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Wisconsin Annual Conference, 2023 Pre-Conference Workbook – Part 3

**Containing Additional Items that Require Action
by the
2023 Annual Conference Session,
Biographical Sketches of Candidates
For Election as Provisional Reserve Delegates
to the
Postponed 2020 General
and Jurisdictional Conferences
of The United Methodist Church
and
Information from the November, 2022 Session
of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference**

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Action Item wc107e: Discontinuance of the Milwaukee: Summerfield United Methodist Church, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Submitted by: The District Superintendent of South East District

WHEREAS Summerfield United Methodist Church, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has served the community faithfully for generations with great ministries including being the first site for the Goodwill Industries in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS considering changing demographics in the city of Milwaukee, and following a Paragraph 213 discussion with the District Superintendent; and

WHEREAS the congregation will celebrate together at a closing worship service and time of fellowship on June 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Church Conference of Summerfield: Summerfield United Methodist Church voted on April 18, 2023 to discontinue as a church effective June 30, 2023, and voluntarily transfer title to all real and personal, tangible, and intangible property to the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees per paragraph 2549.3a of the 2016 *Book of Discipline*; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent and the cabinet acknowledge Milwaukee: Summerfield United Methodist Church's church conference action and recommend discontinuance of Milwaukee: Summerfield United Methodist Church, encouraging the remaining membership to join with other United Methodist Churches; and

WHEREAS consent for the discontinuance has been granted by the presiding Bishop, the District Superintendents, the district board of church location and building, and in compliance with all proper Disciplinary requirements,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Milwaukee: Summerfield United Methodist Church, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, be discontinued effective June 30th, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all assets of Milwaukee: Summerfield United Methodist Church be transferred to the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Trustees and other Officers of the Wisconsin Annual Conference are authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to transfer all assets as directed in this motion, and to carry out all procedures described in The Book of Discipline, including but not limited to the sale of the church property and the transfer of members to other congregations, and to accomplish all of the intent of this motion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT proceeds from the sale of the church property shall be cared for in compliance with *Wisconsin Conference Policy 10.13.0 – Church Closings (¶2548)*.

Action Item wc110: Proposed Balloting Procedures for the Election of Provisional Reserve Delegates to the Postponed 2020 Jurisdictional Conference to be held in July, 2024

Submitted by: Kevin Rice Myers, Conference Secretary

Conference Action:

WHEREAS Conference Policy 140.1.0 related to the election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conference reads:

140.1.0 Nominations and Elections:

Lay and clergy United Methodists of Wisconsin who are interested in election as General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates may submit brief biographical sketches of themselves which will be distributed by the Conference Secretary in the pre-Conference materials. The Conference Secretary shall present the balloting procedures during the opening plenary of an election year session for adoption by the Annual Conference.

In addition to the delegates elected to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, there shall be four clergy and four lay reserve delegates elected to the Jurisdictional Conference, and

WHEREAS the 2019 Wisconsin Annual Conference elected delegates and reserve delegates to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conference as provided in The Book of Discipline and the Conference Rules, and

WHEREAS the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences have been postponed to 2024 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS several vacancies have occurred in the Delegation to the postponed 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences since the 2019 election, leaving the conference with an insufficient number of reserve delegates to maintain full participation of the delegation from the Wisconsin Conference to the Postponed 2020 Jurisdictional Conference to be held in 2024, and

WHEREAS Judicial Council Decisions 1451 and 1472 have determined that Annual Conferences may elect new delegate to fill vacancies in the General Conference Delegation only when vacancies cannot be filled with reserve delegates, and

WHEREAS Judicial Council Decisions 1451 and 1472 do not permit the election of additional reserve delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegation, and

WHEREAS the Secretary of the General Conference has informed Conference Secretaries that, if elections are held to fill vacancies among the Jurisdictional Conference Delegation and the Reserve Jurisdictional Conference Delegates, those elections may not be certified at this time, but that the names of those elected may be held by the Conference Secretary should those circumstances change prior to the Postponed 2020 General and/or Jurisdictional Conferences to be held in 2024,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following procedures shall be used by the 2023 Wisconsin Annual Conference Session for the election of one Provisional lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference, four Provisional Lay Reserve Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference, and two Provisional Clergy Reserve Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held in July, 2024:

Balloting:

- A. All balloting will be done using GNTV's online voting platform. Those voting in the election must be present in the KI Center or logged in to the GNTV Zoom webinar at the time of the ballot in order to vote.
- B. Instructions for using the GNTV online voting platform for the Election of Reserve Delegates will be given at the time of the first ballot.
- C. Only the lay members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference may vote in the election of provisional lay delegates and provisional lay reserve delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

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- D. Only the Clergy Members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference specified in ¶35 of The 2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church may vote in the election of provisional clergy reserve delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference.
- E. Ballots may be taken any time the Conference is in session. Before each ballot following the first ballot, the Bishop shall read the name and vote count of each person who received 10 or more votes on the prior ballot, the names of persons previously elected, and the number of persons to be elected on the present ballot.
- F. When sufficient time has elapsed to mark the ballots, the Bishop shall declare the ballot closed, and GNTV will calculate the results of the ballot, which will be displayed on the screens when the Bishop calls for the results.

Valid Ballots:

- A. To be valid, a ballot, must include votes for the exact number of eligible individuals that are to be elected on that ballot. If it contains votes for more or fewer persons than are to be elected on that ballot, it shall be an invalid ballot.
- B. Ballots that contain votes for someone who is not eligible for election will be invalid.

Election: An Amendment to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church which was approved in 2016 now requires that all delegates must be elected by at least a simple majority vote. Therefore, we will continue the balloting process until we have elected a sufficient number of provisional lay and clergy reserve delegate to the Postponed 2020 North Central Jurisdictional Conference to fill the vacancies that have occurred in the 2020 Wisconsin Conference Delegation to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Definition of Clergy Eligibility for Voting and Election to General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegations

¶35 of The 2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church

¶ 35. **Article IV.**—The clergy delegates to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected from the clergy members in full connection and shall be elected by the clergy members of the annual conference or provisional annual conference who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.

[Editor's Note: Only Deacons and Elders who are members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference may be elected. Only those clergy members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference who are listed in ¶35 above are eligible to vote in the election of Clergy Delegates and Reserves.

Definition of Lay Eligibility for Voting and Election to General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegations

¶35 of The 2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church

¶ 36. **Article V.**—The lay delegates to the General and jurisdictional or central conferences shall be elected by the lay members of the annual conference or provisional annual conference without regard to age, provided such delegates shall have been professing members of The United Methodist Church for at least two years next preceding their election, and shall have been active participants in The United Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election, and are members thereof within the annual conference electing them at the time of holding the General and jurisdictional or central conferences.

Editor's Note: Lay persons do NOT have to be a Lay Member of The Wisconsin Annual Conference to be elected as a Lay Delegate or Reserve Delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. They must be a lay member of a United Methodist Church in the Wisconsin Conference, as indicated in ¶36 above.

LAY CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AS PROVISIONAL RESERVE DELEGATES TO GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

Note: The following lay persons were elected to the General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation in 2019 and remain on the delegation at this time:

Lisa King, Jessica Gobel, Lisa Jones, Donald Cramer, Meredith Spors. Voting for any lay person who is already a member of the delegation will invalidate your ballot.

Gail Burgess

ID: 901

Bristol UMC

Professing Member Since: 1964

What is your experience in the connectional Church (Jurisdictional/General Conference and denominational levels)?

GC Alternate in 2012 and Delegate 2016 and 2019; NCJ Mission Council member and secretary 201-2023; WI Cong Committee on Episcopacy Member and Chair; BGM member, chair and secretary; CBOL member and secretary; Faith Alive Dean; VIM secretary; BUMC Lay Member to AC, Church Council secretary, Outreach Chair, UWF President; District UWF Program Resources

How have you participated in the life and ministry of the Wisconsin Conference?

Have you participated in a previous General or Jurisdictional Conference, and if so, in what capacity (delegate, page, or observer, etc.)?

GC Alternate in 2012 and Delegate 2016 and 2019;

What are your priorities for The United Methodist Church?

Use this time to pivot away from the negative things that have happened (pandemic, disaffiliations, etc) and move toward the Blessed Community

Why do you want to be a reserve delegate to the General and/or Jurisdictional Conference?

I think my experience as a former delegate would help others who are new to the process. Also, I have kept abreast of current issues.

How will you use your experience as a delegate to serve the local church, the Wisconsin Conference, and The United Methodist Church?

I will listen to others, I will continue to stay abreast of developments.

Dr. Kathy Hartke

ID: 902

Community United Methodist Church Elm Grove

Professing Member Since: 1993

What is your experience in the connectional Church (Jurisdictional/General Conference and denominational levels)?

2018-present Member of committee on Women's Health and Reproductive Justice with General Board of Church and Society -Rev. Laura Kijweba James and other clergy. Formed "United Methodists for Reproductive Justice" group April 13,2018 General Board of Church and Society Faith in Action authored Article "Saving Mothers' Lives" May 11,2020 General Board of Church and Society Faith in Action Interview with Laura Kijweba James "Saving Mothers' Lives-A Call to Action" 2022 General Board of Church and Society-I created requested video shown at 2022 White House Maternal Health Day hosted by Vice President Kamala Harris Member of United Women in Faith State Social Action Chairs Committee. Support for Black Maternal Momnibus legislation.

How have you participated in the life and ministry of the Wisconsin Conference?

2023 Certified as Facilitator for "Our Whole Lives Faith Sexuality and Faith" for K-1/4-6 grades and Young Adult/Adult/Older Adult. Working with Conference to develop program throughout the lifespan. 2023 Attended all 3 sessions of Faith in Democracy (Rev. Jennifer Butler) supported by WI UMC Conference 2022 Lay Member to Wisconsin Annual Conference 2022-Authored two Resolutions for 2022 Wisconsin Annual Conference: Faith and Sexuality Education Program (passed 78%) and Support for Safe, Legal Abortion and RCRC (passed 72%) 2022-present WI United Women in Faith Representative to WI Conference Church and Society Committee 2022-present WI Conference Representative to WI Council of Churches 2022-present WI United Women in Faith Social Action Chair 2022-present WI United Women in Faith Executive Committee 2021-2023 Coordinated Wisconsin United Women in Faith Social Action Days: 2021 April 10 Black Maternal Health -Speaker "Racial Equity in the WI Health Care System" 110 participants 2022 April 9 Moderator "Native American Women's Health" (virtual) 125 participants 2023 April 15 Moderator "Faithful Climate Action" (virtual)150 participants 2022 April 30 United Women in Faith SE District Speaker: "United Women in Faith's Role in Improving Women's Health: How you can be an Advocate!" Brown Deer UMC 2020 September 19 United Women in Faith SW District Presenter "The UMC Role in Improving Maternal Health" 2018-2020 Youth Leader and Youth Council Member Community United Methodist Elm Grove Coordinated and cooked numerous spaghetti dinners and other Mission Trip Fundraisers 2018 Researched, ordered, set up AED devices for Community United Methodist Church Elm Grove 2018-2021 Taught UMC Social Principles to UMW, confirmands and Youth Fellowship 2018 Developed and championed CUMC Safe Sanctuary Policy for Community United Methodist Church Elm Grove 2015-present Sophia (WISDOM Affiliate) Attend Prayer Breakfasts and speak on Women's Health 2023 May Participated in WISDOM 2023 Madison Day at the Capitol 2010-present Elm Grove Community United Methodist Cantata Choir member 2003 Community United Methodist Elm Grove Alabama Youth Mission Trip Chaperone and Youth Leader 1990s-2000s Facilitator for WI Conference sponsored Sexuality Education to middle school and high school (with Rev. Sue D'Alessio) 1983-1993 Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church volunteer organist for special services 1980s Youth Leader Wauwatosa Ave United Methodist Church Coordinated and cooked numerous spaghetti dinners Youth Fellowship Mission Trip Fundraisers

Have you participated in a previous General or Jurisdictional Conference, and if so, in what capacity (delegate, page, or observer, etc.)?

No

What are your priorities for The United Methodist Church?

To share Christ's message: To fully love one another, be truly inclusive and accepting, affirming the full participation of all gender identities, sexual orientations, races, cultures, classes, abilities, ages, and nations. To improve the comprehensive health and well-being of all persons throughout the world, especially women, children and those most in need.

Why do you want to be a reserve delegate to the General and/or Jurisdictional Conference?

I have prepared for many years as a social justice advocate and my United Methodist church upbringing was the start of this mission. The United Methodist Church is beginning a new chapter in becoming the church that Jesus calls us to be. I am ready and willing.

How will you use your experience as a delegate to serve the local church, the Wisconsin Conference, and The United Methodist Church?

I will study, prepare and vote for changes supporting the mission and work to bring those principles to the state and local level with my current positions.

Barbara Hill

ID: 903

Trinity UMC Elk Mound, WI

Professing Member Since: 1996

What is your experience in the connectional Church (Jurisdictional/General Conference and denominational levels)?

My experience is on the denominational level as an alternate delegate to the United Methodist Conference in the State of Arkansas.

How have you participated in the life and ministry of the Wisconsin Conference?

As a Certified Lay Speaker, I am currently the Wisconsin North West District Director of Lay Servant Ministries and a committee member of the Wisconsin Conference Board of Laity (CBOL), the Certified Lay Minister (CLM) team and the Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) team. I preach wherever I am needed.

Have you participated in a previous General or Jurisdictional Conference, and if so, in what capacity (delegate, page, or observer, etc.)?

I have not participated in a General or Jurisdictional Conference.

What are your priorities for The United Methodist Church?

Bring people to Christ by proclaiming the word of God to everyone.

Why do you want to be a reserve delegate to the General and/or Jurisdictional Conference?

My goal is to support the United Methodist Church as the denomination moves further into the 21st century.

How will you use your experience as a delegate to serve the local church, the Wisconsin Conference, and The United Methodist Church?

By experiencing the world picture of the Methodist Church as a Reserve Delegate, I can share those perspectives with the local church, the Wisconsin Conference, and The United Methodist Church.

Linda Keene Hodorff
ID: 904
Eden: Tabor United Methodist Church
Professing Member Since: 1993

What is your experience in the connectional Church (Jurisdictional/General Conference and denominational levels)?

Two WI UMC trips with Society for Biblical Studies: Turkey & Greece 2022, Egypt & Israel 2023; Mission Trip to Red Bird Mission in KY; Delivered donations to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in IL

How have you participated in the life and ministry of the Wisconsin Conference?

As finance chair of our local church for the past decade, participated in various trainings including 2 stewardship retreats @ Pine Lake Camp. We have paid 100% of apportionments every year during my tenure as finance chair. Attended annual conference as a guest; previously served as local SPRC chair and local UMW president. Invited 2 different conference staff to make presentations at our church to help our congregation be more aware of resources available from the conference. Discipleship Bible Study and trained and served as a Stephen Minister.

Have you participated in a previous General or Jurisdictional Conference, and if so, in what capacity (delegate, page, or observer, etc.)?

Not yet.

What are your priorities for The United Methodist Church?

Healing from the Disaffiliation Process. Being respectful of all opinions while assuring the Bible and Wesleyan principles remain as our firm foundation. Open hearts, open minds, open doors.

Why do you want to be a reserve delegate to the General and/or Jurisdictional Conference?

I am semi-retired, so now have flex in schedule to fully participate. I believe in servant leadership. My work experience as a business owner makes me attuned to financial and personnel matters. I have served on national boards of directors in my industry, so have experience with parliamentary procedure and studying issues in depth. I have personally worshipped at UMCs across the US: I grew up in Auburn, Maine UMC; attended Tabor UMC in Eden, WI since moving to WI 40 years ago; also attended Anselmo, Nebraska UMC and Altoona, Florida UMC when traveling for business.

How will you use your experience as a delegate to serve the local church, the Wisconsin Conference, and The United Methodist Church?

As a Stay UMC member of a church that voted disaffiliate, I understand the pain & grief surrounding disaffiliation. We need to support remaining UM churches & plant new congregations. I plan to transfer my membership to the Campbellsport UMC when the Eden: Tabor UMC disaffiliates.

Allan Lindsay
ID: 905
Oak Creek Community UMC
Professing Member Since: 1995

What is your experience in the connectional Church (Jurisdictional/General Conference and denominational levels)?

None

How have you participated in the life and ministry of the Wisconsin Conference?

Active leader in my local church, including Lay Leader, SPRC, Lay Member, trustee and others as needed
Member of the pulpit supply for Campbellsport UMC for over 15 years Fulfilled Lay Speaker requirements
Served on the Board of Directors of Northcott Neighborhood House Rising Sun Camp counselor for several years Faith Alive 1.0

Have you participated in a previous General or Jurisdictional Conference, and if so, in what capacity (delegate, page, or observer, etc.)?

No

What are your priorities for The United Methodist Church?

Heal and repair the breaches caused by the disaffiliations, while addressing any remaining issues especially for churches who have adopted a wait and see position. Increase local and global missionary and evangelistic outreach Strengthen interactions between our churches, especially crossing cultural boundaries. Insure that the church honors Jesus, the Great Commandment and his final charge

Why do you want to be a reserve delegate to the General and/or Jurisdictional Conference?

I would hope to serve as a moderate voice, guided to love everyone as my kin, while understanding issues others have with changing historical concepts

How will you use your experience as a delegate to serve the local church, the Wisconsin Conference, and The United Methodist Church?

Insure that my local church increases its involvement with the greater church o Add my voice and experience to those attempting to insure cross linkage between the 3 levels of the church; local, annual and General Conference.

**CLERGY CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION
AS PROVISIONAL RESERVE DELEGATES
TO GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE**

Kristina Androsky

ID: 107

Current Appointment: Elm Grove: Community UMC

Year of Full Membership and Ordination: 2008

What is your experience in the connectional Church (Jurisdictional/General Conference and denominational levels)?

I currently serve as the Chair of UMEIT:USA (United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training network) and work with the ecumenical staff of the Council of Bishops to represent the UMC at ecumenical events and offer training to lay and clergy across the connection on how to engage in ecumenical/interreligious ministry; I serve on the National and Local Planning Committees for the National Workshop on Christian Unity, on behalf of the Council of Bishops; 2011-2015, co-taught a cohort through the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, for young clergy seeking to build discipleship systems in their local churches.

How have you participated in the life and ministry of the Wisconsin Conference?

I serve as a mentor for Provisional Candidates for ministry as they prepare for ordination. I have served on South East District Committee on Ministry for 13 years. Board Member for United Methodist Children's Services in Milwaukee. I began attending Annual Conference when I was in high school and have continued to be active in WAC through multiple appointments, extension ministry and leadership roles.

Have you participated in a previous General or Jurisdictional Conference, and if so, in what capacity (delegate, page, or observer, etc.)?

Observer at 2022 Jurisdictional Conference; Served as member of Bishop Dan Schwerin' episcopal discernment and election team leading up to and through the 2022 Jurisdictional Conference. Was scheduled to be a page at the 2020 General Conference prior to its cancellation.

What are your priorities for The United Methodist Church?

I believe it is time for us to heal the wounds created by the disaffiliation process so we can move on from the misinformation campaigns and envision a new future for our denomination that returns us to ministry which focuses on the life, teaching, and all-encompassing love of God. The full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in the life of the church, including through our marriage and ordination processes, must be a first step toward the future. Honest conversation leading to just, anti-racist action to address the racism inherent in our system must be a priority as we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. At the most basic of levels, I want us to be a community rooted in God's grace and excited about the good news.

Why do you want to be a reserve delegate to the General and/or Jurisdictional Conference?

Prior to 2022, while I followed General and Jurisdictional Conferences closely, I had no interest in being a delegate as I wasn't sure it would be good for my soul given the state of our denomination. In attending the 2022 Jurisdictional Conference, I found myself unexpectedly and completely overwhelmed with hope for the future of our church. It truly felt like a "heart strangely warmed" kind of time. It's cheesy, I know, but I am a lifelong Wisconsinite and I like cheese! My experience at the 2022 Jurisdictional Conference renewed my love for our church, reminded me of my call to ministry, and reignited my desire to be a part of leading the church into a future of change toward justice

How will you use your experience as a delegate to serve the local church, the Wisconsin Conference, and The United Methodist Church?

My hope is that our delegation will be a voice and body of leadership and vision as we move into the future and set the course through our voting and relationship building.

Amelita Grace Cajuat

ID: 147

Current Appointment: Kenosha: Wesley
Year of Full Membership and Ordination: 2009

What is your experience in the connectional Church (Jurisdictional/General Conference and denominational levels)?

Member, 2008 Social Creed Task Force, GBCS, engaged bishops, clergy, and lay leaders in working consultations in US, Africa, Europe, and Philippines to create creed and musical setting of Social Creed (now a part of the BOD). Presented the creed at the 2008 General Conference in Fort Worth, TX. Member, 2012 UMC Hymnal Revision Committee, nominated by Bishop Lee; met in working consultation in Nashville, TN. Worked as Seminar Designer for the Church Center for the United Nations Justice Education of the United Women in Faith for 2-3 years. Worked for the General Commission on Religion and Race as Training and Development Specialist in 2013, working with bishops and Annual Conferences on cultural competency, including delegation from the Swedish Churches headed by Bishop Christian Alsted. Also, trained for the Seminar Program for GBCS in Washington, DC, St. Paul School of Theology Created and led worship for the national agencies (GBHEM, Discipleship Ministries, GCORR, GCSRW, UWF) for their national assemblies/annual board of directors' meetings Contracted by the New York Conference to facilitate the mandated Anti-Racism Training for their clergy, lay leaders, ordinands/candidates, DCOM, BOOM 2015-2018 Plenary Speaker for the Laity Session of the New York Annual Conference 2018 Plenary Speaker for Deaconess and Home Missioner Convocation in Lake Junaluska, NC in 2016 Contributed articles on culture, music, and worship for various publications for national agencies Given music master classes in the Philippines at Union Theological Seminary and Harris Memorial College. Panel and writer for the Lay Order Conference for the Office of Deaconesses and Home Missioners 2014 Member of Global Praise Team for GBGM 2005-07

How have you participated in the life and ministry of the Wisconsin Conference?

Member, Anti-Racism Task Force Chair, Conference Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations Present Member, Committee on Investigation Had the privilege of preaching with Bishop Jung in Opening Worship at last year's Annual Conference Presented on Cultural Competency/Diversity & Inclusion on Learning Day last year, 2022 Coordinator, Multicultural Ministries, Wisconsin Conference 2012-2013 Chair, Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women 2018-2019 Chair, Mission Motivation Committee 2007-09 Member, Program and Arrangement for conference 2008-09

Have you participated in a previous General or Jurisdictional Conference, and if so, in what capacity (delegate, page, or observer, etc.)?

Yes. I presented the 2008 Social Creed and led the sung litany during General Conference 2008 in Fort Worth, TX. In the same conference, I worked with the GBCS Board of Directors (specifically Bishop Trimble) in strategizing approach to presenting the proposed Social Creed; stayed on as observer.

What are your priorities for The United Methodist Church?

My priority is to seek unity through discovery of cultures and assets and leverage them for making our mission of transformational discipleship happen within the institutional system that will help the local church clarify her identity.

Why do you want to be a reserve delegate to the General and/or Jurisdictional Conference?

I want to give voice to the global vision and reality of the UMC through my lived experiences as a member of the UMC in the Philippines and Wisconsin, as well as the gleanings from my work in the general church.

How will you use your experience as a delegate to serve the local church, the Wisconsin Conference, and The United Methodist Church?

My experience as a delegate will enhance my local church ministry informed by the teachings and actions of the bigger picture of the UM tradition.

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2023 Clergy Election ID Numbers

All Clergy members of the Wisconsin Conference are eligible for election, whether they have submitted a biographical sketch or not. All eligible clergy members have been assigned voting ID numbers, which are listed below.

ID #	Name	Conference Relationship	ID #	Name	Conference Relationship	ID #	Name	Conference Relationship
			150	Carlson, David	RE	204	Douglass, Kory	FD
			151	Carlson, Michael	RE	205	Dowling, Douglas	RE
101	Alfred, Aaron	FE	153	Carmichael-Stoner, Nancy	RE	206	Dryver-Scott, Rosalind	RE
102	Allen, Stuart	RE	154	Cavil, Gloria	RE	207	Dunham, Thomas	RE
103	Altman, James	FE	155	Caylor, Suni	RE	208	Dushek, William	RE
104	Amann, Susan	FD	156	Celiz, Maribel	FE	209	Eagle, Robert	RE
105	Anderson, Amy	FD	157	Certa-Werner, Barbara	FE	210	Eckert, Jerry	RE
106	Anderson, David	RE	158	Certa-Werner, Joel	FE	211	Egerer, Ruth	RE
107	Androsky, Kristina	FE	159	Chea, Min	FE	212	Ellinger, Janet	RE
108	Andrus, Duane	RE	160	Cho, Jerry	FE	213	Estrem-Fuller, Richard	RE
109	Armstrong, Brian	FE	161	Choe, Young	RE	214	Fahs, Daniel	FE
110	Armstrong, Paul	FE	162	Christensen, Allen	RE	215	Farina, David	RE
112	Arpke, Jodi	FE	163	Christianson, John	FE	216	Farmer-Lewis, Linda	RE
113	Arveson, Arthur	RE	164	Christianson, Wendy	FE	217	Fehrmann, Lucretia	RE
114	Aurand, Keith	FE	165	Christman, Catherine	FE	218	Fenner, Bruce	RE
115	Averill, Arland	RE	166	Christopher, Charles	RE	219	Fenner, Donald	RE
116	Ayensu-Mensah, Listowel	RE	167	Christopher, Judith	RE	220	Fite, Diane	RE
117	Bankes, Karen	FE	168	Clapp, Roger	RE	221	Foote, Robert	RE
118	Barnes, James	RE	169	Clark, Forrest	RE	222	Ford, Milton	RE
119	Bartel, Bruce	RE	170	Clement, Douglas	FE	223	Forret, Cherie	FE
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121	Bartlett, Jon	RE	172	Colyer, Elmer	FE	225	Fowler, Kelly	FE
122	Bastian, Dwight	RE	173	Conklin, Craig	RE	226	Fowler, Mark	RE
123	Bauer-King, Nancy	RE	174	Conklin, Mary	RE	227	Francis, Don	RE
124	Beaton, George	RE	175	Cook, Barbara	RE	228	Francis, Paul	RE
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130	Blean-Kachigan, Janis	RE	181	Crise, Edward	FE	235	Garnhart, Thomas	RE
131	Bloy, Wilmer	RE	182	Crosskey, Laura	FD	236	Garren, Michael	FE
132	Boettcher, Kenneth	RE	183	Cubilette Sanchez, Rafael	FE	237	Garton, Gena	RE
133	Bolz, Barbara	RE	184	Curtis, Stanley	RE	238	Gaylord, Frank	RE
134	Bowers, Robert	RE	185	D'Alessio, Sue	FE	239	Geisthardt, Mark	RE
135	Brantmeyer, Vicki	FE	186	Daniels, Jane	RE	240	Gelhaus, Kenneth	RE
136	Breidenstein, Rychie	RE	187	Davis, M.	RE	241	George, Alan	RE
137	Bresser, Susan	FE	188	Deaner, Francis	RE	242	Gibson, Lamarr	RE
138	Brewer, Heather	FE	190	Deaner-Rogers, Christine	RE	243	Gilbert, Mark	FE
139	Brewer, Rick	RE	191	Deaner-Rogers, Joel	RE	244	Goebel, Laurence	RE
140	Brice, David	RE	192	Deede, Claudia	RE	245	Goodger, Krystal	FE
141	Bross, Billy	RE	194	Delery, Harvey	RE	246	Grebe, Lois	RE
142	Brumm, Kimberly	RE	195	DeLong, Amy	RE	247	Green, Nancy	RE
143	Bruner, Bernadette	RE	196	DeMaris, Margaret	RE	248	Green, Patrick	RE
144	Bude, Norman	RE	198	Deming, Joan	RE	249	Greer, Donald	RE
145	Burwell, Susanne	RE	199	Dent, David	RE	250	Gregersen, Paul	RE
146	Bush, Elliott	RE	200	Diaz, Rey	RE	251	Gribble, Donald	RE
147	Cajiuat, Amelita	FE	201	Dick, Dan	FE	252	Groves, George	RE
148	Careaga, Carlos	FE	202	Dobbins-Mays, Afi	FE	253	Groves, Stephen	RE
149	Carey, Abraham	RE	203	Doersch, Carl	RE	254	Guse, David	RE

