

2012 General Conference Schedule

Registration

Saturday, April 21	1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	International Delegate & Interpreter Registration at Marriott Hotel
Sunday, April 22	12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	International Delegate & Interpreter Registration at Marriott Hotel
	5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.	Delegate & Official Participant Registration at Convention Center
Monday, April 23	8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.	Registration (all categories) at Convention Center
Tuesday, April 24	8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.	Registration (all categories) at Convention Center
Wednesday, April 25	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, 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	Tuesday, April 24
9:00 – 11:00 A.M. Presiding Officer & Parliamentarian Orientation	8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Orientation for Heads of Delegations
9:00 – 10:30 A.M. Registration Booth Worker & Computer Operator Orientation	9:00 A.M. – Committees continue to meet as necessary Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters Committee on Reference Committee on Calendar and Agenda
10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Registration Computer Operator Orientation	9:00 A.M. – Organization of Committees Committee on Courtesies and Privileges Committee on Credentials Committee on the Journal Committee on Presiding Officers
11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Trainer Orientation for International Delegate Orientation	9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Briefings (See notes at end of Agenda) (Not official activities of the General Conference) Briefing for Women Delegates Briefing for Delegates under the Age of 30 Briefing for Racial and Ethnic Minority Delegates
Sunday, April 22	9:00 A.M. Orientation for Seminary Students
2:00 – 5:00 P.M. Orientation of Legislative Committee Recorders	10:30 A.M. Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
2:00 – 8:30 P.M. Orientation for International Delegates	1:30 – 3:30 P.M. Orientation for First-time Delegates
Monday, April 23	4:00 – 5:40 P.M. Opening Worship & Holy Communion – Preacher: Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster
8:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M. Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters	5:40 – 7:30 P.M. <i>Dinner Recess</i>
9:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M. Committee on Reference	7:30 – 9:30 P.M. Organization of the General Conference
10:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M. Committee on Calendar and Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call and Setting the Bar of the Conference • Greetings from Tampa, Emergency Procedures, and Testing the Voting System
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	

- Commission on the General Conference Report and Plan of Organization and Rules of the General Conference
- Elections
 - Coordinator of the Calendar
 - Inter-jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy
 - Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters
 - General Conference Administrative Committees
- Report of the Committee on Agenda
- Sensitivity Training
- Miscellaneous Business and Announcements

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 – 5:00 P.M. – Lunch and Mandatory Orientation for Legislative Committee Leadership Orientation for Chairs, Vice Chairs, Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Recorders, and Sub-Committee Chairs
- 12:30 – 2:30 P.M.
Lunch Recess for All Others – on your own
- 12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.
Service of Holy Communion
- 2:30 – 3:45 P.M.
Holy Conversation: Foundation on Identity and Theology (Name Badge will have your small group room number)
- 3:45 – 4:05 P.M.
Afternoon Break
- 4:05 – 5:00 P.M.
Holy Conversation: Human Sexuality
- 5:00 P.M. – Daily Deadline for DCA Printing
- 5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Dinner Recess
- 7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Plenary Session
"Critical Choices in the Church" – Connectional Table, GCFA, and the Four Areas of Focus

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.

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*

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.
Legislative Committees

Sunday, April 29

7:00 – 9:30 P.M. – A Plenary Celebration and Challenge of
the Mission and Ministry of The United Methodist
Church

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

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

- 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.

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

Introduction of Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Church, Affiliated United Church, and Concordat Church Delegates

Presentation of Ecumenical Guests & Greetings

8:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Evening Worship

Wednesday, May 2

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.

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

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.

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

• Committee on Presiding Officers

GCFA Report

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 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

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

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.

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