

2016 General Conference Schedule

Registration

Saturday, May 7	1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Central Conference Delegate & Interpreter Registration at Convention Center
Sunday, May 8	12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Central Conference Delegate & Interpreter Registration at Convention Center
	5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.	Delegate & Official Participant Registration at Convention Center
Monday, May 9	8:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories) at Convention Center
Tuesday, May 10	8:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories) at Convention Center
Wednesday, May 11	8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.	Registration (all categories) at Convention Center

Registration will be closed during opening worship on Tuesday.

Registration after 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 11 will be in Room B119, Office of the Secretary of the General Conference

Agenda and Program

Following is the overall program of the 2016 General Conference in Portland, Oregon. The Committee on Agenda will plan in detail each day's business schedule once the Conference convenes. The first week is assumed to be for legislative committee work through Saturday, and the second week is for plenary sessions. **All times listed are considered "Orders of the Day."** Announcements will be held prior to the end of each Plenary as necessary.

Saturday, May 7

9:00 – 10:30 A.M.

Registration Booth Worker & Computer Operator
Orientation

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Registration Computer Operator Orientation

Sunday, May 8

2:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Orientation for Central Conference Delegates

Monday, May 9

8:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

9:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M.

Committee on Reference

9:30 – 11:30 A.M.

Briefing for Central Conference Women Delegates
(Not official activity of the General Conference)

10:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M.

Committee on Calendar and Agenda

1:30 P.M.

Dedication of Prayer Room and Prayer Walk

2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Tablet Training – Central Conference Delegates

2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Orientation of Legislative Committee Recorders

4:00 – 9:30 P.M.

Orientation for Marshals and Pages

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Briefing for Women Delegates
(Not official activity of the General Conference)

Tuesday, May 10

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Orientation for Heads of Delegations

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Tablet Training – Central Conference Delegates

9:00 A.M. – Committees continue to meet as necessary

Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

Committee on Reference

Committee on Calendar and Agenda

9:00 A.M. – Organization of Committees

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Committee on Credentials

Committee on the Journal

Committee on Presiding Officers

9:00 A.M.

Orientation for Seminary Students

9:30 – 11:30 A.M. – Briefings (See notes at end of Agenda)

Briefing for Youth and Young Adult Delegates

A Briefing for Delegates of Color and Allies

(Not official activities of the General Conference)

10:30 A.M.

Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision

12:15 – 1:30 P.M.

Orientation for First-time Delegates

2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Opening Worship & Holy Communion
Preacher: Bishop Warner Brown, Jr.

3:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order
Invitation to Authentic Engagement and Intercultural Competency
Christian Conferencing
Presentation by the Committee on Faith and Order

4:30 – 4:45 P.M.

Afternoon Break

4:45 – 6:30 P.M.

Organization of the General Conference

- Roll Call and Setting the Bar of the Conference
- Emergency Procedures, Queuing System Introduction and Testing the Voting System
- Commission on the General Conference Report and Plan of Organization and Rules of the General Conference
- Elections
 - o Coordinator of the Calendar
 - o Inter-jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy
 - o General Conference Administrative Committees
- Report of the Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- Committee on Presiding Officers

Announcements

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

6:30 P.M. Adjournment

Wednesday, May 11**7:00 A.M.**

Committee on Calendar and Agenda
Committee on Reference

8:00 – 8:30 A.M.

Worship

8:30 – 10:25 A.M. – Plenary Session

Episcopal Address (45 minutes)
Greetings from Portland
Voting System Demonstration
Election of Facilitation Group

- Reports:
 - o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
 - o Committee on Credentials
 - o Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
 - o Committee on the Journal
 - o Committee on Reference
 - o Committee on Agenda and Calendar
 - o Committee on Presiding Officers
- Announcements

10:25 – 10:45 A.M.

Morning Break

10:45 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.

Christian Conferencing: World Wide Nature of the Church (Legislative Committee Rooms)

12:45 – 1:45 P.M.

Lunch Recess – Meal provided for Delegates

12:55 – 1:25 P.M.

Service of Holy Communion
Presider: Bishop Beverly Shamana

1:45 – 3:45 P.M.

Organization of the Legislative Committees

3:45 – 7:45 P.M. – Dinner and Mandatory Leadership Training for

Legislative Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs, Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Recorders, and Sub-Committee Chairs

Small Group Leaders and Facilitation Group

3:45 P.M.

Recess for All Others – on your own

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

Thursday, May 12**7:00 A.M.**

Committee on Agenda and Calendar
Committee on Reference

8:00 – 8:45 A.M.

Worship

Preacher: Bishop Christian Alsted

8:45 – 10:10 A.M. – Plenary Session

Introduction of Representatives from Affiliated Autonomous Churches, Affiliated United Churches, and Conordat Churches

- Reports:
 - o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
 - o Committee on Credentials
 - o Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
 - o Committee on the Journal
 - o Committee on Reference
 - o Committee on Agenda and Calendar
 - o Committee on Presiding Officers

10:10 – 10:30 A.M.

Morning Break

10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Legislative Committees

12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Lunch Recess – Meal provided for Delegates

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.

