



# 181st Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Saturday, November 14, 2020: 10am to 3:30pm

via Zoom videoconferencing facilitated by GNTV



## Online Registration Opens October 12

With the theme "Y Church," the 2020 Annual Conference will be a time for answering the question "Why do we do church?" to recommit to our roots and re-imagine our role in the future.

**Registration for the November 14 business session begins October 12 and will close October 25.** You must register to acquire a Zoom link and password so that you can fully participate and vote. **We cannot accommodate any registrations after October 25.**

While the business of the annual conference will take place on November 14, it will be surrounded by our other traditional services that **anyone** can view once they are posted on the NIC website at [umcnic.org/AC2020](http://umcnic.org/AC2020) or as they premiere **on the NIC Facebook page.**



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Oct. 12:** Registration opens for Nov. 14 session. Registration is required to receive a link to participate in the business of AC2020.

**Oct. 12:** Media presentations DUE to [ACmedia@umcnic.org](mailto:ACmedia@umcnic.org) (all slides & videos).

**Oct. 14:** Proposed legislation and historical documents available online.

**Oct. 25:** AC2020 registration closes, no exceptions.

**Nov. 1:** Deadline for removal of legislation from Consent Calendar by sending an email to [acddocuments@umcnic.org](mailto:acddocuments@umcnic.org).

**Nov. 2:** Bishop's Appeal gifts postmarked by this date will be included in totals announced at AC2020.

**Nov. 9:** Voter IDs distributed to clergy and laity registered for annual conference.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### AC2020 Bible Study

Oct. 1, 8, and 22

Thursdays at 10am

Rev. Junius Dotson leads this three-part study focused on NIC's three strategic goals.

### Pre-Conference Briefings

(choose one)

Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 1pm

Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7pm

Friday, Nov. 6 at 10am

### Deep Dive into NIC Finances

(optional)

Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7pm

### Technical Training

(choose one)

Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 1pm

Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 7pm

Thursday, Nov. 12 9 am

New dates!

### Memorial Service

Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7pm

(Video premiere)

### Ordination Service

Friday, Nov. 13 at 4pm

(Livestream from Barrington UMC: limited attendance, invitation-only event.)

### Annual Conference Session

Saturday, Nov. 14

10am to 3:30pm

noon to 1:30pm break

### Retirement Service

Saturday, Nov. 14 at 4:30pm

(Video premiere)



## RESOURCES

All materials, including the AC2020 program, will be available online at [umcnic.org/AC2020](http://umcnic.org/AC2020). All legislation will be posted by Oct. 14.

**Technical training** will be provided to help participants navigate Zoom Webinar and the voting platform that will be used during the November 14 session. Each training will be identical and followed by a dedicated Q&A session. Offered Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 1 & 7pm and Thursday, Nov. 12 at 9am.

**Technical accessibility:** please contact your local church if you do not have reliable Internet service or necessary equipment so they can help you find a way to participate.

**Simultaneous translation** in Korean and Spanish will be provided to those who request it during the registration process.

## BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2020 Bishop's Appeal Offering will support the Global Mission Secondary School (Tanzania, Africa), a Christian, English-language, co-educational boarding school. The mission of the school is "to provide quality education for students, providing a biblical foundation and supporting their hopes and dreams." This fund will support the construction of the school's administrative structure to facilitate hiring of staff. For more info, please visit [umcnic.org/bishopsappeal](http://umcnic.org/bishopsappeal).

## 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 hurricane relief. Most requested items include 32- to 64- oz. bottles liquid laundry detergent, 16- to 40-oz. bottles liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray cleaners), 16- to 34-oz. bottles dish soap and 2.5-oz tubes toothpaste. More information and drop-off locations are available at [umcnic.org/AC2020](http://umcnic.org/AC2020).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

In addition to the November 14 session, all clergy and lay members to Annual Conference should attend Bible Study, a pre-conference briefing, a tech training and all worship services. Events will be recorded and posted at [umcnic.org/AC2020](http://umcnic.org/AC2020) for later viewing if you are unable to "attend" when scheduled. Registration links will be published for all pre-conference briefings, trainings, and the Bible study. Zoom links will be sent only to those who register.

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