

184th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Tuesday, June 6 - Thursday, June 8, 2023

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center

1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg Ill.

umcnic.org/AC2023



IMPORTANT DATES

April 3 - Online Registration Opens

April 3 - Legislation & Historical Documents due

to JoAnn Ray through an online submission form. Form and Full instructions at umcnic.org/AC2023

May 1 - Applications for display tables due

Guidelines and application on umcnic.org/AC2023. Send questions to George Groves at groves101@comcast.net

May 2 - Submission of names and photos of AC lay members who have died since July 2022 due

Send to communications@umcnic.org

May 5 - Legislation & documents posted online

Please print or download these materials to your own devices before arriving at AC.

May 8 - Video and Media presentations due

Send to ACMedia@umcnic.org

May 23 - Clergy Session

May 30 - 10:00 am Virtual Pre-Conference Briefing

May 31 - 7:00 pm Virtual Pre-Conference Briefing

The 184th session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference is set to take place June 6th – June 8th, 2023. The Conference will return to the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center at 1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL, again this year.

Continuing with the theme, "Connected in Christ"; the 2023 theme is "Connected in Christ: Come to the Table," placing the focus on one of the core elements of our Christian faith: the sacrament of communion. Communion brings us into the real presence of Christ on a regular basis. As we join at the table, we are nourished so that we might bring Christ into the world, ultimately forming community, from baptism to the communion table. By participating in communion and becoming a community, we are called in ministry and mission. This theme allows us to go outside of the temporal issues of the world into a deeper theological reflection and ideology of God's grace offered to us while also calling us into action.

The scriptural grounding for this year's theme is Luke 11:3, "Give us each day OUR daily bread." Bishop Dan Schwerin will preside and preach at the ordination service on Luke 11:1-8. Rev. Dr. Myron F. McCoy, Senior Pastor at Chicago: First (Temple) United Methodist Church, will preach on Psalm 23 at the Memorial Service.. Dr. Rolf Nolasco, professor of spiritual formation and pastoral theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, will be leading Bible Study. The worship leader is Rev. Dr. Addison Shields, Jr., with musical accompaniment by Wanda J. Bishop.

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 3

April 3 - April 28 Early bird registration \$100/person

April 29 - May 28 \$125/person

Note: There will be NO on-site registration





BISHOP'S APPEAL

Giving Abundantly, Generosity Overflowing

This year, the Bishop's Appeal focuses on Migrant Needs. The funds that we raise together will go to organizations providing immediate needs like hygiene kits, temporary shelter, and food; and longer-term needs like employment, housing, medical care, and legal assistance. We will partner with groups such as Justice for Our Neighbors, World Relief, Refugee One, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), and local NIC Churches.

RESOURCES

An **Accessibility Coordinator** will be present to help with any needs (vision, movement, hearing, etc.) within our ability. Please indicate your requests in the registration process. Closed captioning will be provided for all sessions. Large print programs will be available.

Blueprint for Wellness Screenings will be held on-site June 9 and 10 in the First Aid room near Adventure Hall.

Distribution of print materials will be limited as we continue to be good stewards of the environment. The Annual Conference Secretary, Randy Hayes, must preapprove any material to be distributed on the AC floor. Only ushers may distribute materials. Groups may provide handouts at their display tables. Other handouts may be placed at the lobby table. Announcements during AC will be projected on the screen after approval. Submissions can be sent to ra50h1y9s@comcast.net.

Group meals will again be hosted on-site by some organizations. There are also organizations that will be hosting off-site meals. Many meals are invite only. Please check with your organization regarding meals.

Hotel Reservations can be booked at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel. The cost is \$169 plus tax/fees per night. Booking link at umcnic.org/ac2023.

Media and Videos to be projected on the screens during AC will need to be submitted and preapproved. The presentation request form can be found at umcnic.org/AC2023.

On-site childcare will not be offered this year. Please plan on making alternative plans. Applications for scholarships are available at umcnic.org/AC2023.

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, June 6

- 9:00 am - Laity Session
- 10:30 am - Opening Session
- Evening Ordination Service

Wednesday, June 7

- Morning Retirement Service

Thursday, June 8

- Morning Memorial Service

LIVE STREAMING

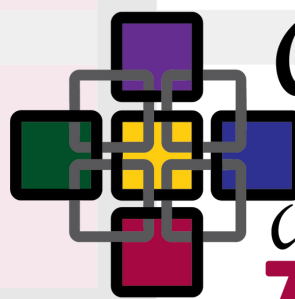
The Conference will be livestreamed on the NIC YouTube channel.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need ushers, plenary pages, greeters, secretarial pool members and more to help Annual Conference run smoothly and efficiently. Please contact Briana Wadlington, Events Administrator, at events@umcnic.org if you are interested in serving as a volunteer for a day or even part of a day or if you have questions. No previous experience is necessary.

MISSION CHALLENGE

We will be collecting items for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center more information coming soon.



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