



## What is General Conference?

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The conference meets to consider revisions to church law and to adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. General Conference also approves plans and budgets for churchwide agencies and programs.

Delegates are United Methodists from around the world elected by their annual, missionary, or provisional conference. The total number of delegates at General Conference ranges between 600 and 1,000 people.

The body of General Conference consists of an equal number of lay and clergy delegates. Lay members of annual conferences elect the lay delegates, and clergy members elect clergy delegates.

# Help North Carolina Welcome The World

United Methodists from all over the world are traveling to attend General Conference in Charlotte, NC from April 23-May 3, 2024. Psalm 46:10 sets the theme for this important gathering: "...and know that I am God." In all we do, God guides our every decision. The gathering is expected to attract about 5,500-7,500 people.

**You are invited to serve as part of our Welcome Team during General Conference and offer gracious hospitality to our guests.**

We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ and create a holy space where spirits can be nurtured. This will foster a welcoming environment and support delegates as they come together in worship, discernment, and holy conferencing on behalf of The United Methodist Church.

Serving at General Conference, you will have the opportunity to participate in the connectional nature of the church, to meet new people, and to live into your commitment to support The UMC with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

What a wonderful way to extend the love of Christ to all! Come extend God's hospitality to those from around the world gathering for the General Conference. Thank you for your partnership in this important work.



**Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.**  
Western NC Conference (Charlotte Area)



**Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton**  
NC Conference (Raleigh Area)

## Welcome Team Opportunities



### AIRPORT

Welcome guests,  
Direct them to baggage claim  
and transportation



### HOTELS

Welcome guests,  
Greet and answer questions



### CONVENTION CENTER

Welcome guests,  
Greet and answer questions



### REGISTRATION

Greet and check-in attendees,  
Requires attention to detail and  
comfort with technology

APPLY ONLINE TODAY

[WelcomeToGC.org](http://WelcomeToGC.org)

## About Charlotte

“The Commission selected Charlotte as the site that best met our varied needs. We believe that delegates and attendees will be pleased with all the city has to offer,” said Kim Simpson, Chair of the Commission on the General Conference.

The Commission also considered Charlotte’s suitability and capacity of available meeting facilities, the proximity of hotel rooms, accessibility, amenities, and the convenience of travel.

## Serving at General Conference

As part of the Welcome Team at General Conference, you will have a tremendous opportunity to see the United Methodist connection up close and provide hospitality to friends in Christ from around the world!

- Apply online to serve: [WelcomeToGC.org](http://WelcomeToGC.org).
- Anyone 18 years and older is welcome to serve.
- After your application is processed, you will receive an invitation email with a link to select your available serving dates and times.
- Opportunities will be set up in 4-hour shifts.
- Help needed starting April 18.



- Welcome Team members will wear red aprons to help be easily-identifiable while serving.
- You are responsible for hotel and meal costs associated with your stay.



Located 7 miles from the Charlotte International Airport, the Convention Center is accessible from I-85, I-77, and U.S. Highway 74. The city has a 19.3-mile light rail system known as the LYNX Blue Line connecting the southern and northern parts of Charlotte.

The 600,000-square-foot facility recently completed an expansion project to add meeting space and an exterior over-street pedestrian walkway that connects to several

stores, hotels, and the LYNX Blue Line Stonewall Station.

Within walking distance are approximately 200 restaurants and numerous art, history, and science museums, galleries, and theaters.

Charlotte also has a network of greenways, parks, and other outdoor spaces and hosts sporting events including NFL football, NBA basketball, hockey, baseball, NASCAR, soccer, and more.