2012 General Conference Schedule

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Registration will be closed during opening worship on Tuesday. Registration after 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 25 will be in Room 39, Office of the Secretary of the General Conference.

### Agenda and Program

Following is the overall program of the 2012 General Conference in Tampa, Florida. 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, April 21

- 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. Presiding Officer & Parliamentarian Orientation
- 9:00 – 10:30 A.M. Registration Booth Worker & Computer Operator Orientation
- 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Registration Computer Operator Orientation
- 11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Trainer Orientation for International Delegate

#### Sunday, April 22

- 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. Orientation of Legislative Committee Recorders
- 2:00 – 8:30 P.M. Orientation for International Delegates

#### Monday, April 23

- 8:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M. Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters
- 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M. Committee on Reference
- 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. Orientation of Legislative Committee Recorders
- 4:00 – 9:30 P.M. Orientation for Marshals and Pages

#### Tuesday, April 24

- 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Orientation for Heads of Delegations
- 9:00 A.M. – Committees continue to meet as necessary
- 9:00 A.M. – Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- 1:30 – 3:30 P.M. Orientation for First-time Delegates
- 4:00 – 5:40 P.M. Opening Worship & Holy Communion
- 5:40 – 7:30 P.M. Dinner Recess
- 7:30 – 9:30 P.M. Organization of the General Conference
  - Roll Call and Setting the Bar of the Conference
  - Greetings from Tampa, Emergency Procedures, and Testing the Voting System
Wednesday, April 25
7:00 A.M.
Committee on Calendar and Agenda
Committee on Reference
8:00 – 10:00 A.M. – Plenary Session
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Theological Grounding (90 minutes)
• Episcopal Address
• Laity Address
• Young People’s Address
Covenant for a Worldwide Church (10 minutes)
World Malaria Day Recognition (5 minutes)
10:00 – 10:20 A.M.
Morning Break
10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Organization of the Legislative Committees
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.
Lunch Recess – Provided for Delegates
12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.
Service of Holy Communion
1:30 – 3:00 P.M.
Legislative Committees
3:00 – 3:20 P.M.
Afternoon Break
3:20 – 5:00 P.M.
Legislative Committees
5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Dinner Recess – on your own
7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Plenary Session
Nominations for Secretary of the General Conference, Judicial Council, and University Senate
8:30 – 9:30 P.M.
Evening Worship

Thursday, April 26
7:00 A.M.
Committee on Agenda and Calendar
Committee on Reference
8:00 – 10:00 A.M.
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Legislative Committees
10:00 – 10:20 A.M.
Morning Break
10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Legislative Committees
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.
Lunch Recess – Provided for Delegates
12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.
Service of Holy Communion
1:30 – 3:00 P.M.
Legislative Committees
3:00 – 3:20 P.M.
Afternoon Break
3:20 – 5:00 P.M.
Legislative Committees
5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing
5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. – Dinner Meeting
Organization of the Inter-jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy including election of officers and executive committee
5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Dinner Recess – on your own
7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Plenary Session
Nominations for Secretary of the General Conference, Judicial Council, and University Senate
8:30 – 9:30 P.M.
Evening Worship

Friday, April 27
7:00 A.M.
Committee on Agenda and Calendar
Committee on Reference
8:00 – 10:00 A.M.
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Legislative Committees
10:00 – 10:20 A.M.
Morning Break
10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Legislative Committees
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.
**Saturday, April 28**

7:00 A.M.  
Committee on Agenda and Calendar  
Committee on Reference

8:00 – 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)  
Legislative Committees

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.  
Morning Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.  
Legislative Committees

12:30 – 1:30 P.M.  
*Lunch Recess* – Provided for Delegates

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.  
Service of Holy Communion

1:30 – 3:00 P.M.  
Legislative Committees

3:00 – 3:20 P.M.  
*Afternoon Break*

3:20 – 5:00 P.M.  
Legislative Committees

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

5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.  
*Dinner Recess* – on your own

