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**September 15, 2020**

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**[Soul Food](#)**

by **[Bishop Hee-Soo Jung](#)**

This year has been difficult in so many ways. We have been tested, afflicted, frustrated, separated, masked, sprayed, disconnected, and disinfected until we want to pull our hair out, shouting "Enough!" In so many ways, it has almost been too much. [READ MORE](#).

**General Church News**

**[World Communion Sunday Leadership Kit](#)**

The United Methodist Church has assembled a kit of downloadable tools including social media resources and a printable insert for church bulletins in the week prior to this special Sunday. [READ MORE](#).



**Conference News**

## [Virtual Wisconsin Annual Conference 2020](#)

### [Registration Now Open](#)

Registration for Virtual Wisconsin Annual Conference 2020 is now open. The Virtual Wisconsin Annual Conference 2020 will be held on October 24, 2020, starting at 9 a.m. When registering for the Conference, please use the email address that received the invitation. Do not forward the invitation. Each email address can only be used once. [Register here](#). All information about the event is available on the registration website. If you need assistance accessing the website or registering online, please contact your pastor or call Kristy at 608-837-7328.



### [Benefits Update: Insurance Rate Info Available](#)

The 2021 insurance rates for clergy appointed to 3/4 and full-time are posted on the [Conference Website](#). The comparison chart of the various insurance plans will be added to the website as soon as it is available from [Wespath](#). Our insurance carriers remain the same in 2021 -- [United Healthcare](#) for medical insurance, [OptumRX](#) for prescription drug coverage, [VSP](#) for vision coverage and [CIGNA Dental](#) for those who choose dental insurance. For further information, please contact [Rev. Jean Ehnert Nicholas, Conference Benefits Officer](#).



### [Foundation Concludes New Way Grant Program](#)

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wisconsin United Methodist Church Foundation has handed out 321 grants totaling \$310,000 to UMC parishes in Wisconsin for training, development and new technology. [READ MORE](#).

## [ICD 2021 Registration Now Open](#)

The Institute of Congregational Development, a 10-month leadership development program, has opened [registration](#) for its 2021 program.

Registration closes on December 15. [READ MORE.](#)



## Local News



### [Town Hall Discussion Available Online](#)

The Wisconsin Conference's North East District - Circuit 12 Laity Committee hosted a Town Hall discussion on August 29, 2020: Discerning the Future of the United Methodist Church. Due to popular demand, the recorded session can be viewed online by following the link. [WATCH NOW.](#)

## Resources

### [Company's Coming: Planning for Advent](#)

The United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries offers a guide for the Sundays of Lent through Christmas. In this season there is joy. And we have a sense that we can start all over again, because "Company is Coming." [READ MORE.](#)



### [Dismantling Racism Panel Explores Challenges Online](#)

Dismantling Racism: The Theological Roots of Racism and Colonialism, airing Sept. 16 at noon hosts a discussion with national experts from the United Methodist Church on the roots of racism and how Christians can help free us from racism. [READ MORE.](#)

[I AM Her Virtual Conference Focuses on Women's Church Leadership](#)



The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women is partnering with Garrett - Evangelical Theological Seminary for a virtual conference Oct. 8-10. [Registration is now open](#) through Oct. 1. [READ MORE.](#)

**Classifieds**

[For Sale: Wireless Handheld Microphone Systems](#)

The United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay is offering seven Audio Technical AT-3000 Series Handheld Microphone systems for sale as individuals or as a package. [READ MORE.](#)

[Grace UMC: Seeing Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries](#)

Grace United Methodist Church of Pequot Lakes, Minnesota is seeking a full-time director to work with volunteers to implement programs providing a foundation for the growth of children, youth and families in Christian faith, engaging them in learning the stories of the Bible, giving them practice in worship, mission and service. [READ MORE.](#)

[United Methodist Children's Services: Seeking Development and Outreach Director](#)

UMCS in Milwaukee is seeking a development and outreach director who will be responsible for development, implementation, and evaluation of UMCS fund development programs and activities. [READ MORE.](#)

[Michigan Annual Conference: Seeking Chief Financial Officer](#)

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for overseeing all financial aspects of the Michigan Annual Conference, including, but not limited to, budget coordination, cash and investment management, central treasury operations, financial reporting and accounting management of conference assets. The role is also responsible for the Information Technology Department. [READ MORE.](#)

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