



## HERE WE GO!

**August 2018**

The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for General Synod 32 is almost all selected and ready to begin its work. The Local Arrangements Committee's task is to provide local assistance to the National UCC's General Synod organizing team. Below is a list of the people who have agreed to serve in this ministry at this writing. There are a few more who will be added. We thank all of these people for their willingness to serve in this ministry!

The Local Arrangements Committee is meeting at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee August 21. Valerie Smith, Director of the General Synod and Jill White LAC liaison, both from the National church, will be meeting with us as well as some Conference staff. This will be the initial gathering and start of the LAC's work to prepare for the General Synod in 2019. And there is much to be done!

### **We have divided the ministry of the LAC into several different areas:**

- Volunteer Operations
- Meeting Operations
- Hospitality
- Worship
- Mission Outreach
- Wisconsin Street Festival Celebration

The four of us will not only be working together to coordinate all aspects of the LAC, but each of us will be primarily responsible for overseeing one of these areas. Each area will have a team of volunteers working with the Team leader.

**Volunteers will be needed in all of these areas!** Information about how to volunteer will be coming in late fall. (Most of this will be done electronically.) Any volunteer working with children or youth will also need to have a background check. (Information about this will also be coming in the fall).

We have a good start on raising money to help offset expenses the Conference and LAC will incur for General Synod. Thank you to all who have already donated! Expenses include hotel fees, volunteer support, rental of special needs equipment and personnel, volunteer tee shirts, delegate and guest hospitality bags, refreshments for volunteers, extra rental equipment, programming for children and youth, worship elements and equipment, street festival costs, etc., etc., and so forth. *If you or your congregation has not yet contributed to this fund, we hope you will seriously consider doing so!*

**On Sunday, June 23, 2019 everyone in the Conference is invited to attend an open communion worship at General Synod.** It will be held at the Wisconsin Center in the

afternoon. Following worship, the Wisconsin Conference is hoping to **host a Street Festival – open to all**, with food booths and entertainment.

We are in awe of the ministry work that lies before us. But we are excited and anxious to get started on this journey toward June 2019. We have a supportive Conference and great people to work with us. Most of all we know we have God's presence with us to guide and sustain us in the ministry before us!

Grace and peace,

*Deborah Payden, Tom Payden, Bonnie Andrews and Tim Perkins*

### **General Synod 32 Local Arrangements Committee**

Cathy Benjamin  
Jaquie Billingsworth  
Carol Eschner  
Rebecca Ferguson  
Mary Gafner  
Bob Gross  
Mary Gross  
John Helt

Debbie Hoogersteger  
Beth Meyers  
Chris Keadle  
Diana Pine  
Rich Pine  
Ruth Schmidt  
Phil Schneider  
Dale Stohre

Bob Ullman  
Julie Ullman  
Bill Utke  
Ann Utke  
Doug White  
Art Wille  
Cathy Wille