

## MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

guide to annual conference



# MIUMC lay member of annual conference guide part 3



**Michigan Conference**  
The United Methodist Church

# OK! I'VE REGISTERED AND AM HEADED TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- **Pay in full** prior to arrival. It will make onsite registration and check-in much faster.
- Review information on the **2023 Annual Conference website**, [2023.michiganumc.org](https://2023.michiganumc.org).
- Read the **Conference Journal Volume 1: Historical Reports** on the website. Almost everything you need to know about the Michigan Conference is in those pages!
- Read the **Resolutions and Budget** material found at, you guessed it, [2023.michiganumc.org](https://2023.michiganumc.org) under the Materials tab.
- Be prepared for the **offering collections**. Details will be available on the 2022 Annual Conference website. All checks made payable to 'Michigan Conference.'
- If you're staying **onsite, check in with the hotel** for your room key.
- Upon arrival pick up your registration packet at the registration desk.

## THE 7TH ANNUAL 5K - BENEFITS CHILD HUNGER RELIEF IN MICHIGAN

An in-person event is planned at Grand Traverse Resort for Friday, June 2 at 11 AM EST. A virtual event will be held throughout the state on Sunday, June 4. More details and registration are at [2023.michiganumc.org](https://2023.michiganumc.org).

**\$82,000+** has been raised for Child Hunger Relief in Michigan in the last two years! 552,000 children in Michigan struggle with food insecurity. An astonishing amount of money has been raised and donated to relieve child hunger in Michigan! Thanks to our generous sponsors, 100% of your donation will go to the relief of child hunger and food insecurity in Michigan. Pet bandanas are available for \$10 which provides a weekend of food for a child through a weekend food supply program. Check out the **Child Hunger Resources** page for information, ideas for action and advocacy, as well as resources that you can use for a 5K in your community.

## FEATURES IN 2023

### Shuttle Service for Offsite Lodging

Two shuttle buses will run continuous loops from Grand Traverse Resort to select local hotels on our Hotel Block list. The Cherry Loop shuttle is available from the main entrance of Grand Traverse Resort. Skip the parking lot hassle! Leave your car at your offsite hotel, and take the door-to-door shuttle!

### Quiet Room Provides Escape

Need to escape from the noise and clutter of Governor's Hall sometimes but don't want to miss the business of the conference? This year, the Michigan Ballroom will be available for anyone needing a quieter space. A live stream will keep you connected to what's happening and to let you know when you need to get back to vote. Don't let the loudness overwhelm you, escape to the Michigan Ballroom for a little quiet when you can.

### Nursing Mothers' Room Available

The space reserved for nursing mothers' will return to a private room located behind the Cass Community Services store in the Tower pre-function area. The room will provide needed privacy while a live stream monitor will keep you connected to what's happening on the conference floor.



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. - Lamentations 3:22-23 NRSV

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## SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

*Not a final schedule and subject to change  
All times in EST*

### Thursday, June 1

- 2 PM Clergy Session
- 7 PM Retirement Celebration

### Friday, June 2

- 9 AM Golf Scramble for Campus Ministries & Rice Packing Mission
- 11 AM 5K Run/Walk for Child Hunger Relief
- 1 PM Opening Worship & Memorial Service, Bishop David Bard, preaching
- 3:30 PM Welcome & Organization of Conference
- 7 PM Plenary & Laity Perspective
- 8 PM Welcome Back Reception

### Saturday, June 3

- 8:30 AM Gathering Music & Prayer
- 9 AM Plenary Session
- 11 AM Assurance in Difficult Times with Rev. Grace Imathiu
- 1:30 PM Plenary Session
- 7 PM Service of Recognition, Commissioning and Ordination, Bishop Bard, preaching
- 8:30 PM Reception

### Sunday, June 4

- 8:30 AM Worship, Rev. Grace Imathiu, preaching
- 10 AM Mission & Ministry
- 1:30 PM Plenary Session
- 3:30 PM Vibrant Congregations
- 4:30 PM Closing Litany

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## DON'T FORGET!

- Check out MIUMC Lay Member of Annual Conference Guide **Part 1 and Part 2**.
- Spend some time on the Annual Conference (AC) website to be sure you didn't miss anything. It's important to take your role to heart and take responsibility to be informed.
- Review the resolutions prior to AC and talk to others from your church about them. Legislative Committees shouldn't be the first time you've reviewed them.
- Check the weather before you pack and know that most of the time you'll be indoors.
- If you're staying onsite check in at the hotel desk for your room key.
- Everyone needs to pick up their AC registration packet at the Conference registration desk.
- You represent the Body of Christ! Be kind to restaurant, hotel and other service staff.
- Be nice to your registration staff!
- Be safe and respect the needs of those around you.
- Remember the health and safety covenant you signed.
- Have fun in your fellowship, be clear in your speaking, love God and love each other!

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## **online registration closes may 19**

**You will not be able to perfect legislation, or vote in Legislation Committee if you miss the May 19 registration deadline.**

