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181st Session
Bishop Sally Dyck - Presiding



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Voting Rights for Clergy and Lay Members at the 2020 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 the business of the 2020 annual conference.



Annual Conference Leadership

Bishop Sally Dyck grew up in rural Washington State. Her home church is on the corner of a wheat field about 20 miles from any town. She grew up on a farm nearby. Now, when asked where she is from, she says, "I'm from I-90. I-90 goes by where I was born and raised. I-90 has a ramp to Boston University where I graduated from college and Boston University School of Theology where I went to seminary. I spent 25 years of ministry as a pastor and a district superintendent in the Cleveland, Ohio area and I-90 goes through that area. After I was elected a bishop in 2004, I was assigned to the Minnesota Annual Conference and I-90 goes through the southern part of the state. I was assigned to the Northern Illinois Annual Conference in 2012 and reassigned for another four years in 2016. I walk across I-90 to go to my office at the Temple/First UMC in Chicago. I'm from I-90! Now as I move on to retirement, I will be living near I-80 in California."



As a bishop, she spends nearly every Sunday (or more) in local churches throughout the conference. Since coming to Northern Illinois, Bishop Sally has worked to help the Northern Illinois Conference strengthen its capacity to fulfill its purpose (given in the Book of Discipline): "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." Bishop Dyck presently serves as the President of the General Board of Church and Society for The United Methodist Church, President of the National Hispanic Plan and is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. In retirement Bishop Dyck has been elected to serve as the Ecumenical Officer for the Council of Bishops.

Bishop Dyck has been married to Rev. Dr. Kenneth P. Ehrman since 1976. Ken is a retired UM pastor and former Director of Field Education at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

Memorial Service Preacher Woody Bedell was the NIC Director of Benefits and Human Resources until his passing on November 1, 2020 after a long-term journey with cancer. In his position with NIC, Woody helped in the design, implementation and explanation of the benefit programs provided by the conference and Wespath, as well as managing the conference staff human resource needs. Previously, Woody had been the Benefits Officer for the Virginia Conference, Chief Strategic Relations Officer at Wespath and Director of Benefits for the Reformed Church in America. Woody was a member of Libertyville United Methodist Church where he taught adult classes and played in the contemporary band for more than 20 years. At one point, he said he was crazy enough to participate in the Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon twice.



Annual Conference Leadership (*continued*)



Worship Leader Rev. Rich Rubietta is an Elder from the Northern Illinois Conference and has been a Circuit Riding *Musicianary* for 20 years. Rich criss-crosses the Midwest each weekend to help create family-friendly worship experiences with local church musicians. With the creative use of music, he helps children, parents and grandparents worship happily together, crafting upbeat worship experiences that defy categories of traditional or “contemporary.” His mission is to use music to help bring people closer to God and to one another. Learn more at umcalive.org.

Rich has a music degree from Northwestern University, an MDiv from Trinity Divinity School in Deerfield, and has pastored churches in Freeport, Morris, Joliet and Grayslake in Illinois.



Bible Study Leader Rev. Junius B. Dotson, a nationally recognized leader, speaker, and author, is the General Secretary (chief executive officer) of Discipleship Ministries, an international agency of The United Methodist Church, an organization with a staff of more than 130. Dotson was elected General Secretary in 2016.

Under Dotson’s leadership, Discipleship Ministries has worked toward having the 11-million member denomination ensure every congregation has an intentional discipleship system, engages with people currently outside the church, and cultivates local (contextual) resources around the globe.

Rev. Dotson is the author of *Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough*, and the *Journey to Wholeness* (Upper Room Books). Released to national acclaim, the book is a 6-week study for everyone who moves at breakneck speed through daily life.

Rev. Dotson was a member of a team of 16 global United Methodist leaders, across a wide theological spectrum, toward a proposal that would preserve The United Methodist Church while allowing traditionalist-minded congregations to form a new denomination. The proposal was reached with the help of famed mediator Kenneth Feinberg, who worked on the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

Dotson launched “See All The People”, the highly successful church-wide initiative that helps church leaders concentrate on intentional discipleship, while learning new behaviors around engaging their surrounding community.

Prior to his present position, Rev. Dotson was Senior Pastor of Saint Mark United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas, where he was instrumental in transforming the 3,500-member church into a multi-campus congregation.



Annual Conference Leadership (continued)

The Cabinet



Bishop Sally Dyck



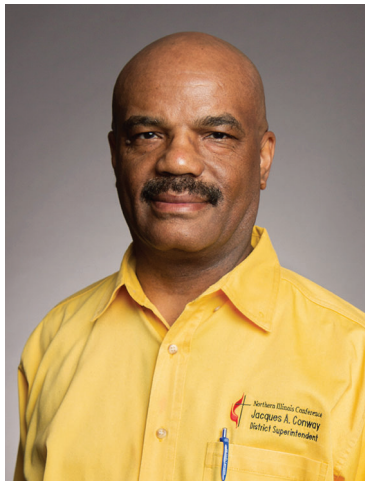
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Zoom Webinar Conference Quick Tips

My Voter ID: _____ The **Ballot Code** will change for every vote.
Keep an eye on the screen!

1 The Q&A Feature

You can participate in the conference business using the Q&A feature. Click on the icon to open the Q&A Window. Then you can ask a question or seek to be recognized for the following reasons:



Motion: [Insert your motion]

Amendment: [Insert change]

Speech for/Speech against

Call the Question

Point of Order: [Insert point and rule violated]

Moment of Personal Privilege: [reason]

2 The Raise Hand Feature



When called on by the Bishop after submitting in the Q&A feature, Raise and Lower your hand by clicking the Raise Hand icon. It is gray when lowered, it will turn blue when raised. Leadership can see your hand when it is raised (blue). You will then receive a prompt to unmute your mic. *Unmute your mic by clicking "Unmute myself", and then speak.*

3 Finding the Online Voting Webpage

We recommend using a second device for online voting. Start by opening a web browser and go to **vote.gntv.info**. Your web browser might look like one of the icons below.