Service of Holy Communion
Presider: Bishop Benjamin Boni

1:30 – 4:00 P.M.

Legislative Committees

4:00 – 4:20 P.M.

Afternoon Break

4:20 – 6:20 P.M.

Legislative Committees

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

6:20 – 6:30 P.M.

Closing Devotion (Legislative Committees)

6:30 P.M. Adjournment

6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner Meeting

Organization of the Inter-jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy including election of officers and executive committee

Friday, May 13

7:00 A.M.

Committee on Agenda and Calendar

Committee on Reference

8:00 – 8:45 A.M.

Worship

Preacher: Bishop Sally Dyck

8:45 – 9:55 A.M. – Plenary Session

Laity Address (30 minutes)

Connectional Table: State of the Church and Vision

Casting (15 minutes)

GCFA Report (15 minutes)

• Reports:

- o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
- o Committee on Credentials
- o Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- o Committee on the Journal
- o Committee on Reference
- o Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- o Committee on Presiding Officers

Announcements

9:55 – 10:15 A.M.

Morning Break

10:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Legislative Committees

12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Lunch Recess – Meal provided for Delegates

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.

Service of Holy Communion

Presider: Bishop Peggy Johnson

1:30 – 4:00 P.M.

Legislative Committees

4:00 – 4:20 P.M.

Afternoon Break

4:20 – 6:20 P.M.

Legislative Committees

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

6:20 – 6:30 P.M.

Closing Devotion (Legislative Committees)

6:30 P.M. Adjournment

Saturday, May 14

8:00 – 8:45 A.M.

Worship

Preacher: Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar

8:45 – 10:25 A.M. – Plenary Session

Young People’s Address (30 minutes)

Group Discernment Introduction Session

• Reports:

- o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
- o Committee on Credentials
- o Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- o Committee on the Journal
- o Committee on Reference
- o Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- o Committee on Presiding Officers

Announcements

10:25 – 10:45 A.M.

Morning Break

10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

Small Group Session 1

12:15 – 1:15 P.M.

Lunch Recess – Meal provided for Delegates

12:25 P.M. – 12:55 P.M.

Service of Holy Communion

Presider: Bishop Eduard Khegay

1:15 – 2:45 P.M.

Small Group Session 2

2:45 – 3:05 P.M.

Afternoon Break

3:05 – 5:30 P.M.

Legislative Committees

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Dinner Recess – on your own

7:30 – 9:20 P.M.

Legislative Committees

9:20 – 9:30 P.M.

Closing Devotion (Legislative Committees)

(Adjournment – no later than 9:30 P.M.)

Sunday, May 15

1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Facilitation Group

Monday, May 16

7:00 A.M.

Committee on Agenda and Calendar

Committee on Reference

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Worship

Preacher: Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey
Consecration of Deaconesses and Home Missioners

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Opening Prayer

• Reports:

- o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
- o Committee on Credentials
- o Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- o Committee on the Journal
- o Committee on Reference
- o Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- o Committee on Presiding Officers

Consent Calendars

Four Areas of Focus (15 minutes)

Vital Congregation Moments (5 minutes)

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.

Morning Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Voting Demonstrations

Elections:

Trustees of John Street Church

250th Anniversary: John Street Church (7 minutes)

Elections:

Secretary-designate of the General Conference

Commission on the General Conference

General Agencies

Judicial Council

University Senate

Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

Lunch Recess – on your own

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.

Service of Holy Communion

Presider: Bishop Linda Lee

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Global Social Principles (10 minutes)

Calendar Items & Conference Business

150th Anniversary: United Methodist Women

(3:53 P.M.) (7 minutes)

4:00 – 4:20 P.M.

Afternoon Break

4:20 – 6:10 P.M. Opening Prayer

Calendar Items & Conference Business

Africa University (5:25 P.M.) (15 minutes)

Higher Education Report (5:40 P.M.) (30 minutes)

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

6:10 – 6:30 P.M. Closing Devotion

6:30 P.M. Adjournment

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 A.M.

Committee on Agenda and Calendar

Committee on Reference

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Worship

Preacher: Bishop Ivan M. Abrahams

General Secretary, World Methodist Council

Methodist Church of Southern Africa

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Opening Prayer

• Reports:

- o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
- o Committee on Credentials
- o Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- o Committee on the Journal
- o Committee on Reference
- o Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- o Committee on Presiding Officers

Consent Calendars

Ecumenical Introductions

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.

Morning Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Opening Prayer

200th Anniversary: Birth of the AME Church
(7 minutes)

Facilitation Group Report

Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

Lunch Recess – on your own

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.

Service of Holy Communion

Presider: Bishop William McAlilly

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Recognition of Retiring Bishops

Presentation of new Episcopal Leadership Team

Calendar Items & Conference Business

4:00 – 4:20 P.M.

Afternoon Break

4:20 – 6:10 P.M.

Calendar Items & Conference Business

“Missing in Action” – United Methodist Men

(6:03 P.M.) (7 minutes)

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

6:10 – 6:30 P.M. Closing Devotion

6:30 P.M. Adjournment

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 A.M.

