

"Generosity in All People" is Theme of Annual Conference

The 144th session of the North Carolina Annual Conference will meet on **June 12-15** at the Greenville Convention Center in Greenville, NC. Approximately 1,800 clergy and lay members from over 800 local churches will vote on a variety of business matters and resolutions and will elect delegates to the 2020 General Conference and Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will preside over the conference. The theme of the conference is "Generosity in All People." Guest speakers include Bishop Leonard Fairley, episcopal leader of the Kentucky and Red Bird Missionary Conferences, and Harriett Jane Olson, chief executive officer of the United Methodist Women's national administrative and policymaking arm.

The proposed conference budget is \$16.3 million, a 23% decrease from the previous year. This proposed decrease is because pensions and health insurance benefits for retired clergy with service before 1982 have been fully funded.

Will Geanes, Jack Gurganus, the Rev. Jim Bell, and the Rev. Matt Seaton will attend from our church. Lee Harriss will attend from the Council on Finance and Administration as a Lay Equalization Member. Dave Johnson will attend as the Co Lay Leader of the Heritage District. Susan Johnson will attend as a Heritage District Lay Equalization Member. Bishop Ward will announce the pastoral appointments for the 2019-2020 conference year on June 15.

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Please support all of the clergy and lay members of the Annual Conference in prayer – that they will make wise and prayerful decisions for the Church.