Make sure you are typing the webpage address in the address bar, not the search field!

4 Voting

When you have reached **vote.gntv.info**

1. Enter the Ballot Code on your screen
2. Click the green "Load Ballot" button
3. Enter your unique Voter ID at the top of your ballot
4. Make your voting selection(s)
5. Click the blue "Submit" button
6. Click the green "Return to Start" button

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Please enter ballot code below then click Load Ballot:

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Load Ballot

Voter ID *

Your answer

Submit

Return to Start

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2020 Annual Conference Agenda

Thursday, November 12

7pm Premiere of Prerecorded Memorial Service

Friday, November 13

Due to COVID restrictions, the Service of Ordination and Commission will be rescheduled.

Saturday, November 14

10am Call to Order

Episcopal Devotion..... Bishop Dyck

Technology Review Good News Television

Opening Motions Alka Lyall, ACC Chair

Historical Reports and Consent Calendar Katie Voigt, Daily Procedures

Redistricting Legislation Darneather Murph-Heath, Dean of Cabinet

Break

Budget Legislation..... Stephanie Uhl, CCFA Chair and Lonnie Chafin, NIC Treasurer

Bishop's Appeal..... Young Seon (Christina) Kim, NIC Elder and Global Missionary

12:00pm Lunch Break

1:30pm Call to Order

Anti-Racism Legislation..... Violet Johnicker, ARTF Member

Laity Address..... Elisa Gatz, Conference Co-Lay Leader

Nominations Slate Nancy Pendergrass, Nominations Committee Chair

United Methodist Foundation Report..... Chris Walters, UMF President

ACST Update Voices of our Young Leaders

Break

Celebration of Bishop Dyck..... Myron McCoy and Liz Gracie, ACST Co-Chairs

Greeting from the Interim Bishop Bishop John Hopkins

Episcopacy Committee Report..... Elisa Gatz, Episcopacy Committee Chair

Mission Challenge Update Larry Dunlap-Berg, Co-VIM Coordinator

Closing Remarks Alka Lyall, ACC Chair

Benediction..... Bishop Sally Dyck

4:30pm Premiere of Prerecorded Retirement Service



A Message from the Bishop

Welcome to the important work of our annual conference! And welcome to a new way of convening as the Northern Illinois Annual Conference. We are gathering virtually in order to do the essential work of the conference as we head into 2021. Sometimes I wonder what John Wesley would say about annual conferences all over the country meeting in this way. I think he would commend the innovation and adaptability of United Methodists!

Our annual conference theme is “Y Church?” It was over a year ago that I proposed this theme to help us focus on the what it means to be the church in our challenging times—and then the times just got more and more challenging! Not being able to gather in person has forced us all to think about what the church means to us and what’s most important in being church in the world today. Sure enough, during the pandemic some churches across our conference have focused on their “why” and found new ways of “how” to be church!



As we prepare to gather for our annual conference session on November 14, I can’t stress enough that it’s very important for you to have attended or viewed the pre-conference briefings and trainings, as virtual format doesn’t allow for full presentations. You can find recordings and slides from the pre-conference briefings (with information regarding the budget for 2021 and other important legislation) at umcnic.org/AC2020. During our November 14 session, we will have the opportunity for questions and answers but only for those things that have not already been addressed in FAQs and pre-conference briefings.

Also, please plan to view or attend the online worship services that are a part of our annual conference sessions, starting Thursday, November 12 at 7 pm for the Memorial Service and Saturday, November 14 after our session at 4:30 pm for the Retirement Service. While we will miss being with each other for these important events, we want to be supportive of those who lament the loss of loved ones and who have retired. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions in Illinois, the Ordination and Commissioning Service has been postponed—but we look forward to celebrating with the 2020 class at a later date.

This will be my last annual conference session as an active bishop and I look forward to being with you for it!

Bishop Sally Dyck



Memorial Service
A Service of Lament and Hope
 Thursday, November 12 at 7pm video premiere



Prelude — Riverside

Welcome and Introduction — Bishop Sally Dyck

Gathering Song — "And Are We Yet Alive" - Wesley/Rubietta

Are we yet alive and see each other's face?
 Glory to Jesus for his mighty grace!
 What trouble have we seen what mighty conflicts past,
 War without, fears within, since we assembled last

Chorus:

Aleluia, Aleluia
 To Jesus we sing, Aleluia
 Aleluia Aleluia
 To Jesus alone we sing
 A-le lu, Aleluia

Let us make our boast of God's redeeming power
 Saved us to the uttermost 'til we can sin no more
 We'll take up the cross till we the crown obtain
 And gladly reckon all things loss so Jesus we may gain
Chorus

Are we yet alive to see each other's face?
 Are we yet alive to see another day?
 Yes we are alive and it is all by grace
 To help the realm of God appear here and every place!
Chorus

Invitation to Lament — Darneather Murph-Heath

We gather today acknowledging that this gathering feels different. We have had to adapt to a changing world. To find new ways to minister, console, profess, and gather.

We are surprised, grieved, confused and devastated by what is happening in the world, in our nation, in our communities, in our churches, and in our hearts and minds.

We must give space for our sorrow before we can find the energy to rejoice again.

We must name the evils within our own hearts and beyond, before we pretend to sing praise.

We must obey the sadness. Now is a time of lamentation.

So we cry out: Come now O Prince of Peace!



Memorial Service (cont.)

Song — “O-So-So” - Geonyong Lee/ paraphrase Marion Pope

Pyonghwa eui im gum eh
Uriga han mom
Iru ge ha so so

Lament — James Fu

The Pandemic has taken too much from us.

We grieve the loss of countless loved ones, of shelter and gainful employment, of faith-community and family connection.

And while in some ways we are thankful for this imposed sabbath, that has forced us to reassess the unnecessary business of our daily routines, we grieve for those whose bedsides we cannot tend to. Those who are forced to live in physical isolation. The essential workers who have had to risk themselves for our sake. Those whose financial, mental, emotional and physical wellbeing are at risk.

Face coverings don't mask the fear we see in one another's eyes at the market and the terror many feel about the future, while we search for a vaccine.

So we cry out: Come now O God of love!

Song — “O-So-So”

Come now, O Prince of Peace
Make us one body
Come now Lord Jesus
Reconcile your people!

The Virus of Violence — Caitlyn Nesbit

But this health pandemic is not the only pandemic we face. From Hong Kong to Minneapolis, from Seattle to Chicago, we are suffering a pandemic of violence, hate, and injustice.

There are too many whose cries have been ignored for too long. Those who experience not only physical violence, but spiritual violence on a daily basis. Those who have been discriminated against due to the color of their skin or the location of their zip code.

It is difficult to confront the fact that the American dream seems to be only a pipedream for some, when there are too many examples of those who continue to kneel on the neck of justice.

Sometimes it is just too much. Too much hatred. Too much greed. Too much suffering. Too much devastation.

So we cry out: Come now O God and set us free!



Memorial Service (cont.)

Song — “O-So-So” - Judith Siaba, lyrics

Ven hoy y li-be-ra-no's
Nues-tro Re-den-tor
Ven o Je-su-cris-to
Re-con-ci-lia tu Pue-blo

The Church — Ronnie Lyall

So we gather, as the world around us seems to break and shatter into pieces. And we ask this question “Why Church”. Jesus tells us that the powers of sin and evil will not prevail against it, but too often they lie within us.

We feel scattered, not just by distance in this moment, but by how we think, act, interpret, and love. We pray for the kingdom to come, but the forces of Empire are not just at work in the world but in our systems and hearts.

Too often we choose beliefs and ideas over other human beings. Too often we remain in our comfort zones while refusing to comfort those who are afflicted. Too often we forget that this Church isn't ours, but the one through whom we are all connected.

So we cry out: Come, Hope of unity, make us one body!

Song — “O-So-So”

Come now and set us free
O God our Savior
Come O Lord Jesus
Reconcile all nations.

Words of Assurance — Ashish Singh

Yet even here, in the midst of all that causes pause, that breaks our heart, that shatters our trust, God is present: beckoning to us in our pain with solace and the promise of wonder that is yet to come.



Memorial Service (cont.)

Scripture — 2 Corinthians 4: 7-11, 16-18 (CEB)

Natalie Singh (English), Cerna Rand (Tagalong), Taekwhan Lee (Korean)

But we have this treasure in clay pots so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't come from us. We are experiencing all kinds of trouble, but we aren't crushed. We are confused, but we aren't depressed. We are harassed, but we aren't abandoned. We are knocked down, but we aren't knocked out.

We always carry Jesus' death around in our bodies so that Jesus' life can also be seen in our bodies. We who are alive are always being handed over to death for Jesus' sake so that Jesus' life can also be seen in our bodies that are dying.

So we aren't depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison. We don't focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can't be seen. The things that can be seen don't last, but the things that can't be seen are eternal.

Song — "Be Still My Soul" - words Katharina von Schlegel; transl. Jane Borthwick; music Jean Sibelius

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side,
bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past,
your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Message — "Learning and Practicing the Language of God: A Path to Wholeness"

Woody Bedell, NIC Director of Human Resources

Act of Remembrance and Thanksgiving — Bishop Sally Dyck



Memorial Service (cont.)

Song — "Comfort Your People" - words and music by Rich Rubietta

Comfort your people, have mercy on all who suffer
Write our names in the palm of your hand

Lord, we remember those who've gone before us
Into your presence, who've run their race to bring you glory
We give thanks for their faithfulness, through adversity
And we pray with those who grieve, who miss their touch,
their smile and their laughter.

In memory of...

Active Clergy

Paul E. (Nick) Nicholas, April 15, 2020
Wanda Y. Parker, October 22, 2019
Ernest Singh, May 25, 2020
Douglas Albert Williams, June 11, 2019

Retired Clergy

Samuel Batt, September 29, 2019
Jack William Bremer, April 30, 2020
Frederick C. Eisenhut, August 22, 2020
David Kirk, February 14, 2020
William Glenn Kirk, April 20, 2020
Don C. Leo, March 9, 2020
Ewald Albert Lieske, September 16, 2020
Wm. Omar Logan, Jr. July 22, 2020
Guy V. Martin, September 16, 2019
Wayne Edward McArthur, April 13, 2020
William Alexander Nicoll, February 2020
Emery A. Percell, December 2, 2019
John Franklin Smith, August 5, 2020
Susan M. Wessels, May 5, 2020
Billie Jean Westmoreland, July 19, 2019
Preston D. Woods, October 5, 2019
Carl John Zager, October 14, 2019

Spouses of Active Clergy

Geoffrey S. Kruse-Safford, July 3, 2020
Weejin Park, July 11, 2020

Spouses of Retired Clergy

Patricia Cantwell, August 20, 2020

Surviving Spouses

Marianna Bailey, August 9, 2020
Minerva M. Batt, September 6, 2020
Mary A. Calame Cook, May 31, 2020
Adeline DeGraaf, April 4, 2020.
Adeline Ina Erwin, August 13, 2019
Mary Lynn Gilmore, July 25, 2020
Miriam Priscilla Huff, August 20, 2020
Bernice M. Klosterman, May 25, 2019
Enid Ruth Morrison-Bell, December 13, 2019
Elizabeth R. Rankin, May 10, 2020

Lay Members of the Conference

Joe Bankhead, July 7, 2020
Kathy Dickerson, June 25, 2020
Clifford "Cliff" Hill, February 19, 2020
Sandra Jones, August 21, 2020
Gilbert Mitchell, June 1, 2020
Margaret Phillips, May 5, 2020
John E. "Jack" Ryder, June 26, 2019
Lee Schreiner, January 2, 2020
Kathryn A. Welk, July 4, 2019

Memorial Service (cont.)

Song — "Comfort Your People" - words and music by Rich Rubietta

Comfort your people, have mercy on all who suffer
Write our names in the palm of your hand

Words of Hope - Isaiah 40 - Taekwhan Lee, Natalie Singh, Cerna Rand

Reader 1

Comfort, comfort my people!
says your God.
A voice is crying out:
"Clear the Lord's way in the desert!
Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!
Every valley will be raised up,
and every mountain and hill will be flattened.
Uneven ground will become level,
and rough terrain a valley plain.
The Lord's glory will appear,
and all humanity will see it together;
the Lord's mouth has commanded it."
Go up on a high mountain,
messenger Zion!
Raise your voice and shout,
messenger Jerusalem!
Raise it; don't be afraid;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

Reader 2

Here is the Lord God,
coming with strength,
with a triumphant arm,
Like a shepherd, God will tend the flock;
he will gather lambs in his arms
and lift them onto his lap.
He will gently guide the nursing ewes.
Who has measured the waters in the palm of a hand
or gauged the heavens with a ruler
or scooped the earth's dust up in a measuring cup
or weighed the mountains on a scale
and the hills in a balance?
Who directed the Lord's spirit
and acted as God's advisor?
Whom did he consult for enlightenment?
Who taught him the path of justice and knowledge
and explained to him the way of understanding?



Memorial Service (cont.)

Reader 3

All the nations are like nothing before God.
They are viewed as less than nothing and emptiness.
So to whom will you equate God;
to what likeness will you compare God?
Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
Wasn't it announced to you from the beginning?
Haven't you understood since the earth was founded?
God inhabits the earth's horizon—
its inhabitants are like locusts—
stretches out the skies like a curtain
and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling.
Look up at the sky and consider:
Who created these?
The one who brings out their attendants one by one,
summoning each of them by name.
Because of God's great strength
and mighty power, not one is missing.

Reader 4

Why do you say, Jacob,
and declare, Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
my God ignores my predicament"?
Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the creator of the ends of the earth.
He doesn't grow tired or weary.
His understanding is beyond human reach,
giving power to the tired
and reviving the exhausted.
Youths will become tired and weary,
young men will certainly stumble;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength;
they will fly up on wings like eagles;
they will run and not be tired;
they will walk and not be weary.

Memorial Service (cont.)

Sending — "Pues si Vivimos / When We Are Living" - Eslinger, Escamilla, Lockwood

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

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

En la tristeza y en el dolor, en la belleza y en el amor
Sea que suframos o que gocemos, somos del Señor
Somos del Señor

Across this wide world we shall always find
Those who are crying with no peace of mind
But when we help them or when we
feed them we belong to God, we belong to God.

Benediction — Bishop Sally Dyck

Postlude

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Ordination and Commissioning

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Ordination and Commissioning Service has been postponed.



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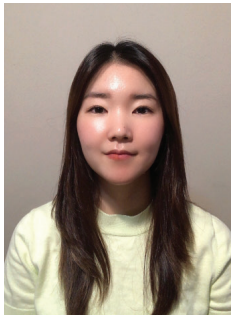
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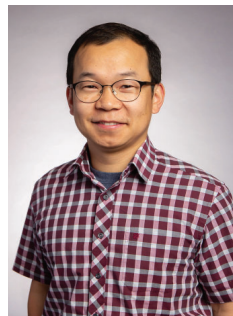
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Bishop Sally Dyck

2020 Awards and Recognition

Bishop Jess R. DeWitt Child Advocacy Award

While serving as our bishop from 1980 to 1988, Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt led by example as he participated, represented and spoke out for children, youth and families who did not have a voice. One of his greatest passions was speaking out to educate and inform local churches about legislation and issues impacting the lives of children.

PRESENTED TO Rev. Gregory Gross, The Night Ministry



The Rev. Gregory Gross was the Director of Mission Fulfillment for the Night Ministry in Chicago. In that role Gregory provided housing, health care, spiritual care and social services to families and individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness, particularly youth. His work with “The Crib” is particularly notable. This overnight emergency shelter for young adults, ages 18-24, many of them LGBTQ, has become a model for youth shelters across the city and state. In addition, Rev. Gross has worked as a youth minister in several congregations in Northern Illinois and has served faithfully on conference committees. Throughout his ministry he encouraged and lifted young voices, working to create a church that is as welcoming to young persons as it is to older, lifelong members.

Gregory uses his many gifts and graces to ensure that programs that serve the most vulnerable among us—from youth who are homeless and also experiencing racism or discrimination because of their sexual and gender identities, to adults and families with significant unmet needs due to housing and financial insecurity—create opportunities for human connection and fulfillment. He is currently the Executive Director for Care for Real.

One Matters Discipleship Ministries Award

This award was not given this year. Questions about One Matters? Please contact Rev. J. Martin Lee, Director of Congregational Development and Redevelopment, at mlee@umcnic.org or 312-346-9766, ext. 708. For narratives of past year's awards, visit umcnic.org/onematters.

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)



2020 Awards and Recognition

Katherine Greene Child Worker Award

Katherine B. Greene was a past president and founding representative of United Voices for Children who put forth tremendous efforts in promoting child advocacy, working faithfully against child abuse advancing and supporting children with unmet needs across the Northern Illinois Conference. She reminded and challenged us to step up, step forth and speak out for children.

PRESENTED TO Rev. Dr. Barbara Javore, Glencoe: North Shore (Co-honoree)

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Javore has served as Director of Children and Family Ministries at North Shore UMC for 26 years. Deacon Barbara demonstrates remarkable passion for serving children and youth, particularly by thinking of new ways to “meet the youth where they are.” She recently created a confirmation curriculum drawing on Biblically-based and progressive theology. She designed the curriculum so that the confirmands gathered once a month for an intensive and richly-rewarding time of education, service and fellowship. Every quarter Deacon Barbara designs a unique worship experience for children and youth that pulls in many young families that engage more peripherally in the congregation and keeps them connected to the congregation. A highlight is the annual Christmas Pageant which plays to a capacity crowd. Deacon Barbara creatively uses liturgy and visuals to enable children to learn the timeless Biblical narrative of Christ’s birth and to grow in their faith. Through her ministry children that have remarkable talents are able to shine; those who may have learning disabilities or mental illness find confidence and recognition; and parents who struggle each day to motivate their children receive care and encouragement.



