Tuesday, April 23

Time	Event
7:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Orientation for All Delegates
2:00 – 3:30 P.M.	Opening Worship
3:30 – 3:50 P.M.	Break

3:50 – 6:30 P.M.	Plenary Session
	▸ Call to Order
	▸ Roll Call and Setting the Bar of the Conference
	▸ Emergency Procedures
	▸ Greeting from Charlotte
	▸ The Role of Monitoring (5 minutes)
	▸ The Power of Communication (5 minutes)
	▸ Journey from 2016 to 2020 (15 minutes)
	▸ Speaker Recognition System Introduction
	▸ Testing the Voting System
	▸ Commission on the General Conference Report and Plan of Organization and Rules of Order
	▸ Elections
	  ◦ Coordinator of the Calendar
	  ◦ Inter-jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy
	  ◦ General Conference Administrative Committees
	▸ Report of the Committee on Agenda and Calendar

4:00 – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
5:00 P.M.	Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:30 P.M.	Adjournment

Wednesday, April 24

Time	Event
7:00 A.M.	Committee on Agenda and Calendar
	Committee on Reference
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 8:30 A.M.	Worship
8:30 – 10:35 A.M.	Plenary Session Episcopal Address (45 minutes)
	Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
	Report on the Social Principles Revision (12 minutes) Nominations
10:35 – 10:55 A.M.	Break
10:55 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Plenary Session Young People's Address (30 minutes)
	General Book of Discipline Report and Dialogue (90 minutes)
1:00 – 2:30 P.M.	Lunch
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.	Organization of the Legislative Committees
4:30 P.M.	Dinner and Mandatory Leadership Training for Legislative Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs, Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Recorders, and Sub-Committee Chairs
	Recess for All Others
5:00 P.M.	Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing

Thursday, April 25

Time	Event
7:00 A.M.	Committee on Agenda and Calendar
	Committee on Reference
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 8:45 A.M.	Worship
8:45 – 9:30 A.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Monitoring Report (3 minutes) ▸ Laity Address (30 minutes) ▸ Administrative Committee Reports
9:30 – 9:50 A.M.	Break
9:50 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Legislative Committees
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.	Lunch
1:30 – 4:00 P.M.	Legislative Committees
4:00 – 4:20 P.M.	Break
4:20 – 6:20 P.M.	Legislative Committees
5:00 P.M.	Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:20 – 6:30 P.M.	Evening Devotion (Legislative Committees)
6:30 P.M.	Adjournment

Friday, April 26

7:00 A.M.	Committee on Agenda and Calendar
	Committee on Reference
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 8:45 A.M.	Worship
8:45 – 9:50 A.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Monitoring Report (3 minutes) ▸ Financial State of the Church (15 minutes) ▸ Connectional Table Report (20 minutes) ▸ Jurisdictional Study Committee Report (15 minutes) ▸ Administrative Committee Reports
9:50 – 10:10 A.M.	Break
10:10 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Legislative Committees
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.	Lunch
1:30 – 4:00 P.M.	Legislative Committees
4:00 – 4:20 P.M.	Break
4:20 – 6:20 P.M.	Legislative Committees
5:00 P.M.	Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:20 – 6:30 P.M.	Evening Devotion (Legislative Committees)
6:30 P.M.	Adjournment

Saturday, April 27

7:00 A.M.	Committee on Agenda and Calendar
	Committee on Reference
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 8:45 A.M.	Worship
8:45 – 9:50 A.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Monitoring Report (3 minutes) ▸ Wespath – New Retirement Plan Overview (45 minutes) ▸ Administrative Committee Reports ▸ Consent Calendars
9:50 – 10:10 A.M.	Break
10:10 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Legislative Committees
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.	Lunch
1:30 – 4:00 P.M.	Legislative Committees
4:00 – 4:20 P.M.	Break
4:20 – 6:00 P.M.	Legislative Committees
5:00 P.M.	Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:00 – 7:30 P.M.	Dinner

