# CHURCH CONFERENCE TRAINING 2025

Monday, August 4, 2025 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

# **Objectives**

- FORMS and WORKSHEETS
- Understand how to log into Arena's Self-Service Side
- Distinguish between the CHURCH's User Name and PERSONAL User Names in Arena
- Learn how to update the committee list to ensure Committee Chairs have access to reports and members list
- Walk through Arena and discuss forms
- What has changed

# As you begin . . .

- Let the church know the date, time for your church conference so they can attend.
- Print out the CC Checklist to stay organized.
- Church's Recording Secretary should take Meeting Minutes documenting all voting and general information discussed. A template will be provided.

# What has changed?

- Clergy Sexual Misconduct Form
  - No longer required. BOOM is now keeping track of the Sexual Ethics Training.
- Pastor Report- the report has changed slightly . . . there is only one answer box- responses to all the questions will be answered in that space.
  - > If a pastor has multiple churches, they can include them all in one report OR pastors can choose to complete multiple reports.
- Certification of Compliance
  - No longer required. However, the Laity Sexual Misconduct form is still available.

ALL forms requiring a signature will be signed in-person.

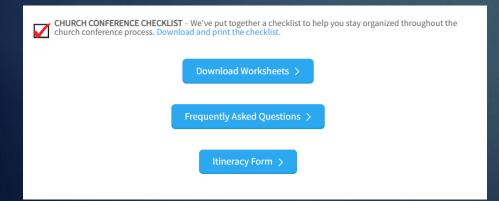
# Laity Sexual Misconduct Questionaire . . .

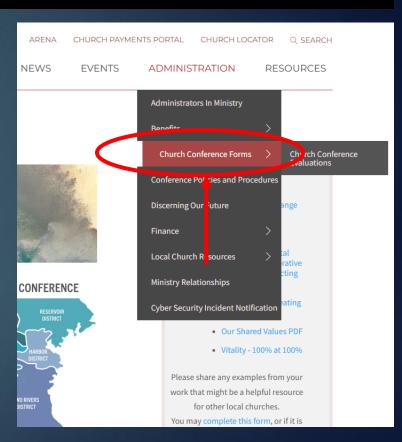
- > Review the **BWC Sexual Ethics Policy**
- ➤ If the church chooses to use the form, print it out and make sure to answer Yes or No for ALL questions.
- Forms must be retained by local church in a locked file cabinet in the church office.

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Name:		
Date :		
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#### http://www.bwcumc.org/resources/church-conferences-forms

- > CC Checklist
- Worksheets
- > Forms
- Benefit Information
- > FAQ





# FORMS ...

- Candidate for Ordained Ministry
- Clergy Compensation Reports
  - >Single Church
  - > Multi-Church Charge

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#### **FORMS**

Complete the forms below and upload them in Arena. Only complete the forms that apply to you and/or your church.

- · REQUIRED FOR ALL CHURCHES
  - Clergy Compensation Report for a Single Church
  - Clergy Compensation Report for a Multi-Church Charge
- ONLY NEEDED WHEN APPLICABLE
  - Declaration of Candidacy for Ordained Ministry

### Worksheets . . .

- Used to collect the information needed to complete the electronic forms in Arena.
- Same questions as in Arena Reports.
- Word documents can be filled out digitally or completed by hand and turned in to the Church Administrator.
- NOTE: Print last year's forms in Arena. The forms are prefilled so you only need to update the information instead of starting from scratch.



#### LAY SERVANT MINISTRY Certified Lay Servant (CLS) ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

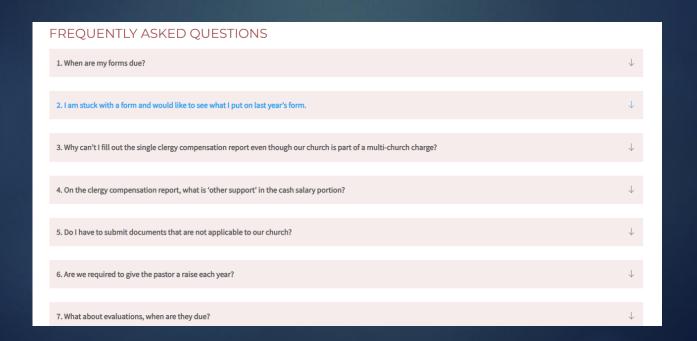
Report for year ending December 2018

This worksheet is provided for draft purposes only. The actual form must be entered and submitted in Arena at least 10 days prior to the scheduled date of your church conference.