PRESENTED TO Michelle Barton, Mt. Prospect: Trinity (Co-honoree)

Michelle Barton provides extraordinary leadership and support for refugee families seeking asylum in this country through her affiliation with the Facebook Group “6,000 Moms.” Michelle has been a mentor for refugee families, provided assistance with housing, food, employment and transportation as well as assisting families needing to obtain authorization to stay in the U.S. Michelle regularly lifts up the 6000 Moms group and their efforts in her congregation and offers prayers for families being assisted, so that the names and faces of these families are made real.

Michelle is a public-school teacher who advocates for children and families in many arenas. She has advocated for the Early Childhood Education program at the College of DuPage; worked on behalf of children in need of domestic adoption; spoken up for children at most risk in her school district as well as for children that are separated from their parents at the Mexican border. Michelle hears of a need and opens her arms to embrace the person with joyful, welcoming warmth and meet the need. Michelle gives to others selflessly, regardless of the financial or time commitment, and makes a difference in the lives of many children and families.





Rainbow Covenant Advances for 2019

Thank you to the following Northern Illinois Conference churches for becoming Rainbow Covenant churches. Your faithful contributions support so many as it extends a helping hand to our neighbors across this conference and around the world.

Shirley Pulgar-Hughes
Conference Mission Secretary

The Philip Otterbein Award: “Highest Total Rainbow Covenant Giving”
Libertyville: \$47,180

Also of note:

Church	Apportionment Paid	RC Total	Per Capita %
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood	\$74,544.00	\$24,433.13	37.08
Downers Grove: First	\$133,242.92	\$19,894.00	10.9
Arlington Heights: First	\$74,316.00	\$17,199.58	20.65
Evanston: First	\$95,652.00	\$12,810.00	18.84
Naperville: Community	\$85,117.00	\$12,682.18	29.91
Hinsdale	\$65,819.00	\$12,188.00	26.21
New Lenox	\$63,228.00	\$9,161.00	10.82
Morris: First	\$44,316.00	\$8,585.00	17.07
Oswego: Good Shepherd	\$33,456.00	\$7,443.76	13.29

The John Wesley Award: “Highest Rainbow Covenant Giving per Member”
River Forest: 74.63%

Also of note:

Church	Apportionment Paid	RC Total	Per Capita %
Chicago: El Redentor/Redeemer of Calvary	\$5,916.00	\$4,160.00	62.09
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood	\$74,544.00	\$24,433.13	37.08
Libertyville	\$107,919.21	\$47,180.01	35.88
Triumph	\$1,884.00	\$991.00	30.03
Naperville: Community	\$85,117.00	\$12,682.18	29.91
Hanover	\$4,744.47	\$2,272.00	26.73
Hinsdale	\$65,819.00	\$12,188.00	26.21
Mendota: Zion	\$8,250.00	\$2,139.00	26.09
Arlington Heights: First	\$74,316.00	\$17,199.58	20.65



2019 Rainbow Covenant Giving

Church	Total Apportionments Paid	Rainbow Covenant Giving	Per Capita %
Antioch	\$29,092.00	\$5,424.70	16.49
Argo Fay	\$1,848.00	\$550.00	14.86
Arlington Heights: First	\$74,316.00	\$17,199.58	20.65
Aurora: Wesley	\$54,000.00	\$1,299.00	3.63
Brookville	\$2,124.00	\$560.00	8.48
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood	\$74,544.00	\$24,433.13	37.08
Carol Stream: St. Andrew	\$16,272.00	\$1,410.00	10.29
Cary	\$14,443.00	\$5,080.00	14.99
Chana	\$8,052.00	\$440.00	2.89
Chicago: El Redentor/Redeemer of Calvary	\$5,916.00	\$4,160.00	62.09
Chicago: First (Temple)	\$119,293.09	\$5,682.00	12.01
Chicago: Humboldt Park	\$7,020.00	\$120.00	1.5
Coleta	\$8,235.37	\$1,056.08	6.99
DeKalb: First	\$64,124.42	\$5,763.92	12.72
Des Plaines: First	\$28,631.03	\$1,903.00	9.47
Dixon: First	\$45,825.42	\$3,291.77	5.14
Dixon: Grace	\$9,965.10	\$1,147.00	9.72
Downers Grove: First	\$133,242.92	\$19,894.00	10.9
Elk Grove: Prince of Peace	\$14,832.00	\$988.92	3.73
Elkhorn	\$1,835.58	\$300.00	9.09
Esmond	\$6,240.00	\$1,132.00	18.56
Evanston: First	\$95,652.00	\$12,810.00	18.84
Freeport: Faith	\$29,124.00	\$6,616.20	15.11
Galena	\$12,852.00	\$2,700.00	15.43
German Valley	\$4,783.00	\$180.00	3.67
Hanover	\$4,744.47	\$2,272.00	26.73
Hinckley: First	\$19,963.50	\$2,427.50	10.24
Hinsdale	\$65,819.00	\$12,188.00	26.21
Joliet: Grace	\$19,764.00	\$1,761.32	4.5
Kingston	\$4,875.00	\$900.00	6.87
Leland	\$6,816.00	\$150.00	0.79
Lemont	\$20,944.95	\$1,809.00	7.24
Leon	\$5,244.00	\$600.00	4.2
Libertyville	\$107,919.21	\$47,180.01	35.88
Malta	\$11,460.00	\$1,492.86	14.22
Manhattan	\$13,956.00	\$1,081.02	4.56
Maple Park: Grace	\$7,488.00	\$700.00	5.22

