Mission Link Churches

Church	Total Apport.	Total ML Dollars	Per Capita	Church	Total Apport.	Total ML Dollars	Per Capita
Antioch	\$23,640	\$9,307	28%	Millbrook	\$2,940	\$210	1%
Argo Fay	\$2,022	\$428	12%	Milledgeville	\$6,876	\$1,250	8%
Arlington Heights: First	\$71,568	\$24,382	29%	Minooka	\$21,756	\$350	1%
Aurora: Wesley	\$29,910	\$7,998	23%	Morrison	\$19,296	\$8,096	23%
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood	\$77,001	\$28,899	45%	Mount Morris: Disciples	\$16,041	\$4,850	20%
Carol Stream: St. Andrew	\$18,000	\$2,552	19%	New Lenox	\$70,945	\$23,321	33%
Cary	\$13,572	\$5,395	17%	Oak Park: Euclid Avenue	\$23,556	\$7,253	24%
Chicago: Morgan Park	\$15,732	\$1,392	9%	Orland Park: Faith	\$46,412	\$15,286	33%
Chicago: Wesley	\$13,956	\$1,988	8%	Ottawa: First	\$14,760	\$1,417	4%
DeKalb: First	\$48,584	\$14,326	33%	Park Forest: Grace United Protestant	\$4,000	\$1,615	36%
Dixon: Grace	\$12,324	\$477	4%	Princeton: First	\$27,480	\$2,811	8%
Downers Grove: First	\$65,470	\$19,859	12%	Rockford: Beth Eden	\$18,252	\$1,800	14%
Earlville	\$5,520	\$5,000	39%	Rockford: Christ	\$80,914	\$29,713	27%
Esmond	\$5,506	\$1,851	32%	Rockford: Evans	\$7,188	\$4,925	74%
Evanston: First	\$108,900	\$5,761	8%	Rockford: Grace	\$23,880	\$7,555	39%
Galena	\$12,049	\$3,145	19%	Roscoe	\$57,595	\$2,703	3%
Hanover	\$3,552	\$824	10%	Roselle	\$27,708	\$6,743	18%
Hebron	\$3,318	\$2,943	24%	Sandwich: United	\$17,880	\$5,518	34%
Hinckley: First	\$16,294	\$2,909	12%	Schaumburg: Our Saviour's	\$45,456	\$7,686	13%
Hinsdale	\$55,140	\$9,985	32%	Seneca: First	\$6,544	\$1,315	39%
Joliet: Grace	\$25,536	\$8,116	31%	Sterling: Wesley	\$21,780	\$6,323	21%
Kingston	\$5,265	\$2,106	16%	Triumph	\$2,064	\$1,197	37%
Leland	\$6,348	\$582	5%	Waukegan: First	\$42,720	\$2,065	7%
Lemont	\$18,524	\$5,290	26%	Wheaton: Gary	\$77,879	\$14,658	19%
Libertyville	\$97,196	\$34,020	30%	Woodridge	\$33,756	\$8,473	31%
Lockport: First	\$20,976	\$11,973	40%				
Maple Park: Grace	\$8,388	\$1,975	14%				
Mendota: Zion	\$11,668	\$2,583	14%				

# Lay Member Reporting Guide



## Theme: **CONNECTED IN CHRIST: Come to the Table**

Dear Lay Member to Annual Conference,

The Board of Laity provides this reporting guide in order to help you fulfill one of your responsibilities as a Lay Member to Annual Conference. As outlined in our Book of Discipline, "The lay member(s) of the annual conference, along with the pastor, shall serve as an interpreter of the actions of the annual conference session. These persons shall report to the local church council on the actions of the annual conference as soon as possible, but no later than three months after the close of the conference." Your Board of Laity suggests that you also make a report to your entire congregation during worship or in a written report in your church newsletter. This reporting guide will provide a means for you to take notes on personal highlights and takeaways from the various sessions of Annual Conference.

### **Day One – Tuesday, June 6**

#### **LAITY SESSION – 9:00AM**

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#### **PLENARY 1: 10:30 AM, PLENARY 2: 2:00 PM**

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#### **LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS – 3:15 PM**

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#### **CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY – 7:00 PM**

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### **Day Two – Wednesday, June 7**

#### **PLENARY 3 & EPISCOPAL ADDRESS: 8:30 AM, RETIREMENT SERVICE: 10:30 AM**

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**PLENARY 4: 2:00 PM, PLENARY 5: 3:30 PM,  
PLENARY 6, LAITY ADDRESS, & KORAN PEACE REFLECTION & PRAYER: 7:00 PM**

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**Day Three – Thursday, June 9  
PLENARY 7: 8:30AM, MEMORIAL SERVICE: 10:30 AM**

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**PLENARY 8: 2:00 PM**

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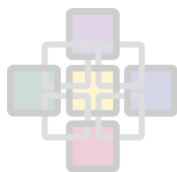
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**Tues., June 6 - 10:00 am to 7:30 pm**

**Wed., June 7 - 7:30 am to 7:30 pm**

**Thurs., June 9 - 7:30 am - 1:00 pm**

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# Child Safety & Active Shooter Training Modules

## Available at no cost!

Philadelphia Insurance, in partnership with the Northern Illinois Conference, is making online trainings on child safety and active shooter available at no cost. For UMC churches participating in the conference insurance program, *Skillful Screening* and *Parent Training* modules are available through the conference risk management department.

### Web-based training offered:

#### **Skillful Screening** (130 minutes)

When bringing on new volunteers or paid staff to work with children, background checks are prudent and necessary. However, fewer than 10% of sexual abusers have a criminal record, which is why skillful screening is necessary, along with background checks.

Through this training, church leaders will learn:

- How to conduct interviews to identify red flags and high-risk indicators from applicants
- Sample applications, interview forms, and reference forms

#### **Active Shooter: Run/Hide/Fight** (14 minutes)

Through the first 4 months of 2023, there have been 187 mass shooting events in the U.S. These situations are unpredictable and chaotic, which is why a plan of how to respond should be in place before an event takes place.

Also available in Spanish

This training covers:

- The Run, Hide, Fight method for reacting to an active shooter situation
- Secondary concerns – first aid for victims and communicating with first responders

#### **Workplace Violence: Prevent the Threat** (30 minutes)

Approximately 2 million Americans are victims of workplace violence each year. In fact, workplace violence can occur in churches as well as other organizations.

This training covers:

- The major causes and types of workplace violence
- Warning signs and how to prevent it

#### **Parent Training** (67 minutes)

Parents play a critical role in safeguarding their children while they are participating in church ministries.

Through this training, parents will learn:

- Common grooming behaviors sexual predators use with parents and church staff
- What to do if a parent suspects abuse
- Teaching your child about keeping themselves safe

*Parents with children involved in ministry programs can access the Parent Training module at no cost using this QR code*

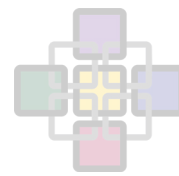


### Accessing these training modules:

For access to *Skillful Screening*, *Active Shooter: Run/Hide/Fight*, and *Workplace Violence: Prevent the Threat*, please contact Dwayne Jackson, Director of Risk Management & Ministry Protection at [djackson@umcnic.org](mailto:djackson@umcnic.org).



# Notes



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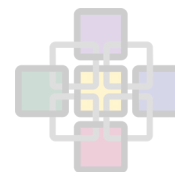
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## Acronyms

**ABLC** – Appointed Beyond the Local Church  
**ACST** – Annual Conference Shepherding Team  
**ACC** – Annual Conference Committee  
**BBCR** - Building Beloved Community Reflections  
**BMCR** – Black Methodists for Church Renewal  
**BOD** – Book of Discipline  
**BOL** – Board of Laity  
**BOOM** – Board of Ordained Ministry  
**CBOP** – Conference Board of Pensions  
**CCUIR** – Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships  
**CCFA** – Conference Council on Finance and Administration  
**CLM** – Certified Lay Minister  
**CLS** - Certified Lay Servant  
**CCORR** – Conference Commission on Religion and Race  
**CodeRED** - Committee on Congregational Development and Redevelopment  
**CONAM** - Committee on Native American Ministries  
**COSROW** – Commission on Status and Role of Women  
**DCOM** – District Committee on Ordained Ministry  
**DS** – District Superintendent  
**DST** – District Shepherding Team  
**FAA** – Fellowship of Asian Americans  
**GBCS** – General Board of Church and Society  
**GBGM** – General Board of Global Ministries  
**GBHEM** – General Board of Higher Education and Ministry  
**GBOD** – General Board of Discipleship  
**GCAH** – General Commission on Archives and History  
**GCSRW** – General Commission on Status and Role of Women