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## FAQ...

- These cover the most frequently raised topics and should help clarify things quickly.
- Please take a look at the FAQ before contacting your district administrator.



# Two Type Arena accounts

#### Personal Account

- Same User Name (UN) used to register for an event or class.
- Personal UN looks like: JPublic3

#### > Church Account

- Each Church already has a User Name (UN)
- Church UN looks like: BWC-0000-0A
- Where All of the CC reports can be accessed and the Pastoral Evaluation can be accessed.

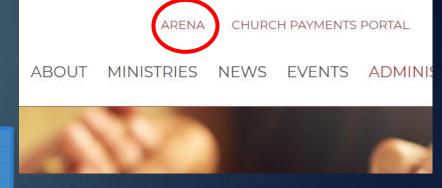
Click Forgot Username or Forgot Password for your log-in.

### Arena

- Database and Event Registration System for churches
- Self-Service access thru BWC website: www.bwcumc.org/ then click Arena.
- Click on button to Log In.
- Enter User Name and Password

You are not logged in. Click here to log in.

# WELCOME TO ARENA!! Arena is the database and event registration system of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. To access Arena, click the Log In button below Arena Home My Account My Events My Committees



# **Arena landing page**

- Once you have logged into Arena, you will use the Navigation menus on the right and choose the appropriate section to access the Church Conference forms, Evaluation forms and the Committee list.
- Choose Church Conference Forms and Church Evaluation Forms when logged in as the church.
- Choose My Church Conference Forms and My Evaluation Forms when logged in as an individual.
- To update the Committee List (Nominations Report), click on "My Committees" at the bottom of the Navigation Panel. Note: the name of your church is listed at the bottom of the page.

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# 2025 Church Conference Reports

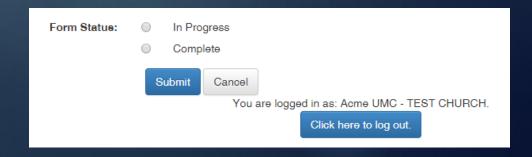


### 2025 Church Conference (CC)

- The forms we provide are required by The Book of Discipline
- All forms will be completed by logging into Arena. https://arenaweb.bwcumc.org
- Pastors, Church Administrators or the designee responsible for managing and monitoring CC form completion should log in to Arena with the CHURCH's Arena account.
- Committee Chairs/Certified Lay Servant/Speaker/ Ministers and Pastors have access to pertinent forms by logging in to their personal Arena accounts.

# **Submitting reports**

- > Read all directions
- Some items may be required You can't submit until everything with an asterisk is complete.
- Indicate if the report is in Progress or Complete
- > Hit the **SUBMIT BUTTON**
- Each time you edit you must hit SUBMIT



# What has changed?

- Certified Lay Servant (CLS), Certified Lay Speaker (CLSp), and Certified Lay Minister (CLM) reports
  - No longer need to upload the basic certificate or the most recent class taken certificate
  - The only certificate needed is the one received from the District Director indicating their status as a CLS, CLSp, or CLM.

# **Certified Lay Reports**

- > 3 Categories:
  - Certified Lay Servant
  - Certified Lay Speaker
  - Certified Lay Minister
- For initial certification, you must take the Basic and one Advanced Course and submit the initial application.
- To remain in good standing certified lay must complete and submit the Annual Report EACH year as a part of church conference season. Also . . .
  - Certified Lay Servants and Speakers must take a recertification class every three years and submit the necessary renewal application. Certified Lay Ministers must take a recertification class every two years.

# **Certified Lay Reports**

- Make sure to put something in all fields, even if N/A or you will not be able to submit it.
- Upload your status certificate into Arena document.
- Please visit
  <a href="https://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/dev">https://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/dev</a>
  <a href="elop-leaders/laity-development/">elop-leaders/laity-development/</a> and
  click on *Learn more* to download the
  required application to submit to your
  Certified Lay Director for processing.

