

YIELD

June 16 through 18, 2024
Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center

185th Session
Bishop Dan Schwerin, Presiding

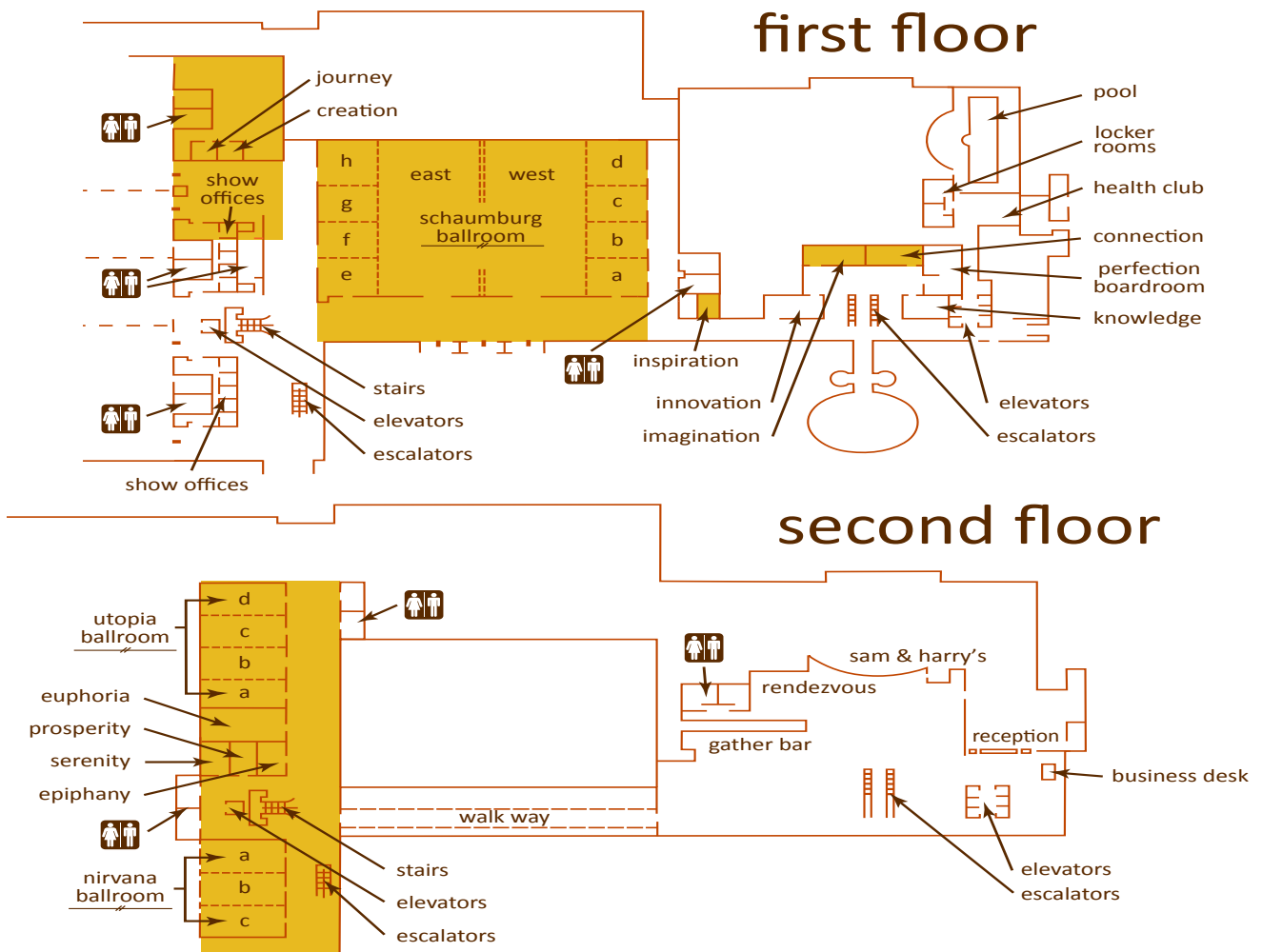


Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 185th annual conference session and the sacred invention to “Yield” for what newness God is bringing.

This year we gather focused on the theme of “Yield”. This invitation comes from the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer often read at the beginning of a new year. The core petition of the prayer at the heart of the service is: “I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal.”

Undergirding our theme are the words from James 3:17-18

“For the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.”

I invite you into this time of liminal space, a threshold passing over and through, leaving what was – the known of Christendom – for the unknown of what is emerging. We are in a time to yield and to discern where and how to sow in peace.

We gather as the work of General Conference concludes and the implications of that work begin to take shape. We gather as we continue to mourn the loss of churches but also count the signs of growing discipleship. We gather to work on the practical and the divine grounded in our faith and God’s call to be a witness to the world.

As we gather, I invite you to reflect on these questions:

- In your walk with Jesus, what wants to emerge?
- In your ministry, what wants to emerge?
- In our world, beloved community or ubuntu is crying out – how can we yield to achieve this?
- What wants to emerge in the Northern Illinois Conference?
- What wants to emerge in your church?

Let us turn our hearts and minds to the heavens and “Yield” to God’s claim upon our hearts, our lives and our congregations.

