

**COVID-19 Covenant for Attending the June 10 – 13, 2022
Wisconsin Annual Conference Session**

March 1, 2022

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, offered guidance for our relationships with God and with one another that have come to be known as “Three Simple Rules”:

- First: Do No Harm
- Second: Do All the Good You Can
- Third: Stay in Love with God

In the spirit of that simple yet profound wisdom, the 2022 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference is being planned to help us do just that, particularly in light of the ongoing challenges that COVID-19 presents when people gather. As followers of Jesus Christ, we will be guided by the principle of first doing no harm, so that together we can do all the good we can, because the reason we gather is our love for God, our love for one another, and our love for the community and world in which we live. We will strive to place the well-being of those around us ahead of our own desires or well-being.

The 2022 Wisconsin Annual Conference Session is currently scheduled from June 10 – 13 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. While we are looking forward to gathering in-person with our sisters and brothers in Christ, we understand that some conference members may not yet be comfortable in a large gathering, or that it may still pose a serious health risk for them. Therefore, this year’s Annual Conference Session will be a “hybrid” experience: members may attend either in person or online.

For those who attend Annual Conference in-person in Green Bay, we will be following, at a minimum, the COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC and the facilities guidelines from the KI Convention Center that are in place at the time of the Annual Conference Session. Those guidelines currently include:

- All persons must wear either a disposable surgical mask or an N95/KN95 mask while in any public space of the KI Convention Center or the attached hotels.
- We will practice “social distancing” to the extent that can be accommodated within the facilities of the KI Convention Center.
- COVID-19 Vaccination – although this is not currently required for in-person attendance, we encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated for their own well-being, and for the well-being of those around them. If you are not fully vaccinated, please consider attending the Annual Conference sessions online.

While these guidelines apply to everyone attending the Wisconsin Annual Conference session in person, other groups will be using some portions of the KI Convention Center at the same time the Annual Conference is meeting, and we have no control over how those groups may approach the issues raised by COVID-19.

Members who wish to attend the Annual Conference session online may do so through ZOOM Webinar, with full participation in the discussions and decision-making process of the Annual Conference.

These guidelines are subject to change at any time, due to the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 virus. We appreciate your understanding, patience and flexibility as the 2022 Wisconsin Annual Conference meets in ways that provide the best opportunity for the well-being of all the participants.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Kevin Rice Myers,
Conference Secretary

Rev. Claudia Deede,
Chair, Program and Arrangements