

## Frequently Asked Questions

(Updated 8/8/2020)

- 1. Does moving the annual conference meeting to the fall affect the elected equalization members?**

No, the elected lay membership remains the same.
- 2. Since we are meeting at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center for both 2020 and 2021 Annual Conference, when will we return to Grove City College campus?**

The Sessions Team does not anticipate returning to Grove City in the foreseeable future.
- 3. How will the retirements and appointments be affected and handled?**

Clergy Session in 2021 will approve the 2020 retirements retroactively. Recognition of Retirees from both 2020 and 2021 will happen next annual conference.
- 4. How will the election of Conference committee vacancies be handled?**

The Connectional Leadership Table is authorized to fill vacancies between sessions of annual conference. The Leadership Recruitment & Nominations Report was approved by the CLT June 13, 2020.
- 5. When and where will the Ordination service be held?**

Ordinations will be held after Clergy Session has met.
- 6. How will we remember the Honored Dead?**

Clergy and laity who died since the last annual conference will be honored when the next time annual conference meets.
- 7. How will reports be made to the Annual Conference?**

You'll find links to reports on the Annual Conference page of the website at [www.wpaumc.org/AC](http://www.wpaumc.org/AC). The written reports are available there now. Some reports that are usually presented during the session will be prepared as videos and posted closer to the Oct. 3 session. The videos will also be posted on an AC video page and on our <https://www.youtube.com/user/wpaumc> when they become available.
- 8. Where do we find the Legislation that will be considered at Annual Conference?**

Legislation that was submitted by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is available online at [www.wpaumc.org/AC](http://www.wpaumc.org/AC) and will be considered at the October 3 session of Annual Conference.
- 9. How will the Corporation Meetings be handled?**

The Corporations will meet in the late afternoon on October 3 to elect each Board and transact any Business coming before the Corporation.

**10. How do we register for Annual Conference?**

Clergy members will receive an email when registration opens for the Clergy Session and all members of Annual Conference will receive an email in the fall to register for the Erie meeting.

**11. What if we cannot make the meeting the of Annual Conference?**

Lay Members to Annual Conference should send an alternate from the local church. Other Equalization should notify the District office. Clergy should send a report setting forth the reason for the absence (¶601.8) in an email to the Conference Secretary, Rev. John Wilson at [conference.secretary@wpaumc.org](mailto:conference.secretary@wpaumc.org). We are only taking attendance at the gathering on October 3 so clergy do not need to send a report for the other gatherings such as the Memorial Service or the ordination services or the clergy session August 22.

**12. Will housing be available for the one-day session?**

Anyone who wants to stay locally before the one-day meeting must make their own arrangements. Check the Conference website as information may be coming about blocks of rooms at a special rate at some area hotels.

**13. Will the display and vendor areas be available?**

Yes, there will be space available.

**14. Will the youth still have their booth selling drinks and snacks?**

No. Unfortunately, such a booth will not be permitted in the Convention Center.

**15. How do we get more information on the Annual Conference meeting?**

Visit [www.wpaumc.org/AC](http://www.wpaumc.org/AC) The conference website will be updated regularly. You also may email the Conference Secretary, Rev. John Wilson at [conference.secretary@wpaumc.org](mailto:conference.secretary@wpaumc.org)