

## MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

guide to annual conference



# MIUMC lay member of annual conference guide part 3

# 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 **2024 Annual Conference website**, [2024.michiganumc.org](https://2024.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, [2024.michiganumc.org](https://2024.michiganumc.org) under the Preparation and Materials tab.
- Be prepared for the **offering collections**. Details will be available on the 2024 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 ANNUAL ZERO-K FOR CHILD HUNGER RELIEF IN MICHIGAN

An in-person event is planned at Grand Traverse Resort for Thursday, May 30 at 10:30 AM EST. More details and registration are at [2024.michiganumc.org/Okchildhunger/](https://2024.michiganumc.org/Okchildhunger/)

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 Zero-K in your community.

## FEATURES IN 2024

### 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!

### Low Sensory 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.



Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10

## SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

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

### Wednesday, May 29

- 2 PM Clergy Session
- 7 PM Retirement Celebration

### Thursday, May 30

- 8 AM Golf Scramble for Campus Ministries
- 9 AM Rice Meal Packing Mission
- 10:30 AM Zero-K for Child Hunger Relief
- 1 PM Opening Worship & Memorial Service, Bishop David Bard, preaching
- 3 PM Welcome & Organization of Conference
- 4:30 PM Laity Perspective
- 7 PM Mission Festival

### Friday, May 31

- 8:30 AM Gathering Music & Prayer
- 9 AM Plenary Session
- 10:45 AM Corporate Session
- 1:30 PM Plenary Session
- 2 PM Teaching Session with Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli
- 7 PM Service of Recognition, Commissioning and Ordination, Bishop Bard, preaching
- 8:45 PM Reception

### Saturday, June 1

- 8:30 AM Worship, Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, preaching
- 10 AM Plenary Session
- 1:30 PM Plenary Session
- 4:30 PM Closing Litany

## 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 may19**

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

