

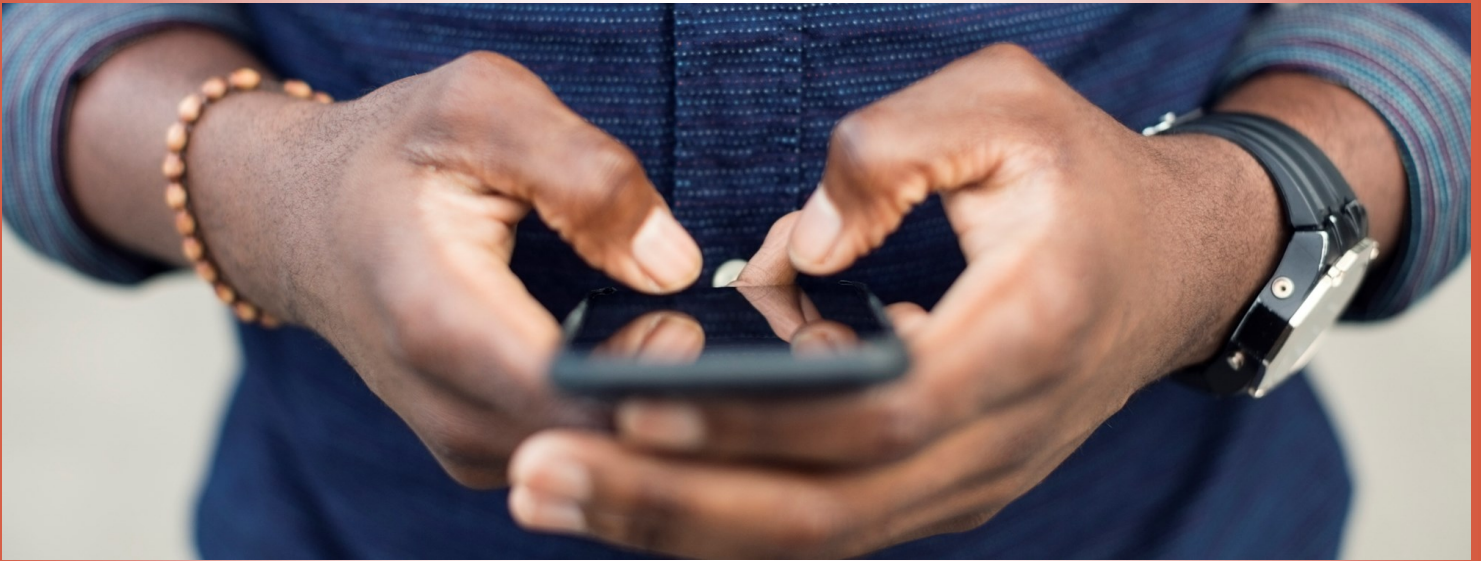


2023 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT UMC HYBRID CONFERENCE

Friday, November 17, 2023 @ 6 pm

DownRiver UMC

1440 Beech Daly Rd. Taylor MI 48180



District Conference Materials

- ⇒ **District Conference Agenda**
- ⇒ **2022 District Meeting Minutes**
- ⇒ **Treasurer Report**
- ⇒ **2023 District Ministries Nominations**

Greater Detroit District Conference

2023 Hybrid District Conference

Theme: ***“Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?”***

*“Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?
He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’”*

-Luke 10:36-37 (NRSVUE)

Friday, November 17, 2023

**DOWNRIVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
TAYLOR, MICHIGAN**

GATHERING	Ms. Heather Yankee Lunneberg
WELCOME	Rev. Jonathan Combs <i>Host Pastor DownRiver UMC</i>
PRAYER	Centro Familiar Cristiano
MUSIC SELECTION	Ms. Heather Yankee Lunneberg
LAY LEADER GREETING	Ruby Anderson, <i>Lay Leader</i> Ken Dowell, <i>Assoc. Lay Leader</i>
MISSION PARTNER	Rev. Carol Johns <i>Exec. Dir. United Methodist Union</i>
PRESENTATION	Rev. Dr. Wayne Price <i>Sr. Pastor, Trenton Faith</i>
A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE	Mrs. Rachel Kain <i>Nardin Park UMC</i>
SCRIPTURE	Mr. Sean Brown <i>Mt. Clemens UMC</i>
MESSAGE	Mr. Corey Matthew Oliver, Jr. <i>Grace Community UMC</i>
MUSIC SELECTION	Ms. Heather Yankee Lunneberg
CALL TO ORDER	Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty <i>District Superintendent</i>
BUSINESS OF THE DISTRICT	Rev. Alicea Williams <i>GDD Board Chairperson</i>