May the grace of Christ be in our steps,



Bishop Dan Schwerin



Agenda

Sunday, June 16

10:00 a.m.	Mission Truck Opens	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot
Noon	Registration Open and Credentials Available	Schaumburg Ballroom Foyer
2:00 p.m.	Late Legislation Deadline to Chair of Daily Procedures with 75 Copies	
2:30 p.m.	Display Tables Open	Nirvana Threshold & Upstairs Hallway
2:30 p.m.	Laity Session	Nirvana Ballroom
4:00 p.m.	Celebration of Minstry (Ordination) Service Rehearsal	Schaumburg Ballroom
	Opening and Plenary 1	Schaumburg Ballroom
	- BBC (Monitoring) Introduction	- Daily Procedures Motions
	- Historic Reports	- Organizing Motions
	- Ordination Class Introduction/Historic Questions	
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Break	
6:00 p.m.	Mass Choir Rehearsal for Celebration of Minstry (Ordination) Service	Schaumburg Ballroom
6:30 p.m.	Mission Truck Closes	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot
7:00 p.m.	Clergy Robing and Line Up for Service	Euphoria
7:30 p.m.	Celebration of Minstry (Ordination)	Schaumburg Ballroom
8:30 p.m.	Display Tables Close	Nirvana Threshold & Upstairs Hallway
8:30 p.m.	Post Ordination Reception	Schaumburg A-D

Monday, June 17

7:00 a.m.	Health Screening	First Aid Office/Adventure Foyer
7:30 a.m.	Display Tables Open	Nirvana Threshold & Upstairs Hallway
8:00 a.m.	Mission Truck Opens	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot
8:30 a.m.	Legislative Sections	Schaumburg A, B, C, & D, Utopia A, B & C
	- Section 1 - Schaumburg A	- Section 2 - Schaumburg B
	- Section 3 - Schaumburg C	
	- Section 4 - Schaumburg D	- Section 5 - Utopia A
	- Section 6 - Utopia B	- Section 7 - Utopia C
9:45 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m.	Retirement Service	Schaumburg Ballroom
11:30 a.m.	Orders of Business	Schaumburg Ballroom
	- Introduction of Consent Calendar	- Presentations
Noon	Lunch Break	
	- Retirement Lunch	Nirvana A
	- Global Ministries Lunch	Nirvana C
12:30 p.m.	Mission Truck Leaves	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot
1:45 p.m.	Deadline for petitions to be removed from Consent Calendar	
1:45 p.m.	Plenary 2	Schaumburg Ballroom
	- Annual Conference Shepherding Team Table Talk	- Episcopal Address
	- Presentations	- Vote on Consent Calendar
3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:30 p.m.	Plenary 3	Schaumburg Ballroom
	- Bible Study	- Bishop's Appeal Offering
	- CCFA Presentation	- Legislation
		- Presentations
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Break	
7:00 p.m.	Plenary 4	Schaumburg Ballroom
	- Annual Conference Shepherding Team Table Talk	- Legislation
	- One Matters Awards	- Presentations
	- Recognition of Bishop Sally Dyck	
7:30 p.m.	Display Tables Close	Nirvana Threshold & Upstairs Hallway
8:30 p.m.	Bishops Reception	Nirvana Ballroom

Agenda

Tuesday, June 18

7:00 a.m.	Health Screening	First Aid Office/Adventure Foyer
7:00 a.m.	Multicultural/Cross-Cultural/Cross-Racial Breakfast	Nirvana A
7:30 a.m.	Display Tables Open	Nirvana Threshold & Upstairs Hallway
8:30 a.m.	Plenary 5	Schaumburg Ballroom
	- Bible Study	- Cabinet Report
	- Laity Address	- Legislation & Nominations
10:15 a.m.	Break	
	- Family Reception for Memorial Service	Connection (Hotel Side)
10:45 a.m.	Memorial Service	Schaumburg Ballroom
Noon	Lunch Break	
	- Extension Ministries Lunch	Nirvana A
	- Midwest Methodist Foundation Lunch	Nirvana C
1:00 p.m.	Display Tables Close	Nirvana Threshold & Upstairs Hallway
1:30 p.m.	Plenary 6	Schaumburg Ballroom
	- Legislation	- Midwest Mission Foundation Annual Meeting
	- Missions Collection Report	- Mission Link Awards
	- Presentations	
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Plenary 7	Schaumburg Ballroom
	- BBC (Monitoring) Report	- Courtesies and Privilege
	- Legislation	- Presentations
5:00 p.m.	Adjournment	

Voting Rights for Clergy and Lay Members at the 2024 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 2024 annual conference.

Making a Motion From the Floor

Making a motion from the floor or amending a motion from the floor requires a written copy. Please complete the form with the required signatures before making the motion. Both the ushers' and secretaries' tables have copies of the required triplicate forms. Both the motion maker and the person seconding need to sign the form.



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 Schaumburg Room H, or by tracing the labyrinths provided on your table.

Annual Conference Leadership

Bishop Dan Schwerin is serving as the resident bishop in the Northern Illinois Conference. 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. 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.



Ordination Service Preacher, Bishop Sally Dyck, is a retired episcopal leader of The United Methodist Church, having served from 2004 to 2020. She previously oversaw the Northern Illinois Annual Conference (2012-2020) and the Minnesota Conference (2004-2012). She currently serves as the Ecumenical Officer of the Council of Bishops.

Ordained an elder in the East Ohio Conference, Bishop Dyck pastored churches there and served as a district superintendent in the Wooster area. She earned a master of divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology and a certificate from the Ecumenical Institute, a joint program of the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva, Switzerland. She is the author of *A Hopeful Earth: Faith, Science, and the Message of Jesus* (with Sara Ehrman; Abingdon, 2010) and *A Faithful Heart: Daily Guide for Joyful Living* (both published by Abingdon Press, 2010).

Deeply committed to justice, she worked for full inclusion of the church, immigration reform, women's and racial justice, climate justice, and peacemaking as essential to discipleship. She runs daily and enjoys traveling with her husband, retired elder Rev. Ken Ehrman.

