

# Welcome to the new Prairie North District

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Dear Prairie North District friends,

We are beginning a new time as Prairie North District with 71 rural, suburban and urban churches. We all know that changes are not easy, but we'll go through this transition together. God will continue guiding the life and mission of our churches...He is our way maker!!

The summer months are a time to go through the Ministry Review with the clergy through the summer interviews. It's been a blessing to hear about the different ministries, joys, and concerns in different contexts. I'm looking forward to continuing to enjoy our clergy one on one conversation in July.

I give thanks to God for the opportunity He gives us to be in ministry together. Prairie North District has clergy and laity who are passionate and committed to serving the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strengths. The mission continues, and there will always be opportunities to serve, love, help, support, speak up, and make a difference in the community. Remember that we are not alone, God is and will be with us always.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deut. 31:6 (NIV)

Let's remember that this newsletter is a simple way to strengthen our communication as a district. I encourage you to share this newsletter through your email chains in your local church. More people need to know what is going on in our district.

If you have not watched the introductory video for the Prairie North District, [Watch Video HERE](#)

Only by God's grace,

Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer

[Prairie North District Superintendent](#), NIC UMC

## **182nd Annual Conference**



Registration is now closed for the 182nd session of the Northern Illinois Conference session. Guests and non-voting members may view the livestream of the two-day virtual sessions on July 16 -17 via the [NIC Facebook page](#) or [YouTube channel](#). The Laity Session will be held July 15 from 7 - 8 pm. Registration is closed. For more information on this year's Annual Conference, visit [umcnic.org/AC2021](http://umcnic.org/AC2021).

## **Prairie North Clergy Zoom Gathering**

Clergy in the Prairie North District will gather for the first time as a new district on August 18 at 9:30 am via Zoom to check in, connect and support each other. Clergy will receive an email on the day before the meeting, with the information to join in or call in.

Clergy Meetings: August 18 - 9:30 am

## **New Prairie North District Facebook Page**

A great way to stay connected and receive updates about happenings in our district.

Like Us on Facebook: [Prairie North District](#)

## **Relaunching Generosity - August 21 from 10 am - 12 noon**

Learn how to relaunch generosity in your church through "10 Practical Steps to Advance Generosity" with special guest Carla Maxwell Rey. Sponsored by the NIC

Office of Congregational Development and Redevelopment. Cost: \$10. [Click here](#) to register. [Download the flyer.](#)

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