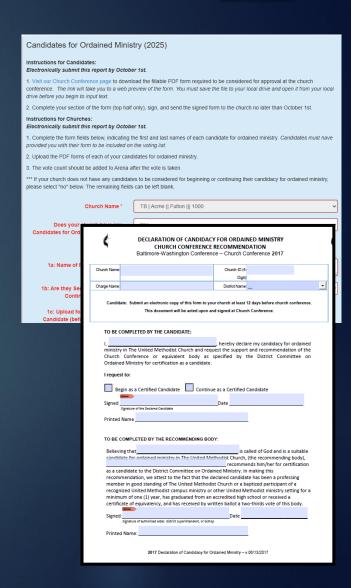






# **Candidate for Ordained Ministry**

- Has two steps parts:
  - > An Arena report:
    - > List all candidates.
    - Upload Declaration PDF for each candidate.
    - > Place for 5 candidates
- IMPORTANT: After your CC add vote by clicking edit.



#### **Committee Toolbox...**

- Can only be accessed from the Church's Arena account.
- Skip committees/ministry groups that your church doesn't have.
- The *My Committees* is used to generate the Nominations Report.

  Acres UMC TEST CHURCH, Frederick (1000) 2028 Nominations Report (Standard Model) Paried July (7, 2025)

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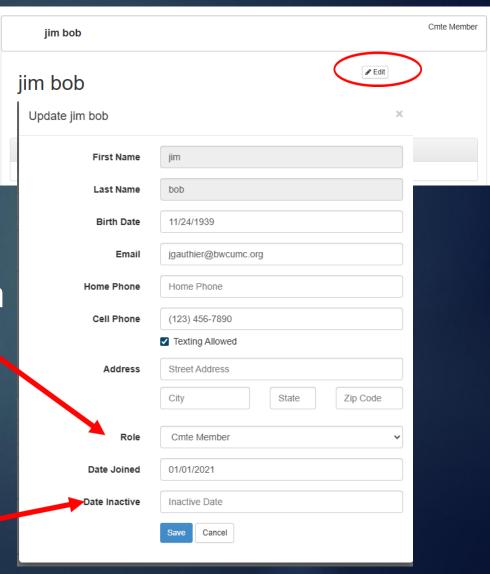
# **Arena Committee groups**

- > 9 Key Committees in Church, in addition to Pastor...
  - > Church Council
  - Finance Ministry (Chair)
  - Finance Ministry (Treasurer)
  - Lay Leaders (Lay Leader)

- > Lay Members to AC
- > SPRC / PPRC
- Trustees (Cmte Chair/Pres)
- Lay LeadershipDevelopment(Nominations)

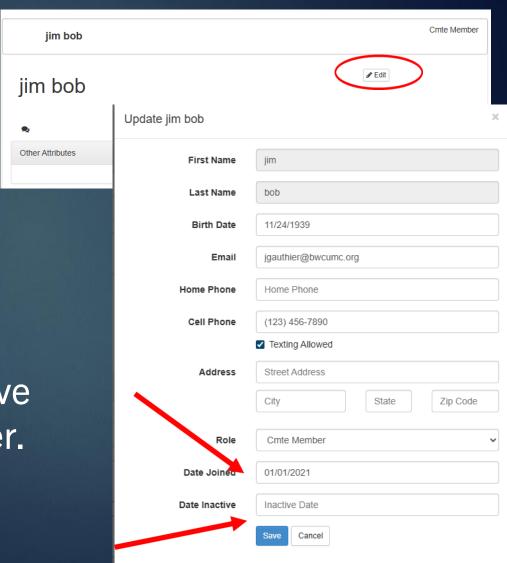
#### **Edit Committees Members**

- > Change role
- Date joined
- Date inactive
- Church can update information on behalf of the person



