



Greater Detroit District

Michigan Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Clergy and Lay Members
Greater Detroit District Virtual Conference
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Dear Fellow United Methodists:

In the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, I welcome you to the 2020 Virtual Greater Detroit District Conference under the theme, “*Connecting for the Next Revival*,” and I look forward to being with you on September 19th!

“Through many dangers, toils and snares, [we] have already come. ‘Tis grace hath brought [us] safe thus far, and grace will lead [us] home.” These words of the hymn, “Amazing Grace,” penned by John Newton in 1779, could have easily been written by us today. The scourge of the coronavirus, the ugly legacy of racism, and the looming economic meltdown we face, cry out for the peace that only God gives. Although these challenges are not yet over, we can claim the deliverance of God who has brought us to where we are and will lead us to a glorious future.

I have included with this letter four documents you need for the business session: Meeting Agenda, Minutes of the 2019 District Conference, Nominations Report, and Financial/Budget Report. Please review each and email your questions, suggestions, and additional nominations to the following persons no later than Wednesday, September 16, 2020:

1. Meeting Agenda issues (Charles Boayue at cboayue@michiganconference.org)
2. 2019 District Conference Minutes (Alicea Williams at alwharpist30@gmail.com)
3. Additional Nominations and questions (Ray McGee at revmcgee@gpumc.org)
4. Financial/Budget Report (Victor Raybaud at vraybaud@comcast.net)

Your district leadership has worked diligently to make this first-ever virtual conference meaningful. I trust you will extend your courtesies and affirmation for their service and join us on Saturday for a time of fellowship and re-connecting.

With faith and commitment,

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