Ecumenical Guest, Rev. Dr. Craig Howard, began serving as Executive Presbyter of Chicago at the end of 2021. Before coming to Chicago, he served as Presbytery Leader of Giddings-Lovejoy in St. Louis, Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation, and as Presbytery Executive for the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

Craig is a native of Chicago's south suburbs. He completed his undergraduate work at DePaul University, and earned MDiv and DMin degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary. Craig's first career was in business as an insurance executive. After being ordained to specialized ministry, Craig served as Director of Recruitment and Admissions at McCormick Seminary and later as Chief Development Officer. Craig has served several racial ethnic churches including Latinx, African American, Korean, and Euro American — and also a new church development in the Pentecostal Church. Craig's spouse is the Rev. Marilyn Gamm, who is also a pastor in St. Louis. They have two adult daughters who both live in Chicago.



Bible Study Leader, Rev. Dr. AHyun Lee, is an assistant professor of pastoral theology, care, and psychotherapy at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She is the author of *Selves In-Between: Offering Care and Forging Bonds with Difference* (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 2021). A clergy member of the Wisconsin Conference, Rev. Lee has served in diverse pastoral roles, from small rural churches to bustling urban congregations and in various cross-cultural and cross-racial ministries. Rev. Lee is a licensed clinical professional counselor in the State of Illinois. Dr. Lee was affirmed as the Teacher of the Year at the recent Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary commencement ceremony. Her passion for integrating theology with psychotherapy has led her to roles as a psychotherapist and faculty member at the Center for Religion and Psychotherapy of Chicago. She is committed to theological education and pastoral psychotherapy, as evidenced by her involvement as a board member of PANAATM (Pacific, Asian, North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry) and as an editorial board member of the *Journal of Pastoral Psychology*. Rev. Lee holds a Ph.D. in pastoral theology, personality, and culture from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, an M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary, and a bachelor's degree from Methodist University in Seoul, Korea.

Annual Conference Leadership (continued)

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 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, Pastor D. Josiah Montgomery, is a native of Chicago's South Side, having grown up in the Grand Crossing neighborhood. His formative years were spent in Holiness and Lutheran churches. He now serves as pastor of Hartzell Memorial UMC (Chicago), having previously served East Side UMC (Chicago), and most recently, in campus ministry at North Central College (Naperville). An organist by trade, Pastor Montgomery heard a call to ordained ministry in 2015, while serving at First UMC (LaGrange). He graduated from Perkins School of Theology in 2018 with concentrations in moral theology and African-American religious history. In 2022, he was licensed as a local pastor. Pastor Montgomery is a 2012 graduate of Elmhurst College. He holds membership in the Chicago Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (board member), Black United Methodist Pastors, and Black Methodists for Church Renewal. He is also the assistant conductor of the Chatham Choral Ensemble in Chicago.

Musician, Pastor Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, is the lead pastor at Community United Methodist Church in Naperville. He brings over 25 years of experience in leading both traditional and contemporary worship, children's and youth ministries, adult discipleship, and pastoral ministry. Pastor Tipantasig-Wolverton earned a master of divinity degree from the Methodist Theological School of Ohio and an associate's degree in biblical studies and bachelor of ministries from White Horse School of Ministries in West Lafayette, Ind. He also holds a bachelor of arts in music education from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind. Pastor Jacob is a member of the Queer Clergy Caucus, Reconciling Clergy, and actively advocates for children in the foster care system. As a follower of Jesus, he has made it part of his mission to show love and compassion to these children and the foster families.



Liturgical Dancer, Pastor Taeron J. Flemming-Moore, is Community Pastor of The Well, a church in Washington, D.C., that focuses on the arts and faith. As a teen he joined Asbury United Methodist Church in Jessup, Md., where he held a number of leadership roles. He has led ministry in other congregations as well. Taeron also works in medical research and has been part of several important medical breakthroughs, including helping to find vaccines for COVID-19. A graduate of Lancaster Bible College, Taeron holds a degree in biblical studies. Taeron and his wife, Kanitha Flemming, have just welcomed their first child.



Annual Conference Committee Chair, Deborah Dangerfield, is an active member and current treasurer of Maple Park UMC in Chicago.

In the NIC, she serves or has served on the Nominations Committee, Board of Pensions, ACST, BMCR, RCMA, the Inter-Ethnic Strategic Development Group. She has also served as a delegate to the North Central Jurisdiction. 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.

Annual Conference Committee Vice Chair/Daily Proceedings Chair,



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
Assistant to the Bishop



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District Superintendent



Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer
Director of Connectional Ministries



2024
BISHOP'S APPEAL
 Giving Abundantly, Generosity Overflowing



For 45 years, United Voices for Children has advocated on behalf of children, youth, and families for its three affiliated child-serving agencies: Rosecrance, Kids Above All (formerly ChildServ), and MYSI (formerly Methodist Youth Services Inc). Bishop Dan Schwerin has identified UVC as the 2024 recipient of the Bishop's Appeal, in recognition of their important ministries in Northern Illinois communities. Kids are at the heart of UVC! Join United Voices for Children in raising our voices for our child-serving agencies and the children they reach.



Scan QR code to donate online
 or give during the Bishop's Appeal Offering during
 Plenary 3 in the afternoon on Mon., June 17.

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Celebration of Ministry

Including A Service of Commissioning and Ordination

Sunday, June 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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 to download for free.

Following the service, all are invited to greet those recognized in the Schaumburg Rooms A-D .

Gathering Music

Nothing Is Impossible
House of the Lord

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*** Processional**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH #155

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall,
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

4. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall,
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

*** Call to Worship**

Wesley Covenant Prayer- adapted

Sherry Steele

Leader: I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**People: Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.**

Leader: Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

People: I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

Leader: And now, O glorious and blessed God, Holy Triune One,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

**People: And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Centering Prayer

Bishop Dan Schwerin

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

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

People: Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you gave your apostles many excellent gifts.

