



Minnesota Conference

United Church of Christ

Attention Minnesota Conference UCC Congregations *and* Authorized Ministers:

We are so excited to welcome you to this year's Annual Meeting where we will gather for a few days focused on **Rest and Renewal**. This will be a hybrid meeting, but we hope you will choose to join us in person at St. Benedict's College June 10th and June 11th. All of the workshops will be done on Zoom in the days leading up to the meeting and the plenary sessions will be offered on Zoom as well as in person. The health of all of attendees is of the utmost importance and careful protocols will be in place. You can see the details of our COVID19 Guidelines as they stand right now in the "How Do I sign Up, Register, Get Involved, Receive a Discount, Get a Refund" document included in this mailing.

This year we are thrilled to welcome to Minnesota our keynote speaker Christian author Diana Butler Bass. She has written extensively on spirituality, religion, creation stewardship, and current events. Diana's wisdom and insights will undoubtedly add a lot to this gathering.

We are also planning several REST AND RENEWAL activities outside of our regular programming. People are encouraged to bring their bikes or walking shoes to utilize the various paths around the campus. Additionally, we have arranged for two opportunities for people to view and learn more about the Illumination Bible. A labyrinth will be available for meditation and all sorts of open space for casual gatherings will be utilized. Frisbees, yoga mats and other open space gear are also encouraged. Not only will we be focusing on the importance of rest and renewal in this strange season, but we will be putting into practice what we learn.

In addition to time to reflect on these themes, we will share food, fellowship, worship, and song together.

There will be Resolutions to take action on. Those Resolutions and other details on workshops, agendas, registration, and other information on Annual Meeting can be found on the Annual Meeting page of our website.

Our workshops, worship, conversations, social times, exhibits, and the important business of the Conference will make for a full and fulfilling gathering. The Annual Meeting Planning Work Group extends a heart-filled invitation to all in our Conference to join with us.

Registration for the Annual Meeting is open and the details for registering (whether you are a youth or adult, whether you are interested in Annual Meeting only, or want to add Power and Boundary Training) are included in this mailing. Register early to receive the best price on registration!

God's Grace and Peace,
Annual Meeting Planning Work Group

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

College of St. Benedict, June 10 – 11, 2022

SUMMARY AGENDA – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday – Tuesday, June 6th – 7th, 2022 (Zoom only)

10:00am – 11:30am Workshops
1:00pm – 2:30pm Workshops
6:30pm – 8:00pm Workshops

Wednesday, June 9th, 2022 (Zoom only)

10:00am – 11:30am Workshops
1:00pm – 2:30pm Workshops
6:30pm – 8:00pm Hearings

Thursday, June 9th, 2022 (In-person only)

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Clergy Power and Boundary Training (TBD)

Friday, June 10th, 2022 (Hybrid)

7:00am – 5:30pm Exhibits Set-up and Open
8:00am – 5:30pm Registration Open
10:30am – Noon Childcare (Must pre-register by May 10 for childcare)
10:30am – 11:45am **PLENARY #1** (opening worship, 2021 minutes approval, 2022 agenda and standing rules approval, special guest introductions)
12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch
1:00pm – 5:00pm Childcare
1:00pm – 2:30pm RESTORATION AND RENEWAL ACTIVITIES
2:45pm – 4:00pm **PLENARY #2** (treasurer's report, resolution(s) presentation, committee and work group reports, ACM reports,)
4:00pm – 6:00pm BREAK (exhibits available)
6:00pm – 8:00pm **Banquet** (worship and State of the Conference address)
8:00pm – 10:30pm After Hours Social

Saturday, June 11th, 2022 (Hybrid)

6:45am – 7:45am 12 Step Meeting
7:00am – 8:30am Breakfast
8:00am – 5:00pm Exhibits Open
8:00am – 8:45am Morning Prayers and Bible Study
9:00am – Noon Childcare
9:00am – 9:45am **PLENARY #3** (budget, compensation guidelines, and resolution(s) voting)
9:45am – 10:00am Break
10:00am – 11:00am KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY DIANA BUTLER BASS
11:00am – 12:00pm Table-top Conversations
12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch
1:00pm – 5:00pm Childcare
1:15pm – 2:45pm RESTORATION AND RENEWAL ACTIVITIES
3:00pm – 4:00pm **PLENARY #4** (Election of officers, presentation of awards)
4:00pm – 5:00pm CLOSING WORSHIP with HOLY COMMUNION