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of The United Methodist Church**

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Fort Wayne, Indiana
Indiana Conference**

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Indiana Area Office of The United Methodist Church

Indiana Conference

August 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Indiana Conference is thrilled to welcome you to Fort Wayne, home of the 2022 North Central Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church! We're excited to roll out the red-carpet treatment for you as we prepare to elect new episcopal leadership.

First Lady Racelder and I can't wait for you to experience the beautiful city of Fort Wayne, which boasts all of the benefits of a big city while maintaining its Hoosier hospitality. You are invited to take advantage of all the activities, shopping, art, and history Fort Wayne has to offer.

As we think ahead toward the future, I'm reminded of our theme for the Conference, "We Press On." In the last few years, we have all experienced challenges and change. But we WILL press on, as Paul reminds us in Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (NIV).

Electing a new bishop is a joy, privilege, and responsibility. As we prepare for our time together, may we commit to praying for our gathering at the Grand Wayne Convention Center and for the work before us. I encourage you to come with eager anticipation of vibrant worship, radical hospitality, and a heart of celebration for the mission and ministry of the Church.

God is able to keep us forward focused on the mission of The United Methodist Church in the North Central Jurisdiction.

Be encouraged,

Bishop Julius C. Trimble



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Greetings!

A big HOOSIER WELCOME to the 2022 North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Our fabulous conference planning team is working diligently to meet your needs as you deliberate on important decisions and to provide meaningful opportunities for worship, prayer, and connecting with other United Methodists. We are happy the time to meet you is near.

Our hospitality team will be present in conference hotels and throughout the Grand Wayne Convention Center. They are delighted to assist you in finding the correct room for a meeting and in navigating Downtown Fort Wayne.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer. We look forward to greeting you in November.

Karen Jackson Gould,

Host Committee Chair

2022 North Central Jurisdictional Conference

2022 North Central Jurisdiction Active College of Bishops



Bishop Laurie Haller
Dakotas & Iowa



Bishop Tracy S. Malone
East Ohio



Bishop Frank Beard
Illinois Great Rivers



Bishop Julius C. Trimble
Indiana



Bishop David A. Bard
Michigan & Minnesota



Bishop John L. Hopkins
Northern Illinois



Bishop Gregory V. Palmer
West Ohio



Bishop Hee-Soo Yung
Wisconsin



Bishop Deborah Lieder Kiesey
Iowa (Interim)

2022 JURISDICTIONAL HOST COMMITTEE

Bishop Julius C. Trimble – Resident Bishop of Indiana Area
Racelder Crandberry-Trimble – First Lady of Indiana Area
Larry Whitehead – Assistant to the Bishop, Indiana Area
Cindy Reynolds – Assistant to the Bishop, Emeritus, Indiana Area
Karen Jackson Gould – NCJ Host Committee Chairperson
Ruth Ellen Needler – Indiana Event Coordinator
Russ Abel – Host District Superintendent
Serena Acker – Indiana Director of Communications
Jason Morris – Hospitality
Lore Gibson – Worship
Greg Krempel – Worship/Production
Nikki Brown Rice – Young Adults
Audra Reinders – Childcare Coordinator
Dan Weirich – Vendor/Display Area
Christi Murray – Prayer Room
Shalimar Holderly – First Aid
Valerie Willis – NCJ Episcopacy Committee Representative
Sara Isbell – NCJ Committee on Episcopacy Chairperson
Lonnie Chafin, NCJ Treasurer and Northern Illinois Conference Treasurer
Paul R. White, NCJ Conference Secretary

COMMITTEE & OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

Monday, October 24, 2022

Nominations Committee (by Zoom) 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Tuesday, November 1, 2022:

College of Bishops Conversation with BIPOC Delegates
Committee on Episcopacy
College of Bishops

Friday, November 4, 2022:

Jurisdictional Committees for the 2022-2024 quadrennium will meet at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of organization under the guidance of members of the College of Bishops

Committee members will find room assignments for meetings at the conference site.

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 1:

9:00 a.m. – 12: noon	Bishops & BIPOC Delegates Gathering & Conversation
12:00 noon	Committee on Episcopacy
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	College of Bishops
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Information and Registration Desk Open
5:15 – 7:15 p.m.	Dinner for College of Bishops, Spouses, & Indiana Cabinet & Spouses
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Episcopal Nominee Forum sponsored by Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR)

Wednesday, November 2:

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Information and Registration Desk Open
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Vendor/Display Area Open
8:00 a.m. – 8:p.m.	Prayer Room Open
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Opening Service of Worship – <i>Bishop Bruce Ough</i>
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Recess / Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Opening Business Session Welcome Roll Call
	Confirmation of Jurisdictional Committees and Secretarial Staff
	Committee on Rules of Order
	Committee on Episcopacy
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	First Ballot Report of First Ballot Introductions based on the First Ballot
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Nominee Forums
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Delegation Meetings
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Second Ballot
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Recess / Dinner

From this point forward the agenda becomes fluid with balloting, reporting of the same, taking precedence. Cycles of balloting will be interspersed with the business of the jurisdiction, spot conversations as needed, and Celebrations of Ministry. The Celebrations of Ministry will highlight various ministries in conferences of our North Central Jurisdiction.

7:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.	Balloting (various ballots and report of ballots throughout) NCJ Mission Council Report NCJ Treasurer Report Spot Conversations as Needed
9:45 p.m.	Delegation Meetings
10:30 p.m.	Recess

Thursday, November 3:

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Information and Registration Desk Open
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Vendor/Display Area Open
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Prayer Room Open
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Service of Worship – <i>Bishop Tracy S. Malone</i>
10:15 a.m. – 10 30 a.m.	Recess / Break
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Ballot and Report of Ballot
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nominee Forums
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Ballot and Report of Ballot Episcopal Address – <i>Bishop David Bard</i> Ballot and Report of Ballot
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Recess / Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Balloting (various ballots and report of ballots throughout) Committee on Nominations Report Impact of White Supremacy & Christian Nationalism/ White Nationalism within The U. M. Church
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Recognition of Retirement Service (Offering to be taken for UMCOR Migration Project)
5:15 p.m.	Greeting of Retiring Bishops and Spouses – Lobby of the Convention Center
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Host Night Dinner & Program
8:15 p.m.	Business Session for Balloting if Needed

Friday, November 4:

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Information Desk Open
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Vendor/Display Area Open
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Prayer Room Open
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Service of Worship – <i>Bishop Julius C. Trimble</i>
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Recess / Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Balloting (various ballots and report of ballots throughout) NCJ Business Presentation on Gun Violence – Angelo Mante (follow-up discussion during the noon meal break)
12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Recess / Lunch
1:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Balloting (various ballots and report of ballots throughout) NCJ Business Conversation to Understand the Impact of Homophobia, Transphobia, and Heterosexism within The U. M. Church
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Area Dinners (as desired)
8:00 p.m.	Consecration Service Rehearsal

Saturday, November 5:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Information Desk Open
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Service of Consecration – *Bishop Sally Dyck, Preaching*

Bishop John L. Hopkins, Service Coordinator
Bishop Anne Sherer-Simpson, Council of
Bishops Rep.

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Reception for New Bishops

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Headquarters

The Grand Wayne Convention Center located at 120 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802 is the location for the 2022 North Central Jurisdictional Conference. You can find information about this center and the Fort Wayne area at [Event Center in Fort Wayne, IN | Grand Wayne Convention Center](#).

Hotel Information

Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center (attached to the Convention Center)
For reservations, call 260-420-1100 and dial “1” or <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/fwafhhf-noc-b55c3df4-c83f-4dbf-b24d-63d88acebf15/>

Group Code “NOC” or North Central Jurisdictional Conference

\$139.00 per night + taxes, self-park Civic Garage (walkway to Convention Center) @\$15.00 per night

Cutoff Date – October 7, 2022

Courtyard by Marriott Fort Wayne Downtown (across the street from the Convention Center)

[North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church - Courtyard by Marriott](#)

\$129.00 per night + taxes, on-site self-park garage @ \$10.00 per night

Cutoff Date – October 11, 2022

Mileage Reimbursements

Delegates who drive to the NCJ Conference may request a mileage reimbursement by completing a travel voucher which will be available at the Conference. The travel reimbursement will be 30 cents per mile (round trip) for the first voting delegate in the vehicle and 5 cents per mile for each additional voting delegate riding in the same vehicle. Reimbursement requests for tolls must be accompanied by receipt. Vouchers will be available

for delegates to submit their information and receipts at the time of registration. Please be prepared at that time to complete and submit your voucher to receive a check while present at the conference.