Give your grace to all servants of your church, that we many 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

Congregational Affirmation of Ministry

Bishop: Listen, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

Listen, you who are called, come to the waters;

Listen, you who share in God's life, come to the waters!

Incline your ear, and come to me;

Listen so that you may live!

Bishop: Friends in Christ, are you listening? Do you hear the sounds of amazing grace?

Do you discern the call of God? Are you listening?

I call upon all God's people gathered here; I call upon all who are listening:

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

People: Amen! We are listening for God. We remember our baptism and celebrate our common ministry!

Liturgical Dance

Better

Taeron Flemming-Moore

Recognitions and Introduction of Guests

Arlene Christopherson

Bishop Sally Dyck, retired

Kyeong-Ah (Kay) Woo, General Board of Global Ministries Representative

Rev. Dr. Craig M. Howard, Executive Presbyterian, Presbytery of Chicago

*Hymns of Praise

Goodness of God/Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Recognition of Set Apart Ministries

Recognition of Consecrated Deaconess

Fabiola Grandon-Mayer

Barbara Sutton

Bishop: In your recent consecration at General Conference, 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

Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Bishop: Source of all mercies, graciously behold this your servant
who has been 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.

People: Amen.

Bishop to congregation:
Christian friends, I commend to you this person
who has been commissioned and now recognized
to carry into all the world the sacred and imperishable message of eternal salvation.

Prayer of Blessing for Missionary Candidate

Bishop Dan Schwerin
Kyeong-Ah (Kay) Woo, General Board of Global Ministries Representative

Leader: Bishop Dan Schwerin and the members of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference,
I am thankful for the ways in which you are participating in God's mission by supporting
those who are being called to serve in mission.
Global Ministries is excited that Miriam L. Safford, young adult member, has answered the call to go forth into God's mission.
So today, we are thankful that you will be blessing them as they begin their mission service.
Bishop, I present to you Miriam L. Safford.

Bishop: Gracious, Loving, Amazing, Extraordinary and Surprising God,
Our hearts overflow with joy as we gather to celebrate the life of your servant.
We rejoice with them in this important moment of their journey, and we call your blessing upon them for what lies ahead.
They have truly come through the fire, they have crossed many Jordans,
and made tough decisions as they dared to believe in you
and answer your call to mission service as Global Missionary/Global Mission Fellow of the United Methodist Church.
As they faithfully responds to serving you and others,
may the power of the Spirit be with them, fill them and strengthen them.

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



Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Recognition of Local Pastors

Sharon Engert



Ed Bickham
Seth Botts
Jonah Boutell
Fernando Candumbo de Castro
Christopher Druce-Jones
Sandra Gulledge
Lambert Habonimana
David Hamer
Kelli Harrison
Robert Houston
Hwankyu Kim
Fredrick Lartey
Roberto Moreno-Cruz
Ha Son Nguyen
Jason Princer
Gerardo Rodriguez
Jacqueline Salgado-Moreno
Valorie Tatum
Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton



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

People: 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.

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

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

People: 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.

The Word Proclaimed

Reading of the Hebrew Scripture

Habakkuk 3: 17-18

Kimberly Davis (English)
Alka Lyall (India National Language)
Esther Lee (Korean)

Though the fig tree does not blossom and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord;

I will exult in the God of my salvation.

Leader: The Word of God for All

People: Thanks be to God

Response in Song

Word of God Speak

NIC Praise Team

Celebration of Ministry (continued)

*The Reading of the Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9

Sherry Steele (English)
Lino Aragón (Spanish)
Victor Melad Jr. (Tagalog)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!

Leader: The gospel of our Lord!

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Word In Music

He Never Failed Me Yet by Robert Ray

NIC Mass Choir

Sermon

In Season and Out

Bishop Sally Dyck

*Response to the Word

United Methodist Social Creed

Eugene Williams, Conference Co-Lay Leader

Leader: God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace
to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day

God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day

God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day

God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day

God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day

God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

People: And so shall we.

People: Today is the day

**God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we.**

Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Presentation of Persons to Be Commissioned, Recognized and Ordained

Eugene Williams, Co-Lay Leader and Mark Meyers, BOOM Chair
Lynn Mikels, on behalf of the Registrars
Luis F. Reyes-Rosario, Conference Relations

To be commissioned for the work of an elder:

Abby Savannah Holcombe
Young Sun Lee
Eric Marc Reniva

To have orders recognized:

Tércio B. Junker

To be ordained as a deacon:

Tura J. Foster Gillespie
David Foster, sponsor

Bishop: These persons are by God's grace to be commissioned, recognized or ordained to 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 commissioning, recognition, and ordination of these persons.

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

People: We do! Thanks be to God!

Bishop: Will you uphold them in their ministry?

People: With God's help, we will.

Let there be applause, shouts and rejoicing!

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 and Ordained

Song of Worship

Oceans

See words on the screen

Celebration of Ministry (continued)

The Prayer of Commissioning with the Laying on of Hands

Bishop Dan Schwerin

Bishop: Christ gave all of us this command: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest".

We have asked, and the Lord has answered. These sisters and brothers know our Savior's concern for God's people, see the plentiful harvest, and are ready to respond generously to the Lord in the words of the prophet: "Here I am; send me."...

... Deepen their sense of purpose as they exercise commissioned ministry.

Empower them, 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.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon _____.

Send them 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 Triune God.

People: Amen.

Welcoming Those Commissioned

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

Recognition of Orders

The bishop addresses those whose orders are to be recognized.

