



## The United Methodist Church

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Friends in Christ,

I look forward to our Annual Conference Session. The theme for the 236th Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference Session on May 20-21, 2022, is *Now*. The mission of Christ in our world is as urgent as it has ever been.

We will gather for worship, holy conferencing and discernment as we review our progress and chart a bold future. When we gather, we will give thanks for those who served among us and now share in eternal glory. We will commission, ordain and elect the next generation of leaders.

We will also discuss important ministry matter, charting and securing a sustainable future mission. We will review progress on the work of the Economic Justice Team, EPA strategic direction, congregational vitality and sustainability, the 2023 budget, elect new leaders, and hear how leadership will lead our Way Forward .

To prepare for our conferencing together I invite you to:

1. Start with prayer. Pray that God will bless our time together. Pray for healing and renewal of the Wesleyan Path and pray for our ministry together.
2. Share with your congregation. Use the reports in this workbook to share about our ministries, to celebrate the lay and clergy members who are honored.
3. Engage with your congregation the legislation that will be before us.

Jesus was sent for the urgency and salvation of his time and the Holy Spirit gifted future generations with the body of Christ, the Church. Now is the time for us to claim all that God wants to do now through the United Methodists of EPA. Let's continue to work together to call and equip transformational leaders to make disciples and grow vital congregations for the transformation of the world.

Keep the faith!

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