

Baltimore Metropolitan District 2018 Church Conference Agenda

"We're in This for L.I.F.E.!"

- ✚ **Church Conference Worship Service & Celebration of Ministries** (30-45 minutes)
 - Greetings (Host Pastor) / Opening Remarks (District Superintendent/Presiding Elder)
 - Hymn: Breathe on Me Breath of God (UM Hymnal #420)
 - Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Ephesians 4:1-16, John 10:10-18 – (Designated Laity, preferably including at least one youth or young adult)
 - Prayer (Host Lay Leader)
 - Reflection (District Superintendent/Presiding Elder)
 - Response: "Where Are You Witnessing Resurrection (New Life) in Your Local Church and Community?" (3 minutes per church with the following refrain between each: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ Will Come Again!)
 - Prayer and Instructions (District Superintendent/Presiding Elder)

- ✚ **Break** - Movement to breakout rooms as needed (15 minutes)

- ✚ **Church Conference Business Segment** (30 minutes) Order of Business (ALL reports and ballots must be vetted with local church councils and congregations and submitted to the District Office no later than 10 days before the conference.)
 - Call to Order – District Superintendent/Presiding Elder
 - Pastor's Report – *submitted prior to church conference*
 - Connected Clergy Report – *submitted prior to church conference*
 - Nominations Report - churches vote to affirm written ballot/slate; no nominations from the floor
 - Candidate(s) for Ordained Ministry Voting - churches vote to affirm written ballots
 - Lay Servant Ministries Voting - churches vote to affirm written ballot/slate
 - Inactive Membership Report – churches vote to affirm written ballot
 - Clergy Compensation Voting - churches vote to affirm Clergy Compensation Report
 - Announcements and Adjournment – District Superintendent/Presiding Elder
 - Final Signatures with Presiding Elder(s) and required leaders facilitated by District Administrator

- ✚ **Refreshments and Fellowship** – Host church option as to whether this takes place 30 minutes prior to the church conference start time, or immediately following the announcements and adjournment. Refreshments should be arranged by the host church in partnership with cluster congregations. Host churches are not solely responsible for refreshments.