2019 Rainbow Covenant Giving (cont.)

Church	Total Apportionments Paid	Rainbow Covenant Giving	Per Capita %
Marengo	\$28,947.00	\$900.00	3.52
Mendota: Zion	\$8,250.00	\$2,139.00	26.09
Millbrook	\$3,908.76	\$180.00	1.24
Milledgeville	\$7,812.00	\$700.00	4.38
Morris: First	\$44,316.00	\$8,585.00	17.07
Mount Morris: Disciples	\$18,522.59	\$3,702.00	11.5
Naperville: Community	\$85,117.00	\$12,682.18	29.91
New Lenox	\$63,228.00	\$9,161.00	10.82
Norway	\$2,619.15	\$522.17	12.43
Oak Park: Euclid Avenue	\$19,860.00	\$2,472.00	8.08
Orangeville	\$7,416.00	\$1,430.25	5.81
Orland Park: Faith	\$46,761.00	\$3,007.30	6.29
Oswego: Good Shepherd	\$33,456.00	\$7,443.76	13.29
Ottawa: First	\$17,532.00	\$804.22	2.27
Princeton: First	\$32,220.00	\$350.00	0.99
Reynolds	\$11,580.00	\$1,001.00	5.75
River Forest	\$18,198.90	\$6,120.01	74.63
Rockford: Aldersgate	\$23,100.00	\$450.00	2.03
Rockford: Evans	\$7,848.00	\$650.00	9.7
Roscoe	\$63,021.00	\$1,546.69	2
Roselle	\$23,448.00	\$1,438.30	3.95
Schaumburg: Our Redeemer's	\$19,800.00	\$1,105.00	3.35
Schaumburg: Our Saviour's	\$60,324.00	\$4,193.50	6.92
Serena	\$6,000.00	\$400.00	3.17
Sheridan	\$6,000.00	\$1,194.13	6.35
St. Charles: Baker	\$80,580.00	\$5,069.00	7.1
Sterling: Wesley	\$23,457.43	\$4,491.03	14.82
Steward	\$8,040.00	\$1,071.00	11.16
Stockton: Wesley	\$7,392.00	\$684.00	2.99
Tampico	\$7,536.00	\$300.00	2.38
Thomson	\$6,408.00	\$465.00	2.53
Triumph	\$1,884.00	\$991.00	30.03
Waukegan: First	\$46,932.00	\$1,162.00	3.29
Winfield: Community	\$6,996.00	\$677.50	11.48
Zion: Memorial	\$14,040.00	\$2,969.00	13.75

Lay Member Reporting Guide (cont.)

Saturday, Nov. 14, 10am to 3:30pm (noon to 1:30pm break)
ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

EPISCOPAL DEVOTION

OPENING MOTIONS

HISTORICAL REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR

REDISTRICTING LEGISLATION

BUDGET DISCUSSION



Lay Member Reporting Guide (cont.)

BISHOP'S APPEAL

ANTI-RACISM LEGISLATION

LAITY ADDRESS

NOMINATIONS SLATE VOTE

UM FOUNDATION PRESENTATION



Lay Member Reporting Guide (cont.)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHEPHERDING TEAM UPDATE

CELEBRATION OF BISHOP DYCK & INTRODUCTION TO INTERIM BISHOP HOPKINS

MISSION CHALLENGE UPDATE

Saturday, Nov. 14 at 4:30pm (video premiere)
RETIREMENT SERVICE

CONFERENCE BOARD OF LAITY

Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Connie Augsberger
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Jessie Cunningham*
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Elisa Gatz*
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Mark Manzi
Conf. Co-Lay Leader: Eugene Williams

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CNW Co-Lay Leaders: Ellen Feliciano, Donna Sagami
CS Lay Leader: Dawn Shires
DeKalb Lay Leaders: Chad Abell, Karen Bonnell, and Tom Weber
Elgin Lay Leader: TBD
Rockford Lay Leaders: Melissa Ramirez, Scott Stich

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

* term ends 11/30/20



Retirement Service

A Ritual to Honor Retirees and Pass the Mantle

Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 4:30pm video premiere



Opening Prayer — Eliza Gatz and Paul Lee

For everything there is a season, and a time for every action under heaven. In this time set apart for transition, we ask God to be with us. Though we are physically distant, we are together in spirit. We rejoice in the chance to worship to hear from and to bless these ministers moving into the next season of their working and resting lives. May our hearts be turned to God. Amen.

Hymn — A Mighty Fortress - Luther

A Mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that might be? Christ Jesus it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

Scripture — 1 Peter 3:15b (NIV) - Will Green and Uziel Hernandez

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

Presenting the Retirees — Bishop Sally Dyck

Our siblings in Christ, you began this journey with the Spirit of the Lord upon you; and you were charged to preach to the brokenhearted, to visit the captive, to anoint those who were bruised. Even as our world looks very different now, you have done these things.

When you were ordained, you received authority to live out your calling and serve the church and the world. By God's grace, you did many things that were beyond your own power.

We are thankful for your ministry, for the communities of the faithful where you have served together with so many others. We know that your path has not always been easy. We know that by grace you have served, and live, and will continue to serve and live in new ways.

Never think lightly of the great good that God has done with you. Continue to have an answer for any who asks why you have hope. May God's love and power be with you always.

Retirement Service (*continued*)

Retiring Class of 2020 (Years of Service)

Rev. Frederick Bartels (12)

Rev. Rosalee T. Blake (11)

Rev. Richard T. Carlson (33.5)

Rev. Jan Parsons Comerford (31)

Rev. Raney K. Good (19.5)

Rev. Anne Cowick Hampson (19.5)

Rev. Cecelia L. Harris (26)

Rev. Thomas Hay (10)

Rev. Charlette J. Hoffmann (24)

Rev. Gladys King-Lucas (4)

Rev. Kolleen Klemmedson (23.75)

Pastor Jerry L. Martz (6)

Rev. Linda A. Misewicz-Perconte (33.25)

Rev. Sung-Ja Lee Moon (32)

Rev. Lawrence Alan Paris (6)

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr (18)

Pastor Mary H. Steinwandt (6.75)

Rev. Irene Taylor (23)

Rev. C. Kay Turner (23)

Rev. Christina Louise Vosteen (17)

Rev. Gary Waters (26.85)

Pastor Donald Wright (16)

Retirees Reflection

Blessing of the Retires — Bishop Dyck



Retirement Service (*continued*)

Passing the Mantle — Fritz Bartels (newly retired) and Tammy Scott (ordination candidate)

Newly retired: In the book of Kings we read of the prophet Elijah's ministry.
The mantle, symbolic of submission to God,
fell upon the younger prophet, Elisha,
and the spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha.