For those who may be flying to Fort Wayne reimbursement is up to \$500 in flight costs (anything over \$500 must be pre-approved by the NCJ Treasurer). Please have a copy of your plane costs available to submit with your voucher at registration.

Per-diem for Delegates and First Reserves

The per diem will be \$80.00 per day (1/2 the cost of hotel room) and \$40.00 toward meals expenses for each day of actual attendance, up to four days. The Treasurer will assume that each delegate and first reserve intend to attend all four days. If a delegate arrives late or departs early, it is their responsibility to reimburse the NCJ for excess per diem. Note: In some cases, the per diem offered by the NCJ may not be adequate for actual expenses incurred to attend the Conference. It is assumed that an individual will probably need to devote personal funds to serve the Jurisdiction as a delegate. If this presents a financial hardship, we encourage you to contact the head of your delegation or your Conference Treasurer.

Committee members, who are not delegates, but attend NCJ Committee meetings prior to or during the NCJ session will be under the same rules as delegates. They will receive the same per-diem for days attended based upon validation from their committee chair that those days of attendance were necessary. The same travel rules apply to committee members who are not delegates. Delegates who must arrive a day early (Monday) in order to attend Tuesday meetings will receive an additional day of per-diem after the close of the session. BIPOC Delegates attending the Gathering and Conversation with the College of Bishops on Tuesday morning will receive up to \$160.00 toward extra hotel cost (if they are unable to share a room for Monday evening).

Registration

Registration for the North Central Jurisdictional is online at the NCJ Website (www.ncjumc.org) or at [North Central Jurisdictional Conference 2022 \(swoogo.com\)](http://North Central Jurisdictional Conference 2022 (swoogo.com)). Registration deadline is October 19, 2022. You will pick up your identification badge and on-site materials at the registration located in the Grand Wayne Convention Center Lobby starting on Tuesday, November 1, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; on Wednesday, November 2, from at 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.; and on Thursday, November 3, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

COVID Protocol

The Host Committee has been and will continue to monitor the risk of COVID 19 in the Fort Wayne area. As of August 31, 2022, Fort Wayne is in the “High Risk” level as defined by the CDC for COVID infection. With this information the Host Committee is presently recommending that all participants (delegates and guests) wear face masks during the conference. All participants are urged to come prepared for wearing masks.

Information Desk

Information Desks will be located in the lobby of the Grand Wayne Convention Center during the conference.

First Aid

There will First Aid onsite during the NCJ Conference sessions at the Grand Wayne Civic Center. This First Aid station will be open each day of the conference (Wednesday – Saturday) from approximately 15 minutes before the beginning of each morning session until 30 minutes after the closing of each evening session.

Lost and Found

Lost and found will be located at the Registration/ Information Desk in the Grand Wayne Civic Center Lobby.

Prayer Room

A Prayer Room hosted by the Indiana Conference will be located in Board Room of the Hilton Fort Wayne Hotel located near the walkway to the Grand Wayne Convention Center Wednesday, November 2 – Friday, November 4 from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. each day.

Youth & Young Adult Room

A Young Adult room will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday as a come and go as you need to lounge. The space will be to gather, connect, converse or organize an outing with other young adults at the conference.

BADGE COLORS

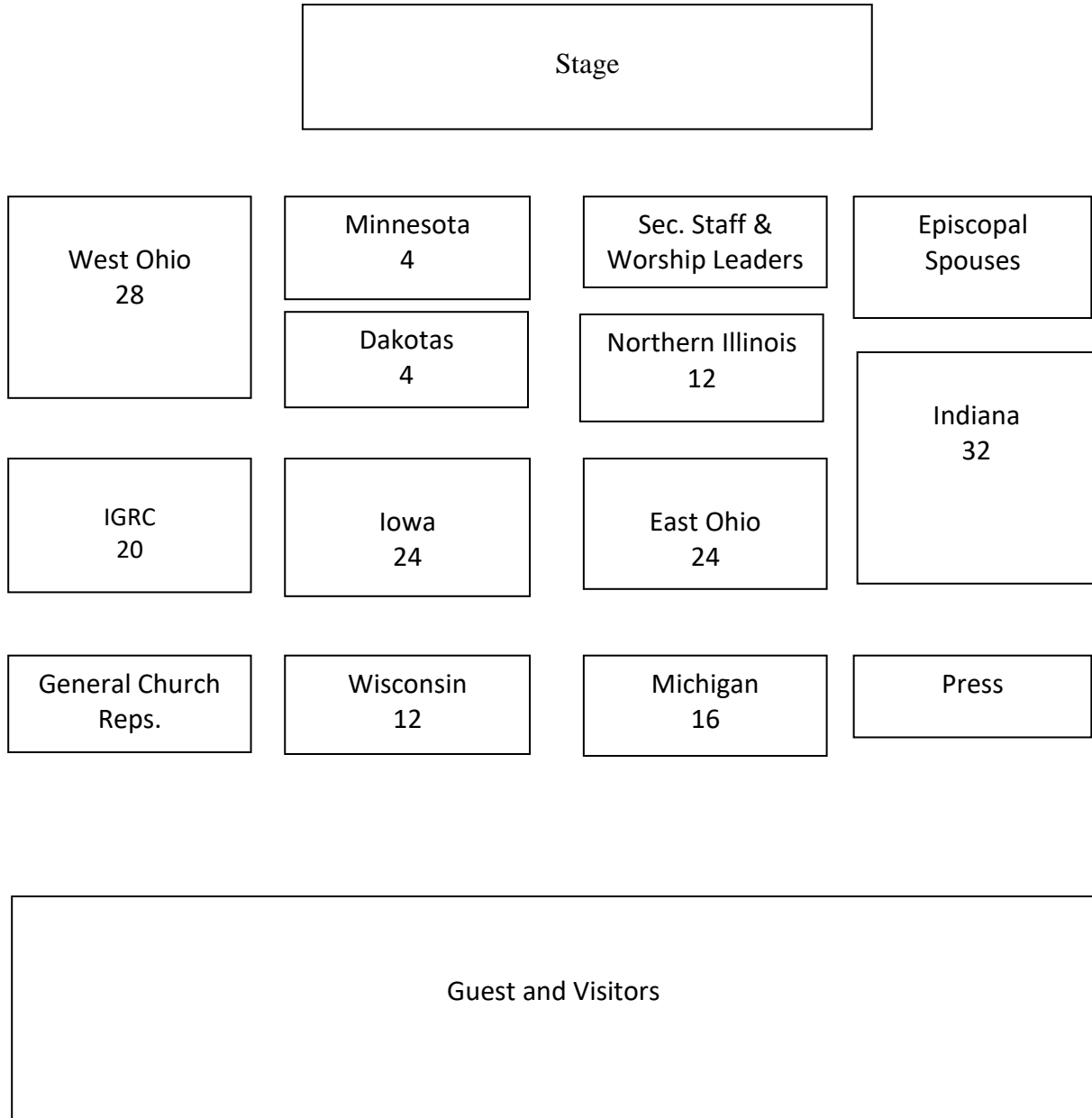
Bishops & Bishop Spouses – Purple
Jurisdictional Secretarial Staff – Green
Delegates – Yellow
Visitors – White

Judicial Council Member(s) – Pink
General Boards & Agency Members – Blue
Reserve Delegates – Orange

Any Special Requests/Meetings/Meals

Groups needing meeting space, reception space, or meal space may contact Ruth Ellen Needler at ruthellen.needler@inumc.org who will provide contacts in Fort Wayne for groups to make arrangements.

**Grand Wayne Convention Center – Halls C & B2
Plenary Session Seating**



**DELEGATES TO THE 2022 NORTH CENTRAL
JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE**
(* indicates chairperson / co-chairpersons)

DAKOTAS

4 Delegates

Clergy:	Rebecca Trefz	Sarah Nelson
Laity:	Kara Togel, Chp.	Beata Ferris
Alternate Clergy:	Ray Baker Jennifer Hallenbeck Orr	Roger Spahr
Alternate Laity:	Jane Hincks	Jodi Cataldo

EAST OHIO

24 Delegates

Clergy:	Gary Henderson, Chp. Dan Bryant Benita Rollins Abby Auman Jonathan Priebe Heidi Welch	Andy Call Matthew Laferty Cara Stultz Costello Nestor Nazario Carrie Antczak Jared Gadomski Littleton
Laity:	Martha Banks Robert Wagner Connor Prusha Don Burdsall Susan Achberger Kimberly Green	Betty Wilson Holly Grant Sarah Dixon Thomas Lewis Allen Laferty William Watts
Alternate Clergy:	Laura Jaissle	Armando Arellano
Alternate Laity:	Richard Corder Jerry Rinehart	Kathy Palmer

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS

20 Delegates

Clergy:	Sara Isbell Janice Griffith Eric Swanson Michael Crawford Edwards Andy Adams	Randy Robinson Beverly Wilkes Null Beth Fender Jennie Bertrand Jo "Nicole" Cox
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Laity:	Paul Black, Chp. Pamela McDavid Steve Schonert John Cooper Erik Slingerland	Anna Fender Kimberly Woods Anish Hermon Christina Krost Andrea Stuby
Alternate Clergy:	Sylvester Weatherall Vince Rohn	Gay Crede
Alternate Laity:	Julie Higgins	Clarke Barnes

INDIANA
32 Delegates

Clergy:	Russell Able, Chp. Lisa Schubert Nowling Robert Fuquay, Jr. Duane Carlisle Gregory Pimlott Matthew Landry Marti Lundy Chiyona Bourne	Aleze Fulbright Ronnie Bell Jill Moffett Larry Whitehead Adriane Rockhill Derek Weber Daniel Cho Margaret Lassiat
Laity:	Christopher Hancock Shirley Dominick W. Michael Womack Shannon Priddy Kimberly Arnott Brett Loyd Mary Fridlund Alberto Hidalgo, Jr.	Ian Hall Leah Gerber John Lomperis Amy Land John Shive Kenneth Einselen Nancy Stauffer Carolyn Johnson
Alternate Clergy:		
Alternate Laity:	Marcus Jennings	Nathan Lundy

IOWA
24 Delegates

Clergy:	Katie Dawson, Chp. LaToyna Calderon Nathaniel (Nate) Nims Andrea Kraushaar	Lanette Plambeck Chad Jennings Alejandro Alfaro-Santiz Fred Lewis
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Josh Steward
Barrie Tritle

Melissa Warren
Amy Johnson

Laity: Lindsay Drake
Angela Hansen-Abbas
Catherine Rohret
James Baty II
Rebecca Nims
Kathi Mitchell

Shannon Erica Stueve
Nitza Dovenspike
Alex Johnson
Sally Hoelscher
Kae Tritle
Anne Marie Webb

Alternate Clergy: Matt German
Brian Oliver

Scott Kober

Alternate Laity: Prudence Klinger

MICHIGAN
16 Delegates

Clergy: Kennetha Bigham-Tsai, Co-Chp.
Joy Barrett
Charles Boayue
Christina Wright

Paul Perez
Megan Walther
Joel Fitzgerald
Bradley Bartelmay

Laity: Laura Witkowski, Co-Chp.
Jennifer Peters
Ruby Anderson
Lisa Hahn

Diane Brown
Beverly Guy
Hoon-Yung Hopgood
Ruth Sutton

Alternate Clergy: Sherri Swanson

John M. Weiler

Alternate Laity: Gordon Grigg III

MINNESOTA
4 Delegates

Clergy: Carol Zaagsma, Co-Chp.

Im Woojae

Laity: David Nuckols, Co-Chp.

Becky Boland

Alternate Clergy: Jeff Ozanne
Henry Dolopei

Susan Mullin
Donna Dempewolf

Alternate Laity: Walker Brault
Jessica Lanes

Cindy Shufferer
Shirley Durr

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

12 Delegates

Clergy:	Alka Lyall, Chp. Gregory Gross Jacques Conway	Luis R. Reyes Hwa Young Chong Brian Gilbert
Laity:	Lonnie Chafin Adrian Hill Jessie Cunningham	Nadia Kanhai Rita L. Smith Ronnie Lyall
Alternate Clergy:	Britt Cox	Rachel Birkhahn-Rommefanger
Alternate Laity:	Nancy Penedgrass	Mark Manzi

WEST OHIO

28 Delegates

Clergy:	Roger Grace, Chp. April Casperson Anna Guillozet Rachel Miller Wade Giffin Todd Anderson Rosario Picardo	Karen Cook Deanna Stickley-Miner Tom Rand Jason Wellman Suzanne Allen Leo Cunningham Glenn Schwerdtfeger
Laity:	Bill Brownson Kara Russell Callie Picardo Tracy Chambers Bill Smith Harris Tay Brenda Reed	George Howard Chris Steiner Joy Perry Cyndi Condrey Katelin Hansen Joseph Gillen Kat Straub
Alternate Clergy:	Rocky Riddle	
Alternate Laity:	Bobbi Ruddock Alex Giffin	Cynthia Defibaugh

WISCONSIN

12 Delegates

Clergy:	Dan Schwerin, Co-Chp. Krysta Deede Kathryn Jones	Jennifer Arneson Allie Scott Jeremy Deaner
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Laity: Lisa King, Co-Chp.
Lisa Jones
Judy Vasby

Jessica Gobel
Donald Cramer
Meredith Spors

Alternate Clergy: Scott Carlson
Joan Frost

Kevin Dembinski
Clarissa Martinelli

Alternate Laity: Lynn Messner

NCJ Episcopacy Committee Release

Resolution to Elect Multiple Bishops at 2022 NCJ Conference

Whereas the vocational retirement of two bishops and the lengthy leave of two others has stretched the North Central College of bishops beyond what we could have asked;

Whereas the Episcopal fund has been more stable than previous projections had predicted;

Whereas all but two bishops in the NCJ will have reached mandatory retirement age by 2024;

Whereas due to the large number of bishops retiring in 2024, any necessary reduction of bishops can be accommodated in 2024;

Whereas all current bishops were elected prior to the pandemic and prior to this era of churches disaffiliating;

Whereas it is important in this season of discernment to have clarity about how many bishops are needed to be elected;

Be it resolved that the delegation from the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church encourages all voting delegates to move to elect 3 or more bishops (depending on further retirements) at the NCJ Jurisdictional conference to ensure the NCJ has 9 active bishops to help lead us through this time of turmoil.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution will be sent to the NCJ Secretary, the heads of the other NCJ conference delegations, and the East Ohio Conference media office for wide distribution as that office may see fit.

COMMITTEE ROSTERS

2016-2022 Standing Committees

NCJ Mission Council

(one member elected by each Annual Conference; 7-10 members-at-large nominated by the NCJ Committee on Nominations; two Annual Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries, named by the DCMs; Representative of the College of Bishops named by the College; NCJ Treasurer; NCJ Conference Secretary; NCJ Coordinator of Communications named by the Mission Council)

Beata Ferris – Dakotas
Brad Bartlemay – Detroit & West Michigan
Kelly Brown – East Ohio
TBN – Illinois Great Rivers
TBN – Indiana
Nitza Dovenspike – Iowa
Matthew Sipe – Minnesota
Chris Winkler – Northern Illinois
Sam Rodriguez – West Ohio
Gail Burgess - Wisconsin

At-Large:

Laura Witkowski – West Michigan (Vice Chairperson)
Alex Plum – Detroit
Kristin Krogman – Dakotas
Gifty Smith – Illinois Great Rivers
Ryan Russell – Iowa (Chairperson)
Dominic Mejia – West Ohio
Lisa Schubert-Knowling – Indiana
Young Mee Park – Northern Illinois

Directors of Connectional Ministries:

Curtis Brown and Cindy Gregorson

College of Bishops Representative: Bishop Julius Trimble

NCJ Treasurer: Lonnie Chafin

NCJ Secretary: Paul White

NCJ Coordinator of Communications: Jim Searls

Committee on Episcopacy
(one lay and one clergy by conference)

Dakotas: Beata Ferris and Sara Nelson
Detroit: Jackie Euper; No Clergy at present
East Ohio: Maggie Jackson and Andy Call
Illinois Great Rivers: Anish Hermon and Sara Isbell (Chairperson)
Indiana: Ed Fenstermacher and Aleze Fulbright
Iowa: Erica Shannon-Stueve and Barrie Tritle
Minnesota: David Nuckols and Carol Zaagsma
Northern Illinois: Elisa Gatz and Gregory Gross
West Michigan: Nichea VerVeer Guy and Kennetha Bigham-Tsai
West Ohio: Valerie Willis and Wade Giffin
Wisconsin: Katie Crise and Dan Schwerin

