

183rd Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Wednesday, June 8 - Friday, June 10, 2022

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center

1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg Ill.

umcnic.org/AC2022



IMPORTANT DATES

April 4 - Online Registration Opens

April 6 - Legislation & Historical Documents due

to Joanne Ray at ACdocuments@umcnic.org
Full instructions at umcnic.org/AC2022

April 25: Applications for display tables due

Guidelines and application information coming soon on umcnic.org/AC2022. Send questions to George Groves at groves101@comcast.net

May 2: Submission of names and photos of AC lay members who have passed since July 2021 due

Send to communications@umcnic.org

May 6 - Legislation & documents posted online

Please print or download these materials to your own devices before arriving at AC.

May 9 - Video and Media presentations due

Send to ACMedia@umcnic.org

May 24 - Clergy Session

June 1 - 10:00 am Virtual Pre-Conference Briefing

June 2 - 7:00 pm Virtual Pre-Conference Briefing

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 4

After two years of gathering virtually, the Annual Conference Committee is excited to bring us back together in person for the 183rd session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference. The conference has been simplified in order to create as safe an environment as possible.

With the theme *Connected in Christ: Come to the Water*, we are reminded that the core of our connection to one another is through our baptism. The Biblical foundation for our time together is Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV), the baptism of Jesus. Baptism is our primary entry point as individuals into the Christian community universal. Water symbolizes this action and becomes a powerful visual for the work of living in Christ. Choosing this sacrament as our focal point draws us into community, connects us to our roots and calls us into our mission.

April 4 - April 29 Early bird registration \$80/person

April 30 - May 29 \$95/person

Note: There will be NO on-site registration

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Throughout this pandemic season, the mantra of the Northern Illinois Conference has been "Do No Harm." With this in mind, the Annual Conference Committee has made the safety and well-being of our members, staff, volunteers, and visitors the most important priority for this year's annual conference. Vaccines will be required for all attendees. Masking will be optional. As much spacing as possible will be provided between people. Sessions will be shorter and breaks will be longer. The full statement can be read at umcnic.org/AC2022

Health and safety protocols will continue to be evaluated based on guidance and requirements from federal, state, and local health authorities and will be adjusted accordingly throughout the spring and leading up to the conference.





BISHOP'S APPEAL

Giving Abundantly, Generosity Overflowing

The 2022 Northern Illinois Annual Conference Bishop's Appeal special offering will go toward Ukraine assistance. We know our God stands with the oppressed and calls on us to support them. The conference Board of Global Ministries will distribute funds through several UM support and relief organizations including UMCOR.

RESOURCES

An **Accessibility Coordinator** will be present to help with any needs (vision, movement, hearing, etc.), within our ability. Please indicate your requests in the registration process. Large print programs will be available at the accessibility table near the hall entrance.

Blueprint for Wellness Screenings will be held on-site on Thursday and Friday (June 9 and 10) from 7 am - 10 am in the First Aid room near Adventure Hall.

Distribution of print materials will be limited as we continue to be good stewards of the environment. The Annual Conference Secretary, Randy Hayes, must preapprove 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. Submissions can be sent to nicsecretary@umcnic.org.

Group meals will not be hosted on-site. If groups wish to meet, they can make arrangements at local restaurants. General food options at the hotel:

RENdezvous Cafe (Starbucks): Breakfast, Lunch

Schaumburg Public House: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

A list of area restaurants posted on umcnic.org/AC2022

Hotel Reservations can be booked at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel. The cost is \$157 plus tax and fees per night. Booking is open until May 17 with the phone number and link at umcnic.org/AC2022.

Media and Videos to be projected on the screens during AC will need to be submitted and preapproved. The presentation request form can be found at umcnic.org/AC2022.

On-site childcare will be not offered this year. Please plan on making alternative plans.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, June 8

- Packet Pick Up 12:00 pm
- Memorial Service 1:30 pm

Thursday, June 9

- Retirement Service 8:45 am

Friday, June 10

- Ordination Service 1:30 pm

LIVE STREAMING

The Conference will be livestreamed on the NIC YouTube channel.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need ushers, plenary pages, greeters, secretarial pool members and more to help Annual Conference run smoothly and efficiently. Please contact Laura Lopez, Events Administrator, at llopez@umcnic.org if you are interested in serving as a volunteer for a day or even part of a day or if you have questions. No previous experience is necessary.

MISSION CHALLENGE

We will be collecting items for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center more information coming soon.



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