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SOUL FOOD

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Jung



To all the beautiful Wisconsin people,

*Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!*

Psalm 27:7

You are in my heart and in my prayers. We are so divided over our beliefs about human sexuality and these emotional issues sometimes make us act and behave in harmful and unkind ways. We, intentionally and unintentionally, continue to do great harm to LGBTQI+ persons, and our attitudes and beliefs about the gay community cause great divisions within our fellowship. This is also made clear by all the heartfelt and faithful leaders who signed the statement of "Sacred Resistance and Call to Action." What became crystal clear to me at this special 2019 General Conference is how deeply injured we are, and how deeply we stand in need of God's healing grace.

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LATEST CONFERENCE NEWS

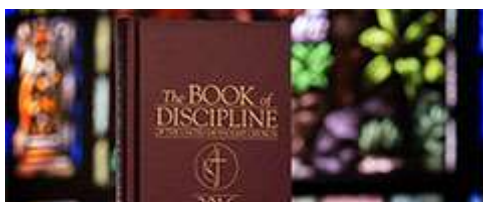
Register for Annual Conference 2019



Registration for 2019 Wisconsin Annual Conference is now open. The theme this year will be **Wilderness**. Bishop Jung and the Cabinet of the Wisconsin Conference decided to change the theme in light of the results of the Special Session of General Conference.

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GC2020 Petition Submissions due March 29



According to paragraph 507 of *The Book of Discipline*, "any organization, clergy member, or lay member of The United Methodist Church may petition the General Conference." Details of the process for submitting petitions for consideration by the 2020 General Conference are still pending. However, we are now ready to receive petitions for



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General Conference Delegate Candidate Forms due April 5



At the 2019 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference in June, we will be electing three Lay and three Clergy Delegates to the 2020 General Conference and another three Lay and three Clergy Delegates to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Please read [Election of Delegates](#) for a full explanation of delegate eligibility, expectations and other important information. If you are ready, willing and able

to make the required commitments and would like to be considered as a candidate for election, please complete the [Delegate Candidate Form](#) and submit to the Conference Secretary by Friday, April 5, 2019. Submission of a full biographical sketch is not required, but it does indicate your interest and dedication to serving as a delegate, and provides valuable information for those who are voting.

Bishops Held Hmong Leadership Summit



140 people gathered at Lake Street United Methodist Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin for the first Bishops' Hmong Leadership Summit on March 8 and 9. Many more attended various sessions through live-streaming on Facebook. Attendees came from Hmong United Methodist Churches and ministries in Wisconsin, Minnesota, California and North Carolina. The majority were from our own Wisconsin Annual

Conference. This was the first such gathering attempting to support and strengthen our Hmong United Methodists across our denomination.

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Rainbow Covenant Reports due March 31



Reports for Rainbow Covenant are due March 31, 2019. Rainbow Covenant reports help the Board of Global Ministries measure local church involvement in a variety of avenues for mission giving. Mission and Outreach Committees at the local church are encouraged to use the Rainbow Covenant form as they evaluate their past year's giving and plan for the future.

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WUMF Hiring Senior Vice President



The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is expanding its staff and looking for a Senior Vice President. This is a full-time position with benefits. [View the job description here](#). If interested, please submit your resume to Eric Churan at echuran@wumf.org by April 15, 2019.

Group of Wisconsin United Methodists Sign Statement of Sacred Resistance and Call to Action



A group of United Methodists in Wisconsin signed the



statement of “Sacred Resistance and Call to Action.” The statement is addressed to Bishop Jung and the Cabinet of the Wisconsin Conference, calling on them to, “lead us into being a radically inclusive church, fully affirming LGBTQIA+ people, which we understand as the promise of the incarnation.” [Read the letter here.](#)

Celebrate UMCOR Sunday March 31



Gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific programs can go 100 percent to those programs because UMCOR’s basic expenses are covered. [Download digital resources](#) to encourage and jumpstart your UMCOR Sunday celebration on March 31, 2019. These resources

and videos will help educate your congregation on the importance of supporting this churchwide special Sunday with offering.

United Methodists Responding to Midwest Floods



Every square inch of Nebraska may be hit with flooding before the waters recede, said a disaster response coordinator for the Great Plains Conference. Some people have been rescued using a tractor scoop, and cowboys from a nearby rodeo helped a local rancher round up his cattle after his fence was destroyed. The church is responding in nearby states, too. [Jim Patterson has the story.](#) [UMCOR:](#)

[Current disaster response.](#) [First glimpse of recovery in Hamburg, Iowa](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Register for Retreats at Wisconsin UMC Camps](#)

[WIUMCamps Summer Programs:](#) Several program dates throughout the summer

[Lay Convocation:](#) April 5-6, Stevens Point: St. Paul’s UMC. **Registration Deadline: April 1**

[Traces of the Trade:](#) Saturday, April 13, sponsored by the North East District

[Spring Women’s Retreat:](#) April 26-28, Lake Lucerne Camp

[Strategies and Strengths Discovery Day:](#) May 7, Madison: Bashford UMC

[Annual Conference:](#) June 14-17, Green Bay

[Bishop’s Interfaith Retreat and Bus Tour:](#) July 12-13, Madison

VOLUNTEER & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

[United Methodist VIM Disaster Response News](#)

[United Methodist VIM Opportunities for Service Newsletters](#)

[Register for Upcoming VIM Trips](#)

HELP WANTED

[Office Manager \(Part-Time\)](#)

[Music Ministry Coordinator \(Part-Time\)](#)

[Director of Children and Family Ministries \(Part-Time\)](#)

[Youth Ministry Coordinator \(Part-Time\)](#)

[Campus Ministry Coordinator \(Part-Time\)](#)

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

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