Bishop: After due examination of your call and ministry in another part of Christ's holy church,
we now welcome you to this communion.

You have given assurance of your faith and Christian experience.

You have renewed the vows of your ordination
and committed yourself to uphold faithfully The United Methodist Church.

We rejoice that you have been called to serve among us,
and pray that God may guide your ministry.

Tércio B. Junker, we now recognize your orders and
welcome you in full membership in Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church



Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Examination of Deacon

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.
These are the duties 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,
re-affirm your covenant to continue your participation 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.

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 the ordinand.

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

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

People: Amen.

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

Tura, 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.

People: Amen.

Presentation of New Deacon to the Church

Bishop: I present to you Tura Foster Gillespie our newly ordained deacon
in Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church!

Celebration of Ministry (continued)

*Hymn

Make Me a Servant

TFWS# 2176

Refrain: Make me a servant humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant make me a servant
Make me a servant today

The Ministry Of Elders (Renewal)

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.

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.

People: Amen.

Invitation to Offering

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Prayer for the Offering

Sejoon Jang, Board of Ordained Ministry Treasurer

Offertory Anthem

Yet – The King Will Come

Liturgical Dance, Taeron Flemming-Moore

Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Bishop Dan Schwerin
Kimberly Davis

Invitation to the Table

Confession

People: Most merciful God,

We have sinned against you by what we have done and left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have ignored your will for us as your people,

and have not shared your abundance with all who are in need.

Forgive us, we pray, that we may repent, and fulfill your will for us through all our days:

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently confess your sins to God.

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is merciful and just, and forgives us our sins, and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven! Glory be to God! Amen.

*The Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Signs of reconciliation and love may be exchanged

Communion Anthen

At this Table

NIC Paise Team

The Great Thanksgiving

Musical Setting TFWS# 2257 a-b

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...

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord; God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory:

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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.

Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Bishop: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Great Amen

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

The Lords' Prayer

(Please pray in the language or form of your preference.)

Breaking the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

All communion elements are vegan and gluten free.
They will be distributed to the congregation by the newly ordained and commissioned and others at the direction of the ushers.

Communion Hymns

*For Everyone Born
Gratitude
One Bread, One Body*

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Giving Thanks

Bishop: Let us pray.

People: 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

*Dismissal with Blessing

Tura Foster Gillespie, Bishop Dan Schwerin

Bishop: The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all always.

Deacon: Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

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

* Hymn of Celebration (Recessional)

All the People said Amen

See words on the screen

Postlude

Sing Wherever I Go

NIC Praise Team

Celebration of Ministry (continued)

Order of Procession

Marshals - Danita Anderson & Scott Christy
Cross – Joshua Brown
Bible – Victor Melad Jr.

Christ Candle – Xiomara Castro
Chalice – Alka Lyall
Bowl, Pitcher & Towel – Sherry Steele & Kimberly Davis

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2024 Newly Commissioned and Ordained



Celebration of Ministry (continued)

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Because you are interested in each of these ministers, and in quality ministry for each local church, we want you to know how vital the Ministerial Education Fund is in funding the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry, at both the national and conference levels.

The Ministerial Education Fund (“M.E.F.”) is a beautiful example of connectional ministry at its best! The fund is a portion of the “Support of the General Church” category within the Apportionment figure for each local church and is 5.8% of the entire Apportionment. The Northern Illinois Conference retains 25% of the funds through M.E.F. — and uses these funds for (among other things) seminary scholarships, continuing education grants, and developing continuing education events.

Of the 75% of M.E.F. funds sent on to the General Church — approximately 84% is used to support our 13 United Methodist seminaries, and most of the remaining portion gets used to support and enhance the “Course of Study” program for those ministers who do not attend seminary.

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Commissioning and Ordination Descriptions

Commissioning relates persons to the annual conference and to the ministry of the provisional members within the annual conference. Commissioning implies that the person is being sent for service and the church invokes the Holy Spirit to empower commissioned ministers during their time of provisional membership. The provisional period is a time of full service in which one is licensed for the practice of ministry (¶¶ 316.1) and a period of formation in one’s journey toward ordination and full membership in the annual conference. (2016 Book of Discipline)

Ordination of deacons and elders is both to an office and for a lifetime. Ordination confers a new identity as well as authority for ministry. The new identity of the ordained is always claimed in relation to Christ and his call to leadership and service with the baptized for the life of the world. The authority is always exercised in stewardship of the mysteries of the gospel and of the church’s mission in the world. Ordination has to do with who the person is as well as what the person does in ministry (2016 Book of Discipline)

Deaconesses (and home missionaries) are laity called by God to a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice and service. (¶ 1913) Deaconesses are consecrated by a bishop, then commissioned in their local annual conference.

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 Monday, June 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Hymn

Every Praise by Hezekiah Walker

Every praise is to our God
Every word of worship, with one accord
Every praise, every praise is to our God
Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
Every praise, every praise is to our God
Sing x2

God my Savior
God my Healer
God my Deliverer
Yes He is, yes He is
Sing x2

Every praise is to our God
Every word of worship, with one accord
Every praise, every praise is to our God
Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
Every praise, every praise is to our God

Greeting and Reflections

Bishop Dan Schwerin

Call to Worship

Psalm 138, UMH No. 853

Hyo Sun Oh

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

Leader: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

People: On the day I called, you answered me, you strengthened my life.

Leader: All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

People: for they have heard the words of your mouth;

Leader: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord.

People: for great is the glory of the Lord.

Leader: For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly;

People: yet knows the haughty from afar.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.

