

Wisconsin Annual Conference

A Vision for Ministry 2013-2016

Theme: Living the Fruit of the Spirit (Got Fruit?)

Vision: *What would it look like if all our congregations became centers of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control? (Galatians 5:22-23)*

Primary Work of Conference Boards and Agencies (Ongoing):

- to support and foster the work of disciple-formation and effective ministry in local congregations and circuits throughout the Wisconsin Annual Conference;
- to provide for our local congregations those ministries and missional opportunities that congregations cannot be expected to provide for themselves (camps, campus ministries, national advocacy, etc.);
- to support and enable congregations to engage in new and emerging ministries through circuit and conference development;
- to educate and inform the members of our congregations about the critical work of the church and to provide congregational leaders with the information and resources necessary to cultivate vibrant and vital faith;
- to do everything in our power to strengthen and support our connectional identity as The United Methodist Church, and to promote the mission of the denomination and the vision of our Annual Conference.

Three Goals for the Next Quadrennium – (developed by Bishop, Full Cabinet including DLET)

1. To enhance and improve the functioning of all our conference boards, agencies, and working groups, especially in areas of communication and raising awareness of the work done throughout the Annual Conference;
2. To align the work of all our conference boards, agencies and working groups to engage in more effective stewardship and to produce better results, especially at the local church level;
3. To develop, launch and support a conference-wide comprehensive leadership development academy to equip both clergy and laity leaders for greater congregational health and growth.

Conference Priorities

(from 2007-2008 Strategic Planning Process)

1. **Collaborative Clergy/Laity Leadership** -- Strong, effective, collaborative clergy and laity leadership development
2. **Healthy Relationships & Congregational Environments** -- Healthy, dynamic relationships between people that form strong, productive, spiritually centered congregational environments
3. **Effective Communication** -- Effective communication practices and processes within, between, and beyond our local congregations
4. **Balance of Inward & Outward Focus** -- Solid balance of inward focus for spiritual formation and cultivation of beloved community with outward focus of missional outreach and servant ministry
5. **New Faith Development** -- Constant and consistent intentional new ministry development and cultivation
6. **Multicultural Identity** -- Intentional development of multicultural, bicultural, and cross-cultural ministries to serve everyone as well as possible.

***Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!***