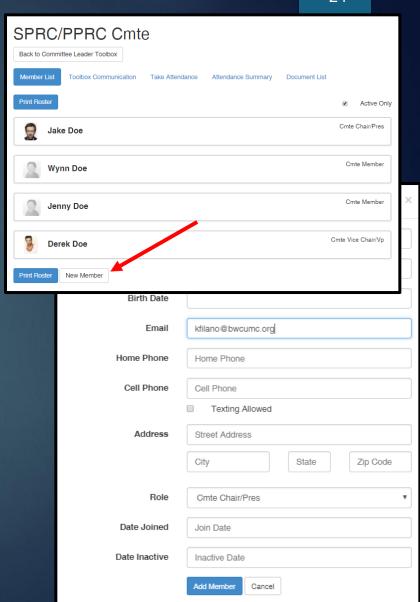
#### **Committees Classes**

- SPRC/PPRC, Lay
   Leadership
   Development
   (Nominations), and
   Trustee Committees
   must show the three
   classes.
- Add a date joined (start) and date inactive (end) for each member.



# Add to Committee Roster

- > Add Member
- Enter first and last name and email address.
- Default role is committee member, so make sure to change it.
- Add date joined (term started) and end date



## Print membership roster

#### Select Current or Future members

#### Acme UMC - TEST CHURCH, Millsvillle (1990) Committee Roster (Present Members)

Committee Group	Member Name	Pusition	status	Start	End
Church Council					
	Jake Doe	Cmte Chair/Pres	Present	01/01/16	
	Ginny Doe	Treasurer	Present	01/01/17	
	Derek Doe	Cmte Member	Present	01/01/15	
Church School / Small					
Group	Jake Doe	Cmte Chair/Pres	Present	08/21/17	
Clergy / Pastors					
	Derek Doe	Pastor	Present	01/01/17	
Communications Cmte					ĺ
	Jake Doe	Cmte Member	Present	08/22/17	
Family Ministries					
	Tonia Bennett	Cmte Member	Present	08/16/17	
	Katie Filano	Family Min. Coord.	Present	08/01/17	
Finance Cmte					
	Jake Doe	Cmte Chair/Pres	Present	01/01/17	
Lay Servant Ministries					
	Wynn Doe	Certified Lay Servant	Present	01/01/17	
	Derek Doe	Certified Lay Speaker	Present	08/01/17	
SPRC/PPRC Cmte					
	Jake Doe	Cmte Chair/Pres	Present	01/01/17	
	Derek Doe	Cmte Vice Chair/VP	Present	08/22/17	
	Jenny Doe	Cmte Member	Present	08/25/17	
	Wynn Doe	Cmte Member	Present	01/01/17	
Trustees Cmte					
	Joe Handyman	Cmte Chair/Pres	Present	01/01/17	
Worship Cmte					
	s wright	Cmte Chair/Pres	Present	08/16/17	

#### Committee Leader Toolbox

#### **Church Conference Reports:**

Nominations Report for 2026 (Committees) Nominations Report for 2026 (Unified Board)

#### Membership Rosters:

Committees (All CURRENT Members)
Committees (All FUTURE Members)

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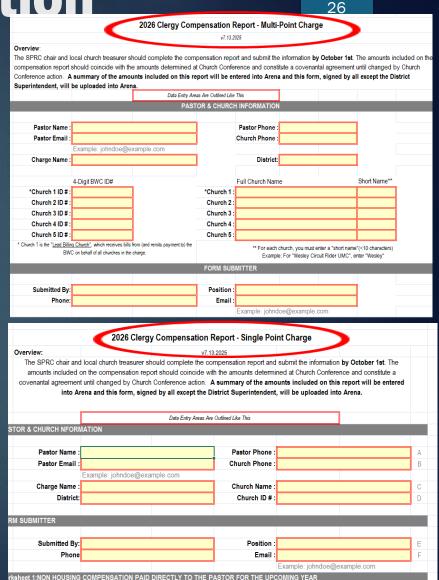
Unified Board membership rosters coming soon

#### Acme UMC - TEST CHURCH, Millsvillle (1000) Committee Roster (Future Members)

Committee Group	Member Name	Position	Status	Start	End
Adult Ministries					
	Jake Doe	Cmte Chair/Pres	Future	01/01/18	
	Katie Filano	Cmte Chair/Pres	Future	01/01/19	
	Ginny Doe	Cmte Member	Future	01/01/18	
	Dave Schoeller	Cmte Member	Future	01/01/18	
Campus Ministry					Ì
	Derek Doe	Cmte Chair/Pres	Future	01/01/18	8/28/20
Clergy / Pastors					
	Katie Filano	Pastor	Future	01/01/18	
Finance Cmte					
	Derek Doe	Treasurer	Future	01/01/18	8/23/50
Worship Cmte					
	Tonia Bennett	Cmte Member	Future	01/01/18	

**Clergy Compensation** 

- > EXCEL Worksheet
- 2 types Single Church and Multi-Church Charge
- Read instructions carefully.
- SPRC in consultation with Finance should complete it.
- Fill out top -- Make sure to select correct District.