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256	Hackbardt, Carol	RE	314	Kalas, David J.	FE	371	Machek, John	RE
257	Hadley, Matthew	FE	315	Kelley, Laura	RE	372	Mahnke, Jason	FE
258	Hair, Marilyn	RE	316	Kellin, David	RE	373	Marthaler, Dennis	RE
259	Haller, Susan	FD	317	Kenas, Jr., Robert	RE	375	Mather, Bradford	RE
260	Hamblin, Cathy	RE	318	Kim, Changki	FE	376	Mayorga, Jorge	RE
261	Hanaman, Dale	RE	319	Kim, Daniel	FE	377	Mayorga, Rosa	RE
262	Hanson, Doris	RE	320	Kim, Don	FE	378	McBride, William	RE
263	Harr, Verlyn	RE	321	Kim, Dukkun	FE	379	McCann, Larry	RE
264	Harrison, Gerry	RE	322	Kim, Jaesun	FE	380	McChesney, James	RE
265	Harsh, David	RE	323	Kim, Kook Ho	FE	381	McClintock, Robert	FE
266	Hartford, Lincoln	RE	324	Kim, PyungAhn	FE	382	McDonald, Carol	RE
267	Hastings, Debra	RE	325	Kim, Seongmin	FE	383	McGregor, Caleb	FE
268	Hays, Donna	RE	326	Kim, Sung-Keun	FE	384	McHolland, James	RE
269	Hays, Robert	RE	327	Kim, Sun-Joong	FE	385	McIntosh, Jayneann	FE
270	Hedgcock, Mary	RD	328	Kirk, Arveda	RE	386	McRoberts, David	RE
271	Helgerson, A.	RE	329	Kirkpatrick, Mary	RE	387	Meissner, Lee	RE
272	Helton, Dawn	RE	330	Klaisner, Mark	FE	388	Meracle, Quentin	RE
273	Helwig, William	RE	331	Klatt, Karen	RE	389	Merritt, Deanna	RE
274	Henrichs, Melvin	RE	332	Kness, Lucille	RE	390	Meyer, Jeffrey	FE
275	Henry, Rebecca	FE	333	Knutson, Patricia	RE	391	Miller, Donna	RE
276	Henschel, Ann	RE	334	Koca, Teresa	RE	392	Miller, Richard	RE
277	Herrmann, Sandra	RE	335	Kohlhepp, Glenn	RE	393	Mitchell, Joseph	RE
278	Hines, TyLacey	FE	336	Kollath, Lynn	RE	394	Moe, Thomas	FE
279	Hinshaw, Carolyn	RE	337	Kotian, Harsha	FE	395	Moody, Larry	RE
280	Hinshaw, David	RE	338	Kramer, Cletus	RE	396	Moore, Vernon	RE
281	Hintzman, Howard	RE	339	Kruse, David	RE	397	Morning, Michael	RE
282	Holley, Susan	RE	340	Kundinger, Brian	RE	398	Morris, Gerald	FE
283	Holmes, Gary	FE	341	Kuntz, Carolyn	RE	399	Morton, William	RE
284	Holmes, Virgil	RE	342	Kwak, Han Du	RE	400	Mpoyo, Mulongo	FE
285	Hunter, M.	FE	343	Kwon, Hyeok	FE	401	Mpoyo, Tshishinen	FE
286	Hutchison, Richard	RE	344	Kwon, Samuel	RE	402	Myers, Kevin	RE
287	Hwang, Hyejung	FE	345	Kwon, Yul	RE	403	Myers, Marjorie	RE
288	Iliff, Donald	RE	346	Kyabuntu wa Kiluba, Banze	FE	404	Naden, Harry	RE
289	Illene, Breanna	FE	347	Lambrecht, Thomas	FE	405	Nagel, Marc	FE
290	Insor, Ebenezer	FE	348	Landis, Suzanne	RE	406	Nicholas, Jean	FE
291	Israel, Domnik	RE	349	Lang, Tina	RD	407	Nicholas, Jeffrey	RE
292	Itson, Christina	FD	350	Lanman, Nancy	RD	408	Nickolson, Donald	RE
293	Itson, Jr., Ellis	RE	351	Larson, Ethan	RE	409	Niese, Rebecca	RE
294	Jacob, Wesley	FE	352	Leach, Richard	RE	410	Nitz, Wendee	RE
295	Jacobson, Judie	RE	353	LeCount, Robert	RE	411	Nolet, Martin	RE
296	Jannusch, William	RE	354	Lee, A Hyun	FE	412	Nolla, Jaime	RE
297	Jarrell, Thomas	RE	355	Lee, Dong	RE	413	North, Arthur	RE
298	Jewison, Gregory	RE	356	Lee, Ho	FE	414	Novak, Anna	RE
299	Jewson, Willard	FE	357	Lee, In Sun	FE	415	Nulton, Paul	RE
300	Johnsen, Paul	FE	358	Lee, Kyung Sook	FE	416	O'Brien, Timothy	FE
301	Johnsen, Sarah	RE	359	Lee, Young	FE	417	Oeffler, Susan	FE
302	Johnson, Edward	RE	360	Leih, Susan	RE	418	Oestreich, Ross	RE
303	Jones, Andrew	FD	361	Leistra, David	FE	419	Olson, Richard	RE
304	Jones, Jeanne	RE	362	Lind, Gordon	RE	420	Oppeneer, Martha	FE
306	Jones, Richard	RE	363	Lipka, Jerome	RE	421	Ott, Howard	RE
307	Jun, Hyun-Shik	FE	364	Lockman, Susan	RE	422	Ott-Holland, Susan	RE
308	Jung, Hee-Kwon	FE	365	Lombardo, Lisa	FE	423	Overlien, Blake	RE
309	Jung, Im	FE	366	Loomis, Heidi	FE	424	Overman, Ruth	FE
310	Jung, Sukhyun	FE	367	Lossie, Lori	FE	425	Owens, Owen	RE
311	Jury, Kathleen	RE	368	Lukonic, Joseph	RE	426	Packard, George	RE
312	Kaehr, Steven	RE	369	Lybeck-Smoak, Margaret	FE	427	Park, Hong-Lim	RE

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429	Patterson-Sumwalt, Susan	FE	475	Shon, InWha	FE	520	Voker, Jakes	FE
430	Pegram, Joshua	FE	476	Shultz, Charles	RE	521	Voss, Rebecca	FE
431	Peterson, Peter	RE	477	Silvester, Norman	RE	522	Wagener, Walter	RE
432	Piepenburg, Neil	RE	478	Simpson, Doris	RE	523	Wagner, Rebekah	FD
433	Pimm, Deborah	FE	479	Singh, Marvin	RE	524	Waldron, Jean	FE
434	Pliska, Linda	RE	480	Slaback, Wendy	FE	525	Walters, Scott	RE
435	Polster, Stephen	RE	481	Smith, Carol	RE	526	Warren, David	RE
436	Prust, Richard	RE	482	Smith, Donald	RE	527	Watson, Barry	RE
437	Ramstad, Dawn	FE	483	Smoke, Jay	RE	528	Waughtal, Loretta	RE
438	Rasmussen, R.	FE	484	Sommers, Jane	RE	529	Weaver, Cheryl	FE
439	Ray, Gail	FE	485	Stannard, Donald	RE	530	Webster, John	RE
440	Reistroffer, Dianne	RE	486	Starr, Jack	FE	531	Wegenast, Carrie	FE
441	Retherford, Ronald	RE	487	Stassel, Donald	RE	532	Wegenast, Markus	FE
442	Reuteler, James	RE	488	Steele, Richard	RE	533	Weigand, Cathy	FE
443	Rew, Diane	RE	489	Stein, Amanda	FE	534	Weigand, Michael	FE
444	Rich, Joyce	FE	490	Strait, Richard	RE	535	Weis, Dennis	RE
445	Richmond, Kent	RE	491	Strassburger, John	RE	536	Wells, Forrest	RE
446	Richter, Randell	RE	492	Strong, Charles	RE	537	Wells, John	RE
447	Rinehart, Joyce	RE	493	Stubbs, John	RE	538	Welsch, P.	RE
448	Ristow, Barbara	RD	494	Stunkard, Bruce	RE	539	Wendt, Charles	RE
449	Robbins, Penny	RE	495	Sumwalt, John	RE	540	Werner, David	RE
450	Robertson, Jacqueline	FE	496	Sundby, Mark	FE	541	West, Graham	RE
451	Rowlette, James	RE	497	Sutherland, Anne	RE	542	White, Gilbert	RE
452	Royappa, Samuel	FE	498	Talcott, H.	RE	543	White, Michael	RE
453	Ruiz, John	FE	499	Taylor, Eric	FE	544	White, T. Edmond	RE
454	Rutter, Thad	RE	500	Taylor, Stephanie	FE	545	White, Thomas E.	RE
455	Saunders, Carolyn	RE	501	Teichmiller, Erwin	RE	546	White, Wesley	RE
456	Scherf, Theresa	RE	502	Thao, Toua	FE	547	Whitford, Brenda	FE
457	Schirmer, Wesley	RE	503	Theselius, James	RE	548	Wilkinson, David	RD
458	Schmidt, Jean	RE	504	Thompson, Cynthia	FE	549	Williams, Ellen	FD
459	Schreck, Lynn A.	RE	505	Thompson, Deborah	RE	550	Williams, Wendell	RE
460	Schroerlucke, G.	RE	506	Thompson, Frank	RE	551	Wilson, Jim	RE
461	Schultz, Donald	RE	507	Thomson, Roberta	RE	552	Wilson, Julie	FE
462	Schultz, Patrick	FE	508	Twichell, Nancy	RE	553	Wilson, Kerry	RE
463	Schulz, Frederik	RE	509	Uhler, Jeffrey	FE	554	Wolover, Amber	RD
464	Schwenk, Richard	RE	510	Utter, Angela	FE	555	Yackovich, Amy	RE
466	Scott, Ann	RE	511	Van Fossen, Brad	RE	556	Yang, Her	RE
467	Scott, Margaret	RE	512	Vance, Linda	RE	557	Yang, Tsuker	FE
468	Scott, Stephen	FE	513	Vance, Melvin	RE	558	Yarbro, Barry	RE
469	Seaton, David	FE	514	VanDenBoom, Debra	FD	559	Yoder, Paul	RE
470	Serra, Ferdinand	FE	515	Vargas, Edwin	FE	560	Zealley, Patricia	RE
471	Sharpe, David	RE	516	Verdegan, Daniel	FE	561	Zekoff, Jane	RE
472	Shaw, Barry	RE	517	Verkest, E.	RE	562	Zekoff, Steven	RE
473	Shaw, Mark	RE	518	Vielhuber, Dianne	FE	563	Zimmick, Jr., Harold	RE

The names of the following Clergy Members who were elected as members of the General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation in 2019 have been removed from this list of ID Numbers:

Jennifer Arneson, Krysta Deede, Allison Scott, Kathryn Jones, Jeremy Deaner, Scott Carlson, Kevin Dembinski, Joan Frost, Clarissa Martinelli, and, of course, Bishop Dan Schwerin!

Voting for any clergy person who is already a member of the delegation will invalidate your ballot.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ALL
APPROVED BY THE 2022 NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE.
THEY ARE PRESENTED HERE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY,
AND ARE NOT BEFORE THE WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR ACTION.

Ethics Code for Delegates to the North Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church

Whereas, the future of the United Methodist Church requires loyalty of governance members at all levels,

Whereas, General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates are expected to make decisions that are in the best interests of the United Methodist Church,

Whereas, election of General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates by members of the United Methodist Church was conducted with the implicit understanding that delegates would ethically serve the United Methodist Church,

Whereas, delegates with allegiance to another denomination have a serious conflict of interest,

Whereas, in dealing with matters affecting the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference, delegates shall act in good faith and in the best interests of the United Methodist Church,

Whereas, General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates do not have a Code of Ethics similar to that required for United Methodist general boards and agencies, and

Whereas, from a moral and/or legal perspective, a potential conflict of interest arises within an organization when a key individual (either an employee or volunteer) or a relative of that individual (a) stands to gain a financial benefit by personally influencing the action taken by the organization or a transaction entered into by the organization; or (b) has another interest that impairs, or could be seen to impair, the independence or objectivity of the key individual in discharging their duties within the organization,

Therefore, be it resolved that General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates are urged to be fully committed to The United Methodist Church.

Be it further resolved that all General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates' ethical decisions on policy and elections are urged to be made in the best interests of The United Methodist Church.

Be it further resolved that if delegates have an actual or potential conflict of interest, they are urged to disclose the conflict to the appropriate individual or group of individuals within the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegations and recuse themselves from any discussions and decisions on matters related to the conflict of interest.

The Resolution was approved by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference as amended by a vote of 131 – 23.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Leading with Integrity

Whereas, the vibrant future of The United Methodist Church requires deep commitment and loyal leadership at every level, and

Whereas, grounded in a sense of duty and loyalty to the mission of the church, leaders are counted on and expected to make decisions about the future of The United Methodist Church with the absolute best interest of Christ's church at heart, and

Whereas, the selection, election, and appointment of clergy and lay leaders throughout The United Methodist Church includes the implicit understanding that leaders will ethically serve in each of their leadership roles with the utmost integrity, and

Whereas, leaders who do not intend to remain in The United Methodist Church entangle themselves in a significant conflict of interest, and

Whereas, the service of a leader whose call to discipleship is aligned with The United Methodist Church is prevented by the continued leadership of an individual who has made a private decision and/or public declaration to leave The United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, from a legal perspective, a potential conflict of interest arises within an organization when an individual, paid or volunteer, or a relative of that individual (a) stands to gain a financial benefit by personally influencing the action taken by the organization or a transaction entered into by the organization; or (b) has another interest that impairs, or could be seen to impair, the independence or objectivity of the key individual in discharging their duties within the organization.

Therefore, be it resolved that, as we continue this period of transition, the North Central Jurisdiction calls upon every United Methodist, as a disciple of Jesus the Christ, to move forward in fairness and with integrity and goodwill to all.