**People: you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies
and your right hand delivers me.**

Leader: O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me;

People: O Lord, may your steadfast love endure for ever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

A Prayer of Praise (Unison)

Innis Miller

Almighty God, how beautiful it is to gather in your holy name to celebrate your faithful servants who are retiring from active ministry. Gracious Lord, we are thankful for their commitment and service in your vineyard, transforming the world through your grace. Bless this holy celebration with your presence. Amen.

Scripture Reading

James 3:17-18, NRSVUE

Innis Miller

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Retirement Service (continued)

Hymn

I Surrender All

UMH# 354

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

2. All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.
Refrain

3. All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.
Refrain

**Refrain: I surrender all,
I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

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



Judith Early Best (4)
Brenda Byrne (30.5)
Jay D. Carr (40)
Regina Davis-Bridges (17)
Romir Reyes Esguerra (41)
GaHyung Kim (36)
Martin Lee (31)
Paul C. Meyers (30)
Lynn Mikels (26)
Young-Mee Park (21)
Virginia Ellen Rainey (11.5)
Martha Lynne Scott (48.5)
Charles M. Straight (15)
Reuel Argamaso Talapian (13)
Richard Prugh Wagner (36)
Wendy A. Witt (37)



Retirement Service (continued)

Questions and Response from the Retiring Class

In keeping with our theme, "YIELD" based upon the Wesley's Covenant Prayer, the retiring clergy were invited to reflect on one of the three following questions:

1. How have you "freely and heartily yielded" to God's call?
2. How has yielding to God's call helped your ministry?
3. What wisdom would you share with your other colleagues as you yielded to God?

Musical Interlude

D. Josiah Montgomery

Special Music

Grace, Grace Greater than Our Sin

Korean Clergy Choir

Passing of the Mantle

Tura Foster Gillespie, Virginia Ellen Rainey

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH# 369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

2. Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

**Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

Closing Prayer (Unison)

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition, UMH# 607

Amos Oladipo

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what you wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid side by thee,
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

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: We leave this sacred space as we freely and heartily yield with God's command to share the message of mercy, grace, and peace. We will move throughout the world with God's calling upon our lives. Amen.

Postlude

God, and God Alone

D. Josiah Montgomery

Retirement Service (continued)

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Memorial Service

Remembering the Saints Triumphant

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 10:45 a.m.

Centering Words

Becca Rome

Prelude

Never Would Have Made It

Taeron Flemming-Moore

The Word of Grace

United Methodist Book of Worship

Mary Bohall

Jesus said, I am resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I hold the keys of hell & death. Because I live, you shall live also.

Hymn

Jesus Remember Me

UMH# 488

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23, NRSVUE

Rosa Lee

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, my whole life long.

A Blessing for Collective Grief by Kate Bowler

from *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days*

Gary Greene

God, we are blindsided
what we thought was impossible,
even unthinkable
has brought us to our knees.

God, things don't make sense,
the innocent still suffer,
buildings still fall,
families still grieve.

Help us to know what to feel,
what to do,
how to grieve—together.

Blessed are we
who let reality in
though our bodies shudder.
blessed are we
who ask and wait, and ask again
for answers that may not come,
for hope that seems hard to find,
for comfort that is not easily found.

Along the way
show us how to live
when we've lost the things
we cannot get back.

Remind us that you, oh God,
are our home and our refuge
when life's cruelty and our fragility
are too difficult to shoulder alone.
be with us, oh God of all comfort.

Amen.

Hymn

Pues si vivimos (When We Are Living)

UMH# 356

1. Pues si vivimos, para Él vivimos,
y si morimos, para Él morimos.
Sea que vivamos o que muramos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

2. En esta vida frutos hay que dar
y buenas obras hemos de ofrendar.
sea ya que demos o que recibamos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

1. When we are Living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord,
Both in our living and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
We belong to God, We belong to God.

Memorial Service (continued)

Blessing for the Brokenhearted by Jan Richardson

Jacqueline Ford

There is no remedy for love but to love more.—Henry David Thoreau

Let us agree
for now
that we will not say
the breaking
makes us stronger
or that it is better
to have this pain
than to have done
without this love.

Let us promise
we will not
tell ourselves
time will heal
the wound,
when every day
our waking
opens it anew.

Perhaps for now
it can be enough
to simply marvel
at the mystery
of how a heart
so broken
can go on beating,
as if it were made
for precisely this—

as if it knows
the only cure for love
is more of it,

as if it sees
the heart's sole remedy
for breaking
is to love still,

as if it trusts
that its own
persistent pulse
is the rhythm
of a blessing
we cannot
begin to fathom
but will save us
nonetheless.

Special Music

Fields of Grace by Herman Beeftink

Joe Johnson, Flute Soloist

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, NRSVUE

G. Morris Jarkloh

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture. "I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Sermon

Being Renewed

Bishop Dan Schwerin

Act of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 1

TFWS# 2232

Come now, of Price of Peace, Make us some body,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Retired Clergy

Lowell Dean Allen, Oct. 14, 2023
Gessel Berry, Jr., Nov. 24, 2023
Philip Bergstrom, April 17, 2024
Frankella Brandon, Oct. 20, 2023
Allen R. Campbell, Nov. 10, 2023
James Campbell, Oct. 18, 2023
Eugene Carter, Oct. 31, 2023
Walter "Slim" Coleman, April 17, 2024
Daniel Facemyer, Sept. 22, 2023
Ron Greene, April 14, 2024
Berty Hakeem, June 27, 2023
Delbert Hargreaves, April 29, 2024
Irvine Huber, April 14, 2024
Richard Hundrieser, Jan. 16, 2024
Peter Youngkil Kim, Oct 25, 2023
Kermit Krueger, March 3, 2024

