

Central Maryland District
Cluster Church Conference Agenda
Fall 2018

Welcome and Introduction

Host Pastor and District Superintendent

Devotion:

Opening Prayer

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:1-6, 1 Corinthians 12:7-14, 27-31

Reflection on the Word

Presiding Elder

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District Superintendent

Commission on a Way Forward

Wesley's Covenant Prayer

*I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me
with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for thee or laid
aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for
thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.*



*I freely and heartily yield all
things to thy pleasure and
disposal.
And now, O glorious and
blessed God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I
am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have
made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.*

Church Conference Business w/ Presiding Elder

- Clergy Compensation Report**
- Pastor's Report**
- Inactive Membership Report**
- Nominations Report**
- Reports from Retired Clergy and Clergy in other Relationships**

Recommendation proceedings for:

- Candidates for Ordained Ministry
- Certified Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, and Lay Ministers

Pastors: Please plan to bring to your church conference, copies of all documents that require the Presiding Elder's signature. We also ask that you check with the Presiding Elder of your church conference to be sure all required signatures have been acquired before the church conference concludes.

Adjournment - Go in peace!

(feel free to leave when your church conference is finished)

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 4:1-6 (The Message)

4 ⁴⁻⁶ You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

1 Corinthians 12:7-14, 27-31, New International Version (NIV)

12 ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b] ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by[c] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues[a]? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.