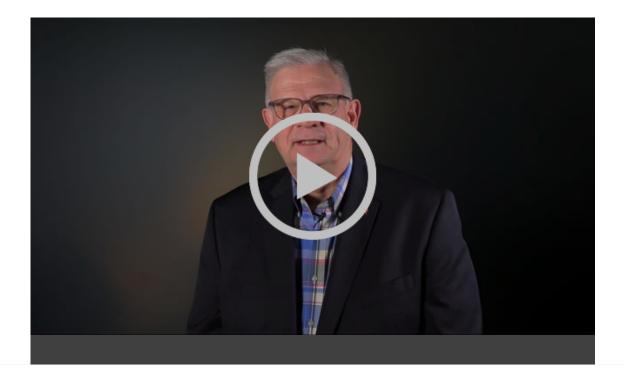


Annual Conference is Just Around the Corner!

There are only two months until the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference on **June 19-21, 2023**, at the Renasant Convention Center in Memphis, TN!



The annual conference design team has worked for months planning an enjoyable, welcoming meeting for everyone. We are planning a unique and memorable in-person conference (one you won't want to miss)! If annual conference members need to participate and vote remotely, we will provide that capability on June 19-21. But, we prefer to have people gather in person!

Our theme, Abiding in Christ, provides our framework for planning Bible study, story sharing, and an experiential invitation to slow down and abide in Him.

We are thrilled to experience preaching by Bishop McAlilly, TWK's Rev. Dr. Erin Beasley, and Bishop Gregory Palmer from the West Ohio Conference.

While we all are together, we all will continue to get to know our TWK leadership and how we all are living into our mission, vision, and values.

Our meeting falls on Juneteenth, giving us an opportunity to provide ways for you to deepen your understanding of the historical role of the Black church.

The team will strive to make business sessions efficient and hopeful. We will celebrate our diversity.

This will be a time when we will embrace being United Methodists and share hopeful excitement for our future together!

Please register below. We look forward to seeing you in Memphis!

(Note: Information regarding the May 22 called special annual conference session will be sent to those eligible voters in a separate email.)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the design team at <u>AC2023@twkumc.org</u>.

Immersion Experiences

As a part of the annual conference this year, members will have the opportunity to go a little deeper in engagement with the history of Memphis through scheduled immersion experiences.

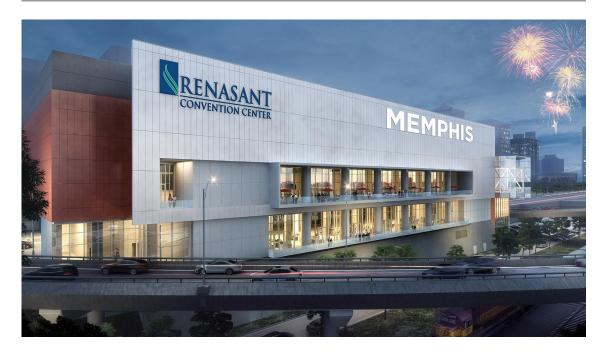
Learn more and reserve your space for these

Sunday evening, June 18 Civil Rights Museum After-Hours Tour

Monday lunch, June 19 Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum Journey

Tuesday lunch, June 20 Prayer Journey Towards Justice in Downtown Memphis

Click here for Hotel Information!



Preliminary Schedule

Sunday, June 18

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Attendees may
check-in for badges
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Clergy Gathering by
the River
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Immersion
Experience: Tour of Civil Rights Museum

Monday, June 19

7:30 a.m. - Noon Attendees check-in for badges

10:00 a.m. Opening Worship followed by Business Call to Order

Noon - 2:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn Workshops

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 a.m. Breakfasts

8:30 a.m. Morning Session including Learning with Bishop McAlilly

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service

Noon - 2:00 p.m. Lunches Clergy Retirement Luncheon, Lunch & Learn Workshops and Immersion Experience

2:00 p.m. Afternoon Session begins

Late afternoon Dinner break on your own

7:00 p.m. Service of Licensing, Commissioning, & Ordination with a reception following

Wednesday, June 21

7:00 a.m. Breakfasts

2:00 p.m. Afternoon Session begins4:00-6:00 p.m. TWK Ministry Fair6:00 p.m. Dinners

8:30 a.m. Morning Session including Learning with Bishop McAlilly

Late morning Closing Worship after business concludes

2023 Registration for TWK Annual Conference

Reports and Resolutions

Submission guidelines for reports and resolutions can be found on the website as well as the current <u>Standing Rules</u> for the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference. Submissions are due by Thursday, April 20, 2023 to <u>reports@twkumc.org</u> or to <u>resolutions@twkumc.org</u>.



What Voting Members Need to Know!



CLERGY SESSION Friday, June 2 1:00 PM TWK Clergy Session will be held online. Voting codes will be sent out via email the week beforehand.

A Device is Needed to Participate

Everyone eligible to vote will receive a Voting Code from GNTV and will be expected to use that code to vote on a smartphone or tablet.

Please note: All ordained clergy, associate members, deaconesses, and home missioners will receive their voting codes for the annual conference via their TWK email addresses. If you have not yet done so, please activate your TWKUMC.org email address as soon as possible.

Lay voting members' voting codes will be sent (in June) to the email address provided when they were elected to serve during your church's fall charge conference.

Clergy voting codes will be sent from GNTV in May to your

Alternate Lay Voter Procedure

If an elected Lay Voting Member cannot attend, below is the procedure to have the alternate take their place: 1. The Lay voting member

contacts their pastor.

2. The pastor contacts the district office requesting the switch.

3. The district will verify the alternate.

3. The District Administrator will make the change and request a new voting code for the alternate. TWK email address for the June 2 clergy session and ann conference sessions. *Follow these instructions* to login into your TWK email and how to forward it to another address, if preferred. Please contact your district administrator or <u>AC2023@twkumc.org</u> if you need assistance or have questions.

Those voting members participating from another location will sign in to a private Zoom Webinar in order to vote, ask questions, and be recognized to speak. In addition, to ensure that all voting members have an equal opportunity to be recognized to speak, everyone will need to use an online form to request a spot in the queue. (Onsite, there will be tellers and pages to assist you with this.)



TWK Clergy Gathering at the River *Sponsors: The Orders and Fellowship* Sunday afternoon event with food trucks! The Orders and Fellowship invite all conference clergy, their spouses, and their children are invited to come together at Martyrs Park in Memphis on Sunday, June 18, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Martyrs Park is located on Channel 3 Drive in Memphis. If you'd like to have your supper there, two food trucks will be there. <u>Please RSVP to let</u> <u>them know if you plan to attend!</u>

Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