Committee on Investigation

(elected upon nomination by the College of Bishops according to
The 2016 Book of Discipline ¶2703)

Clergy:

Randy Robinson – Illinois Great Rivers
James Roberson – East Ohio
Arlene Christopherson – Northern Illinois (Chairperson)
Karen Dungan – Iowa
Melanie Carey – Detroit
Cindy Gregorson – Minnesota
Curnell Graham – West Ohio

Lay Observer:

Phil Moots – West Ohio
Patty LaGree – Iowa

Alternate Clergy:

David Byrum – Indiana
Bill Dobbs – Detroit
Cindy Reynolds – Indiana
Lanette Plambeck – Iowa
Dan Dick – Wisconsin

Alternate Lay Observer:

Nancy Oviatt – Dakotas

Court of Appeals

Clergy:

Beverly Wilkes-Null – Illinois Great Rivers (Chairperson)
Dee Stickley-Miner – West Ohio (Secretary)
Randy Cross – Dakotas
Clergy – To Be Named

Diaconal Minister:

To Be Named

Full-Time Local Pastor:

Edwin Vargas – Wisconsin

Laity:

Lonnie Chaffin – Northern Illinois

Tim Ottmar – Dakotas

John Rothlisberger – Iowa

Clergy Alternates:

Sandy Harlan – Indiana

Penny Eberhart – Minnesota

Chris Winkler – Northern Illinois

Donna Van Trees – East Ohio

Joy Barrett – Detroit

Full-Time Local Pastor Alternate:

Pam Krauzler – Northern Illinois

Laity Alternates:

Rick Churan – Wisconsin

Lay Alternate – To be Named

2022 On-Site Committee

Committee on Nominations

(one Laity and one Clergy from each Conference as submitted by Delegations)

Dakotas

Dakotas

Laura Jaissle – East Ohio

Sarah Dixon – East Ohio

Michael Crawford – Illinois Great Rivers

Christina Krost – Illinois Great Rivers

Aleze Fulbright – Indiana

Ian Hall - Indiana

Nate Nims – Iowa

Lindsay Drake – Iowa

Sherri Swanson - Michigan

Jen Peters – Michigan

Carol Zaagsma – Minnesota

David Nuckols – Minnesota

Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfancer –Northern Illinois

Rita Smith – Northern Illinois

Dee Stickle-Miner – West Ohio

Harris Tay – West Ohio

Kathryn Crockery Jones – Wisconsin

Lisa Jones – Wisconsin

All Members of The College of Bishops

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Setting of Time and Place for Jurisdiction Conference, Call to Order, Service of Communion and Memorial

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church shall meet at the times set by the Council of Bishops and at the place determined by the Local Arrangements Committee, continuing the rotation shown in the 2016 Advance Journal. The conference shall have the power and duties as specified in The 2016 Book of Discipline.

The resident bishop of the Episcopal area in which the conference is held shall call the conference to order followed by a Celebration of Holy Communion and Memorial. The names of bishops, bishops' spouses, and members of jurisdictional standing committees who have died since the last Jurisdictional Conference, plus delegates-elect who have died since their election, and others who in the judgment of the Local Arrangements may appropriately be remembered, shall be read.

I. ORGANIZATION AND AGENDA OF THE OPENING SESSION

The president of the College of Bishops shall preside at the opening session of the Jurisdictional Conference at which the agenda will be:

A. Greetings and Introductions by the Bishop of the Host Area

B. Roll Call

The roll shall be called by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference in the following manner:

1. The secretary of the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction shall report the names of the bishops who are present and who are absent.
2. The roll of delegates shall be called according to annual conferences. The chairperson of the delegation will report to the conference the number of delegates and reserves present.
3. The general or executive secretaries of the general church councils, boards and commissions of The United Methodist Church, who are members of annual conferences within the bounds of the North Central Jurisdiction, but who are not elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference, shall be seated within the voting area of the Conference and report their presence during roll call.

C. Report of the Committee on Rules of Order

1. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall remain in effect until amended by a Jurisdictional Conference in regular or special session. Any amendments or additions recommended by the Jurisdictional Committee on Rules of Order for action by the Jurisdictional Conference must be in accordance with the Rules of Order.
2. A majority of the Jurisdictional Conference delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. The committee shall report any proposals to change the election process or any question of credentials before the first ballot is taken.

D. Confirmation of the Jurisdictional Conference Committees and Secretarial Staff:

1. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall present, for confirmation, membership on the various on-site and standing committees as elected by the appropriate Episcopal areas or annual conferences.
2. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall present, for confirmation, those who are serving as members of the conference secretarial staff.

E. Report of the Committee on Episcopacy

The Committee on Episcopacy shall report on the number of bishops to be elected. Appropriate Disciplinary materials from The 2016 Book of Discipline and the balloting procedure shall be explained.

F. Taking the First Ballot

The first ballot shall be taken. (See Rules of Order II, Procedures for Episcopal Elections).

G. Report of the Local Arrangements Committee

H. Report of the Jurisdictional Treasurer

II. PROCEDURES FOR EPISCOPAL ELECTIONS

The Committee on Episcopacy shall recommend the procedures for Episcopal nominations and elections.

- A. Episcopal Nominee Information Forms** for supplying biographical and other information regarding nominees shall be developed by the Committee on Episcopacy. These forms shall include but not be limited to requests for: name and address; date and place of birth; family; formal education and continuing education; previous vocational record prior to ordination; ordination date(s) and conference(s); appointment and pastoral record, current annual conference membership and appointment; membership on boards and agencies: a) church (denominational and ecumenical) and b) community activities; publications, awards, and honors.

No later than September 1 of the year in which General/Jurisdictional Conference delegations are elected, the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary shall send the Episcopal Nominee Information Form and proposed procedures to annual conference secretaries and chairs of annual conference delegations. The annual conference secretary shall have responsibility to inform the population of the respective annual conferences of the availability of the forms through such means as will reach the widest possible audience. The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall distribute a press release to the director of communications in each conference specifying when and where Episcopal Nominee Information Forms will be available.

Delegations are free to engage nominees beyond their Annual Conference after January 1 of the year of General Conference.

The Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall duplicate the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms which have been signed by the nominee and properly submitted. Seventeen days prior to the opening of Jurisdictional Conference, copies of all Episcopal Nominee Information Forms received shall be distributed via first class mail or email to delegates, first reserves, members of the College of Bishops, and other persons with Jurisdictional Conference responsibilities.

Nominees must submit the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms immediately after the close of their annual conferences, and no later than June 25, in order to be included in the packet of nominee information sent to all the Jurisdictional Conference delegates. The secretary of the jurisdiction shall assign a voting number to each clergy delegate and any others who have properly submitted an Episcopal Nominee Information Form.

A person who has not been assigned a voting number may secure one by requesting such in writing from the secretary. The bishop presiding shall report the additional name(s) and voting number(s) to the Jurisdictional Conference.

B. Balloting and Procedures

A 60% majority of the valid votes cast on any ballot is needed for the election of a bishop (see Rule 25-E).

Prior to every ballot, a bishop or member of the Committee on Episcopacy will lead the conference in prayer.

1. Reporting the first ballot:

- a) In the event of an election, the name and vote tally of the elected person shall be announced first, and that person introduced to the conference by a member of the Committee on Episcopacy. After such introduction, the bishop presiding will continue reading the names only on the rest of the first ballot.
- b) All persons receiving ten or more votes shall be introduced alphabetically by the chair of the Committee on Episcopacy. Upon introduction, each nominee will give name, community where presently residing, and current appointment. An opportunity for withdrawal from nomination shall be given by the bishop presiding.

If any of these nominees has not completed an Episcopal Nominee Information Form previously, one will be furnished by the secretary. The nominee will have thirty (30 minutes) to return the form to the secretary who will copy it for distribution to the delegates prior to the next ballot.

- c) The names and vote totals of the nominees will be read in descending order of votes received following the interviews and before the second ballot is taken.

