



Greater Detroit District

Michigan Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Dear Pastors, Deacons, and Lay Leaders of the Greater Detroit District:

Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord!

I write to invite you and leaders of your congregations to the Greater Detroit District Conference scheduled to be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rochester, Michigan on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The conference theme is "**Revive**," based on Matthew 19:14. It begins at 8:30am and concludes at 1:30pm. Our district's focus for the next two years is children's ministries. As an incentive, the district will conduct a drawing from the names of all pre-registered participants and award about three prizes to the congregations whose members are chosen. Prizes include a *Children's Playground* set and Children's Ministry resources. The drawing will happen at the district conference on September 21st and you must be present to win.

The District Conference includes the annual business meeting (where district officers are elected, and the budget is approved). Including training session for leaders of various ministries, and an international fellowship luncheon (with a spread of international cuisine brought by some of the churches in our district).

For our business session, it is important that you recruit and register at least the following leaders of your congregations or their designees who will have vote: all appointed, assigned and retired pastors and deacons, church council chairpersons, lay leaders, lay members to annual conference, chairpersons of staff parish relations, finance, and board of trustees, presidents of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Youth, and Young Adults, coordinators and directors of ministries with children, youth, and young adults, and two additional church members.

In addition to those named above, all church members who desire to attend are encouraged to register and attend. These members will have voice and no vote in the business session. Everybody will have full access to the training and the international fellowship lunch.

Please go to the district website at <https://gdd.michiganumc.info/> to register all persons coming to the conference. This year, I am asking you to ensure that all persons who should come from your congregation register and attend. With your cooperation, we would have between 600 - 900 in attendance.

Looking forward to a time of ministry training, celebrations, and fellowship, I am...

With faith and commitment,

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