

June 1 - 4, 2025 at Collierville UMC 454 W. Poplar Ave., Collierville, TN Co-Host Churches: Germantown UMC & Peacetree UMC

This annual conference email focuses on voting resources to help you prepare ahead of time. Next week, we'll share details about Worship, connectional opportunities, and site logistics. If you haven't registered yet—whether you're attending in person, online, or as a guest—please take a moment to do so now!

**Register Now!** 

## **District Gatherings**

In early May, each district hosted a Pre-Annual Conference Gathering. The slide show shared *(without the large video files)* can be downloaded <u>here</u>. The videos shown (and transcripts for each) are available on the <u>Constitutional Amendments Information</u> <u>page</u>.

## **Constitutional Amendments**

During the 2025 Annual Conference, you will consider four constitutional amendments adopted by the 2024 General Conference.

- Amendment 1: Worldwide
  Regionalization
- Amendment 2: Inclusion in Membership
- Amendment 3: Racial Justice

# Finance Report Please Watch This Video!



John Pearce, Council on Finance and Administration, and Mark Hagewood, TWK Treasurer, share highlights about TWK finances and a proposed connectional commitment rebate for local churches. (View the proposed 2026 Budget)

## **VOTING RESOURCES**

A guide on who may vote when, GNTV's new video on how to vote electronically, and

• Amendment 4: Clergy Delegate Elections

Because these amendments come from General Conference, they cannot be amended by us. We can, however, discuss and debate them before voting.

How these amendments would change the Constitution's wording in the *Book of Discipline* is shown in this draft of the <u>"marked up" copy of the text</u>.

Unlike other annual conference items up for a vote, we will not announce the results of the TWK vote. This is because our individual votes are added to votes cast worldwide. Each amendment must receive a two-thirds majority of individual votes from ALL United Methodist annual conferences to be ratified.

You can learn more about each proposed amendment and watch videos prepared by the TWK General Conference delegation about them at the <u>Constitutional</u> <u>Amendments Information</u> webpage.

## **ATTENTION CLERGY!**

**2025 TWK Clergy Session** will be held online on Wednesday, May 28, at 1 p.m. Ordained and currrently appointed clergy will receive information from the Board of Ministry and GNTV voting codes at their twkumc.org email address.

#### The Service of Licensing,

**Commissioning, and Ordination** will be on Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm. If you plan to join the processional and sit with the clergy, please bring a WHITE robe or alb for this service.

### **Offerings Taken During Worship**

An offering will be received during Opening Worship to support the TWKUMC's **Disaster Response and Recovery** efforts. materials submitted for consideration b body are available on the <u>Voting</u> <u>Resources</u> page of the website AND in the <u>TWKAC2025 app.</u> Please review the documents below:

- <u>2025 Consent Agenda</u>
- Proposed TWK 2026 Budget
- <u>TWK Resolutions</u>
- <u>Proposed changes to the TWK</u>
  <u>Standing Rules</u>
- <u>UMC Constitutional Amendments</u> (The General Conference delegation is working on a FAQ with responses to the questions raised during district gatherings.)

#### Be Ready to Vote

Everyone eligible to vote will receive a confidential Voting Code from GNTV next week.

All business of the annual conference will be held in a hybrid manner so those participating remotely have equal access to speak and to vote. Please plan to bring a **smart phone or tablet** (and charging cord) with you to the annual conference.

TWK UMC Voting Site: <u>https://twk.gntvmedia.com</u> (Voter ID required)

Please watch the new GNTV TRAINING Video on How to Vote (Below)



#### Monday Afternoon Workshops

Two workshops have space available. Please email us at <u>twkac@twkumc.org</u> to sign up! During the Service of Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination, the offering will support the **Jerusalem Fund**, which provides direct assistance to clergy in need.

Both are available on this **Donation Page.** 

## **Onsite Nursery Registration**

Registration is now available for the Collierville UMC nursery for babies and toddlers (Pre-K) during the annual conference. To register/login, please go to: <u>Annual Conference Nursery Care -</u> <u>Collierville United Methodist Church</u>

Note: The Day Camp for older children is at capacity, so that registration is closed.

#### **Spiritual Leadership**

How can followers of Jesus develop as

leaders for this unique moment in the life of our church and our world? Together, we will engage and participate in spiritual leadership practices as we wonder about how God is calling us to lead right now.

#### Exploring the Signposts Journey

Find out what it means to be a part of a Signposts group. Signposts is a covenant discipleship opportunity for lay and clergy to support and mentor one another while exploring God's dream for an antiracist, antioppressive world through a commitment to spiritual disciplines, personal written reflection on weekly readings, and disciplined discussion together.

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TWK 2025 Annual Conference Schedule



## **Annual Conference App Download Instructions**



#### Scan QR code to download Guidebook App

- 1.) Open your app store
- 2.) Search for Guidebook
- 3.) Download and install **Guidebook**
- 4.) Once loaded onto your phone or tablet, open Guidebook
- 5.) You will be prompted to enter a passphrase (if you are not, look for a passphrase button)
- 6.) Enter the passphrase: twkac25 (all lowercase, no spaces)
- 7.) You should see the TWK Annual Conference Imagine Logo that is the annual conference app!
- 8.) Click Download
- 9.) Open App
- 10.) You must allow notifications for this app when downloaded!

Welcome! Your navigation is in the top left corner, represented by three line strikes. Please locate the photo album and post a selfie so we know you're here!

After you download this app, it will stay inside the Guidebook container. The TWKAC25 app will live in a section called "my guides." Please look there if you need to get back into the TWK app.

Please note that in order to interact within the app (commenting, liking photos, etc.) you will be required to make an account

Make sure when you are prompted to allow notifications that you select "yes." This is very important so that during the Annual Conference, we may send out any news or updates to you in a timely manner!

Annual Conference Information: <u>twkumc.org/ac2025</u> Questions? <u>twkac@twkumc.org</u>