7:30 – 9:20 P.M.	Legislative Committees
9:20 – 9:30 P.M.	Evening Devotion (Legislative Committees)
9:30 P.M.	Adjournment

Sunday, April 28

Sabbath

Monday, April 29

6:30 A.M.	Committee on Agenda and Calendar
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 9:20 A.M.	Worship ▸ Consecration of Deaconesses and Home Missioners for Lifetime Service
9:20 – 10:00 A.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Monitoring Report (3 minutes) ▸ Administrative Committee Reports ▸ Consent Calendars
10:00 – 10:20 A.M.	Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Plenary Session
	▸ Opening Prayer
	▸ Voting Demonstration
	▸ Elections
	  ◦ Trustees of John Street Church
	  ◦ Secretary-designate of the General Conference
	  ◦ Commission on the General Conference
	  ◦ General Agencies
	  ◦ Judicial Council
	  ◦ University Senate
	  ◦ Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters

12:00 – 1:30 P.M.	Lunch
1:30 – 3:40 P.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Africa University Report (20 minutes) ▸ Higher Education and Ministry Report (20 minutes) ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business
3:40 – 4:00 P.M.	Break
4:00 – 6:10 P.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Abundant Health Initiative Report (10 minutes) ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business

5:00 P.M.	Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:10 – 6:30 P.M.	Evening Devotion
6:30 P.M.	Adjournment

Tuesday, April 30

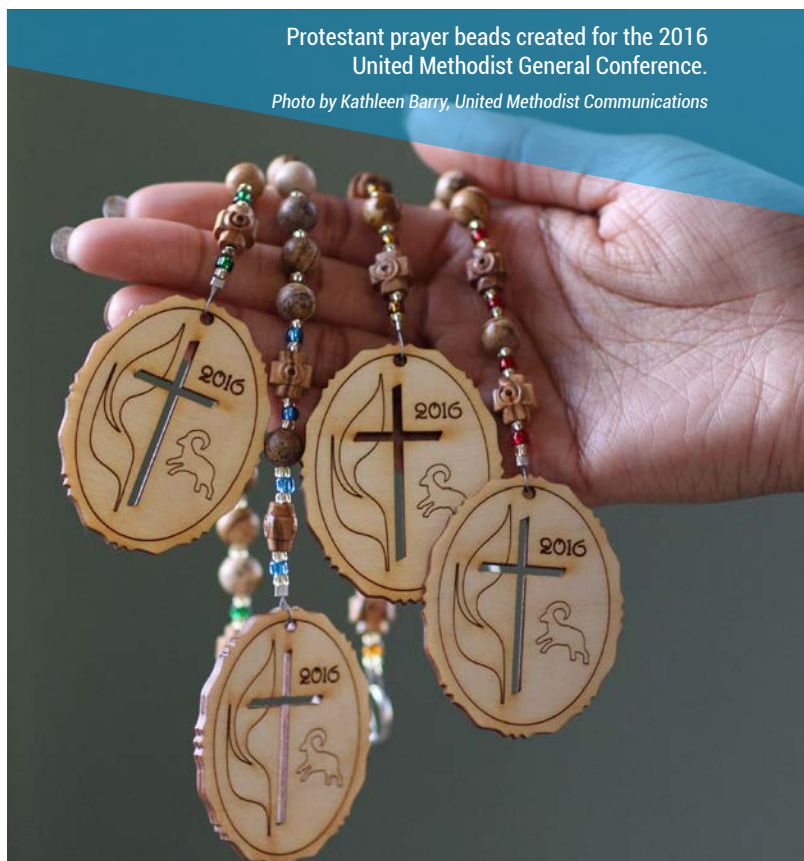| 6:30 A.M.	Committee on Agenda and Calendar
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 9:30 A.M.	Worship
	Ecumenical Introductions (30 minutes)
9:30 – 10:00 A.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Monitoring Report (3 minutes) ▸ Administrative Committee Reports Consent Calendars
10:00 – 10:20 A.M.	Break
10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business
12:00 – 1:30 P.M.	Lunch
1:30 – 3:40 P.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Recognition of Retiring Bishops and Presentation of New Episcopal Leadership (10 minutes) ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business
3:40 – 4:00 P.M.	Break
4:00 – 6:10 P.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ 80th Anniversary of UMCOR and Migrant Ministries (10 minutes) ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business
5:00 P.M.	Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:10 – 6:30 P.M.	Evening Devotion
6:30 P.M.	Adjournment