# **Clergy Compensation**

- Last page shows the Church's/churches' total financial obligation for the pastor
  - Type in the names of the SPRCChair and Treasurer

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** Please bring <u>ALL</u> pages of this report to your Church Conference. **								
FINANCIAL Obligation For								
Based on compensation and benefits (amounts and participation) entered in the areas above,								
	each church's total financial obligation to the pastor is shown below.							
Lines 47-50 (only	Lines 47-50 (only): Adjust each church's portion of total premium until "YES" is displayed next to each row.							
Compensation	Sum of All Church							
Categories	Contributions Equals						Total	
Catogorios	Total?							
Parsonage Provided	N/A	-						44
Total Cash Comp	YES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	45
Housing Allowance (\$0 for parsonage)	YES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	46
HealthFlex Premium (Church Portion)*	Enrolled?	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Enrolled?	47
COMPASS Fixed Flat Dollar Contribution*	Enrolled?	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	Enrolled?	48
COMPASS (3%+4% Cash Comp) Contribution*	Enrolled?	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	Enrolled?	49
CPP - Comprehensive Protection Plan*	Enrolled?	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	Enrolled?	50
Total Expected Expense Reimbursement	YES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	S -	\$ -	\$ -	51
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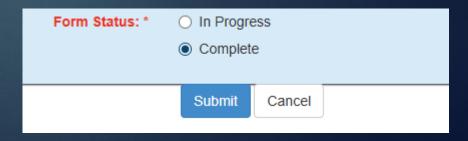
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Based on compensation and benefits (amounts and participation) entered in the areas above.

# **Clergy Compensation Summary**

- Arena Report
- Same report for single and multipoint charge
- Summary of information found on the last page of the Compensation Report.
- You will upload the FULL Compensation Report. The uploaded file is what you will bring to church conference.
- Complete Form Status
- Sign at church conference





# **Lay Ministry District Directors**

#### Visit:

#### www.bwcumc.org/lay-ministry-contacts/#directors

Name	District
Dionne Hall	Canal District
Ettadean Hyman, Elizabeth Stemley, Kim Walker	Harbor District
Patrick McCourt	Lakes District
Edie Beard	Reservoir District
Derrick Posey, Carol Travis, Pamela Plummer	Tidal Basin
Delila Parham, Gregory Parham, Kim Walker	Two Rivers

# What should the church bring.

All churches must bring a presiding clergy packet. The packet is to include the following:

- Clergy Compensation (all pages of the <u>EXCEL</u> document)
- Nominations Report
- Care of Members Report, if applicable
- Candidate for Ordained Ministry, if applicable
- Voting Tally Sheet- this will be generated and included in the email with the reports review

# Things to note ....

- > The church should provide members with copies of the church's submitted church conference reports.
- The church must bring a hard copy of the following for the presiding clergy. (Please note that these documents should not be stapled and must be single-sided.)
  - ALL pages of the Clergy Compensation Form for each pastor. This is the Excel document that the church uploaded as a part of the compensation report in Arena.
  - Nominations Report
  - And if applicable...
    - Care of Members Report
    - Candidate for Ordained Ministry Forms

### **Announcements**

- Sept. 22: Presiding Clergy Training
- Oct. 1: ALL church conference reports due
- Nov. 15: Pastor Self-Evaluations and SPRC Evaluation
   & Appointment Advisory Reports due
  - > This date is earlier than previous years
  - The pastoral goals are no longer a separate report; they are now included in the pastor self-evaluation
- Nov. 15: Itineracy Form
  - Required submission for all full and provisional elders
  - Only submitted via the Pastor's personal Arena account
- Dec. 2: Statistical Reports Training