**GCFA** – General Council on Finance Administration  
**GCORR** – General Commission on Religion and Race  
**ICD** – Institute for Congregational Development  
**LN** - Lake North District  
**LS** - Lake South District  
**MARCHA** – The Methodist Association  
Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans  
**MFSA** – Methodist Federation for Social Action  
**NIC** – Northern Illinois Conference  
**NCJ** – North Central Jurisdiction  
**NIJFON** – Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors  
**OAM** – Older Adult Ministries  
**ORM** – Outdoor and Retreat Ministries  
**PC** - Prairie Central District  
**PN** - Prairie North District  
**PS** - Prairie South District  
**SR** – Standing Rules  
**UMC** – United Methodist Church  
**UMCOM** – United Methodist Communications  
**UMCOR** – United Methodist Committee on Relief  
**UMF** – United Methodist Foundation  
**UMM** – United Methodist Men  
**UMGAF** – United Methodist Global AIDS Fund  
**UMPH** – United Methodist Publishing House  
**UMRC** – United Media Resource Center  
**UWFaith** – United Women in Faith  
(formerly United Methodist Women)  
**VIM** – Volunteers in Mission



# Terms

**Alternate Member:** One who is elected to serve should the member of their congregation be unable to attend or participate in Annual Conference.

**Bar (of the Conference):** The boundaries that define the area in which votes for Annual Conference matters may be cast.

**Building Beloved Community Reflections:** Provided by CORR and COSROW reminding us of our diversity and inclusion.

**Consent Calendar:** Groupings of legislation addressed in legislative sections that receive at least 80% of votes for approval or 80% of votes disapproving. The consent calendar is placed before the body at least two hours before action is taken on this grouping of legislation.

**Daily Proceedings:** Order of business while we are together as an Annual Conference.

**Delegate:** One is elected as a delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference.

**Legislative Sections:** All members to annual conference are assigned to a legislative section where they vote on assigned documents to build the AC consent calendar.

**Member:** One is a clergy or lay member of Annual Conference.

**Motion:** The way the Conference acts on legislation. For example, should someone want to amend a piece of legislation that is before the Annual Conference, you would seek the Bishop's attention and state "I move we amend \_\_\_\_" (*filling in the blank with the way they would like to see the document amended. Amendments are also needed in writing*). If that motion is seconded, it would be brought before the Conference for action.

**North Central Jurisdiction:** The Northern Illinois Annual Conference is part of the North Central Jurisdiction, which includes the conferences of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Every four years the North Central Jurisdiction and other jurisdictional conferences meet to discuss and vote to elect new bishops, converse about matters of the Jurisdiction, worship, and fellowship together.

**Order of the Day:** The agenda as agreed upon by the Annual Conference and established by the Chair of Daily Proceedings in consultation with the Bishop.

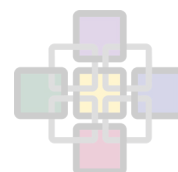
**Organizing Motions:** Motions made at the beginning of our work so that we all know what the agreed upon rules for working together are, for example: where people with a vote are allowed to sit, where people without a vote are allowed to sit (there are other rules as well).

**Plenary:** The plenary comprises all members entitled to be seated within the bar of Annual Conference.

**Point of Order:** A call to attention to make sure that the correct procedure is being followed.

**Robert's Rules of Order:** Rules by which we have agreed to function as we meet. A motion needs a second in order for it to be voted upon, etc. so that there is a method to our work together.

**Second:** Someone agrees with the motion and desires the body proceed to work with motion.



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