I transfer this mantle from our generation to the new,
indicating thereby
that the responsibilities and dedication of my generation
will be caught up and carried on by the next,
and the spirit of today's Elijahs will rest upon today's Elishas.

Candidate: We who come after you take up the mantle which falls upon us.
May we inherit a double share of your spirit,
and be faithful in our responsibilities and dedication.

Closing Song - Higher Ground - Gabriel/Oatman Jr., chorus adapted by Rubietta

Chorus 1:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's Table land
A higher plane than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

I'm pressing on the upward way
New heights I'm gaining every day
Still praying as I'm onward bound
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground

Chorus 2:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand
Be faithful ever in this land
A higher plane than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

I want to live above the world
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled
For faith has caught the joyful sound
The song of saints on higher ground



Retirement Service (*continued*)

Chorus 1:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's Table land
A higher plane than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

O, keep me on the upward way
No compromise along the way
May I be true and faithful found
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground

Chorus 2:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand
Be faithful ever in this land
A higher plane than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground *Repeat*

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AC2020 Three-Session Bible Study based on NIC's Strategic Goals Rev. Junius Dotson, Leader

Session 1: Growing and Reaching New Disciples of Jesus Christ

Session 2: Living Out the Conviction that Racism is Incompatible with Christian Teaching

Session 3: Increasing the Number of Vital Congregations



Rev. Dr. Junius Dotson,
General Secretary/CEO,
UMC Discipleship
Ministries

Recordings and slides available at umcnic.org/AC2020



Thank you to our musicians and vocalists in all services

Abe Lyall: Chicago Broadway UMC – voice and dance
Amos and Toyosi Oladipo: Park Forest Grace UMC – voices
Barb Farley: Carol Stream St. Andres – violin
Brandon Bott: Elmhurst – percussion, bass
Brittney Clausen: Coloma South Burr Oak UMC – bass, voice
Catherine Inserra: Park Ridge FUMC – voice
Celinne Mencias: St. John Oak Park – voice
Cody Clausen: Coloma South Burr Oak UMC – voice, banjo
Dan Kunzer: Marengo UMC – guitar
David Chiriboga: Chicago – guitar
David Farley: Carol Stream St. Andrew – bass
Dennis Langdon: Morgan Park UMC – voice
Dennis Oglesby: Sherman UMC – voice
Doc Newcomb: Marengo – voice, percussion
Fernando Siaba: Euclid Ave UMC – viola
Heewon Kim: Machesney Park New Life UMC – voice
Hwa Young Chong: Naperville Community UMC – voice
Izabella Gieron: Elmhurst – violin
Jane Rubietta: Park Ridge – bass
Jayson Hemphill: Woodstock – piano
Joey Garcea: Prophetstown UMC – guitar, voice
Judith Siaba: Oak Park Euclid Ave. UMC – piano, voice
Katherine Paisley: Oak Park FUMC – voice
Kim Chapman: Mount Carroll, Thomson, Argo Fay – drums, voice
Laura Johnson: Elgin FUMC – voice
Lily Marie Martin: Chicago UiC Inclusive Collective – voice
Mark Johnson: Elgin FUMC – piano, voice
Marta Siaba Rodriguez: Chicago Humboldt Park UMC – violin, voice
Mateo Volbre: Oak Park Euclid Ave. UMC – guitar
Micah Sommersmith: Neenah UMC – accordion
Minji Will – voice
Mojo: New Orleans, LA – Cajun accordion
Nancy Blade: Kaneville UMC – piano, voice
Pamela Pirtle: Chicago St. Mark UMC – voice
Randy Ware: Park Ridge FUMC – voice
Rich Rubietta: Circuit Rider – guitar, voice
Rick Carlson: Waukegan New Hope UMC – guitar
Robert Horn: Elgin FUMC – marimba, flute
Robert W. Churchill: Lake Villa UMC – percussion, voice
Ruthy Volbre: Oak Park Euclid Ave. UMC – cello
Samuel Wyatt: St. Charles Baker Memorial UMC – piano, clavicord
Sherry Steele: Plainfield UMC – voice
Stewart McKenzie: Bolingbrook – bass, voice
Suzy Schwartz: Marengo – voice
Tedd Steele: Naperville Wesley UMC – guitar, voice
The Cabinet: voices and smiles!
Youth and Adults: Downers Grove FUMC – voice, dance
Youth and Adults: Machesney Park New Life – voice, dance
One Big Tribe: all of the persons listed above

Thank you to our musicians and vocalists in all services (cont.)

