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Donations can be given online by visiting <http://bit.ly/UNYdonations>.

#### Prayer Room at UNY Annual Conference

At this year's Annual Conference there will be a prayer room available for those who would desire a space for quiet reflection or who desire someone to pray with them. The prayer room will be staffed by spiritual directors in our Conference at the following times:

- Thursday, June 17: 2-5:30 p.m., 7-9 p.m.
- Friday, June 18: 9-12:15 a.m., 2-5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 19: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

This year's prayer room will be virtual through Zoom and individuals will be able to meet one-on-one in a private breakout room. Visit <https://unyumc.zoom.us/j/5352500306> to enter the prayer room at any of the aforementioned times.

#### Pre-Conference trainings

For those who registered for Annual Conference, it would be helpful to know how the technical component works. Our technical support provider, GNTV, provided helpful trainings in



May. Visit <https://vimeo.com/554325042> to watch a recording of this training.

GNTV will be hosting one final training session on June 16 beginning at 10 a.m. This training will be different than the recorded training because you will use your actual personal ID number that will be sent to the email you registered for Annual Conference with from GNTV prior to the training. This will be great practice to become accustomed to the format of Annual Conference, which begins on June 17. Visit <https://link.gntv.info/unytraining16/> at 10 a.m. on June 16 to join the training.

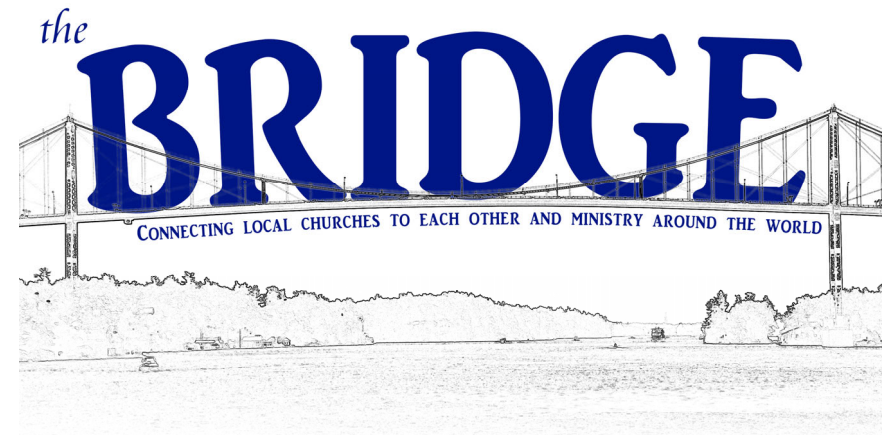
Do you have any questions about Annual Conference 2021—you may find the questions here: <http://bit.ly/UNYAC2021FAQ>.

If you have a question not addressed in the FAQs, feel free to send it to [questions@unyumc.org](mailto:questions@unyumc.org).

*The Bridge is a Conference Communications Ministry tool that delivers to local churches news and stories of ministry from around the Upper New York Conference and the world. For more news and stories visit:*

**[www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org)**

The 2021 Session of the Upper New York Annual Conference will be held remotely June 17-19. Visit <https://www.unyumc.org/events/annual-conference> to learn more.



The Upper New York Conference's vision is to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places.

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The Upper New York (UNY) Annual Conference will be held June 17-19 via Zoom. The theme of this year's Annual Conference is: Together in Prayer: Courageously sharing God's story. Anyone can watch the conference, which will be livestreamed; a link will be available at [unyumc.org](http://unyumc.org). Voting members of the UNY Conference must have registered by June 1 to be able to vote.

The schedule for Annual Conference is as follows:

## Thursday (6/17)

Morning (9:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.)

- 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Opening Worship
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 pm Laity Session and Clergy Session

Afternoon (1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

- Organizational Motion
- Plenary

Evening (7 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

- Plenary – focus on petitions

## Friday (6/18)

Morning (8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

- Opening Devotions
  - Plenary
- Afternoon (1:30 p.m. – 5:30 pm)
- Plenary
- Evening – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

- 7 pm - Memorial Service (livestreamed)

## Saturday (6/19)

Morning (9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.)

- 9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Juneteenth Celebration
- 9:30 – 9:50 a.m. UNY's 11th Anniversary
- Retiree Recognition
- Naming of the Appointments

Afternoon (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)

- 1 p.m. – Ordination Rehearsal
- 3 p.m. – Ordination Service livestreamed to AC (live at Cicero UMC by invitation only)

## Observers and worship live streams

Those who are not voting members of the Upper New York Annual Conference

but wish to observe will be able to do so through a live stream on the Conference website <http://www.unyumc.org>. Similarly, there will be a live memorial service and service of ordination, but both services are by invitation only due to limited capacity. Both services will also be livestreamed and available through the Conference website.

## Pre-Conference briefings

This year, Conference leaders gave their briefings during three Zoom trainings in May. Briefings have been recorded and are now available on the Conference website. Visit <http://bit.ly/UNYpreconferencebriefings> to access video briefings from the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, the Trustees, Equitable Compensation, and the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

## The UNY Conference Journal Vol. 1

The 2021 Upper New York Conference *Journal, Vol. 1* is available for download as a free PDF and for purchase through online publisher Lulu.com. Visit <http://bit.ly/UNY2021journalvol1> to download the PDF; visit <http://bit.ly/UNYjournalvol1purchase> to purchase it for \$4.93 (plus shipping and applicable sales tax) from Lulu.com.

## UNY 2022 proposed Ministry Share budget

The 2022 proposed Ministry Share budget for the UNY Conference will be voted on at Annual Conference. Visit <http://bit.ly/UNY2022MSbudget> to review the proposed Ministry Share budget for 2022 and to read the narrative bud-

get, which explains the Ministry Areas for each line item in the budget.

## Petitions and Resolutions at the 2021 Annual Conference

Petitions and resolutions can be found on pages 33-66 of the *Journal Vol. 1* (<http://bit.ly/UNY2021journalvol1>). Reports can be found on pages 67-104 of the *Journal Vol. 1*.

## Donations being requested at 2021 Annual Conference

**Clergy Care Fund** assists clergy who need financial support.

**Helping Hands Fund** raises money to be used by the Upper New York Cabinet to assist congregants in need of financial support.

**Mission of Peace (MOP)** is an annual journey of discovery and shalom to nations in our global community. It is sponsored by the Northeastern Jurisdiction Council on Youth Ministries.

**New Faith Communities** work to create safe places for un-churched or de-churched people to explore their faith, consider what it means to follow Jesus Christ, and then practice discipleship together with new friends.

**UNY Mission Central HUB** is a place for local churches to actively engage in outreach and disaster response ministries. Located inside the UNY Methodist Center, the HUB offers trainings for the Conference's Volunteer in Mission and Disaster Response teams and is also a place where volunteers collect and assemble

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