



April 9, 2021

Registration Open for 2021 Virtual Annual Conference

The 52nd session of the West Ohio Annual Conference will be held virtually via Zoom Webinar. Registration is now open.

The theme of Annual Conference is "Run the Race with Perseverance" based on the scripture Hebrews 12:1-2.



The dates and times are:

- Sunday, June 6, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm and
- Monday, June 7, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Registration is required for clergy and lay members of the Annual Conference. Registration is now open and will end at May 5 at 5:00 pm.

As part of the registration process you will be able to select if you would like to receive the *Book of Reports* electronically or a printed copy by mail.

There will be three training/practice sessions that you will be able to choose to participate in during registration. The sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes each and are:

- May 13 at 9:00 am
- May 18 at 12:00 pm
- May 26 at 6:00 pm

Information sessions will be held virtually prior to Annual Conference so you will have the opportunity to learn more about the recommendations before conference. Dates and times for these sessions will be announced soon.

If you are a Clergy member and unable to participate, you must seek permission from the Annual Conference Secretary Rev. Amy Haines to be excused. You can make your request online by [clicking here](#).

If you are unable to fulfill your role as Lay Member to Annual Conference representing a local church, you should contact your pastor. Lay Members At Large should contact

their [district office](#). [REGISTER HERE](#)

Online Lay Servant Class - Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry



*Who do you know that would like
to explore lay ministry?*

This course is foundational for all courses in lay servant ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. This course is available to anyone in the West Ohio Conference on Zoom. **REGISTRATION ENDS TODAY.**

Friday, April 16th 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Saturday, April 17th, 9:00 -11:00 am
Sunday, April 18th 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Friday, April 23rd, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, April 24th, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Registration information

All Lay Servant Ministry Course offerings in the Conference can be found [here](#).
Many are being held via Zoom.



Carey Nieuwhof
*"Burning Out and
Coming Back"*

April 15, 2021
10 am-12 pm EST

Deadline to Register is Sunday, April 11th

Bishop Palmer's next Leadership Clinic guest is Carey Nieuwhof, best-selling author, pastor, and leading voice in church innovation. Carey is a former lawyer and founding pastor of Connexus Church. He's the author of several best-selling books, including his latest, *Didn't See It Coming: Overcoming the Seven Greatest Challenges That No One Expects But Everyone Experiences*. He holds degrees in law, theology and history. Carey speaks to leaders around the world about leadership, change and personal growth. He writes one of today's most widely read Christian leadership blogs at

www.CareyNieuwhof.com and hosts the top-rated Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast where he interviews some of today's best leaders. His content is accessed over a million times a month by leaders.

BURNING OUT AND COMING BACK

Chances are that you know someone who has burned out or might be on the edge of it yourself. Burnout today seems almost to be a rite of passage. In this talk, Carey looks at signs of burnout and identifies several types of burnout that impact more leaders than most people realize. He shares about how to recover from burnout and stay healthy.

Carey's LIVE training will be followed by an interactive interview with Bishop Palmer about the future of the Church, and your questions. [Check out Carey's latest book: *Didn't See It Coming*](#). Twitter & Facebook: @cnieuwhof | Instagram: careynieuwhof

CEU's are available for all Leadership Clinics. Email Allyssa (agraves@wocumc.org) if you would like to receive continuing education for this month's Clinic.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Multiply Minis: Trainings to Multiply Your Impact!

Maximizing the Hybrid Worship Experience April 20

Youth Ministry: What's Next? April 27

Children's Ministry: What's Next? April 27



Multiply Minis are live, 90-minute, relevant, timely trainings for ministry leaders and churches to multiply their impact. There are 22 minis from April thru May this year.

Have you ever wondered:

"How are we going to do online worship and in-person worship?"

"What is the future of youth ministry?"

"What's next for Children's ministry, we've

barely been able to connect during the pandemic?" **There's a Mini for that!**

Free for West Ohio Leaders! Join us in April for Multiply Minis devoted to these topics. Click the links to register:

[April 20th Maximizing the Hybrid Worship Experience with Jason Moore](#)

[April 27th Youth Ministry: What's Next?](#)

[April 27th Children's Ministry: What's Next?](#)

If you would like a consultation to determine which Minis might be best for you, please call Allyssa Graves in the Office of Fresh Starts & New Beginnings, 614-505-7405.