Translation assistance

Hwa Young Chong and Heewon Kim – translation of 1 Pet.3:15b

Judith Siaba – translation of "O, So So" into Spanish

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Audrea Nanabray – Des Plaine FUMC

Marti Scott – Euclid Ave UMC

Drone Camera — much gratitude to David Quinn for drone camera footage of Abe Lyall and Dennis Langdon

Music Video Production — Thank you to One Big Tribe with Rich Rubietta – UMCalive.com

Music Video Participation

Memorial Service:

Are We Yet Alive: Barb Farley, Abe Lyall, Sherry Steele, Dave Bernat, Dave Farley, Ruthy (Siaba) Volbre, Marta (Siaba) Rodriguez, Brandon Bott, David Chiriboga, Mateo Volbre, Celinne Mencias, Judith Siaba, Cody Clauson, Izabella Gieron, Kim Chapman, Micah Sommersmith, Robert Horn, Ronnie Lyall, Robert W. Churchill, Suzy Schwartz

O, So, So: Minji Will, Celinne Mencias

Comfort Your People: Mark Johnson, Katherine Paisley, Laura Johnson, Fernando Siaba

Be Still My Soul: Laura Johnson, Celinne Mencias, Sam Wyatt, Jayson Hemphill, Mark Johnson, Katherine Paisley

When We are Living: Dave Farley, Judith Siaba, Marta (Siaba) Rodriguez, Ruthy (Siaba) Volbre, Mateo Volbre, Kim Chapman, Celinne Mencias, David Chiriboga, Micah Sommersmith, Tedd Steele

Retirement Service:

Mighty Fortress: Nancy Blade, Kim Chapman, Brittney Clauson, Dave Farley, Jane Rubietta, Judith Siaba, Jeri Rethford, Ruthy Volbre, Samuel Wyatt, Stewart McKenzie

Higher Ground: Dave Bernat, Stewart McKenzie, Cody Clauson, Dan Kunzer, Samuel Wyatt, Dennis Langdon, Pam Pirtle, Dennis Oglesby, Kim Chapman, Mojo, Rick Carlson, Tedd Steele, Suzy Schwartz

Business Session:

Come All Ye People: Amos & Toyosi Oladipo, Dan Kunzer, Doc Newcomb, Stewart McKenzie, Robert Horn, Jayson Hemphill, Marta (Siaba) Rodriguez, Lily Marie Martin, Minji Will, Kim Chapman, Mark Johnson, Robert Churchill

I Pet. 3:15b: Lily Marie Martin, Minji Will, Doc Newcomb, Catherine Inserra, Heewon Kim, Dennis Langdon, Joey Garcea, Mark Johnson, Robert Churchill, The NIC Cabinet, Youth and Adults: Downers Grove FUMC, Youth and Adults: Machesney Park New Life

I Believe: Dave Bernat, Brandon Bott, Dave Farley, Celinne Mencias, Samuel Wyatt, Micah Sommersmith, Sherry Steele, Pam Pirtle, Tedd Steele, Sam Wyatt, Jayson Hemphill, Cody Clauson, Brittney Clauson, Joey Garcea, Kim Chapman, Nancy Blade, Suzy Schwartz

Everyone's participation was valued and appreciated. We apologize if any names were unintentionally omitted.



Acronyms

ABLC – Appointed Beyond the Local Church	GBOD – General Board of Discipleship
ACST – Annual Conference Shepherding Team	GCAH – General Commission on Archives and History
ACC – Annual Conference Committee	GCSRW – General Commission on Status and Role of Women
ARTF – Anti-Racism Task Force	GCFA – General Council on Finance and Administration
BMCR – Black Methodists for Church Renewal	GCORR – General Commission on Religion and Race
BOD – Book of Discipline	ICD – Institute for Congregational Development
BOL – Board of Laity	MARCHA – The Methodist Association Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans
BOOM – Board of Ordained Ministry	MFSA – Methodist Federation for Social Action
CBPHB – Conference Council on Pension and Health Benefits	NIC – Northern Illinois Conference
CCUIR – Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships	NICEA – Northern Illinois Conference Evangelical Association
CCFA – Conference Council on Finance and Administration	NCJ – North Central Jurisdiction
CLM – Certified Lay Minister	NIJFON – Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors
CCORR – Conference Commission on Religion and Race	OAM – Older Adult Ministries
COSROW – Commission on Status and Role of Women	ORM – Outdoor and Retreat Ministries
CNW – Chicago Northwestern District	SR – Standing Rules
CSD – Chicago Southwestern District	UMC – United Methodist Church
DCD – Director of Congregational Development	UMCOM – United Methodist Communications
DCM – Director of Connectional Ministries	UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief
DCOM – District Committee on Ordained Ministry	UMF – United Methodist Foundation
DS – District Superintendent	UMM – United Methodist Men
DST – District Shepherding Team	UMGAF – United Methodist Global AIDS Fund
FAA – Fellowship of Asian Americans	UMPH – United Methodist Publishing House
GBCS – General Board of Church and Society	UMRC – United Media Resource Center
GBGM – General Board of Global Ministries	UMW – United Methodist Women
GBHEM – General Board of Higher Education and Ministry	VIM – Volunteers in Mission

Terms

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

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

Building Beloved Community: Provided by CORR and COSROW offering reflections on participation, tone and balance of proceedings.

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.

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

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*). 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 states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North/South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Every four years the North Central Jurisdiction and other jurisdictional conferences meet to discuss and vote upon new bishop appointments, 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 Session.

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

Preliminary Consent Calendar: Grouping of legislation that is put together before Annual Conference by the committee in consultation with the Bishop. The Consent Calendar will be presented as a resolution in which the reports listed can be approved in one motion rather than separate motions for each item, A vote of the Consent Calendar enacts everything the consent calendar recommends. If a member would like something removed from the Consent Calendar, they would need 25 members of Annual Conference (lay or clergy) to send an email to acdocuments@umcnic.org in support of its removal by midnight Nov. 1, 2020.

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.



Acknowledgments & Appreciation

Annual Conference Committee

Alka Lyall (Chair), Bishop Sally Dyck, Katie Voigt (Daily Proceedings), Ryan Sutton (Chair, Annual Conference Committee on Credentials), Jacques Conway (Cabinet representative), Arlene Christopherson (DCM), Lois Moreland Dean (UMW), George Groves (UMM), Melissa Meyers (Chair, Worship Design Team), Mark Manzi (Conference Co-Lay Leader), Marc Dean, Anne Marie Gerhardt (Director of Communications), Linda Osikowicz, Esther Lee, Paul Hyerncherl Lee, Tedd Steele

Annual Conference Committee on Credentials

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Worship Design Team

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you are built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets
with Christ Jesus himself
as the cornerstone.**

Ephesians 2:20, CEB



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