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To: Members and Friends of the Wisconsin Annual Conference:

The 2020 “Virtual” Wisconsin Annual Conference Session is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. As you know, this year’s Annual Conference Session will be held via ZOOM Webinar. The COVID-19 Pandemic makes it not only unwise, but actually unsafe, for us to gather together in person. We are blessed to have the services of GNTV Media Ministry, a United Methodist-Related Media Services Company from Macon, Georgia, as the host for our ZOOM Webinar for all Annual Conference Sessions this year.

If you have not already registered for the Annual Conference Session, you need to do so no later than the final registration deadline of October 16, 2020 at 12:00pm. You can find more information about registration, and a link to the registration website at <https://www.wisconsinumc.org/annual-conference>

Accompanying this letter you will find the **2020 Wisconsin Annual Conference Workbook**. The Workbook contains all of the items that will be considered during the Virtual Annual Conference Session on October 24. The Workbook is only available this year in electronic form. It has not been printed for distribution. You will need to have this workbook available during all of the Annual Conference Sessions on October 24. Please feel free to print your own copy of the workbook if you would like.

You will also need your 8-digit Registration Confirmation Number, which you should have received in an Email message after you registered. That number is also your Voter-Unique Identification Number which you will need to use when we vote on actions during the Annual Conference Sessions. You will receive a reminder email with your unique Voter Identification Number (Registration Number) prior to the Annual Conference Session.

As a reminder, only the Lay and Clergy Members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference may vote during the Annual Conference Session. The Clergy Members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference are the Elders and Deacons in Full Connection in the Wisconsin Annual Conference (both active and retired), Provisional Members, Associate Members and Retired Associate Members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, and Full and Part-Time Licensed Local Pastors under appointment in The Wisconsin Annual Conference. Those who are Retired Local Pastors, as well as clergy members of other Annual Conferences or Denominations serving among us, are welcome to attend the ZOOM webinar session, but do not have vote in the Annual Conference Sessions.

There are still two Training Sessions on using the ZOOM Webinar platform and the Voting Process scheduled. Links for the training sessions are:

Wisconsin Member Training #3, Thursday, October 8, 10am: <https://link.gntv.info/wicmembertraining3>

Wisconsin Member Training #4, Friday, October 23, 10am: <https://link.gntv.info/wicmembertraining4>

Every member of the annual conference should attend at least one Training Session prior to the Annual Conference on October 24. While all of the training sessions are similar, you are welcome to attend more than one training session if you would find that helpful.

Links to the ZOOM Webinar Annual Conference Sessions to be held on Saturday, October 24 will be sent to you by Email closer to the time of the Annual Conference Session.

I am looking forward to being with you “Virtually” on October 24.

May God’s blessings be with you, now and always.

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