



183rd Northern Illinois Annual Conference Wednesday, June 8 - Friday, June 10, 2022

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg Ill.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are excited to celebrate with you as you are commissioned or ordained at the 2022 Northern Illinois Annual Conference. We give thanks for the work God has done in your life and ministry and look forward to our ministry with you as God leads us into the future.

We hope to be of assistance to you, on behalf of the Annual Conference Worship Team, and have listed a few instructions below. Please read them carefully and email, call or text with any further questions or concerns that you might have.

1. **Ordination and Commissioning Rehearsal:** The rehearsal will take place on Thursday June 9th at 5:00 pm at the Renaissance in Schaumburg. It is mandatory. Please do not be late. We just have enough time to go through the service. No one likes to look like they do not know what they are doing, so please be on time and be attentive.
2. **Robing:** Please bring an alb or a preaching robe in either white or black.
3. **Sponsor:** Please select a sponsor to be with you during the service on June 10th. This person may be lay or clergy. It should be someone who has played an important role in your life and calling. This person will help you robe if you are being commissioned. If you are being ordained, this person will join you on the dais during the laying on of hands.
4. **Ordination and Commissioning Service:** The service will take place Friday, June 10th at 1:30pm at the Renaissance. You will be informed at the rehearsal on Thursday when and where you need to gather to line up for the procession.
5. **Photography:** We will have a professional photographer and videographer during the service. We ask that there be no flash photography during the service. We also ask that there be no “selfies” during the service. Please let your family and friends know that the pictures the photographer takes will be available to you.
6. **Seating for Family:** We will reserve seats for family members of ordinands and commissioned residents so they can be a little closer. Please let us know how many seats you are requesting. Guests will be seated at round tables used during plenary. Only the participants will be in theater style seating.
7. **Special Assistance:** We know how important this service is. We want you to be able to participate fully and without hindrance. If you have need of any special assistance, such as large print bulletins or hearing/mobility assistance, please let us know as soon as you can.
8. **Greeting:** If you are being ordained, many people will be on the platform praying for you. You do not need to greet them all. Greeting the bishops who laid hands on you is nice. Be sure to greet your sponsor. Your DS will give you a stole, so greet them too. Feel free to greet others, but such greetings are not required. Hugging is acceptable if you know the person, otherwise a handshake and smile is great.

9. **Retirement:** As you plan your Annual Conference experience, please plan to attend the retirement service; a time for the passing of the mantle of one generation to another. The Retirement Service will take place on Thursday, June 9 at 8:40 am.

We are thrilled to celebrate God's call in your life and look forward to joining with you in worship and in ministry.

In Christ,

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