



General Synod Update – April 6, 2018

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in the Wisconsin Conference,

SHINE! Let your Light shine... (Matthew 5: 16) is the theme of the 32 General Synod to be held in Milwaukee, June 21-25, 2019 at the Wisconsin Center. Plans are already in the making!

Attending a planning meeting here in Milwaukee, we were able to tour the facility. The Wisconsin Center will serve as a lovely home base for General Synod. We met for the first time, the national UCC General Synod planning team with whom we will assist in making the local arrangements needed. The primary focus of the February meeting was to brainstorm ideas for a theme. Three ideas with scripture texts came out of that planning session. Good people, good ideas, and lots of excitement!

Debbie went to a planning meeting in Cleveland in early March with additional General Synod planning staff. The first draft of the theme SHINE! and logo were presented. When it is completed it will be made public. You will see it here.

Lots of ideas for events, speakers and workshops were shared along with many technical aspects of Synod. So much "behind the scenes" work goes into the General Synod! As the Local Arrangements Committee Coordinators (LAC), we do not have final say about these matters. But the planning team was very open to our ideas and a list of people, places and agencies that might be helpful to them.

Among other hosting responsibilities, the Wisconsin Conference will be hosting a Wisconsin/Milwaukee Street Festival during Synod. It appears at this time this will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 23 following the open afternoon communion worship. Everyone is invited! We are excited about this event along with other things being planned.

We will need many, many volunteers. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT ANY OF US OR THE CONFERENCE STAFF AT THIS POINT IN TIME! We will let you know this fall when we are ready to accept your names. Volunteer forms will be available for you at that time. There is also a need for financial support for the Conference's hosting responsibilities. There are many items and services we need to provide for the delegates to General Synod 32.

On this page we will keep you updated about the progress, planning and needs for General Synod 32. In the meantime – SHINE!

Grace and peace,

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Your Local Arrangements Committee Coordinators