

Announcing Special Session of Annual Conference - May 17, 2023

March 16, 2023

A special session of the Annual Conference of the Susquehanna Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is called to be held on **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**, starting at **5:30 pm** at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport PA. Registration will begin at 3:00 pm.

Voting membership of the special session will consist of the clergy members defined in ¶132 of *The Book of Discipline* and the lay members of the Annual Conference in accordance with *The Book of Discipline* ¶1602.

The sole purpose of the special session of the Annual Conference will be to affirm or not affirm the current qualified requests for disaffiliation under ¶12553 of *The Book of Discipline*. The call for this special session conforms to the disciplinary requirements found in ¶1369.6 and ¶1603.5.

This special session will allow those who have chosen to disaffiliate to vote on their disaffiliation during this special session. Upon the adjournment of the special session, all decisions of the special session will be final and cannot be reversed.

Therefore, in concert with the Disaffiliation Covenant, lay members of disaffiliating congregations to the Annual Conference have agreed not to attend the regular session of Annual Conference which will convene May 18. Clergy who are in the process of withdrawing from the denomination are also encouraged not to attend the regular session.

The regular session of the Susquehanna Annual Conference will focus on the business, worshipful work, and mission and ministry of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Annual Conference will conclude its work on Saturday, May 20.

Let us continue to keep all of those in the disaffiliation process and those managing the process in our prayers.

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi & Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

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