APPROVAL OF 2022 MINUTES

Rev. Audrey Mangum
GDD Board Secretary

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty
District Superintendent

FINANCIAL REPORTS & 2024 BUDGET

Mr. Victor Raybaud
GDD Board Treasurer

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS

Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty
District Superintendent

MUSICAL SELECTION

Ms. Heather Yankee Lunneberg

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Christopher Grimes
Sr. Pastor Clarenceville UMC



**Greater Detroit District
District Conference
September 17, 2022**

Welcome

District Lay Leader, Ruby Anderson welcomed us to a hybrid (both in-person and on Zoom/Mentimeter) Greater Detroit District Conference at 9:00 A.M. at Big Beaver UMC. Ruby introduced the host pastor, Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton, and introduced the theme: "Serving Gracefully with Unconditional Love."

Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Prayer

Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton thanked her congregation and welcomed the new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty to the district. Rev. Sutton offered announcements about the building and announced the District Workshops coming in March, then offered prayer for the day.

Opening Remarks and Call to Order

Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty offered opening remarks, thanking Dr. Sutton and her congregation for their hospitality. He acknowledged all District Superintendents, Lay Leaders, and Staff. He spoke of the importance of using technology to communicate and engage with others. Rev. Totty reviewed the many ways to engage during the conference through Zoom, Mentimeter, and smartphones. He then engaged the audience with a brief training using Mentimeter software, which is used to engage audiences. Mentimeter will be the means by which voting will take place during the conference. Rev. Totty officially called the 2022 Greater Detroit District Conference to order.

Roll Call and Approval of 2021 Minutes

Rev. Darry Totty motioned to approve the minutes from the 2021 District Conference. The minutes were submitted by Recording Secretary Rev. Audrey Mangum. There was no discussion. Rev. Totty called for the vote, which was taken through the Mentimeter application. There was 100% approval. The 2021 District Conference Minutes were approved.

Nomination and Election of District Officers

Rev. Totty presented the Slate and the motion from the Nominations Committee to approve the slate. There was a correction on Wayne Price's name and one person whose name appeared twice for the LSM Board. Cailen Mora's name was corrected to Keylen Mora. Rev. Totty called for the vote: 56 voted yes via Mentimeter, 0 no, and 3 abstentions. The in-person vote was unanimous for approval. The nomination slate was accepted. Those leaders present were asked to rise, and those on Mentimeter were asked to give positive words as Rev. Totty prayed for district leaders. Please see the attached corrected leaders list.

Financial Reports and 2023 Budget

District Treasurer Victor Raybaud reported on the finances from 2021 and 2022. We collected almost 90% of ministry shares in 2021, \$61,510.82, the highest percentage in five years. We are on track to

collect a similar percentage in 2022. We spent 72.8% of the budget in 2021 and have spent 58.8 % as of August 2022. The Justice & Mission Engagement position was turned into two positions, Justice and Mission Engagement and Digital and Social Media Specialist. More dollars were added, making the total budget for these two positions \$64,400. Victor opened the floor for discussion. He explained that the Outreach section of the budget was grouped to allow for greater flexibility among the different ministries (Communications, Hands-4-Detroit, Liberia/Haiti, and Urban Methodist Youth Camp). There were no other questions. Please see the attached budget for all entries. Victor moved for the approval of the 2022 budget. 97% yes, 0 no, 3% abstained. Those present who voted by voice did so with unanimous approval. The 2022 Budget was approved.

District Communications

Rev. Totty announced that a QR code was available that would lead to a Google document to receive contact information from individuals in the district. This would allow the district to quickly communicate directly with individuals via text or SMS. Individuals have the option to opt out of this process.

Hands With Detroit Video and Introduction of Adrienne Trupiano-Stepaniak and Susannah Webber

An informational video was shown by Susanna Weber – Hands-With-Detroit, presenting the Hands With Detroit event 2022, which will be held on October 1 at Cass Community Social Services. Rev. Neil Davis, Superintendency Committee, introduced two new district staff persons, Susanna Webber, Director of Justice and Mission Engagement, and Adrienne Trupiano-Stepaniak, Digital and Social Media Specialist.

Other Business

Rev. Jon Reynolds informed the district about the Michigan Annual Conference's adoption of the Readers to Leaders Program in 2022. This missional program seeks to raise funds for the education of students in Liberia and to raise funds for the Freedom School Program, which provides after-school educational enrichment for students in low-achievement areas in Michigan during the summer months. Each local church is asked to raise \$600 per year towards these efforts.

