

# The River of Life Unites Us Annual Conference 2022

See You Next Week (In-person and Online!)

We are just a week away from the inaugural Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference! While we will try to provide essential information in this message, please check the conference website <a href="twkumc.org/AC2022">twkumc.org/AC2022</a> or the <a href="twkAC22">TWKAC22</a> app for last-minute updates about the annual conference.

<u>Updated Annual Conference Schedule</u> (subject to minor changes)

**Volunteer Opportunity:** If you or a guest coming with you would be willing to **usher or greet** for one of the worship services, there are several openings still available. Please sign up via this **VOLUNTEER FORM** 

**Annual Conference App**: The TWK Annual Conference app is now live! Please see <u>these instructions</u> to learn how to download the app.

#### **Materials Available to Review**

Please check the annual conference webpage often for updates as we continue to add documents for you to review to prepare for the annual conference. The following materials currently are available for review:

- Transitions Resources (Please watch the video and view the PowerPoint)
- TWK Standing Rules (The Rules and proposed changes are available on this page)
- Financial Information (The 2023 TWK Budget is now available for review)
- Resolutions (There are three resolutions for your consideration)
- Consent Agenda (This is where you will find Reports, Nominations, Local Church Closures, Charge Line Changes, and Disaffiliations. Note: Items may be added to this up to 72 hours before the opening of the annual conference)

### **Important Dates for Your Calendar**

- Thursday, June 9 Deadline to join a <u>Food, Fellowship, & Fun</u> dinner group to go out for dinner. (Dinner on Wednesday is on your own.)
- **Sunday, June 12** Deadline to <u>REGISTER</u> for the annual conference so we can assign you to the appropriate group for the Wednesday morning session.
- Monday, June 13 Voting Codes will be sent out to those who have not already received
  a voter ID. This will be sent to you by email from <a href="mailto:vote@gntv.info">vote@gntv.info</a>. (Be sure to check your
  spam folder. If you have not received your code by 4 p.m., please get in touch with us at
  <a href="mailto:ac2022@twkumc.org">ac2022@twkumc.org</a>)
- Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. GNTV training to learn or to be reminded how to submit
  votes and how to request to speak using the online form that will be REQUIRED of all
  participants in-person as well as online. Use this <u>LINK</u> for the training.
- Tuesday, June 14 Session Link for Wednesday. If you let us know that you will be participating via Zoom Webinar, this is the day you will receive the link for your Wednesday morning session that begins at 9 a.m. as well as your link for the 10:15 a.m. session.
- Wednesday, June 15 at 8 a.m. Name badge Pick-up If you are planning to attend in person at Brentwood UMC, please stop by <u>Haney Hall</u> to pick up your name badge from your district administrator.

Thank you for letting us know what types of accommodations you need for the annual conference. We especially appreciate those who have let us know that they will participate via Zoom so they have easy home access to language translations. As a result, we will not have translators at Brentwood this year.

**Large Print** copies of Worship Bulletins and the Annual Conference Schedule will be available for those who requested this. All other conference materials are available for your <u>review before the conference</u> at <u>twkumc.org/AC2022</u> and in the <u>TWKAC22 app</u>

Several **Accessible Parking** spaces are available at Brentwood UMC. Also, there will be assistants with a golf cart and a shuttle to assist folks who need a lift to the door. Overflow parking is available South of the church at Otter Creek Church. *DO NOT park at the bank - they will tow your vehicle.* 

#### What You Need for Voting and Online Participation

During business sessions, everyone will vote electronically using a voting code. Also, anyone who wants to speak or ask a question will do so using an online form - even those folks who are at *Brentwood.* This way - in our hybrid setting - everyone has an equal opportunity to be recognized by the bishop to speak.

If you are participating from home, you will need a computer with an internet connection. If you will be attending at Brentwood UMC, please bring a smartphone or a tablet that allows you to get to the internet using a DATA plan - not WiFi. (With so many people in the sanctuary, we want to avoid overloading Brentwood's WiFi capacity.) Also, don't forget your charging cord - we will have plenty of plugs available.

You are encouraged to attend a **GNTV online training** session to learn (or refresh your memory) about how to vote and be recognized. This session will be on June 13 at 7 p.m.

## **IMPORTANT LINKS**

- GNTV training on June 13 at 7 p.m. is <a href="https://link.gntv.info/twktraining2">https://link.gntv.info/twktraining2</a>
- <u>Business Sessions</u> online (and at Brentwood to request to speak)
   is <a href="https://link.gntv.info/twk2022/">https://link.gntv.info/twk2022/</a>
- VOTING SITE for everyone is <a href="https://twk.gntvmedia.com/">https://twk.gntvmedia.com/</a> (Please have your Voter ID code available to access this site.)

## Tips on What to Wear

Attire for the annual conference is casual business clothing. The church air conditioning will be full blast so if you tend to get chilly, please bring a jacket or sweater. Brentwood UMC is a large church with a big parking lot. Comfortable shoes are advisable. Also, keep in mind that all clergy and laity can have a directory photo made while at Brentwood and may want to dress up a little for that formal picture.

Clergy generally dress very professionally for the Service of Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination in business attire or robed with a red stole. This year the Board of Ministry has *requested* that clergy wear a white or off-white alb if they have one. *More for clergy* 

If you have not yet registered for the annual conference, please do so by Sunday!

**REGISTER for Annual Conference** 

Inscripción A La Conferencia Anual De TWK2022