7:30 – 9:30 P.M.  
Plenary Session with Worship  
*An Act of Repentance toward Healing Relationship with Indigenous Peoples*

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**Monday, April 30**

7:00 A.M.  
Committee on Agenda and Calendar  
Committee on Reference

8:00 – 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)  
Reports:  
- Committee on Courtesies and Privileges  
- Committee on Credentials  
- Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision  
- Committee on the Journal  
- Committee on Reference  
- Committee on Agenda and Calendar  
- Committee on Presiding Officers

Recognition of Retiring Bishops  
Presentation of new Episcopal Leadership Team  
Calendar Items & Conference Business

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.  
*Morning Break*

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.  
Judicial Council and University Senate Elections  
Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:30 – 2:30 P.M.  
*Lunch Recess* – on your own

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.  
Service of Holy Communion

2:30 – 3:35 P.M.  
Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:35 – 3:55 P.M.  
*Afternoon Break*

3:55 – 5:00 P.M.  
Calendar Items & Conference Business  
Higher Education Report (4:40 P.M.)

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

5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.  
*Dinner Recess* – on your own

7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Plenary Session  
Holy Conversation: Continental Gatherings

8:30 – 9:30 P.M.  
*Evening Worship*

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**Tuesday, May 1**

7:00 A.M.  
Committee on Agenda and Calendar  
Committee on Reference

8:00 – 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)  
Reports:  
- Committee on Courtesies and Privileges  
- Committee on Credentials
Calendar Items & Conference Business
10:00 – 10:20 A.M.
Morning Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
United Methodist Pension Program Presentation (1 hour)
Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:30 – 2:30 P.M.
Lunch Recess – on your own

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.
Service of Holy Communion

2:30 – 3:35 P.M.
Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:35 – 3:55 P.M.
Afternoon Break

3:55 – 5:00 P.M.
Celebration of Pan-Methodist Full Communion (4:30 P.M.)
Calendar Items & Conference Business

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

5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Dinner Recess – on your own

7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Plenary Session
Elections of Secretary-designate of the General Conference, Commission on the General Conference, General Agencies, Trustees of John Street Church

8:30 – 9:30 P.M.
Evening Worship

Thursday, May 3

7:00 A.M.
Committee on Agenda and Calendar
Committee on Reference

8:00 – 10:00 A.M.
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Reports:
- Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
- Committee on Credentials
- Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- Committee on the Journal
- Committee on Reference
- Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- Committee on Presiding Officers
Calendar Items & Conference Business

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.
Morning Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:30 – 2:30 P.M.
Lunch Recess – on your own

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.
Service of Holy Communion

2:30 – 3:35 P.M.
Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:35 – 3:55 P.M.
Calendar Items & Conference Business
Afternoon Break
3:55 – 5:00 P.M.
Calendar Items & Conference Business

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

5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Dinner Recess – on your own

7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Plenary Session
Recognition of Retiring Judicial Council Members
Introduction of new Judicial Council Members

8:30 – 9:30 P.M.
Evening Worship

Friday, May 4

7:00 A.M.
Committee on Agenda and Calendar
Committee on Reference

8:00 – 10:00 A.M.
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Reports:
• Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
• Committee on Credentials
• Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
• Committee on the Journal
• Committee on Reference
• Committee on Agenda and Calendar

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.
Morning Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Lunch Meeting
Organization of the Commission on the General Conference

12:30 – 2:30 P.M.
Lunch Recess – on your own

12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.
Service of Holy Communion

2:30 – 3:35 P.M.
Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:35 – 3:55 P.M.
Afternoon Break

3:55 – 5:00 P.M.
Calendar Items & Conference Business
Recognitions

Letter from the General Conference to the People of The United Methodist Church

Evening Session – if necessary
Closing Worship at the end of Business
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 briefings 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.

Briefing for Women Delegates – sponsored by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the Women’s Division of the General Board of Global Ministries

Briefing for Delegates under the Age of 30 – sponsored by the Division on Ministries with Young People of the General Board of Discipleship

Briefing for Racial and Ethnic Minority Delegates – sponsored by the General Commission on Religion and Race