



Council of Bishops

The United Methodist Church



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TO: Jurisdictional Conference Secretaries
Annual Conference Secretaries
Heads of Delegations to the 2020 Jurisdictional Conferences (or successors)
Secretary of the General Conference
Chairperson of the Commission on the General Conference

FROM: Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey,
President, Council of Bishops

RE: Call for the Postponed 2020 Jurisdictional Conferences

Grace and peace to you from God, our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the postponement of the 2020 General Conference and subsequent postponement of Jurisdictional and Central Conferences, the Council of Bishops hereby issues a call of the postponed Jurisdictional Conferences as per Division Two - Section IV - Article IV of The Constitution of The United Methodist Church (§26 of The Book of Discipline (2016)).

The Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States will be held **November 10-12, 2021**. The days prior to and after can be used at the discretion of each Jurisdictional Conference.

Jurisdictional Conference secretaries will be in communication with annual conference secretaries regarding delegate information, seating of reserve delegates, and other issues pertaining to the Jurisdictional Conferences.

As per Division Two - Section V - Article III of The Constitution of The United Methodist Church (§30 of The Book of Discipline (2016)), Central Conferences outside the United States will be held within a year following the postponed 2020 General Conference that will be held in 2021.

The Council of Bishops encourages the entire United Methodist Church to continue in deep, unceasing prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide us through these unprecedented times of challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. God, who has been with us on this journey, will see us through and bring us together in praise and worship.