Church Communications Conference: Leveraging Communication for Greater Connection 2021



Sponsored by UM Communications, this event offers 20+ learning opportunities facilitated by professionals and leaders of innovative church communications. This two-day conference will help church leaders focus on leveraging a variety of communication tools such as social media, digital ministry, and news writing to share their church's story with the members and seekers in their communities. Conference attendees will benefit from trusted and proven tactics shared by communication experts. Workshop facilitators will also help participants identify best practices and techniques to take the next steps toward their communication goals. *Workshops include:*

April 20

- Leading Successful Online Worship
- Sharing Your Congregation's Story: Why it Matters and How to Do it
- Make Your Ministry Look Great with Canva
- Digital Storytelling

April 21

- From Chaos to Discord Inc: Creating Intentional Community Using Online Forums
- Facebook Groups for Churches
- The New Newsletter Emerges
- Living the Word in Virtual Space
- Social Media: Your Virtual Front Door

Date of Event: **Tuesday, April 20th and Wednesday, April 21st**

Time: 10 AM - 2:30 PM on both days

Check out the [Workshop Schedule and Sessions](#) that we are putting together for this experience. More workshops and facilitators are being added daily.

The Zoom Conferencing Links will be sent out to conference participants closer to the event. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at training@umcom.org.

Continue to check back for updates. Cost is \$50. [Register here.](#)

Community Ministries Spring Grants Available

Applications due April 16th

The UMCM Outreach Grant program exists to help local UMC congregations launch new outreach ministries in their communities and help existing outreach ministries grow and reach new people in new ways. Ministries are eligible to apply for 3 years, whether consecutive or not. Funding preference will be given to new(er) ministries. Eligible ministries are those that are focused on transforming communities, sustainability, and fostering discipleship. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available. **Applications are due by April 16th.**

[Information and the spring grant application can be found here.](#) Contact Rev. Karen Cook with any questions, kcook@wocumc.org.



United Methodist Community Ministries 2021 Missional Emergency Grant Application Communications & Outreach

Learn about our spring grants [here!](#)

Who Can Apply:

Due to the recent Coronavirus Pandemic, Community Ministries is opening up a third phase of grant funding. **This grant is for up to \$1000, available for Capitol Area District Churches to help with communications and outreach.** These funds are to support you in aligning with the conference initiative to “help your church enhance your social media/communications/technology capabilities.”

We know that technology currently plays a significant role in our life together as the church and will continue to do so even as the pandemic abates. These grants are specifically targeted toward assisting local churches in reaching beyond our walls to build discipleship pathways for church members and members of the community. Examples include expanding online worship capacities, website and social media building, and growing communications ministries in the church and beyond so that we can better fulfill our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Instructions:

- Complete a grant application for the missional need for which you are requesting funds. All questions must be answered.
- Your grant application should be limited to two pages, single spaced, font size 12.
- Grant applications will be reviewed and voted on by the UMCM Local Outreach Support Committee, based on the merit of the request as it relates to the current Coronavirus Pandemic. Funds will be disbursed on a timely basis.
- Email your completed application to Karen Cook, kcook@wocumc.org

[Link to Grant Application](#)



The Order of Deacons for the West Ohio Conference invite you to the 2021 Virtual Deacon Formation Event on **April 17, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm.** The event will feature West Ohio Conference's Resident

Bishop, Bishop Gregory V. Palmer and Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Rev. April Casperson.

The day will also feature stories of Deacons on varying paths of ministry along with opportunities to connect with Deacons throughout the United Methodist Connection. [Register here.](#)

1 John 3:2-3

2 Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when God appears we will be like God because we'll see God as God is. 3 And all who have this hope in God purify themselves even as God is pure.

We're looking forward to being with you via Zoom.

Next Generation Leadership Ministry - Intern

It is with great pleasure that we announce the opening of the Next Generation Leadership Ministry Intern Application process. Since its inception, the Next Generations Leadership Ministry Interns have been able to discern calls to Ministry and Service in a variety of ways. The pay for the Internship is \$4000.00 during the summer, starting June 2 and ending July 23. Internship placements are with engaging local churches throughout the West Ohio Conference. Applicants must be college students **who are available for the duration of the Internship**. The Application Deadline is April 19. [Click here](#) for the application.

Next Generation Leadership Ministry – Mentor and Host Church Application

The Next Generation Leadership Ministry Program is now taking applications for Mentors/Host Churches for the summer of 2021. For clergy and congregations with a passion for developing young leaders, this is a great opportunity to mentor a young person who has a desire to serve in the church and explore a call to ministry. [Click here](#) for the application.

For questions, please email Rev. Donnetta Peaks, dpeaks@wocumc.org or call 614-844-6200, ext. 314

Classifieds

Employment Opportunities

[Director of Camps, Retreats, and Next Generation Engagement](#)

[Part-time Office Coordinator, Linworth UMC](#)
[Part-time Youth Leader, Middleburg UMC](#)

Visit our website

Please share these updates with others in your congregation!

If you have anything you would like to have shared or posted in our Newsletter, feel free to email your request by Thursday at Noon, jphilipp@wocumc.org.

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