



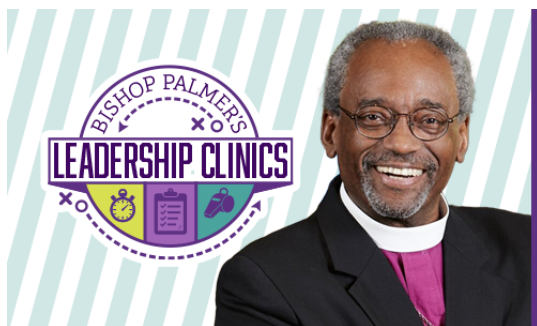
April 30, 2021

Clergy and Lay Members of Annual Conference

Be sure that you register for Annual Conference so that you will receive the link to participate.

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Registration deadline is **next Wednesday, May 5th** at 5:00 pm



**Bishop Palmer's
Leadership Clinic features
Bishop Michael Curry
"Leadership and the Dangerous
Liberation of Love"**

Tuesday May 18th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bishop Palmer is excited to announce his next Leadership Clinic guest, Bishop Michael Curry, on May 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm EST. The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry is Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. He is the Chief Pastor and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer, and as Chair of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church. Join us for his teaching titled, "Leadership and the Dangerous Liberation of Love." Following Bishop Curry's teaching, he will be interviewed by Bishop Palmer, and will be available for LIVE Q&A from participants.

Throughout his ministry, Presiding Bishop Curry has been active in issues of social justice. He maintains a national preaching and teaching ministry, having been featured on The Protestant Hour and as a frequent speaker at churches, cathedrals, conferences, and television news channels around the country and internationally. He has authored five books and numerous publications including columns for the Huffington Post and the Baltimore Times. Bishop Curry's latest book: *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* was released in 2020. In 2018, Bishop Curry gained global attention as he preached an unforgettable message of love at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Ms. Megan Markle.

The first 250 people to register for this Clinic will receive a free copy of the book *Love is the Way*. Information will be in your registration confirmation email. If you do not

receive a confirmation email, please email Allyssa: agraves@wocumc.org.

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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.

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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 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](#).

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Informational Sessions for Recommendations

If you want to contact the leader directly or submit a question, their email is listed below. Click on the Session you are interested in for the registration link.

Recommendation #1: Council on Finance and Administration Recommendations Calendar Year 2022

Submitted by Rev. Paula Stewart, Chair, Council on Finance & Administration

Presenters: Rev. Paula Stewart and Bill Brownson

- [Session 1 on Monday, May 17 at 10:00 am](#)
- [Session 2 on Tuesday, June 1 at 5:30 pm](#)

If you have questions please contact Bill Brownson at bbrownson@wocumc.org.

Recommendation #2: 2022 Recommendation Commission on Equitable Compensation

Submitted by Rev. Kurt King, Chair

Presenters: Rev. Kurt King and Jack Frost

- [Session 1 on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm](#)
- [Session 2 on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 pm](#)

If you have questions please contact Rev. Kurt King at kurtisking15@gmail.com

Recommendation #3: 2022 Board of Pensions and Health Benefits - Submitted by Board of Pensions and Health Benefits

Rev. Anna Guillozet, Chair

Presenters: Rev. Anna Guillozet, Bill Brownson, Mike Kremnitzer, and Kelly Wittich (Wespath)

- [Session 1 on Monday, May 10 at 3:00 pm](#)
- [Session 2 on Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 pm](#)

If you have questions please contact Mike Kremnitzer at mkremnitzer@wocumc.org.

Recommendation #4: Delegation Resolution Re: Christmas Covenant

Submitted on behalf of the West Ohio Delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conferences

Presenters: Rev. Roger Grace, George Howard, and Bill Brownson

- [Session 1 on Friday, May 21 at 10:00 am](#)
- [Session 2 on Monday, May 24 at 5:30 pm](#)

If you have questions please contact George Howard at gghoward191@gmail.com

Recommendation #5: Loved as the Image of God

Submitted by the West Ohio UMC Next Steering Team

Presenters: Rev. Lori Reiber

- [Session 1 on Tuesday, May 11 at 12:00 pm](#)
- [Session 2 on Monday, May 17 at 6:30 pm](#)

If you have questions please contact Rev. Lori Reiber at pastorlori.oumc@gmail.com

Recommendation #6: Call to West Ohio Annual Conference to Recognize and Validate Persons' Calls to Ordination Without Prejudice Toward Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

Submitted by the Central Ohio Reconciling Ministries Team

Presenters: Rev. Kevin Orr, Rev. David Meredith and Rev. Deb Stevens

- [Session 1 on Friday, May 14 at 6:00 pm](#)
- [Session 2 on Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 pm](#)

If you have questions please contact Rev. Kevin Orr at kevin_orr83@hotmail.com



Registration for Clergy Session

The West Ohio Conference will host the Annual Clergy Session virtually on **May 19, 2021**. All Clergy members of the Annual Conference and Laity on the Board of Ordained Ministry are invited to participate.

The objectives of the Clergy Session include caring for those who will have new credentials for Commissioning and Ordination and those who have changed status in the past year, such as retirees.

Clergy Session is an important aspect of holy conferencing that reminds us that we are in this work together, accountable to and in collegial relationships with our fellow clergy throughout West Ohio and throughout the United Methodist connection.

Registration is open until **May 12** for Clergy Session. All registered will receive the agenda, Zoom link, and Voter ID by May 17. In order to ensure that you receive all related information, **please register by the May 12th, 5:00 pm deadline.** li

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Capitol Area North District Conference and Pre-Annual Conference Briefing

Tuesday, May 25th, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Join us on Zoom for our annual District Conference and a briefing about Annual Conference this year. All district clergy and laity are welcome to attend! Save the date and watch for more details.

Multiply Minis: Trainings to Multiply Your Impact!



Have you ever wondered:

"How can I engage people in my community who don't come to my church?"

Have you ever thought:

"I poured so much out in the past year, I need some new prayer practices for myself."

Have you asked the question: "Where is our church headed and how do we get there?"

There's a Mini for that!

Check out these Mini promo videos to meet the presenters of each and join us in May for Multiply Minis devoted to these topics:

May 12 AM: **Innovative Expressions** <https://youtu.be/mgqOPGAwwQY>

May 12 PM: **Reimagining Your Sacred Rhythms of Prayer**
<https://youtu.be/bnZTJnwFM3Q>

May 26 AM: **Where Do We Go From Here?** <https://youtu.be/8mXuaUMfFUI>

Multiply Minis are interactive, relevant, and timely trainings for ministry leaders and churches to multiply your impact. Minis are free for West Ohio clergy and laity. Space is limited to 150 participants per Mini. To view the full listing of this year's Multiply Minis and/or to register for any of the sessions, visit www.multiplyminis.org. CEUs are available for all Multiply Minis.

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.

Summer Camp Paid Staff Positions

A great way to make a summer is leading children and youth! We have openings for male and female camp counselors. 10 weeks of summer work living at camp. Lifeguards and resource positions as well. Visit our website, westohiocamps@wocumc.org, click Home and click Join Our Team for job descriptions and how to apply. For more information email camps@wocumc.org. We will be glad to talk to you.

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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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