

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Clergy Day Apart/Clergy Session – May 15, 2018
Christ United Methodist Church, Rockford
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Why a clergy session? Who should attend?

The annual clergy session is part of the discipline of the United Methodist Church. Members in full connection with the annual conference, both deacons and elders meet annually to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relations. (¶ 605.7, 636)

Our day apart includes an invitation to those also serving as Associate Members, Local Pastors, clergy under appointment from other denomination and those under assignment. Only those in full membership are eligible to vote on clergy session matters.

Can we do this apart from the regular Annual Conference Session in June?

The United Methodist Book of Discipline 2016 states that the clergy session may be held “at the site of the regular session of the annual conference, or at an alternative time and location.” (¶ 369.5)

Does this mean I do not need to attend Annual Conference?

All clergy are expected to attend all of annual conference to be held June 4-6 in St. Charles at Pheasant Run Resort and Convention Center. Clergy are members of the annual conference and this is your opportunity to have voice and vote in the work of the conference. We will begin the session with the Ordination Service at 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 4 and clergy are invited to robe and process as we celebrate those called to this set-apart ministry. Online registration for annual conference is open. You can learn more at www.umcnic.org/AC2018.

Why a clergy day apart?

The Landscape assessment survey in 2015 revealed low clergy moral in our annual conference. Your Board of Ordained Ministry is the group entrusted with clergy care. We are hosting this day because we want to bring all clergy together to worship, learn and fellowship along with our time to address the business of the clergy session. Our hope is that we might foster relationships and nurture one another.

What is the timing?

We will meet on Tuesday, May 15 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. We did our best to avoid the complications and demands of clergy weekends, traditional off days and routine church programming nights. For those who work beyond the local church, in consideration of your needs the clergy session is scheduled for the afternoon allowing you to join us for ½ of the day if need be.

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Where are we meeting?

Our host will be Christ United Methodist Church, located at 4509 Highcrest Rd, Rockford, IL 61107. As a separate clergy session becomes the routine for our annual conference, it is the intention of BOOM to move clergy session to a different location each year, throughout the districts, so we might all experience one another's context for ministry.

Is there Childcare?

Childcare will be provided. Please register for this so we can have accurate numbers and adequate coverage.

What can we expect in terms of hospitality/meals?

Your registration fee covers breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day. Additional costs for the day are being shared by the Board of Ordained Ministry, Annual Conference Committee and Northern Illinois Conference Cabinet. Registration is required and must be submitted by May 8.

What is the schedule?

The morning will include worship and a keynote address & interactive session by Victor Saad from Experience Institute. The afternoon will include the clergy session beginning at 1:30 PM with an expected end time of no later than 3:30 PM.

Who is the speaker?

Our guest speaker for the day apart will be Victor Saad, Creator & Author of The Leap year Project and Founder & CEO of Experience Institute. You can learn more about Victor at: victorsaad.com or expinstitute.com or click here victorsaad.com/bio for his bio.

Are there overnight accommodations?

There is no official hotel block reserved for the clergy session but there are several options if you wish to arrive the night before and stay in the area. You can find area hotels at www.hotels.com.

Continued Fellowship?

There are many restaurants in the Rockford area. You may wish to gather a group of friends and continue enjoying time together over dinner when the day apart concludes.