2. Interviews. All nominees, having been introduced to the conference will be assigned rooms for interviews. Space for these interviews will be arranged by the Local Arrangements Committee. The interview moderators shall be the lay members of the Committee on Episcopacy with additional lay members of the Jurisdictional Conference being selected by the committee as needed. Three twenty-minute periods shall be scheduled with ten-minute breaks between each period, providing every delegate an opportunity to hear and question three candidates. This process will be followed by a thirty-minute period for delegation meetings.
1. After the interviews and report of first ballot votes, balloting shall continue for the second and subsequent ballots in this manner: In the event of an election, the name and vote tally of the elected person shall be announced, and that person introduced to the conference by a member of the Committee on Episcopacy. After such an introduction, the bishop presiding will continue the reading of the results of the ballot in descending order of votes received by those who obtained ten or more votes.
2. Balloting shall continue until the elections are completed by 12:00 noon on Friday (unless the conference shall suspend this rule). To facilitate the election process, a variety of opportunities for dialogue shall be offered: nominee interviews, spot conversations, delegation meetings or other processes determined by the jurisdictional conference.
 - a. Spot conversations are for those situations when delegations might need a brief time together.
 - b. Delegation meetings provide opportunity for delegations to converse among themselves regarding the election and to receive further information regarding any of the nominees.
3. A nominee may formally withdraw his/her name before the beginning of any ballot by either:
 - a. submitting a withdrawal in writing to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary who will immediately notify the bishop presiding and who, in turn, will report the withdrawal, or
 - b. submitting their withdrawal orally through a point of personal privilege (two-minute limit recommended).

III. THE OFFICERS OF THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

A. Secretary of the Jurisdiction

1. The Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations shall present a nominee from the clergy or lay membership of the North Central Jurisdiction for secretary designate. Other nominations may be made from the floor. The Local Arrangements Committee shall schedule a time for election to be held during the session of the Jurisdictional Conference. If there is more than one nominee, the election shall be by ballot. If, in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, the office of the secretary shall for any reason become vacant, the College of Bishops shall appoint a secretary to serve through the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

2. The secretary designate shall assume the responsibility of the office of secretary as soon after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference as all work in connection with the session, including the preparation, printing and mailing of The Journal has been completed. The exact date of transfer of responsibility to the secretary-designate shall be determined by the College of Bishops but shall not be later than twelve months after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference. The secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall serve through to the end of the next Jurisdictional Conference.
3. The secretary of the jurisdiction is authorized to perform the following tasks:
 - a. Nominate assistant secretaries from the membership of the United Methodist church within the North Central Jurisdiction as is deemed necessary, to be presented to, and confirmed by, the Jurisdictional Conference at the opening session.
 - b. Edit and arrange for the publication of The Advance Journal prior to the conference and carry out the same tasks for The Journal following the conference.
 - c. Prepare and send by November 1 preceding the opening of the next Jurisdictional Conference the nominating forms with instructions for jurisdictional councils, boards, and committees to each annual conference delegation chair.
 - d. Prepare and send the nominating forms for general church councils, boards, and committees to each annual conference secretary as may be necessary.
 - e. Notify the members of the Committee on Nominations of the time and place of the meeting held at least one day prior to the opening of Jurisdictional Conference. Compile the notebooks necessary for the work of this committee based on The 2016 Book of Discipline and The plan of Organization.
 - f. Work in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy to develop the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms.
 - g. No later than September 1 of the year in which General/Jurisdictional Conference delegations are elected, the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary shall send the Episcopal Nominee Information Form and proposed procedures to annual conference secretaries and chairs of annual conference delegations. At the same time, a press release is to be sent to directors of communication in each conference as to how these forms can be obtained.
 - h. Edit and make copies of the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms, and no less than 17 days prior to the start of Jurisdictional Conference, send a packet of the Episcopal Nominee Information Forms via first class mail or email to every delegate, all first reserves, members of the College of bishops, other persons with Jurisdictional Conference responsibilities, and annual conference communicators.
 - i. Prepare for the registration packets a list of voting numbers assigned to all clergy members of delegations eligible for the office of episcopacy and for any clergy not in a delegation who have submitted an Episcopal Nominee Information Form.

- j. Make the conference floor seating assignments for delegations and reserves.
- k. The secretary will provide a daily form on which to report in writing the attendance of the members of the delegation. Absence of delegates and substitutions by reserve delegates shall be recorded.
- l. The secretary in conjunction with the Chairperson of the Committee on Episcopacy and the Chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee will determine the presiding officers for sessions of the NCJ Conference. The President of the College of Bishops will preside at the opening business session.
- m. Serve as a full member of the Jurisdictional Missions Council and in advisory capacity to the Local Arrangements Committee.

B. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

- 1. The conference shall elect, on nomination of the jurisdictional Committee on Nominations, a treasurer and, if needed, an assistant treasurer. Consultation prior to the nomination with the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Treasurers is recommended.
- 2. The treasurer of the Jurisdictional Conference is authorized to perform the following tasks:
 - a. Pay the bills incurred in connection with the quadrennial session of the Jurisdictional Conference upon the approval of the chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee or the chairperson of the Jurisdictional Mission Council or a designee of the Council.
 - b. Make other disbursements as may be authorized by the Jurisdictional Conference.
 - c. Pay travel and per diem expense to the duly elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference upon receiving properly completed and signed vouchers from them.
 - d. Execute contracts on behalf of the Jurisdictional Conference.
 - e. Pay travel and other expenses incurred during the quadrennium by the Jurisdictional Mission Council, the Local Arrangements Committee, the Committees on Appeals, Episcopacy, and other committees authorized by the Jurisdictional Conference upon receipt of properly completed and signed expense vouchers from the members of these committees. All other expense vouchers must receive approval from a designee of the Jurisdictional Mission Council before payment can be made by the treasurer.
 - f. Prepare financial reports at least quarterly for the Jurisdictional Mission Council.
 - g. Send quarterly invoices and statements to annual conference treasurers for North Central Jurisdictional apportionments.
 - h. Prepare financial records and reports for an annual review of the books and a quadrennial audit.
 - i. Prepare such reports as are required by the IRS and other government agencies.

IV. COMMITTEES

The Jurisdictional Conference shall have on-site and standing committees with functions as prescribed and other committees as it may order. Each committee shall develop a handbook of practices and procedures, a copy of which shall be retained by the Jurisdictional Conference secretary and treasurer. The delegation from each Episcopal area or annual conference shall nominate and elect from their delegation their representatives to these jurisdictional committees unless otherwise prescribed. These names shall be forwarded to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary by February 15 prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional Conference.

A. On-Site Committees

The College of Bishops shall select the chairperson of each on-site committee with due consideration given to geographical spread, the selection of racial and ethnic minorities, and women to serve in these areas of responsibility. The chairperson shall be chosen from the membership of these committees and shall be responsible for convening their committees at the site of Jurisdictional Conference. At that time, they may elect other officers as needed.

1. Nominations

There shall be a Committee on Nominations for the purpose of nominating the Jurisdictional Conference secretary and treasurer, and persons to general church councils, boards and commissions, to the Jurisdictional Missions Council, and other positions necessary to fulfill jurisdictional structure. It shall be composed of:

- The active bishops of the jurisdiction;
- One clergy person from each annual conference;
- One lay person from each annual conference;
- One representative of the Division on Ministry with Young People with voice only;
- One representative with voice only from each of the following four racial/ethnic minority groups, to be elected by the group represented for assignment to the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations: Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Native American International Caucus, MARCHA, and the Asian American United Methodist Caucus.

The Committee on Nominations shall hold its first meeting at the site of the Jurisdictional Conference at least one day prior to the opening of the Jurisdictional Conference. The Jurisdictional Conference Secretary shall notify the members of the time and place of the meeting.

B. Standing Committees

The Jurisdictional Conference shall have the following standing committees with the term of office beginning, unless otherwise specified, with the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference, and continuing until their successors have been confirmed. Each committee shall be convened on call by a member of the College of Bishops and shall elect its own chairperson.

1. Appeals

There shall be a Court of Appeals appointed in accordance with provisions of The 2016 Book of Discipline.

2. Episcopacy

There shall be a Committee on Episcopacy with membership, functions and terms of office as provided in The 2016 Book of Discipline.

