

Conversations on a Way Forward



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Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM [Add to my calendar](#)

Last fall, Bishop Ough hosted 15 different Conversations on A Way Forward across the Dakotas-Minnesota Area. They were attended by over 1,000 lay and clergy members.

Again this fall, Bishop Ough will host a series of 15 gatherings across the Area to continue the Conversations on A Way Forward as the denomination prepares for the special session of General Conference on February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis.

All interested persons are invited to participate. However, Bishop Ough encourages lay and clergy members of Annual Conference, local church lay leaders and key local church leaders, in particular, to attend.

Members of the Dakotas and/or Minnesota Conference delegations to the special session of General Conference will assist Bishop Ough in hosting the gatherings. This will provide an opportunity for the delegates to listen to and dialogue with participants.

These gatherings are timely for the following reasons:

- The members of the Commission on a Way Forward have completed their work, and their report has been submitted to the Commission on General Conference.
- The Council of Bishops has endorsed the One Church Plan.
- Other petitions related to the Commission's report will be available to the General Conference delegates and the church by this fall.

In addition to information about the proposals that will be before the delegates to the 2019 General Conference, the gatherings will provide a setting in which to share resources and tools for how to facilitate dialogue and build resiliency in local churches.

In preparation for the gatherings, Bishop Ough encourages persons and congregations to read *Anatomy of Peace* by the Arbingner Institute and *God Unbound* by Elaine A. Heath. Bishop Ough also encourages all United Methodists to participate in the denomination-wide prayer vigil, [Praying Our Way Forward](#).

Alexandria UMC (2210 Sixth Avenue East)	Monday	Sept. 24	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Duluth: First UMC (230 East Skyline Parkway)	Tuesday	Sept. 25	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Rochester: Christ (400 Fifth Avenue SW)	Wednesday	Sept. 26	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Bloomington: Normandale Hylands UMC (9920 Normandale Blvd)	Thursday	Sept. 27	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Maple Grove: Cross Winds UMC (15051 Weaver Lake Road)	Saturday	Sept. 29	9 - 11:30 a.m.
Mankato: Centenary UMC (501 South Second Street)	Sunday	Sept. 30	2:30 – 5 p.m.
Woodbury: The Grove UMC (7465 Steepleview Road)	Monday	Oct. 1	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Watertown: Cornerstone UMC (1350 Eleventh Street NE)	Monday	Oct. 8	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Sioux Falls: First UMC (401 South Spring Avenue)	Tuesday	Oct. 9	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Dickinson: Prairie Winds UMC (75 Third Street West)	Sunday	Oct. 14	2:30 - 5 p.m. MT
Bismarck: McCabe UMC (1030 Sixth Street North)	Monday	Oct. 15	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Fargo: Faith UMC (909 Nineteenth Avenue North)	Thursday	Oct. 18	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Pierre: First UMC (117 North Central)	Monday	Oct. 29	6:30 – 9 p.m.
Rapid City: First UMC (629 Kansas City Street)	Tuesday	Oct. 30	6:30 – 9 p.m. MT
Dakota Wesleyan University (1200 West University Avenue) *	Wednesday	Oct. 31	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Schedule

* The Conversation at Dakota Wesleyan University on October 31 is during meal time. The registrants will meet in Knox, which is near the cafeteria. Those who wish to eat during the conversation will need to go through the cafeteria line and pay for their meal and then take it to Knox where the meeting will begin at 11:30.

Events Calendar

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