

2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church - all to the glory of God.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- Pre-register online: <https://www.ctcumc.org/ac19>
- Read the **Preliminary Report**: <https://www.ctcumc.org/ac19-prelim>
- Review “Announcements” pages 8-10
- Review convention center layout and District seating chart pages 11-13
- Review “Agenda” pages 15-20
- Familiarize yourself with the “Consent Agenda” pages 21-22
- Review voting and parliamentary procedures, pages 26-33
 - (more detailed voting info will be presented at the laity session at 8:30 Monday morning)
- Locate “Hotel Occupancy Tax Exemption Form” on page 192, complete and present to hotel at check-in.

ARRIVAL

- Most AC19 events are at the **Arlington Convention Center (ACC)** (1200 Ballpark Way)
 - Driving directions are on page 34.
- If you need to **register in person**, please arrive Sunday, June 9 between 3:00 and 5:00 pm, and find your **district table in the ACC Lobby**.
- If you have **pre-registered**, the first event of annual conference is opening worship on Sunday at 7:00 pm at **First UMC, Hurst**. On Monday, you will find your name badge at your assigned table in the main hall.

SESSIONS

- Attend all sessions and worship services
 - All business sessions will be held at Arlington Convention Center (1200 Ballpark Way)
 - Opening worship will be Sunday at 7:00 pm at First UMC, Hurst (521 W Pipeline Rd, Hurst)
 - Ordination service will be Tuesday at 7:00 pm at First UMC, Hurst (521 W Pipeline Rd, Hurst)
- Business sessions include receiving and acting upon reports
- Lay members participate in all deliberations and votes (except for clergy session and voting for clergy delegates)
- Laity session will be in the main hall at 8:30 am on Monday.
- Microphones are in place for speaking to an issue.
 - Address the chair first (Bishop Lowry)
 - State your name and church i.e.; “Joe Smith from First Whiskey Flatts”

MISCELLANEOUS

- Bring note-taking materials
- Access to a *Book of Discipline* is useful.
 - Free version: <https://www.cokesbury.com/forms/DynamicContent.aspx?id=87&pageid=920#9568>
- Cokesbury Resource Center is in Exhibit Hall 3.
- Sometimes the room temperature is cold. A jacket or sweater is suggested.
- If you're posting to social media, please use **#ctcac19** as the hashtag.
- Free Wi-Fi is available, but it is often slow because of heavy traffic.

LOCAL CHURCH REPORTS

Lay members should make a report back to the local church after conference. The report could be made at the administrative board/council meeting.