



Dear NIC Annual Conference Members and Guests:

Welcome to the 187th Northern Illinois Annual Conference Session.

We are delighted to welcome you to this year's Annual Conference as we gather around the inspiring and timely theme: **"Practicing Hope."** Whether you have journeyed from nearby communities or traveled from afar, whether this is your first Annual Conference or one of many, we are grateful for your presence and the gifts you bring to our shared time together.

Throughout the coming days, we will worship, learn, discern, and celebrate together. We will listen deeply to stories of resilience and renewal, honor the work God is doing among us, and seek fresh ways to live out our calling in the church and the world. In every conversation, every session, and every act of fellowship, may we encourage one another to continue practicing hope with faithfulness and joy.

We invite you to be fully present during our time together. Take this opportunity to reconnect with colleagues & friends, build new relationships, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as the body of Christ.

The full agenda is included in your conference program book, which you will receive at check-in, and it is also available by scanning the QR code to the right. On the back of this letter, you will find a list of hotel dining and refreshment options available during meal breaks.



May this Annual Conference be a sacred space of renewal, inspiration, and connection. May the Holy Spirit guide our conversations, deepen our understanding, and empower us to leave this gathering renewed in faith and steadfast in hope.

Once again, welcome. We are truly thankful you are here.

Deborah Dangerfield
Annual Conference Committee Chair

Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer
Director of Connectional Ministries

Bishop Dan Schwerin
Resident Bishop, Northern Illinois-Wisconsin Episcopal Area



First Day Agenda - Sunday, June 14

More agenda details will be in the Program booklet you will receive with your credentials.

10:00 a.m.	Mission Truck Opens	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot
11:00 a.m.	Check-in and Credentials Available	Schaumburg Ballroom Foyer
	Late Legislation Deadline (deliver to Chair of Daily Proceedings with 75 Copies)	
Noon	Display Tables Open	Schaumburg Ballroom Foyer
	Celebration of Ministry Service Rehearsal	Schaumburg Ballroom
1:30 p.m.	Laity Session	Utopia Ballroom
	Clergy Session	Nirvana Ballroom
3:30 p.m.	Break	
4:00 p.m.	Opening and Plenary 1	Schaumburg Ballroom
	- BBC (Monitoring) Introduction	- Daily Procedures and Organizing Motions
	- Historic Reports	- Ordination Class Introduction/Historic Questions
		- Presentations
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Break	
	Mass Choir Rehearsal for Celebration of Ministry Service	Schaumburg Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Mission Truck Closes	Next to Conference Center Parking Lot
6:30 p.m.	Clergy Robing and Line Up for Service	Nirvana Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	Celebration of Ministry	Schaumburg Ballroom
7:30 p.m.	Display Tables Close	Schaumburg Ballroom Foyer
8:30 p.m.	Celebration of Ministry Reception	Schaumburg E-H

General food options at the hotel

- Food Cart outside of our conference area (7 a.m. - 7 p.m.) Coffee, Sandwiches & Snacks
- RENdevous Cafe (Starbucks) (6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) Breakfast, Lunch
- Gather Lounge (4 p.m. - Midnight) Dinner
- Schaumburg Public House (6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.) Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner