

November 25, 2024

To: Church Clergy and Lay Leaders
Greater Detroit District

Re: Equalization Members to the Michigan Annual Conference, May 30 – June 1, 2025

Greetings,

Nominations for Lay Equalization members to the Michigan Annual Conference are now open. Like last year, current plans are for a shortened, but in-person, conference in Traverse City from Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1, 2025.

You are invited to nominate up to two members from your church to the Commission on the Laity for consideration as equalization members to the Michigan Annual Conference 2025. These positions are allotted to districts around the state in proportion to district membership of the Michigan UMC Conference. This year the total Lay Equalization positions have decreased to about half the number last year plus each member selected is required to pay a \$50 registration fee. As a reminder, pastors and elected Lay Members to Annual Conference elected by their Church Charge Conference are financially supported by their church and are not eligible to be considered as equalization members.

The Greater Detroit District seeks to make all churches aware of the available positions. The Commission on the Laity hopes a diverse group of members will take advantage of the opportunity to attend conference. The applicant maybe newer members, but must have been active in your church life for at least 2 years. They may be male or female with ages ranging from 12 years & up.

Applications must be received by **December 20, 2024**. Applications must be made online at <https://gdd.michiganumc.info/?Equalization>; confirmation notification will be automatically sent to applicants and their pastor. The Commission will notify those selected by mid-February 2025.

Thank you for recommending members to share in the hopes of our 2025 Michigan Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. If you or your applicants have any questions on this, please email us.

In Christ,

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