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## SOUL FOOD

### Bishop Jung Statement: Special Session of the General Conference

My beautiful Wisconsin people, I am greeting you following General Conference.

What a difficult process we experienced trying to find our way forward as The United Methodist Church! We knew this would not be easy, but it was as hard as anyone might have imagined. We are a wounded church. We are a divided church. We are a church in pain, and we are doing harm to each other. Very messy, and very hard. We worked hard for four days – and I want you to know that your elected delegation represented you well. Be proud of them and be thankful to them. They worked hard – but there were many difficult situations, and it became clear just how deeply our divisions go within our church. And I would say we are evenly divided. Many of our votes were close; one even 50%-50%. Strong, strong feelings on each side. This was a short time to try to resolve long and big problems. God was with us; the Holy Spirit was with us, but we are in a very troubled and divided time. Take heart though – God is not finished with us yet!

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## LATEST CONFERENCE NEWS

### Message from Steve Zekoff, Head of Wisconsin Delegation to Special Session



Thanks to all who have been part of the journey of this Delegation. Those of us seated during the GC are especially grateful for the presence and support of the reserves attending in St. Louis, as well as the prayers and encouraging notes from those of you back home in Wisconsin (and MN!). We were blessed by also having all the Cabinet members and several members of the BOOM observing GC 2019.

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### Annual Conference 2019 Registration Opens March 1



Registration for 2019 Wisconsin Annual Conference will open March 1st. In addition, registration for display tables and child care will open on a first-come, first-serve basis. This year's Conference will be held June 14-17 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI, with Monday, June 17 as a Learning Day. The theme will be "One in Ministry to All the World." With any further questions, contact the

Conference Registrar Kristy Yang, [kyang@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:kyang@wisconsinumc.org) or 608-837-7328. Register here:  
<https://www.etches.com/wac2019>

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### **Register for Blueprint for Wellness**



Clergy, spouses and lay employees participating in the HealthFlex active health insurance plan (not retirees) are encouraged to sign up today for the BluePrint for Wellness health check during Annual Conference. The results will provide you the information you need to complete your HealthQuotient by July 31, and avoid paying a higher deductible on your health insurance in 2020.

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### **Four Training Events Offered for ICD Graduates**



The Institute of Congregational Development is a comprehensive, year-long leadership development opportunity for those leaders ready to take their ministry to the next level. This year, the New Ministries Strategy Board and the office of Congregational Development will be offering four follow up training events. These follow up events for graduates of ICD are also open to any clergy or laity with a

passion for starting new ministries. The trainers will be provided by Discipleship Ministries and Path 1.

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## **VOLUNTEER & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

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## **TIPS & RESOURCES**

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[Global Ministries: Black History Month Ideas for Worship](#)

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