



2025 CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA

As we plan for 2026, Bishop Dan Schwerin invites the Northern Illinois Conference into a year of “Practicing Hope.”

WELCOME *(Pastor)*

CALL TO ORDER *(District Superintendent or Presiding Elder)*

OPENING PRAYER *(Lay Leader)*

HYMN *(chosen by the church)*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 130:5

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God’s word, I hope.

VIDEO MESSAGE

Bishop Dan Schwerin ([link](#))

(please make sure the video is cued up and ready to play)

HOLY CONFERENCING

- As you look back over 2025, how have you seen your congregation living out the year of grace?
- How is your congregation already “practicing hope?”
- As you prepare for 2026, what kind of spiritual focus is needed, in your congregation and community, in order to practice the hope we know in Christ?

BUSINESS

1. Pastor’s Report (Including Membership Report)
2. Approval of 2026 Clergy Compensation (presented by SPRC chair)*
3. Recommendations (Lay Servants, Certified Lay Ministers, Candidates for Ordination)
4. Approval of Nominations/Lay Leadership Report (presented by the Pastor)**
5. Approval of 2026 Budget and/or Finance Committee Report
6. Trustees Report, including Safe Sanctuary and Parsonage Report
7. Additional Business and Committee Reports

**compensation forms need to be submitted with all other forms, one week in advance*

***please make sure that you have duly elected lay members of annual conference, and that your budget includes financial provisions for their attendance. [June 14-16, 2026 in Schaumburg](#)*

CLOSING HYMN *(chosen by church)*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING *(Pastor)*