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Memorial Service (continued)

Retired Clergy (continued)

Howard Leach, May 18, 2023
Donald Long, March 19, 2024
Morgan McLeland, Dec. 2, 2023
Thomas John Potenza, May 25, 2023
Kirk Scott, July 11, 2023
Harry Wainwright, Jr., Dec. 10, 2023
Charles Leslie Young, Dec. 28, 2023

Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 2

TFWS# 2232

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



Spouses of Active Clergy

Steve Starwalt, Aug. 6, 2023

Spouses of Retired Clergy

James Laban Glass, March 7, 2024
Don Niswonger, Dec. 24, 2023
James Rial, Nov. 10, 2023
Gilles Verboom, March 29, 2024
Tom Zolk, July 10, 2023

Surviving Spouses of Deceased Clergy

Nancy Sue Allen, July 23, 2023
Kiyoko Kasai Fujiu, June 27, 2023
Penelope Logan, July 5, 2023
Joyce Meyer, March 24, 2024
Elinor Sorenson, Sept. 30, 2023
Susan Vaughn, June 10, 2023
Irma Vautrin, Nov. 4, 2023
Betty Ann Wilson, Nov. 12, 2023



Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 3

TFWS# 2232

O-so-so o-so, so, Cha-yu eui im-gum
u-ri-ga han-mom i-ru-ge ha-so-so.

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Cindy Belle, River Forest UMC, Jan. 14, 2024
Lillie Childs, Chicago: Resurrection UMC, Aug., 8, 2023
Charles (Chuck) Dexter, Yorkville: Trinity UMC, April 18, 2024
Jim Kloeping, Chana UMC, June 8, 2023
Vickie Powell-Bass, Chicago: Wesley UMC, Nov. 17, 2023
Cindy Radigan, Chicago: Union Ave. UMC, Oct. 21, 2023

Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 4

TFWS# 2232

O-so-so o-so-so, tong-il eui in-gum,
u-ri-ga han-mom, i-ru-ge ha-so-so.

Memorial Service (continued)

Remembrance at tables

Hope Chernich

Leader: At each table there is a bowl of water and a pile of stones. Take a stone and feel it. Some are smooth and some are rough. Some are shiny and some are dull. As you hold your stone or stones... Remember one of the saints who now rests from their labor. One of the saints who has helped to make you who you are. One of the saints who lived their faith the best they knew how. One of the saints who has now joined the great cloud of witnesses. As you remember and give thanks for them, drop the stone in the water. See the ripples & maybe even feel the splashes. May their memory be a blessing.

Singing Together

O So So, Vs. 1

TFWS# 2232

Come now, of Price of Peace, Make us some body,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Prayer

United Methodist Book of Worship

Norval Brown

Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

UMH# 77

See words on the screen

Benediction

Bishop Dan Schwerin

Postlude

He Looked Beyond my Fault

SOZ# 31

Thank you to our Participants

Bishop Dan Schwerin, Melwyn S. Alagodi, Jim Bell, Mary Bohall, Norval Brown, Fernando Candumbo de Castro, Kim Chapman (percussionist), Hope Chernich, Arlene Christopherson, Eddie Eddy, Jacqueline Ford, Fabiola Gandon-Mayer, Gary Greene, Arnold Hoskins, G. Morris Jarkloh, Joseph Johnson (musician), Rosa Lee, Melissa Meyers, D. Joshua Montgomery (musician), Cherie Quillman, Sharon Rice, Becca Rome, Siegfried Schwirblat, Addison Shields, Jr. (worship coordinator), Allyson Talbert, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton (musician), Andi Voinavich

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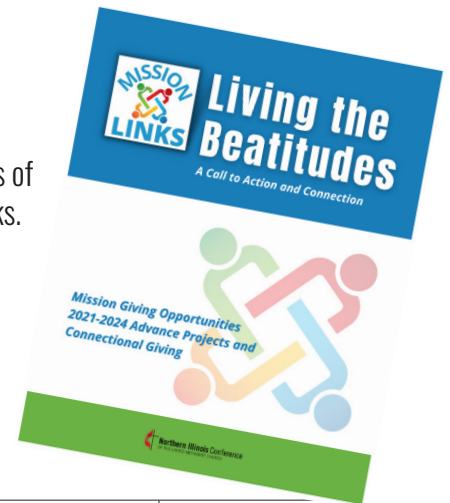
2023 Mission Links Awards

Thank you to the following Northern Illinois Conference churches for becoming 2023 Mission Links 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.

Shirley Pulgar-Hughes,
Conference Mission Secretary



The Philip Otterbein Award: Highest Total Mission Link Giving Christ United Methodist Church in Rockford: \$51,405.70

Church	Total Apportionments	Total ML Dollars	Per Capita
Rockford: Christ	\$89,797.58	\$51,405.70	57%
Downers Grove: First	\$65,000.00	\$25,390.46	39%
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood	\$69,960.00	\$21,369.45	31%
New Lenox	\$63,792.00	\$17,594.50	28%
Arlington Heights: First	\$77,940.00	\$12,388.62	16%

The John Wesley Award: Highest Mission Link Giving per Member Triumph United Methodist Church: 77%

Church	Total Apportionments	Total ML Dollars	Per Capita
Triumph	\$1,884.00	\$1,452.00	77%
Rockford: Christ	\$89,797.58	\$51,405.70	57%
Hinckley: First	\$17,738.25	\$7,604.00	43%
Antioch	\$24,156.00	\$9,755.56	40%
Argo Fay	\$1,608.00	\$634.02	39%