Committee on Agenda and Calendar

Committee on Reference

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Worship

Preacher: Bishop James Swanson, Jr.

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Opening Prayer

• Reports:

- o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
- o Committee on Credentials
- o Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- o Committee on the Journal
- o Committee on Reference
- o Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- o Committee on Presiding Officers

Calendar Items & Conference Business

Imagine No Malaria (9:48 A.M.) (12 minutes)

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.

Morning Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Calendar Items & Conference Business

Global AIDS Report (12:18 P.M.) (7 minutes)

Vital Congregation Moments (12:25 P.M.)

(5 minutes)

12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

Lunch Recess – on your own

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.

Service of Holy Communion

Presider: Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Calendar Items & Conference Business

General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits Report

(3:51 P.M.) (7 minutes)

30th Anniversary: DISCIPLE Bible Study (3:58 P.M.)

(2 minutes)

4:00 – 4:20 P.M.

Afternoon Break

4:20 – 6:10 P.M. Open Prayer

Calendar Items & Conference Business

Report on the Sand Creek Massacre (5:40 P.M.)

(30 minutes)

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

6:10 – 6:30 P.M. Closing Devotion

6:30 P.M. Adjournment

Thursday, May 19

7:00 A.M.

Committee on Agenda and Calendar

Committee on Reference

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Worship

Preacher: Bishop John Yambasu

Commissioning of Missionaries

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Opening Prayer

• Reports:

- o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
- o Committee on Credentials
- o Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- o Committee on the Journal
- o Committee on Reference
- o Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- o Committee on Presiding Officers
- o Calendar Items & Conference Business

Vital Congregation Moments (9:55 A.M.) (5 minutes)

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.

Morning Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Calendar Items & Conference Business

200th Anniversary: Death of Francis Asbury (12:29

P.M.) (1 minute)

12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

Lunch Recess – on your own

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.

Service of Holy Communion

Presider: Bishop Jeremiah Park

2:00 – 4:00 P.M. Opening Prayer

Recognition of retiring Judicial Council Members

Introduction of new Judicial Council Members

Calendar Items & Conference Business

Recognition of Neil M. Alexander (3:58 P.M.)

(2 minutes)

4:00 – 4:20 P.M.

Afternoon Break

4:20 – 6:10 P.M. Opening Prayer

Calendar Items & Conference Business

Report from the Committee on Peace (6:00 P.M.)

(10 minutes)

Korean Association of The United Methodist Church

5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing

6:10 – 6:30 P.M. Closing Devotion

6:30 P.M. Adjournment

Friday, May 20

7:00 A.M.

Committee on Agenda and Calendar

Committee on Reference

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Worship

Preacher: Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Opening Prayer

• Reports:

- o Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
- o Committee on Credentials
- o Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- o Committee on the Journal
- o Committee on Reference
- o Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- o Committee on Presiding Officers

Calendar Items & Conference Business

Vital Congregation Moments (9:55 A.M.) (5 minutes)

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.*Morning Break***10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

Opening Prayer

GCFA Report

Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:30 – 2:00 P.M.*Lunch Recess* – on your own**12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.**

Service of Holy Communion

Presider: Bishop John Michael Lowry

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer

GC Staff Recognitions (18 minutes)

Recognition of Rev. L. Fitzgerald Reist, II (2 minutes)

Calendar Items & Conference Business

4:00 – 4:20 P.M. Afternoon Break**4:20 – 6:30 P.M.**

Opening Prayer

Calendar Items & Conference Business

Closing Message (15 minutes)

Closing Worship

Preacher: Bishop Bruce Ough

Final Adjournment

Note:

For the purposes of the General Conference, the Commission on the General Conference offers the following definitions:

Orientation—The act or process of acquainting delegates and other official participants with the processes and procedures of how the General Conference functions and the role of participants within the work of the General Conference.

Briefing—The act or instance of giving instruction or preparatory information to delegates and other official participants relating to legislative matters coming before the General Conference.

The Secretary of the General Conference and the Commission on the General Conference have the primary responsibility of offering orientations to prepare delegates and other official participants for full participation in the work of the General Conference. A variety of other organizations, both official bodies of The United Methodist Church and unofficial groups, may also provide orientations and briefings. If such an event intends to talk about actual legislation under consideration by the General Conference, then the Commission on the General Conference encourages the sponsors to use the title of “Briefing” rather than “Orientation” to communicate more effectively the nature of the event.

The Commission on the General Conference has granted authority to the Business Manager to make space available at the Convention Center for briefings provided by any of the general agencies of The United Methodist Church to the extent that space is available. The General Conference agenda and registration processes may include briefing provided that they are clearly differentiated that these are events sponsored by specific general agencies and not an official activity of the General Conference under the auspices of the Commission on the General Conference.

The following briefings are offered by general agencies and are not an official activity of the General Conference under the auspices of the Commission on the General Conference.

Briefings for Central Conference Women Delegates and all Women Delegates—sponsored by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the United Methodist Women

Briefing for Youth and Young Adult Delegates—sponsored by the Division on Ministries with Young People of the General Board of Discipleship

A Briefing for Delegates of Color and Allies—sponsored by the General Commission on Religion and Race