- a. The bishop of each area shall make a written report to this committee not less than thirty days prior to the convening of the Jurisdictional conference. The report shall include, but not be limited to:
 - A review of the bishop's Episcopal administration during the quadrennium;
 - A report on annual conference program emphases, goals and achievements;
 - Evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the area; a statement on the major issues facing the Church in the area; matters of concern regarding the bishop's Episcopal assignment.
- b. The Committee on Episcopacy assumes the responsibilities of caring and honoring functions of the bishops which includes: ceremonial recognition of those bishops entering the retired relationship following Jurisdictional conference, attention to the needs of newly elected bishops, a responsibility which begins at the moment of election, and recognition and hospitality for all Episcopal leaders within the jurisdiction in consultation with the Local Arrangements Committee.
- c. The Chairperson of Committee on Episcopacy in consultation with the NCJ Conference Secretary and the Chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee will determine the presiding officers for sessions of the NCJ Conference. The President of the College of Bishops shall preside at the opening business session.

3. Committee on Investigation

There shall be a Committee on Investigation consisting of seven elders in full connection, with not more than one elder from each annual conference and two lay observers. Five reserve elders and one reserve lay observer also shall be elected. The committee shall be elected on nomination of the college of Bishops and shall elect a chair at the site of Jurisdictional Conference. See The 2016 Book of Discipline.

V. JURISDICTIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

Mission/Vision Statement:

The Mission of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is, by the call of God, to make disciples of Jesus Christ by providing spiritual leadership.

The Vision of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is of holy, bold disciples of Jesus Christ living in unique and connected faith communities energized by dynamic spiritual leadership, both lay and clergy.

The Core Process of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church is to:

- Provide connections for unique leadership, spiritual and outreach development across the North Central Jurisdiction, and
 - Provide for the election and assignment of bishops in the North Central Jurisdiction.
- A. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall consult with the College of Bishops and the North Central Jurisdiction Association of Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries in order to:
1. Support the vision and mission of the Church and the development of models for that mission within the jurisdiction.
 2. Constantly test the structures against the stated vision and mission.
 3. Establish criteria for funding and evaluation of programs receiving funding.
 4. Make annualized budget allocations to programs in the jurisdiction.
 5. Prepare a financial budget for the succeeding quadrennium to submit for NCJ Conference action.
 6. Oversee the investments within the jurisdiction.
 7. Review, each quadrennium, the NCJ Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and propose amendments to the same to the Jurisdictional Conference for its consideration.
- B. The membership of the Jurisdictional Mission Council shall consist of the following:
- One person elected by each annual conference within the jurisdiction.
 - Seven (7) to ten (10) members-at-large nominated by the Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations, at their discretion, from the pool of names submitted by annual conference delegations and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference;
 - Two Directors of Connectional Ministries as selected by the NCJ Association of Directors of Connectional Ministries.
 - In addition, the following designated persons will serve the quadrennium in which they are named:
 - One bishop selected by the College of Bishops
 - The NCJ Treasurer
 - The NCJ Conference Secretary
 - The NCJ Coordinator of Communications as selected by the NCJ Mission Council Executive Committee.
 - The Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations shall be faithful to the commitments of the United Methodist Church to racial and ethnic inclusiveness, shall give consideration to the expertise needed to fulfill the functions of the Mission Council, and shall provide for full participation of clergy and laity.

C. Organizational Structure and Meetings

1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Mission Council comprised of:
 - a) A chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary elected by the Jurisdictional Mission Council;
 - b) One of the two (2) DCMs serving on the Mission Council as selected by the NCJ Association of Directors of Connectional Ministries;
 - c) The bishop selected by the NCJ College of Bishops to serve as a member of the Mission Council;
 - d) The NCJ Treasurer;
 - e) The NCJ Conference Secretary;
 - f) The NCJ Coordinator of Communications as selected by the Mission Council Executive Committee.
2. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall meet to organize by October 30th in the year of the Jurisdictional Conference. It shall have the authority to organize as it deems necessary. Organization shall include the election of officers and orientation of the membership. In addition to the organizational meeting, the full council shall meet two additional times during the quadrennium:
 - a) The agenda for the second meeting shall include evaluation of the effectiveness of the ministry programs funded in the current quadrennium.
 - b) The agenda for the third meeting shall include establishing recommendations for the allocation of funds for the quadrennium and setting the budget. Representatives from funded ministry groups, emerging ministries, networks, and other appropriate resource persons shall be invited and encouraged to be present for all full council meetings at their own expense. They shall have voice but not vote except when invited to do so.
 - c) The Executive Committee shall have the discretion to meet as needed.
3. Periodic consultations with the College of Bishops and the Jurisdictional Association of Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries would be highly desirable for exchange of information and resources and opening of possibilities for new ministries to be supported. These may be arranged at the behest of the Mission Council, the College of Bishops, or the council directors. Consultations between any of these bodies shall be coordinated in such a manner as to minimize travel and the total number of jurisdictional meetings.
4. In order for the Jurisdictional Mission Council to understand the scope and nature of its ministry across the jurisdiction, each funded committee, agency or program of the North Central Jurisdiction shall have a member of the Jurisdictional Mission Council as its link or liaison to the Mission Council. During the quadrennium, the liaisons shall attend meetings and events of the committee or agency, receive its minutes, publications and financial reports, and act as a reminder to the affiliated groups of their "goal integrity" in regard to funding.

D. Financial Administration and the Jurisdictional Conference

1. On the first day of the Jurisdictional Conference, the Mission council shall present a proposed budget for the ensuing quadrennium, and based upon that proposed budget, determine the amounts to be apportioned to the annual conferences. All additional requests for funds shall be referred to this council.

2. At the final business session of the Jurisdictional Conference, the council shall present for action a revised budget with appropriate adjustments in conference apportionments. The Jurisdictional Mission Council shall recommend to the Jurisdictional Conference for action the per diem and travel expense of all jurisdictional delegates and others attending Conference in an official capacity.

a) The report of attendance by the NCJ Conference secretary shall be the basis for paying the per diem to the delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

b) The total expense for travel shall be paid to the delegate who is present and seated. If, during the session of the conference, a reserve delegate is seated in the delegate's place, the delegate shall adjust the travel reimbursement with the reserve delegate on the basis of the time served by each.

VI. PROCEDURES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOMINATIONS TO GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES

The annual conferences shall select the nominees for membership on the various general and jurisdictional councils, boards and commissions in accordance with the requirements of The 2016 Book of Discipline and the Plan of Organization of the Jurisdictional Conference. It is strongly urged that bishops be full participants in this process.

1. To secure nominations for general church councils, boards and commission, the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary shall prepare and send as may be necessary the nominating forms for general church councils, boards, and committees to the Annual Conference secretaries. All nominations from the various conferences shall be returned to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary within one week after the close of the annual conference session and no later than fifteen days prior to the convening of Jurisdictional Conference.
2. To secure nominations for jurisdictional councils, boards and committees, the Jurisdictional Conference secretary shall send nominating forms with instructions to delegation chairpersons by November 1 preceding the opening of the next Jurisdictional Conference. All nominations from the various conferences shall be returned to the Jurisdictional Conference secretary by February 15 prior to the Jurisdictional Conference.
3. The Committee on Nominations shall utilize worksheets prepared by the Jurisdictional Conference secretary proving the following information relative to the general church councils, boards and commissions;
 - Number of persons to be nominated; tenure if other than the quadrennium;
 - Names of incumbent members identified as being eligible or ineligible and including the conferences which they represent;

- The names of persons each annual conference is nominating and the particular general church councils, boards or commissions to which they are being nominated;
 - Number of nominees from each annual conference in ratio relative to annual conference membership within the jurisdiction;
 - Relative representation as indicated in The 2016 Book of Discipline.
4. Each annual conference nominating group shall be encouraged to give strong consideration to returning effective agency members for a second four-year term. No person shall be eligible to serve on any general church council, board or commission for more than the time provided in The 2016 Book of Discipline.

VII. RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order adopted by the immediately previous General conference shall be the Rules of Order of the Jurisdictional Conference insofar as they apply. The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall remain in effect until changed by this or a succeeding Jurisdictional Conference. They may be amended or changed according to Rule 28 which is printed with other rules in The Advance Journal for delegates to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

A. Daily Schedule

Rule 1: Hours of meetings and Order of Agenda are to be set by the Local Arrangements Committee in consultation with the College of Bishops.