All 2023 Mission Link Churches

Church	Total Apport.	Total ML Dollars	Per Capita
Antioch	\$24,156	\$9,756	40%
Argo Fay	\$1,608	\$634	39%
Arlington Heights: First	\$77,940	\$12,389	16%
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood	\$69,960	\$21,369	31%
Carol Stream: St. Andrew	\$19,608	\$2,377	12%
Cary	\$14,784	\$5,238	35%
Chana	\$6,588	\$640	10%
Chicago: Humboldt Park	\$3,000	\$800	27%
Des Plaines: First	\$10,000	\$2,443	24%
Downers Grove: First	\$65,000	\$25,390	39%
Esmond	\$5,688	\$986	17%
Evanston: First	\$119,877	\$3,016	3%
Geneva	\$119,494	\$9,948	8%
Hanover	\$3,228	\$1,119	35%
Harmon	\$1,200	\$230	19%
Hinckley: First	\$17,738	\$7,604	43%
Lanark	\$12,967	\$975	8%
Lemont	\$20,281	\$3,555	18%

Church	Total Apport.	Total ML Dollars	Per Capita
Marengo	\$24,228	\$2,085	9%
Mendota: Zion	\$10,584	\$3,195	30%
Millbrook	\$3,094	\$210	7%
Milledgeville	\$6,732	\$1,434	21%
Mount Prospect: Trinity	\$43,308	\$6,991	16%
New Lenox	\$63,792	\$17,595	28%
Oswego: Good Shepherd	\$28,000	\$1,923	7%
Princeton: First	\$28,104	\$8,675	31%
Reynolds	\$4,740	\$745	16%
Rockford: Beth Eden	\$12,488	\$2,000	16%
Rockford: Christ	\$89,798	\$51,406	57%
Roselle	\$20,000	\$3,903	20%
Schaumburg: Our Saviour's	\$41,364	\$9,738	24%
Serena	\$6,432	\$350	5%
Tampico	\$6,636	\$1,000	15%
Thomson	\$4,392	\$1,104	25%
Triumph	\$1,884	\$1,452	77%
Waukegan: First	\$39,020	\$2,892	7%

If you prefer to make a financial contribution you can:

- Give to Midwest Mission #50000150 through the online apportionment process.
- Send a check written to the Northern Illinois Conference with Midwest Mission #50000150 in the memo section to the conference treasurer's office.

If you prefer to make a bulk purchase, you can take advantage of competitive prices. Find more information at midwestmission.org/collect-donate

185th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Fill the Truck

Mission Challenge Collection Drive

Collecting Outside in the Parking Lot

Sun., June 16, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Mon., June 17, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you missed out on the challenge, don't worry. You also can always send donations to the center directly or drop off at the NIC permanent sites:

- Lake North: Maywood: Neighborhood UMC or Glenview UMC
- Lake South: New Lenox UMC
- Prairie Central: Fox River Grove: Community
- Prairie North: Lanark UMC

2024 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 we present five awards instead of recognizing one congregation. As we celebrate these churches and their stories, we are invited to ask ourselves what new thing we can do to make an impact in our communities and what else we can do to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our society and share God's love and hope with everyone.



PRESENTED TO:

- **Lake North: Kingswood UMC in Buffalo Grove**
- **Lake South: Downers Grove: First UMC**
- **Prairie Central: Batavia UMC**
- **Prairie North: Marengo UMC**
- **Prairie South: Ashton UMC**

Questions about One Matters? Please contact Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer
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Table Displays

This year display tables are in upstairs hallway, the areas outside the Nirvana and Utopia rooms at the top of the escalators.

Sun., June 16 - 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mon., June 17 - 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tues., June 18 - 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Center for Changing Lives
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Midwest Methodist Foundation
Midwest Mission
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NIC Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries
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NIC Net Zero Team
NIC Older Adult Ministry Committee
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NIC Risk Management and Ministry Protection (Insurance)
NIC United Methodist Men & Scouting
NIC United Women in Faith
North Central College
PRHeSS Ministry
Reconciling Ministries Network
Rosecrance Foundation
Teaching Cultural Compassion
United Voices for Children
Volunteers in Mission

Lay Member Reporting Guide

Theme: I thoroughly and heartily YIELD

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 – Sunday, June 16

LAITY SESSION – 2:30 p.m.

PLENARY 1: 4:00 p.m

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY – 7:00 p.m.

Day Two – Monday, June 17

LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS – 8:30 a.m.

RETIREMENT SERVICE: 10:15 a.m., PLENARY 2 & EPISCOPAL ADDRESS: 2:00 p.m.

PLENARY 3: 3:30 p.m., PLENARY 4: 7:00 p.m.

Day Three – Tuesday, June 19

PLENARY 5 & LAITY ADDRESS: 8:30 a.m., MEMORIAL SERVICE: 10:45 a.m.

PLENARY 6: 1:30 p.m., PLENARY 7: 3:15 p.m.

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Parliamentary Procedure Chart - Robert's Rules

To Do This: SECONDARY MOTIONS IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE		You Say This:		(See Key Below)					
				I	S	D	A	Vote	R
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		
MAIN MOTION (Introduction of a Petition)									
Introduce New Business	<i>"I move that . . ."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	R		
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS (Pertaining to the business under consideration)									
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			
BRING A MATTER BACK BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY									
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

Making a Motion From the Floor

Making a motion from the floor or amending a motion from the floor requires a written copy. Please complete the form with the required signatures before making the motion. Both the ushers' and secretaries' tables have copies of the required triplicate forms. Both the motion maker and the person seconding need to sign the form.

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.

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



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Who We Are

Based on Landscape Survey and Annual Conference Presentation June, 2016

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 to the local church
- Fostering and celebrating diversity
(as a conference, in our community & in the world)

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)



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