**Delegation Meeting Summary**

**March 19, 2024**

The delegations of the Kentucky Annual Conference and the Central Appalachian Missionary Conference met on Tuesday, March 19 in Crestwood. The group began its meeting by singing, *Is He Worthy?* The song was followed by a liturgy entitled “For the Labors of Community*”* from *Every Moment Holy*. The group reaffirmed their commitment to their covenant as the basis for their collaborative work together.

A substantial portion of the meeting was dedicated to reviewing the two recent regional events that had taken place in the Kentucky Annual Conference as well as the one held in the Central Appalachian Missionary Conference. While there was affirmation that the events pulled off well, there were suggestions made to help make them better. Suggestions were made to reduce confusion, communicate clearly, and incorporate a more hopeful narrative into future presentations.

The group went through the list of those who submitted their names for nomination to the various boards and agencies of the church at the general and jurisdictional levels. Those names were affirmed and will be passed along to those representing the Kentucky Annual Conference and Central Appalachian Missionary Conference on the Committee on Nominations at Jurisdictional Conference.

Time was spent on fine tuning the various forms of communication the delegations will employ while at General Conference. Externally, the delegations hope to send a daily video summarizing that day’s proceedings.

We were joined via Zoom by Lisa Bender, who is the co-chair for United Methodist Kairos Response (UMKR), who discussed petitions concerning Israel and Palestine to be presented at the General Conference. Many of the resolutions have been a part of *The Book of Resolutions* for years. The work of Kairos Response leans in support of the Palestinians.

The group spent a good deal of time discussing regionalization, both in preparation for the remaining regional events and the General Conference itself. A number of resources were referenced, many of which are available through United Methodist Communications.

The delegations also considered petitions related to the Judicial Administration Legislative Committee. Those of note had to do with open access to Judicial Council proceedings, just resolutions providing accountability, and the role of bishops in investigations.

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion about logistics related to both the Jurisdictional and General Conferences, ensuring that necessary arrangements are in place for the forthcoming events.