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2018 Annual Conference Agenda
June 8-10, 2018

Meetings, workshops, exhibits, and worship services will be held in the Trade Center, the Expo Center, the Convention Center, the University Plaza, or the Juanita K. Hammons Center for the Performing Arts. Locations will be noted in the agenda below by the use of the following site abbreviations:

(TC) Trade Center
(EC) Expo Center
(CC) Convention Center
(UP) University Plaza
(JKH) Juanita K. Hammons Center for the Performing Arts

THURSDAY

6:00 P.M. USHER/HOSPITALITY TEAM TRAINING (EC)

7:00 p.m. Workshops

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Registration opens **(TC)**. Registration is in the Upper Trade Center beyond the exhibits. Name tags are placed in alphabetical order. Please pick up your name tags, workbook (if ordered) and bonus materials. After registering, please take time to browse the exhibit hall.

10:00 a.m. Welcome "And Are We Yet Alive" Bishop Robert Farr

Opening Worship **(EC)** Rev. Dr. Antonio Settles
 St. Andrew (Kansas City)

10:50 a.m. Bishop's Address **(EC)** Bishop Robert Farr

11:30 a.m. **LUNCH BREAK**

1:00 p.m. Opening Business **(EC)** Bishop Robert Farr
 Call to Order Rev. Monica Jefferson, Conference Secretary
 Establishing the Bar Rev. Kim Jenne, Director
 Office of Connectional Ministries Rev. Kim Jenne
 Introductions
 Report from Sessions Rev. Marsha West Eichler, Chair
 Standing Rules Report Wendy Hildenbrand, Chair
 Nominations Report Rev. Jeremy Vickers, Chair
 Awards Presentation (video) Rev. Kim Jenne
 Commission on the Way Forward/TBD Bishop Robert Farr
 Office of Finance & Administration Rev. Nate Berneking, Director
 Clergy Support Team Report Tom Ventura, Chair
 Board of Trustees Report Ivan James, Chair
 Finance & Administration Report Rev. Sherri Swanson, Chair
 Approval of Advance Specials Rev. Jennifer Long, Chair

3:15 p.m. BREAK

4:30 p.m. Mozambique Celebration/All Conference Dinner **(Lower TC)**

6:00 p.m. Clergy Session **(EC)** and Laity Session **(UP)**

7:00 p.m. Celebration of Ministry Service Rehearsal **(EC)**

SATURDAY

7:15 a.m.	Retirement Rehearsal (EC)	
7:45 a.m.	Gathering Music (EC)	
8:00 a.m.	Business Session (EC) Laity Address Center for Pastoral Excellence Board of Ordained Ministry Report Center for Congregational Excellence Office of Mission, Service & Justice Values Team Mozambique Initiative Global Connect/Haiti	Amy Thompson, Conference Lay Leader Rev. Karen Hayden, Director Rev. Bruce Baxter Rev. Roger Ross, Director Rev. Tina Harris, Director Rev. Sheila Bouie-Sledge and Mabel Unser Rev. Yvi Martin, Chair Craig Stevenson, MI Coordinator Rev. Lucas Endicott, Missional Strategist
9:40 A.M.	BREAK Business Session (EC) Missouri United Methodist Foundation United Methodist Women United Methodist Men Office of Next Generation Ministries Central Methodist University	David Atkins, Executive Director Kathy Rolen, President Bill Mooney, President Rev. Jeff Baker, Director Dr. Roger Drake, President
10:45 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service (EC)	
11:45 A.M.	LUNCH BREAK	
1:15 p.m.	Gathering Music	
1:30 p.m.	Celebration of Ministry Service: Commissioning and Retirement Service (EC)	
3:00 p.m.	BREAK	
3:30 p.m.	Leadership Plenary (EC) Workshops (CC, UP) Ordination Rehearsal (JKH)	Rev Mike Schreiner
5:00 p.m.	DINNER BREAK	
7:00 p.m.	Gathering Music (JKH)	
7:30 p.m.	Service of Ordination (JKH)	Bishop Frank Beard Illinois Great Rivers Conference

(Immediately following the Ordination service there will be a brief rehearsal for Sunday Morning Worship.)

SUNDAY

6:45 a.m. Twelfth Annual United Methodist Women's Walk for Mission Giving **(EC)**

9:00 a.m. Bishop's Learning Time **(JKH)** Rev. Terri Swan
Senior Pastor, Salem UMC (Ladue)

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service **(JKH)** Rev. Jim Preisig
Senior Pastor, The Summit (Lee's Summit)

11:45 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

1:45 p.m. Gathering Music **(EC)**

2:00 p.m. Business Session **(EC)**
Final Consideration of the Budget and CF&A items Rev. Sherri Swanson, Chair
Rev. Nate Berneking, Director
Final Consideration of Rules and Procedures Wendy Hildenbrand, Chair
Final Consideration of Nominations Rev. Jeremy Vickers, Chair
Chancellor's Report Larry Tucker, Conference Chancellor
General Conference 2019 Rev. Cody Collier
Report of the Sessions Committee Rev. Marsha West Eichler, Chair
Report of the Episcopacy Committee Brian Hammons, Chair

3:05 P.M. BREAK

3:15 p.m. Sending Forth Service with the Fixing of Appointments & Holy Communion