

2023 Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference

Presiding Bishop: Rev. Dr. Frank Beard

“A Time to Plant and A Time to Build”

Ecclesiastes 3:2-3

THURSDAY, JUN 8

- 10:00 Opening Worship & Call to Order – Bishop James Swanson Preaching
- Celebrating New Districts
 - Offering: Africa University / Joyce Helm Francis Scholarship
- 11:30 Lunch Break
- General Buffet Lunch available
 - Special & Group Meals
- 1:00 Laity & Clergy Sessions
- General & Jurisdictional Delegate Elections
 - John Kofi Asmah School offering in Laity Session
- 3:45 Break
- 4:00 Conferencing Session #1
- Council on Finance and Administration Budget Presentation
 - Committee on Nominations Report Presentation
 - Board of Ordained Ministry Report
 - Presentation of Clergy Candidates and Recognitions
 - Report of Conference Reorganization Task Force
 - Resolution to Rename Districts
 - Other Business as time allows
- 5:30-7:00 Dinner Break

FRIDAY, JUN 9

- 8:30 Call to Order
- 8:45 Morning Manna – Bishop James Swanson
- Tom Brown Scholarship at Wiley College offering
- 9:15 Conferencing Session #2:
- Report of the Board of Trustees including Church Closures

- Report of the Board of Pensions
- Meeting of United Methodist Foundation
- Meeting of Preachers Aid Society & Benefit Fund
- Connectional Ministries Report: Rev. Curtis Brown
- Other Business as time allows

10:45 Break

11:00 Service of Recognition of Retirees – Rev. Jan Griffith Preaching

12:00 Lunch

- PASBF Retired Ministers & Spouses lunch
- United Methodist Foundation lunch
- General Buffet Lunch available
- Special & Group Meals

2:00 Conferencing Session #3:

- Episcopal Address: Bishop Frank Beard
- Cabinet Address: Rev. Angie Lee
- Legislative Items
- Other Business as time allows

3:00 Break

3:15 Conferencing Session #4

- Conference Lay Leader Address: Ms. Lorene King
- Commissioning of Deaconess
- Presentation of Awards & Recognitions: Mr. Sam Rodriguez
- Remaining Legislative Items
- Legislative Item: 2024 IGRC Conference Budget
- Legislative Item: 2024 IGRC Nominations Report
- Other Business as time allows

5:00-7:00 Dinner

7:00-8:30 Memorial Service – Bishop James Swanson Preaching

SATURDAY, JUN 10

7:30 Saturday Morning Prayer Breakfast

- Led by IGRC Black Methodist for Church Renewal

9:30 Service of Ordination

- Bishop Frank Beard Preaching
- Ordinands' Trip offering

Fixing of Appointments

12:00 Depart