Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Practicing Hope

2026 CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA
"Practicing Hope"

WELCOME		Rev. Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton Senior Pastor
CALL TO ORDER		Rev. Wendy Hardin Hermann District Superintendent
ELECTION OF SECRETARY		Rev. Wendy Hardin Hermann
OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Sharon Rice Deacon of Discipleship
HYMN	"My Hope Is Built"	UMH 368
SCRIPTURE	Romans 5:3-5 (CEB)	Lay Leader
VIDEO MESSAGE		Bishop Dan Schwerin

HOLY CONFERENCING

1. What from the Bishop's message spoke most powerfully to your heart?
2. As you reflect on the ministry of your congregation in 2026, where have you witnessed signs of hope emerging in your church and community?
3. How has your congregation intentionally practiced hope this year through worship, discipleship, mission, or community engagement?
4. Where is God inviting your congregation to cultivate new hope, embrace innovation, take faithful risks, or respond to the needs of your community in the coming year?

BUSINESS

1. Pastor's Report (Including Membership Report)
2. Clergy Compensation (Presented by SPRC)
3. Leadership Nominations and Election
4. Ministry Recommendations
5. Lay Servant Reports
6. Trustees' Report, including Safe Sanctuary and Parsonage Report
7. 2027 Budget and/or Finance Committee Report
8. Conversation about Fund Balance (DS)
9. CUMC Foundation
10. Additional Business

CLOSING HYMN	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	UMH 431
CALL TO ADJOURN		Rev. Wendy Hardin Hermann
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton