

**UMC-Next  
May 20-22, 2019**

Easter Blessings!

On May 20-22 a gathering of 600 United Methodist leaders from across the UMC will meet to discuss the future of The United Methodist Church. We will have ten people from each annual conference in the US, as well as many of our bishops, general secretaries and other key leaders. Over 2,500 people were nominated which demonstrates the desire of many to join this effort. You have been invited to take one of the 600 available spots. Please know your voice is needed and your leadership is valuable to this cause.

The aim of this gathering is to pray, discuss and discern a better way forward for the UMC. The ten leaders from each annual conference will be charged with going back to their annual conference to organize similar gatherings in each annual conference. To read more about the conversations that have led to this gathering click [here](#).

You have been selected because you are a person of influence who can mobilize others and because it is our understanding you support the basic tenets of the One Church Plan or Simple Plan.

**We need to know by Friday at noon** if you are able and willing to come to this event. If we do not hear from you by Friday, we will need to begin inviting alternates to attend. **Please register today through this [link](#).**

**If you are unable to attend, please fill out this [briefform](#) so we can invite someone else in your place.**

There is no sponsoring agency or apportionment dollars being used for this event. Therefore, it is critical that you invest in the future of our denomination by covering your own expenses. These expenses include travel expenses, lodging and food and contribute \$50 toward food costs on-site (Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch and snacks). If you cannot cover these expenses, we encourage you to reach out to a supportive partner who might be willing to help you contribute to the denomination in this way.

We will meet at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas (a suburb of Kansas City). We will begin on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM and conclude at noon on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hotel reservations can be made at the room block at the DoubleTree by Hilton (see registration link above) or at one of the hotel partners (for a list see registration link).

We need you. **This is an invitation only event.** Please do not forward this invite to anyone else. You must register using the same email that received this invitation. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please email: [umcnext@umc.org](mailto:umcnext@umc.org).

God is doing a new thing in our beloved United Methodist Church. Join us.

The Convening Team  
Rev. Tom Berlin, Floris UMC  
Rev. Junius Dotson, General Secretary, GBOD  
Rev. Adam Hamilton, Church of the Resurrection  
Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, North Georgia  
Bishop Mike McKee, North Texas  
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