Be it further resolved that the North Central Jurisdiction expresses both respect and gratitude to those who have voluntarily stepped away from positions of leadership as they journey away from membership in The United Methodist Church.

Be it further resolved that, in an effort to ensure that decisions about The United Methodist Church are made by those who are wholeheartedly committed to its future, the North Central Jurisdiction believes that only lay and clergy members who intend to remain in The United Methodist Church are appropriately eligible to serve in governance roles such as: districts, annual conferences, jurisdictional conferences, general conference; and their related committees, boards, agencies; delegations and episcopal candidates. We encourage Conference Boards of Trustees to develop codes of conduct to manage conflicts of interest that may arise around discussions of disaffiliation agreements.

Be it further resolved that the North Central Jurisdiction respectfully asks all who intend to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church to recuse themselves from governance roles annual conference, jurisdictional conference, and general conference.

The Resolution was approved by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference as originally written by a vote of 114 – 32.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Supporting Formation of a U.S. Regional Conference

Whereas the seven Central Conferences and five U.S. Jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church engage in mission together in 136 countries; and

Whereas the connectional ties between the church in the United States and the Central Conferences are significant and vital to the continued mission and ministry of the worldwide United Methodist Church; and

Whereas the existing structure of The United Methodist Church at the general church level has historically impeded each region from effectively tailoring its ministry to its specific contexts; and

Whereas the existing structure of The United Methodist Church at the general church level diminishes our ability to be a vital and effective church and needs to be reenvisioned to achieve more fair and equitable church governance; and

Whereas the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference and the conversion of the Central Conferences to Regional Conferences, as outlined in the Christmas Covenant, developed by Central Conference leaders in Africa and the Philippines, would establish structural parity throughout the worldwide church; and

Whereas the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference, as outlined in legislation put forward by the Connectional Table will establish the governance necessary to allow each region to design ministry for its particular contexts, and thus more effectively make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world; and

Whereas the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church continues to work toward inclusion and justice for all God's people; and

Whereas the North Central Jurisdiction aspires to vital, thriving, multicultural, and diverse ministries that are open to all people and can be a beacon of hope for the worldwide United Methodist Church;

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Central Jurisdiction supports the expressed intents of the Christmas Covenant and Connectional Table legislation, including the creation of Regional Conferences in Africa, Europe, the Philippines, and the U.S., respectively; and

Be it further resolved that the North Central Jurisdiction recognizes and supports the leadership of our Central Conferences in the creation and furtherance of the 1 Christmas Covenant as well the Connectional Table's future visioning on behalf of our worldwide fellowship; and

Be it further resolved that the North Central Jurisdiction urges every Annual Conference within its boundaries to support both the Christmas Covenant and Connectional Table proposals to establish a fair and equitable general church structure; and

Be it further resolved that the North Central Jurisdiction urges the Council of Bishops to expedite the process of voting on the constitutional amendments necessary to enact the regional conferences legislation, calling special sessions of annual conferences where necessary; and

Be it further resolved that, in line with the intent of the non-disciplinary petition submitted by the Connectional Table, the North Central Jurisdiction requests the Council of Bishops to immediately appoint a 20–25-member Interim Committee on Organization for a US Regional Conference to develop and propose to the 2024 General Conference the structure and organization of a US Regional Conference. In line with the CT's legislation, this body would organize and plan for the establishment and functioning of a new United States Regional Conference comprising the current five jurisdictions of the United States. Committee membership should have a minimum of 3 members of each US jurisdiction, 3 central conference members and shall meet standards of racial and gender diversity. The Committee should recommend a structure for the US Regional Conference including considerations such as its membership, committee structure, meeting time, agency, and function.

Be it further resolved that the Jurisdiction Conference Secretary shall send copies of this resolution to all delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences, including alternates, from the North Central Jurisdiction and to the Commission on the General Conference.

The Resolution was approved by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference as written by a vote of 123 – 21.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Queer Delegates' Call to Center Justice and Empowerment for LGBTQIA+ People in The UMC

Whereas, in a groundswell response to the passage of harmful legislation at the 2019 Special Session of General Conference, Annual Conferences elected queer clergy and lay persons to be General and Jurisdictional Delegates in record numbers, for the first-time empowering queer delegates to speak and act from our diverse experiences, and

Whereas, the 2019 Special Session of the United Methodist General Conference passed the Traditional Plan, which increased penalties for United Methodists clergy who are LGBTQIA+ and for clergy who support the LGBTQIA+ community through officiating their weddings, and

Whereas, in an attempt to address the divide within The United Methodist Church, an abeyance or moratorium was proposed to the General Conference, referenced below,² by the authors of the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation, and

Whereas, we understand our call and responsibility as United Methodists to do good, do no harm, and stay in love with God, and

Whereas, we call straight and cisgender allies to do good by using their voice and vote to support, empower, and amplify the voices of the LGBTQIA+ community in The United Methodist Church,

Therefore, be it resolved that the 2022 North Central Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church:

1. Supports and amplifies the queer delegates' call to justice and empowerment for the LGBTQIA+ community in our Jurisdiction, within and beyond our churches and agencies.
2. Affirms the spirit of the abeyance or moratorium as proposed to the General Conference, as referenced above, until changes can be made in The United Methodist Book of Discipline.
3. Implores our member Annual Conferences to either not pursue or resolve in an appropriately timely fashion through a non-punitive, just resolution process any complaints against clergy regarding their sexual orientation or clergy who officiate weddings of LGBTQIA+ persons.
4. Urges that as a Jurisdiction we either not pursue or resolve in an appropriately timely fashion through a non-punitive, just resolution process any complaints against Bishops regarding their sexual orientation or those who officiate weddings of LGBTQIA+ persons.
5. Supports the election of episcopal leaders who commit to upholding this resolution and who will further justice for and empowerment of LGBTQIA+ people in the annual conferences where they serve; 6. Commits to a future of The United Methodist Church where LGBTQIA+ people will be protected, affirmed, and empowered in the life and ministry of the church in our Jurisdiction, including as laity, ordained clergy, in the episcopacy, and on boards and agencies.

The Resolution was approved by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference by a vote of 129 – 23.