Rule 2: After the opening session (which is set by the Plan of Organization), the daily sessions of the conference shall be adjusted by the NCJ Conference Secretary in consultation with the College of Bishops and adopted by the Jurisdictional Conference. Validity of questions of privilege, complimentary resolutions, and courtesies will also be determined in the same manner.

B. Presiding Officers

Rule 3: Authority of the Chairperson

- a. The bishop presiding shall be the legal chairperson of the Jurisdictional Conference.
- b. The chairperson shall decide points of order raised by the members and shall rule on points of order not raised by the members, as the chair deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order, subject in both cases to an appeal to the conference by any member without debate, except that the chairperson and the appellant, in the order here named, shall each have three minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of appeal shall sustain the chair (see Rule 25b). Any member who raises a point of order shall cite by number the rule adjudged to have been violated.
- c. The bishop presiding shall have the right to recess a session of the Jurisdictional Conference at any time at the chair's discretion and to reconvene at such time as the chair shall announce. The bishop presiding

shall also have the right to stipulate that the session shall reconvene with only delegates' authorized guests permitted to attend such a session following recess.

Rule 4: Calling the Conference to Order

When the chairperson stands and calls the conference to order, no member shall speak, address the chair, or stand while the chairperson stands.

C. Rights and Duties of Members

Rule 5: Attendance and Seating Reserves

- a. No member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall be absent from the sessions of the conference without permission of the conference; all absentees shall be reported by the chairpersons of the annual conference delegations to the NCJ Conference Secretary on forms provided by the secretary for that purpose.
- b. Reserve delegates may be seated upon authority of the chairpersons of the delegations who shall report the substitutions in writing to the NCJ Conference Secretary on a form provided by the secretary. Any reserve delegate seated in the place of a delegate shall have been duly elected by his/her annual conference and shall meet the requirements set forth in The 2016 Book of Discipline. If the NCJ Conference Secretary disapproves the substitution, after consultation with the chairperson of the delegation, he/she may report to the Jurisdictional Conference with a recommendation. The NCJ Conference Secretary shall make a daily written report listing all changes of seating. These reports shall be recorded in The Journal.
- c. The general or executive secretaries of the general church councils, boards and commissions of the United Methodist Church, who are members of annual conferences within the bounds of the North Central Jurisdiction, but who are not elected delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference, shall be seated within the voting area of the conference. These persons shall have the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters affecting the interests of their respective councils, boards and commissions. The expenses for these persons shall not be assumed by the Jurisdictional Conference.

Rule 6: Directions for Securing the Floor

Unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, the delegate shall not speak until granted the floor. A delegate desiring to speak to the conference shall move to a microphone and wait to be recognized by the presiding officer. Once recognized, the delegate shall first announce her or his name and the annual conference represented, which the presiding officer shall then announce to the conference.

Rule 7: Interrupting the Speaker

No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a point of order, a misrepresentation, a parliamentary inquiry, a point of information, or to call attention that the time has arrived for a special order.

Rule 8: Speaking More than Once; Length of Speech

No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, no more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, and no longer than three minutes unless that time shall be extended by the conference. This three-minute limit may be amended by a majority vote of the conference at any time and for any period of duration.

Rule 9: Point of Order

A delegate wishing to raise a point of order shall address the presiding officer and say, "I rise to a point of order." The presiding officer shall interrupt the proceeding; if a delegate is speaking, that one shall immediately yield the floor. The presiding officer shall then direct the delegate raising the point of order to state the point as briefly and concisely as possible, citing the authority of the point, but the delegate shall not presume to decide the question or argue the point. A point of order is decided by the presiding officer without debate, unless in doubtful cases the chair submits the question to the body for advice or decision. When the presiding officer rules on a point, debate is closed, but the decision may be appealed.

Rule 10: Voting Area of the Conference

Only delegates within the area of the conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All delegates within the area at the time a question is put shall vote, except such as have been excused for special reasons by the conference.

Rule 11: Voting Procedures

- a. Voting shall be as recommended by the Local Arrangements Committee unless otherwise ordered by the conference.
- b. No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken, or when the previous question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself or such business as the chair may deem appropriate.

Rule 12: Division of the Question

Before a vote is taken, any delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as the delegate indicates. If no delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there is

an objection, the chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

D. Business Procedures

Rule 13: Motion for Adoption of Reports

Whenever a report of a committee, signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof shall be presented to the conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by the conference without the formality of a motion to adopt.

Rule 14: Required Forms for Resolutions, Reports, Motions, Amendments

All resolutions and committee reports shall be prepared as directed by the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference. Motions, including amendments, shall be presented in writing.

Rule 15: Alterations of Motions, Etc.

When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a committee report is read or is published, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the conference and may not be altered except by action of the conference.

Rule 16: Un-debatable Motions

The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- a. To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the conference finally (See Rule 19);
- b. To suspend the rules;
- c. To lay on the table;
- d. To take from the table;
- e. To call for the previous questions (See Rule 21);
- f. To reconsider a non-debatable motion (See Rule 26);
- g. To limit or extend the limits of debate;
- h. To call for the orders of the day.

Rule 17: Rights of the Main Question

The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: to adopt, to commit or to refer, to substitute, to postpone and to reconsider, No new motion, resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of, except as provided in Rule 11b. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 18: Precedence of Motions

If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending, the order of their precedence in relation to one another shall be the same as the order of their listing below (see also Rule 24):

- a. To fix the time at which the conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table);
- b. To adjourn;
- c. To take a recess;
- d. To lay on the table;
- e. To order the previous question (see Rules 16e, 21, 23);
- f. To limit or extend the limits of debate;
- g. To postpone to a given time;
- h. To commit or refer;
- i. To amend or to amend by substitution (one amendment being allowed to an amendment);
- j. To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 19: Exceptions to the Motion to Adjourn Being in Order

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate and shall always be in order, except:

- a. When a delegate has the floor;
- b. When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken and before it is finally decided;
- c. When the previous question has been ordered and action there under is pending;
- d. When a motion to adjourn has been lost and no business or debate has intervened;
- e. When the motion to fix the time to which the conference shall adjourn is pending. The foregoing does not apply to a motion for final adjournment of the conference.

Rule 20: Tabling Related Motions

No motion which adheres to another motion or has another motion adhering to it can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere or which adhere to them.

Rule 21: Previous Question

Any member who moves the previous question (that is, that the vote now be taken on the motion or motions pending) shall also indicate to what it is intended to apply if any secondary motions are also pending. If said member does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption. If it is adopted, the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate. (See also Rules 16, 23, 24).

Rules 22: Referring Reports, Etc.

It shall be in order for the conference to refer to a committee a section or part of a report or resolution which is before the conference for consideration, or any amendment offered thereunto.

Rules 23: Procedure for Amending by Substitution

When a resolution or committee report is properly before the conference for consideration, even if amendments are pending, a substitute may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the report, resolution, or amendment under consideration. The substitute shall be an alternative to what is before the house and not simply a negation of the main motion. Debate on the motion to substitute will be limited to the question of substitution only. No amendments to the main motion or the substitute will be considered during this period of initial consideration. Following the debate on the motion to substitute, a vote on substitution will occur. If the motion to substitute prevails by a majority vote, then the substitute becomes the main motion. If the motion to substitute does not prevail, then the main motion remains on the floor for further consideration. Debate, including the offering of amendments, then moves forward according to these Rules. A motion for the previous question shall not be in order on the motion to substitute until after opportunity has been given for at least three speeches on each side of the question.

Rule 24: Unlawful Motion after Speech

It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

Rule 25: Exceptions to Majority Vote

A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

- a. One-third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the chair is doubted.
- b. A tie vote sustains the chair. (See Rule 3b)
- c. A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend (Rule 27) or amend the rules. (Rule 28) A call for the previous question is a motion to suspend the rules and therefore requires a two-thirds vote.
- d. A majority of 60% shall be required to approve a proposal for a constitutional amendment.
- e. A majority of 60% shall be required for an Episcopal election.

