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Saturday, Aug. 29, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. CT

Clergy Session: Friday, Aug. 28, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. CT

Registration

The registration deadline is Aug. 18. No late registrations will be accepted.

Who should register?

- Clergy—active, retired, or otherwise affiliated with the Minnesota Conference
The cost is \$25 and includes both the Clergy Session and Annual Conference Session.
- Lay members (elected by their local churches), equalization members (designated by their district office), and other lay representatives. **The cost is \$25.**

Those who are not voting members should not register. The Annual Conference Session will be streamed to the [Minnesota Conference Facebook page](#), and visitors will be able to watch at no cost. A Facebook account is *not* necessary to access the livestream.

The \$25 fee is to help defer the cost of production. The annual conference is meant to be self-supporting, and no dollars are budgeted to cover the expense of the event. There are limited scholarships available for those whom the cost is a barrier to participation. Contact [Gail Johnson](#) for more information.

Preparation

A conference materials packet will be available for download July 15. Printed copies can be ordered during registration and will be sent promptly after this date.

Each member of the 2020 Annual Conference Session is asked to participate in a pre-conference webinar. This will be an opportunity to discuss the legislation that will be acted upon during the conference. There will be little time during the actual session for discussion about these issues. It is key that participants take this time to get their questions answered. Some important information about the sessions:

- Sessions will be hosted by district superintendents; you are encouraged to attend the one for your district but may attend whichever session best fits your schedule.
- Connection information will be sent via email to each registered

participant in advance of your session.

- One of these sessions will be recorded for those who cannot attend.
- The pre-conference webinars will take place via BlueJeans from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT on the following dates:
North Star – Tuesday, July 28
Big Waters – Thursday, July 30
Southern Prairie – Monday, Aug. 3
Twin Cities – Wednesday, Aug. 5
River Valley – Tuesday, Aug. 11

Each member of the 2020 Annual Conference Session is also asked to attend a procedural orientation to check their connection and learn the specifics on interacting within the system (you can register for an orientation session as you register for Annual Conference). Each session is expected to last about 35 minutes; an hour is reserved to assist those who might have connection issues. The two session options are:

- Wednesday, Aug. 19, 9-10 a.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 20, 7-8 p.m.

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with the Annual Conference Session.. The theme of the [2020 Annual Conference session](#)—taking place virtually on Aug. 29—is “Be the Light—Live Hope!” The Love Offering provides the opportunity to be light and hope for those crying out for love, compassion, justice, and grace in their lives.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough invites congregations to begin praying about and preparing to participate in the Love Offering as a miraculous expression of the abundant life we have in Christ Jesus, even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and social upheaval.

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