



Have you registered for the TWK Annual Conference?

There are less than TWO WEEKS until the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference begins on **June 19-21, 2023**, at the [Renasant Convention Center](#) in Memphis, TN! Please register and let us know if you will participate in-person, online, as a guest, or not at all!

The deadline for selecting onsite meal options as well as to reserve childcare and day camp is **Sunday, June 11**. [Courtyard Marriott](#) has a limited number of rooms in a TWK block. The Sheraton is full.

REGISTER NOW

Our theme, *Abide 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 include a presentation by General Secretary, Dr. Ashley Boggan, General Commission on Archives and History and preaching by Bishop McAlilly, TWK's Rev. Dr. Erin Beasley, and Bishop Gregory Palmer from the West Ohio Conference. For many more details, including clergy robing instructions for ordination, go to twkumc.org/AC2023.

Materials to Review for Voting

Please review the materials which eligible clergy and lay voters will consider for approval:

[2023 Consent Agenda](#)

[2023 Resolutions](#)

[CFA Recommended 2024 Budget](#)



For eligible LAY voters only:

[General/Jurisdictional Conference Lay](#)

[Delegate Nominees](#)

[Guidelines for Holy Conferencing](#)

[Standing Rules](#) for the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

A tutorial video and other support materials are available on the [GNTV website](#).



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Updated Schedule

(Subject to change)

Sunday, June 18, 2023

3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Attendee check-in for Badges, Room 102

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

7:15 AM

Extension Ministers Breakfast with Bishop

McAlilly, Ballroom C

[Clergy Gathering by the River](#), Martyrs Park

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Immersion Experience, reservation required:
Civil Rights Museum Tour

Monday, June 19, 2023

8:00 AM - Noon

Attendee check-in for Badges, Room 102

10:00 AM

Opening Worship, [Bishop Palmer](#) preaching
Morning Business Session

12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Lunch & Learn Sessions

- Connecting Neighbors (Disaster Reponse)
- Retreat as Spiritual Practice
- Caring for God's Creation (Creation Care)
- Intro to Centering Prayer
- Into Spiritual Direction

Immersion Experiences, reservation required:

Slave Haven Auction Tour
Church Health at Crosstown Concourse

2:00 PM

Afternoon Business Session includes General Secretary, [Dr. Ashley Boggan](#)

4:30-6:00 PM

Exhibitor Ministry Fair, Main Street Lobby
[Online Exhibitors](#) also available!

Dinner break and Evening on your own

6:00 PM [Black Methodists for Church Renewal](#) Dinner, *reservation required*, Ballroom C

6:30 PM [Candler Club](#) Dinner, Off-site, *reservation required*

7:30 AM-12:00 PM

Attendee check-in for Badges, Room 102
Blueprint for Wellness (by appointment)

8:30 AM

Teaching Session with Bishop McAlilly
Morning Business Session

11:00 AM

Memorial Service, [Rev. Dr. Beasley](#) preaching

12:00 PM-2:00 PM

[Retirement Luncheon](#), Ballroom C

Lunch & Learn Sessions

- Early Response Team (Disaster Response)
- Caring for God's Creation (Creation Care)
- Trauma-informed Ministry
- Intro to Lectio Divina
- Intro to Signposts
- Intro to Sabbath/Dreams

Immersion Experience: Prayer Journey
Towards Justice in Downtown Memphis

2:00 PM

Afternoon Business Session

7:00 PM

Service of Licensing, Commissioning, & Ordination, Bishop Palmer preaching
Reception in the Lobby

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

9:30 AM

Teaching Session with Bishop McAlilly
Morning Business Session
Closing Worship, [Bishop McAlilly](#) preaching

2023 Annual Conference Offerings

[Give Online](#) or Bring Funds with You

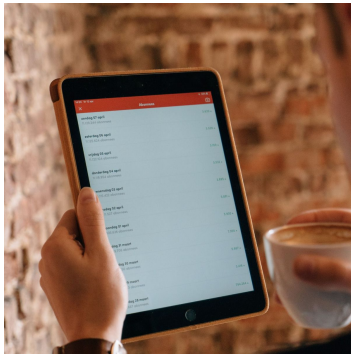
The Vine UMC

The Vine is a new hybrid (online and in-person) community of faith of the TWKUMC. This new community of faith will be distributed throughout the state of Tennessee, Western Kentucky, and beyond. The Vine is grounded in the words of Jesus found in John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can’t do anything.” (CEB) In these times of social polarization, misinformation, and division we choose to commit to a way of living grounded, not in what sets us apart one from the other, but in that which can unite our hearts and minds—Jesus Christ, the True Vine. We invite you to support this journey with your offering gifts during the annual conference opening worship on June 19.

The Jerusalem Fund

The offering during the Service of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination on Tuesday, June 20, supports the Jerusalem Fund, which is an emergency fund to assist conference families with unexpected needs.

What Voting Members Need to Know!



A Device is Needed to Participate

Everyone eligible to vote will receive a Voting Code from GNTV by this time next week. You will be expected to use that code to vote on a smartphone or tablet.

Please note: Most ordained clergy, associate members, deaconesses, and home missionaries 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. [Follow these instructions](#) to login into your TWK email and how to forward it to another address, if preferred. Please contact your district

Lay voting members' voting codes will be sent to the same email address where you are receiving this communication.

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 in the rear of the ballroom to assist you with this.)

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

administrator or AC2023@twkumc.org if you need assistance or have questions.

change and request a new voting code for the alternate.



Download the TWK Annual Conference App!

Click the QR code to download this year's app or [follow the instructions](#) found on the conference website.

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

Annual Conference Webpage: twkumc.org/AC2023



Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

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