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Date:June 10, 2020To:Northern Illinois Annual Conference Clergy and Board of OrdainedMinistry lay personsFrom:Bishop Sally DyckRe:Virtual Clergy Session, June 29, 2020

Greetings to you in these times when our purpose and mission have never been more important, refining who we are and calling us deeper into witness, justice and service!

The Northern Illinois Annual Conference Clergy Session will be virtual this year and will be held **via Zoom on Monday, June 29, 2020, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.** 

You will be sent the registration link in the near future—please watch for it—and register.

Registration is required to be able to access the meeting via Zoom and must be completed by the cut-off date of June 24, 2020 at 11:59pm.

Registration **will not be accessible** at the time of the meeting. All of this will help us be able to utilize all of the Zoom features for our work and to make sure that you are fully able to participate.

If you have not used Zoom before, or feel uncertain about using it, Pre-Event training will be offered on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. <u>Please use this link to register for this pre-event training.</u>

We will be doing the essential business for our clergy session which will include voting on those who are retiring, or have retired as of July 1, our candidates for commissioning and ordination, changes in clergy status as needed, and reports from the orders of elders, deacons, and fellowship of local pastors.

I will miss seeing all of you in person for our clergy session—and also at our virtual annual conference session in November—but fortunately we have technology that allows us to connect and engage in the work that we have as an annual conference.

Again, please watch for registration and make sure that you register in order to participate in our 2020 clergy session!

Blessings on you and your ministry!

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