

# 182nd Northern Illinois Annual Conference

**Session 1: Friday, July 16 & Saturday, July 17, 2021**

**Session 2: Friday, October 1 & Saturday, October 2, 2021**

via Zoom videoconferencing facilitated by GNTV



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*2021 Northern Illinois Virtual Annual Conference*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**June 1:** Registration opens; **registration is required to receive a link to participate in the business of AC2021**

**June 1:** Video submissions and presenter slide content due to [acmedia@umcnic.org](mailto:acmedia@umcnic.org)

**June 1:** All names, photos, and memorial tributes due to the conference office

**June 16:** Legislation and historical documents available at [umcnic.org/AC2021](http://umcnic.org/AC2021)

**June 28:** Clergy Session via Zoom; standalone registration coming soon

**June 30:** Registration closes

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

**July 8:** Pre-conference Briefing at 10 am

**July 12:** Pre-conference Briefing at 7 pm

**July 13:** GNTV Technical Training for registered attendees at 7 pm

**July 14:** GNTV Technical training for registered attendees at 10 am

**July 15:** Voter IDs distributed to registered and approved attendees

**July 15:** Laity Session at 7pm

**July 16:** Memorial Service and AC Session

**July 17:** Retirement Service and AC Session

**Oct. 1:** Ordination and Commissioning Service for the 2021 Class

**Oct. 2:** Fall Session of AC2021

## Online Registration Opens June 1

The 182nd Northern Illinois Annual Conference with the theme "Jesus Makes a Way" will be held over two sessions in July and October. The scripture focus is Matthew 14:13-21 and the feeding of the five thousand. We are reminded through this miracle that no matter how big the obstacle or challenge we face, Jesus will provide and make a way. Of the crowd gathered, Jesus told the disciples: "They need not go away" and in the end "all ate and were filled."

**Registration for the July 16-17 business sessions begins June 1 and closes June 30 at midnight.** You must register to acquire a Zoom link and password so that you can fully participate and vote. **We cannot accommodate any registrations after June 30.**

The business of the annual conference will include our other traditional services that **anyone** can view as they premiere on the NIC Facebook page and YouTube channel or once they are posted on the NIC website at [umcnic.org/AC2021](http://umcnic.org/AC2021).

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Bible Study

Bishop Julius C. Trimble from the Indiana Conference will lead Bible study during our Annual Conference session (time TBD).

### Pre-Conference Briefings (choose one)

Thursday, July 8 (10 am)

Monday, July 12 (7 pm)

### Technical Training (choose one)

Tuesday, July 13 at 7 pm

Wednesday, July 14 at 10 am

### Memorial Service

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung,  
Wisconsin Conference,  
Preacher

Friday, July 16 (time TBD)  
(Video premiere)

### Retirement Service

Saturday, July 17 (time TBD)  
(Video premiere)

### 2021 Ordination Service

Bishop Tracy S. Malone,  
East Ohio Conference,  
Preacher

Friday, Oct. 1 (time TBD)

### Annual Conference Session 2

Saturday, Oct. 2

## RESOURCES

All materials, including the AC2021 program, will be available at [umcnic.org/AC2021](http://umcnic.org/AC2021). All legislation will be posted by June 16.

**Technical training** will be provided to help participants navigate Zoom Webinar and the voting platform used during annual conference. Each training will be identical and followed by a dedicated Q&A session. Offered Tuesday, July 13 and Wednesday, July 14.

**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 OR **closed captioning** will be provided to those who request it during the registration process.

## BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2021 Bishop's Appeal Offering will support UMCOR's COVID-19 Response Fund. Donations will help strengthen the response of health care facilities, provide much-needed medical supplies, increase access to clean water and hygiene facilities, and address food insecurity and other economic challenges facing communities, particularly those in underdeveloped countries. Visit [umcnic.org/bishopsappeal21](http://umcnic.org/bishopsappeal21) frequently for updates.

## MISSION CHALLENGE

Our Annual Conference Fill-the-Truck Mission Challenge this year will benefit the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC), our United Methodist disaster relief supply center near Springfield, Ill. Donations will be accepted at drop-off locations around the conference from May 15 through July 1. Top needs include cloth face masks, laundry soap, hand towels and dish soap. For more information and to download the flyer and donation form, visit [umcnic.org/2021missionchallenge](http://umcnic.org/2021missionchallenge).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

In addition to the July 16-17 and Oct. 1-2 sessions, all clergy and lay members to the Northern Illinois Annual Conference should attend a pre-conference briefing, tech training and all worship services. Events will be recorded and posted at [umcnic.org/AC2021](http://umcnic.org/AC2021) for later viewing if you are unable to "attend" when scheduled. Registration links will be published for pre-conference briefings and the Bible study. Zoom links for technical training and annual conference business sessions will only be sent to approved registrants.

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