Wednesday, May 1

6:30 A.M.	Committee on Agenda and Calendar
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 9:00 A.M.	Worship

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Monitoring Report (3 minutes) ▸ Methodist Family Day (30 minutes) ▸ Administrative Committee Reports ▸ Consent Calendars
10:00 – 10:20 A.M.	Break
10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business
12:00 – 1:30 P.M.	Lunch
1:30 – 3:40 P.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ 100th Anniversary of the United Methodist Building (5 minutes) ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business
3:40 – 4:00 P.M.	Break
4:00 – 6:10 P.M.	Plenary Session ▸ Opening Prayer ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business
5:00 P.M.	Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:10 – 6:30 P.M.	Evening Devotion
6:30 P.M.	Adjournment

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Thursday, May 2	
6:30 A.M.	Committee on Agenda and Calendar
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 9:00 A.M.	Worship ▸ Commissioning of Missionaries

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Plenary Session
	  ▸ Opening Prayer
	  ▸ Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
	  ▸ Mission Bicentennial (15 minutes)
	  ▸ Administrative Committee Reports Consent Calendars
	  ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.	Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Plenary Session
	  ▸ Opening Prayer
	  ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:00 – 1:30 P.M.	Lunch

1:30 – 3:40 P.M.	Plenary Session
	  ▸ Opening Prayer
	  ▸ Recognition of New Judicial Council Members and those members completing their service
	  ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:40 – 4:00 P.M.	Break

4:00 – 6:10 P.M.	Plenary Session
	  ▸ Opening Prayer
	  ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business

5:00 P.M.	Daily Deadline for *DCA* Printing
6:10 – 6:30 P.M.	Evening Devotion
6:30 P.M.	Adjournment

Friday, May 3	
6:30 A.M.	Committee on Agenda and Calendar
7:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Registration (all categories)
8:00 – 9:00 A.M.	Worship

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Plenary Session
	  ▸ Opening Prayer
	  ▸ Monitoring Report (3 minutes)
	  ▸ Administrative Committee Reports
	  ▸ GCFA Report
	  ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business Announcements

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.	Break

10:20 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Plenary Session
	  ▸ Opening Prayer
	  ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business

12:00 – 1:30 P.M.	Lunch

1:30 – 3:40 P.M.	Plenary Session
	  ▸ Opening Prayer
	  ▸ Recognition of General Conference Staff and Local Host Committee (25 minutes)
	  ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business

3:40 – 4:00 P.M.	Break

4:00 – 6:00 P.M.	Plenary Session
	  ▸ Opening Prayer
	  ▸ Calendar Items & Conference Business

6:00 – 6:30 P.M.	Closing Worship
6:30 P.M.	Final Adjournment

A WORD ABOUT SCHEDULES

Because of the fluid nature of General Conference, it is impossible to tell exactly when delegates will discuss a particular issue. Even when an item is scheduled, it can be delayed if other issues have taken more time than expected. Items can also be added at the last minute if more time is available than expected.

A committee meets each night to plan the agenda for the next day. This proposed agenda appears in the early-morning Daily Christian Advocate. Even then, there is no guarantee that the schedule will be followed. Occasionally, delegates schedule an order of the day to discuss a particular subject in plenary sessions.