Musical Selections

Centro Familia Summer Program children and the French Church brought rousing songs for the inspiration and enjoyment of all.

Introduction of Keynote

Rev. Alicea Williams gave a warm introduction of the new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty.

Keynote Presentation

The Keynote Presentation was given by Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty. The Conference theme was "Serving Gracefully with Unconditional Love." The scriptural focus was John 12:34-35. All of us yearn to be loved unconditionally, as Jesus calls us to do. Together, we can use our love to impact the world. Wesley tells us to do as much good as we can, whenever we can. As teachers pour into their children, we should pour into others. As a mother is patient with her child, we should be patient with each other, helping each other and not giving up. We should lend a hand where we can, helping each other to survive as a church,

and as a district. The sermon ended with the singing of the song, "I Need You to Survive," by Hezekiah Walker.

Benediction

Rev. Darryl Totty gave the final prayer and the Plenary Session closed at 11:42 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Audrey Mangum

District Board of Directors Secretary

2022-2023 Income-Expense Analysis

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Budget	Churches
2022	10,402.16	45,230.73	57,932.14	64,619.04	65,300.00	70
	15.9%	69.3%	88.7%	99.0%		67
						95.7%
2023	8,736.85	38,189.56	48,170.66	55,685.67	65,400.00	76
	13.6%	59.3%	69.5%	86.5%		57
					Partial	11
	8,736.85	29,452.71	9,980.50	7,515.61		75.0%

	YTD Expense	Budget	Percent	
2022	53,697.56	65,300.00	82.2%	
2023	45,855.95	64,400.00	71.2%	October

Greater Detroit District UMC

2024 Proposed Budget

		2023 Budget	2024 Budget	Change
Administration	Postage	200.00	200.00	0.00
	Supplies	100.00	100.00	0.00
District Committees	Distr. Lay Leader	500.00	500.00	0.00
	Distr. Comm. on Distr. Superint.	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Distr. Comm. on Ord. Ministry	1,000.00	6,250.00	5,250.00
	Distr. Council on Youth Ministry	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Justice/Mission Engagement	Salary - Susanna Webber	17,550.00	17,550.00	0.00
Digital & Social Media Specialist	Salary - Adrienne Stepaniak	17,550.00	17,550.00	0.00
District Clerk	Salary - Shirlee Beasley	0.00	9,400.00	9,400.00
	FICA (0.062)	2,100.00	2,750.00	650.00
	Medicare (0.0145)	400.00	650.00	250.00
	Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Payroll Processing	1,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
Insurance	Liability Insurance	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Program	District Conference	3,000.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
	District Training		1,500.00	1,500.00
	Bold/Effective/Vibrant Leadership		2,000.00	2,000.00
	Misc. Program Ministries	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Special Initiatives	MLK Committee	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
	Urban Methodist Youth Camp	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	Communications	500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
	Hands-with-Detroit	1,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00
	Mission	3,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00
Total		64,400.00	87,450.00	23,050.00
			-12,000.00	-12,000.00
			75,450.00	11,050.00

Treasurer

Victor Raybaud

email: vraybaud@greaterdetroitumc.org

GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT 2024 LEADERSHIP

NOTE: Newly Added in **Bold**/Names of Clergy *italicized*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District Superintendent	Darryl E. Totty
Chairperson	<i>Alicea Williams</i>
Vice Chairperson	Stephen Perrine
Lay Leader	Ruby Anderson
Associate Lay Leader	Kenneth Dowell
Recording Secretary	<i>Audrey Mangum</i>
Treasurer	Victor Raybaud
Superintendency Committee Chairperson	<i>Cornelius Davis</i>
Ordained Ministry Committee Chairperson	<i>Donald Gotham</i>
Church Location & Building Board Chairperson	John Pajak
Marketing & Communication Committee Chairperson	Oneika Mobley
Vibrant Congregations Committee Chairperson	<i>David Nellist</i>
Mission & Ministry Committee Chairperson	Sue Pethoud
Bold & Effective Leaders Committee Chairperson	<i>Wayne E. Price</i>
United Methodist Union Executive Director	<i>Carol J. Johns</i>
Church & Society	Frank Driscoll
Committee on Finance	Nicholas Bonsky
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	Sherman Louis

Members without vote: District Statistician, Presidents of District UWF, UMM, UMYF, and Young Adults

BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

President: **John Pajak**
Vice President: *Jonathan Combs*
Rachael Laming Pearl Lewis Corey Oliver Lynn Van de Putte
Jean Snyder

COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY

Chairperson: *Donald Gotham*
Vice Chairperson: *B. Kevin Smalls* Recording Secretary: *Judy May*
Deacon/Elder Registrar: Carole Wesner Local Pastor Registrar: *Jean Snyder*
Jonathan Combs Ken Dowell Ronald Fisch Tara Gay **Rosaline Green** Dan Hart
Andy Lee Jack Mannschreck **Eun Sik Poy** Latha Ravi
Weatherly B. Verhelst **Marsha Wooley**

COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENCY

Chairperson: *Cornelius Davis*
Vice Chairperson: Alice Tucker Barbara DeGrazia* (*Parsonage Trustee – non-voting*)
Ruby Anderson Don Archambeau Christopher Brown
Christopher Heldt *Carolyn Jones*

COUNCIL ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRIES

Coordinator: **Tiali Boayue**

*Sarah Alexander Carl Gladstone Stephen Euper Patricia Gandarilla Becera
Alicia Williams Charles Boayue, III William Council Lois E. Holman
Silvio Gutierrez Contreda Jewell Albert Rush*

COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND MINISTRY

Chairperson: **Sue Pethoud**

District Secretary of Global Ministries: Laura Niemi
District Director of Justice & Mission Engagement: Susanna Webber
Mary Haynes Deb Lockledge **Jeannette Harris Lisa Poy**

BOARD OF LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Chairperson: Sharon Appling

Vice Chairperson & Dean of CLM Program Dean: *B. Kevin Smalls*

CLS Program Co-Director: Paul Sadowski

CLS Program Co-Director: Norrickey Gibson

William Council Phyllis Hart John Hart Charles Sonquist Rosaline Green

Robbin Rivers Evelyn Summerville **Diane Miles**

COMMITTEE ON VIBRANT CONGREGATIONS

Chairperson: *David Nellist*

Vice Chairperson Local Church Assessment: *Jonathan Combs*

Myra Moreland Albert Rush Elizabeth Hurd Heidi Reinker Carolyn Jones Zack Dunlap

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Oneika Mobley

Adrienne Trupiano-Stepaniak (Digital & Media Specialist)

Jeannette Harris (Facebook Editor)

Kenneth Dowell (Web Master, Events Registrar)

Olivia Cato (Member)

Elaine Hooton (Member)

Ariel Bowman (Member)

Dwanda Hayton (Executive Assistant)

Jennell May (Member)

Corey Oliver (Member)

Jeannette Harris (Member)

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Sherman Louis

Ernestine Campbell Emilio Chable *Patricia Gandarilla Victor Raybaud*

Nhan (Nathan) Nguyen Marchelle Phelps Jonathan Combs

Susanna Webber (District Director of Justice & Mission Engagement)

COMMITTEE ON BOLD & EFFECTIVE LEADERS

Chairperson: *Wayne E. Price*
Stephen Euper Tammy Jensen Deliza H. Lee Carol Middel Chad Parmalee
Marchelle Phelps Stephen Perrine

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Chairperson: Cheryl Tipton
Director of Justice & Missions: Susanna Webber *Brian Steele*

ASSESSING LOCAL CHURCH POTENTIAL TEAM

Chairperson: *Jonathan Combs*
Anthony Ballab Cornelius Davis Gregory Mayberry
Judy May Myra Moreland Jean Snyder Karl Zeigler

DISTRICT CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Convener: Darryl E. Totty, (DS) Co-Convener: Ruby Anderson (Lay Leader)
Registrar: Kenneth E. Dowell Dwanda Hayton
Adrienne Trupiano-Stepaniak (Digital & Media Specialist)
Victor Raybaud *Alicea Williams*

COMMITTEE ON LATINO & HISPANIC MINISTRIES

Chairperson: *Elbert Dulworth*
Patricia Gandarilla Becera Jeanette Harris Keylen Mora
Ariceli Soltero Bob Schoenhals Weatherly B. Verhelst Jill Warren

CHURCH & SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Frank Driscoll
Ann Birchmeier Sue Genschoreck Jeff Hockman
Linda Kensington Dan Kinney *Rich Peacock Ed Rowe*
Albert Rush (ex-officio)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairperson: *Nicholas Bonsky*
Anthony Ballah Evan Guitierrez Karl Heiss
Contreda Jewell *Myra Mooreland Victor Raybaud (ex-officio)*