Rule 26: Reconsideration

A motion to reconsider an action of the conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated. (Rule 16f)

E. Suspending, Amending, and Supplementing

Rule 27: Suspension of the Rules

The operation of any of the provisions of the Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the conference. (Rule 25c)

Rule 28: Amending Rules

The Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the conference, provided the proposed change or amendment has originated in the NCJ Mission Council, or has been presented to the conference in writing and referred to the Mission Council. The Mission Council shall report on the proposed change or amendment not later than the following day. If submitted on the last business day of Jurisdictional Conference, it will be referred to the The Mission Council for the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

Rule 29: Robert's Rules of Order as the Supplement Authority

In any parliamentary situation not covered by the Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, the Jurisdictional Conference shall be governed in its actions by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

F. Additional Rules

Rule 30: Persons Without Right to Make or Second Motions

A person seated in the conference with the right to speak, but without vote, does not have the right to make a motion or second a motion.

Rule 31: Effective Date

All legislation of the Jurisdictional conference shall become effective January 1 following the session of the conference at which it is enacted, unless otherwise specified.

Parliamentary Procedure

This is a quick guide to help you participate more fully in the plenary sessions as well as in committee work. For a fuller explanation of parliamentary rules please refer to the Rules of Order section of this Advance Journal found in later pages.

The rules by which we agree to govern ourselves will be adopted at the opening session of the Jurisdictional Conference. These are based on the belief it is important that everyone has a right to be heard. The rules ensure the conference proceeds in an orderly fashion in its deliberations, the decisions which emerge from our time together have been carefully discussed, and all opinions have been heard.

You will help yourself and the Jurisdictional Conference if you study the Rules of Order in preparation for your role as a delegate.

To Speak to the Conference:

According to Rule 6, unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, a delegate shall not speak until recognized by the convener and granted the floor. A delegate desiring to speak shall move to the nearest aisle microphone and wait to be recognized by the presiding bishop. Once recognized, speak directly into the microphone. First, announce your name and annual conference as you begin to speak.

To Make a Motion:

If you desire to make a motion, present a resolution, or bring a matter of action before the conference please attempt to have it in writing beforehand. If your motion is an amendment, please indicate exactly where the changes belong – the words that are to be deleted and/or added. Be sure to sign your name and list your annual conference.



Covenant to Build BeLoved Community

United Methodism is at a crucial inflection point – facing the challenges of a global pandemic, racial injustice, impacts of climate change, denominational decline, and intradenominational strife. More than ever, we need to lean into the call of Hebrews 10:22-25 (CEB): “Therefore, let’s draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water. Let’s hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.” As the North Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church (NCJ), we covenant to Build BeLoved Community.

Baptism is the foundation of the BeLove Community, as through it we are called into a covenantal relationship with God, with each other, and with all of God’s creation. It is in the spirit of this covenantal relationship that we affirm our baptismal vows ...

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

We do. We confess our need for God’s grace as we struggle to renounce and reject the spiritual forces and evil powers of colonialism, racism, sexism, classism, and heterosexism. We apologize for the ways the NCJ has and continues to harm people who live in other parts of the world, Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC), people who live in poverty, and LGBTQIA+ people.

Now is the moment to repent of these sins and turn toward the future to which God is calling the NCJ.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do. We pray for God’s freedom and power to resist colonialism and racism in all the forms they present themselves.

We stand in solidarity with ongoing efforts of many, who have worked tirelessly to end racism. We recognize this is a journey; that the work of ending racism is ongoing because it is a way of being - as the body of Christ. All of our work as a Church should be done in an anti-racist manner.

We request the NCJ Bishops of Color convene all BIPOC delegates to discuss how to begin to address the trauma in communities of color.

We request that the Mission Council, in conjunction with the NCJ College of Bishops, develop an exercise for the NCJ delegates to engage in a conversation during the next session of the NCJ that seeks to understand the impact of white supremacy and Christian nationalism/white nationalism within The United Methodist Church. We request the Mission Council evaluate their budget and demonstrate, and report at the next Jurisdictional Conference, how the budget incorporates antiracism work and healing institutional trauma.

The Mission Council must designate sufficient NCJ funds for the purpose of convening Conference Commissions on Religion and Race and Annual Conference antiracism task force representatives in 2022 to operationalize and share a report at the next Jurisdictional Conference:

A racial analysis of: We request the Mission Council in conjunction with the NCJ College of Bishops develop an exercise for the NCJ delegates to engage in conversation to understand the impact of homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism within United Methodist Churches during the next meeting of the jurisdiction.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

We will. We who will remain and continue to be faithful members of The United Methodist Church, commit to leading the NCJ through this difficult moment. We remain committed to our continuing call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and by sharing and living the Gospel.

We value episcopal leadership and commit to electing bishops as soon as possible. If and only if the 2020 General Conference, currently scheduled for August 29-September 6, 2022, is postponed or canceled, and the regular session of the jurisdictional conference is subsequently proposed to be postponed or canceled, this special session of the NCJ Conference authorizes the duly elected heads of the conference delegations and the NCJ College of Bishops to work together to call a special session of the jurisdictional conference for November 2-5, 2022, the time currently scheduled for the regular session of the jurisdictional conference, for the purpose of the election of bishops, acting on nominations for jurisdictional committees and general agencies, budgeting and other necessary matters.

We encourage conferences and local churches to strive for reconciliation and understanding. However, some congregations and clergy may feel called to a different future in the faith. We respect our siblings who depart and desire to do no harm as we anticipate cooperative ecumenical efforts in the future. We grieve each separation. NCJ annual conferences should use existing disciplinary and conference provisions to accommodate local congregations and clergy seeking disaffiliation.

We stand in solidarity with United Methodists around the world who long for a world-wide contextual and regional denominational structure.

We call on the NCJ College of Bishops and Mission Council to immediately begin working with other Jurisdictions, Central Conferences, and the Connectional Table to make regional equity and contextualization a reality. We fully support polity changes, such as the Christmas Covenant or Connectional Table's US Regional Conference proposals, that will lead to regional equity and contextualization.

We recommend Annual Conferences engage in conversations about regional equity and contextualization.

Covenanting to Build the BeLoved Community, we look to 2024 with promise. We pledge ourselves to God's call upon our lives, to each other, and to the future of The United Methodist Church.

- local church's total budgets, clergy salaries, new church starts/revitalizations, church closures, Conference staff, board, task force and committee members, and delegates to GC/JC.
- Alignment of Annual Conference budget with antiracism work, creation of whistleblower policies, on-going training and support for cross racial/cross cultural appointments, prioritization of new church starts and congregational revitalization in communities of color, resources to support the recruitment and development for leaders of color (lay and clergy) and developing programs for youth/young adults of color.
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Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

We do. We also affirm Christ has opened the Church to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. All people are of sacred worth.

LGBTQIA+ clergy and laity are a gift to the Church. We implore all in the NCJ to do no harm and to create a culture in which abundance and diversity can be celebrated and lived. Therefore, we urge all members of the NCJ to avoid pursuing charges for LGBTQIA+ clergy and allies, and request our episcopal leaders dismiss charges related to LGBTQIA+ identity or officiating same gender weddings. Because we are all beloved children of God, we, in the NCJ, implore all our conference leaders, boards and

agencies, to bring no harm to LGBTQIA+ people. We will not restrict God's calling based solely on a candidate's sexual orientation or gender identity. We commit to doing good by pursuing healing and reconciliation with all who have experienced harm and exclusion related to sexual orientation and gender identity.

***With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.***

***We will surround each other
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that we may grow in our trust of God,
and be found faithful in our service to others.***

***We will pray for each other,
that we may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.***

Locations of Past North Central Jurisdictional Conferences

In the historic list which follows, the name of the conference where the jurisdictional conference was held is given first followed by the specific city in that conference. Note the names of conferences that no longer exist are included:

1940	ROCK RIVER: Chicago	1984	MINNESOTA: Duluth
1944	MINNESOTA: Minneapolis	1988	NORTHERN ILLINOIS: DeKalb
1948	INDIANA: Indianapolis	1992	DETROIT: Adrian
1952	WISCONSIN: Milwaukee	1996	NORTH INDIANA: Fort Wayne
1956	SOUTH IOWA: Des Moines	2000	WISCONSIN: Madison
1960	WEST MICHIGAN: Grand Rapids	2004	IOWA: Davenport
1964	EAST OHIO: Cleveland	2008	WEST MICHIGAN: Grand Rapids
1968	CENTRAL ILLINOIS: Peoria	2012	EAST OHIO: Akron
1972	SOUTH INDIANA: Indianapolis	2016	ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS: Peoria
1976	SOUTH DAKOTA: Sioux Falls	2022	INDIANA
1980	WEST OHIO: Dayton		

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