

Back to the Future

2019 Northern Illinois Annual Conference



Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



180th Northern Illinois Annual Conference June 2-4, 2019 Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center

Registration Begins April 2

With the theme "Back to the Future," the 2019 Annual Conference will be a time for recalling, reimagining, and reclaiming our history for a hopeful future. In addition to celebrating our 180th year as a conference, we will celebrate Global Ministries' bicentennial anniversary and the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women (UMW).

April 2-28 Early bird registration \$80/person

April 29 - May 19 \$95/person

May 20 - June 4 \$130/person ON-SITE ONLY

The 2019 Bishop's Appeal Offering will support Northern Illinois Conference Outdoor & Retreat Ministries. This fund will be used to support two week-long summer programs and provide opportunities for children and youth who otherwise may not financially be able to attend camp. Visit umcnic.org/bishopsappeal for more info.

Volunteer Opportunities

We need ushers, plenary pages, greeters, secretarial pool members and more to help Annual Conference run smoothly and efficiently. Interested in serving as a volunteer for a day or even part of a day? Please contact Rev. Alka Lyall at NILAC2019@gmail.com with your interest and availability.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 30: Names/photos of AC lay members who have passed since June 2018 DUE to communications@umcnic.org.

May 19: Applications for display tables DUE. View guidelines and applications at www.umcnic.org/displaytables.

May 1: Media presentations DUE to ACmedia@umcnic.org.

May 1: Proposed legislation and historical documents online.

Download or bookmark the link prior to conference as we try to be "green." Questions? Contact Rev. Katie Voigt at ACdocuments@umcnic.org.

May 17: LAST DAY to reserve hotel Room rate is \$149/night + tax. Reserve at www.umcnic.org/AC2019.

May 19: Meal reservations DUE Online only: no on-site reservations. Contact: Laura Lopez at llopez@umcnic.org.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, June 2

1pm Registration Opens

2pm New Member Orientation

4pm Ordination Service

Monday, June 3

1:30pm Retirement Service

Tuesday, June 4

10:30am Memorial Service

DELEGATE ELECTION

This year we will vote on Clergy and Lay Delegates for the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. We will elect three lay and three clergy General Conference delegates and three lay and clergy Jurisdictional Conference delegates (as well as two clergy and lay alternates). The lay delegate nomination form will only be available at www.umcnic.org/laydelegationform. Delegate candidates are asked to include a photo with their form to make it easier to recognize candidates at Annual Conference. All active full member clergy are eligible candidates and do not need to fill out a form.

MISSION CHALLENGE

We are supporting the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, our United Methodist disaster relief supply center near Springfield, Ill., by collecting bulk items for Dignity Kits. Their trailer will be on site Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon. Visit www.umcnic.org/missionchallenge for a list of assigned donations by district. Items needed include bath and hand towels, adult toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo.

RESOURCES

Free on-site childcare will be available for children 12 years old and younger for parents/guardians attending AC. Register for childcare on the AC registration page. (Cost is underwritten by registration fees.)

An **Accessibility Coordinator** will be present to help with any needs (vision, movement, hearing, etc.), within our ability. Please indicate on your registration how we can extend welcome and hospitality. All AC worship services offer a sign language interpreter and accessible seating near the stage. Assistive listening devices and large print programs will be available at the accessibility table near the hall entrance.

Distribution of print materials will be limited as we continue to be good stewards of the environment. Conference Secretary Deborah Tinsley-Taylor, nicsecretary@umcnic.org, must pre-approve 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 housed at the lobby table. Announcements during AC will be projected on the screen after approval.

A dedicated prayer station will be available for a time of centering and reflection during the conference.

MEALS

ON-SITE OPTIONS (on your own)

RENdezvous Cafe: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sam & Harry's Steak House: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

A La Carte (in-room dining): Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Gather Bar: Lunch and Dinner

GROUP MEALS

*Feel free to register and attend sponsored group meals to celebrate and learn about their ministries. **NOTE: * = by invitation only.***

Sunday 6/2/2019

Hispanic/Latinx Dinner*

GETS (Garett-Evangelical Theological Seminary) Evening Reception

Monday 6/3/2019

Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural Ministry Breakfast*

Fellowship of Asian Americans Luncheon

Order of Deacons Lunch

Rainbow Covenant/Global Ministries Lunch

Retired Clergy Lunch*

United Methodist Women Dinner

MFSA/NIC-RMN Dinner

Tuesday 6/4/2019

United Voices for Children Breakfast

North Central College Breakfast

Extension Ministry/ABLC Ministries Luncheon*

United Methodist Foundation Luncheon*

Group meal reservations must be completed at umcnic.org/AC2019 by Sunday, May 19.