**Delegation Update**

The Kentucky Annual Conference General and Jurisdictional *Conference* Delegation met recently on August 31, 2023. The group was also joined by members from the delegation of the Central Appalachian Missionary Conference. The delegates affirmed the need to keep all concerned updated leading up to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences next year. To that end, periodic posts will made to the Kentucky Annual Conference website with an interest of keeping people informed.

Those meeting on August 31 spent time combing through the Delegate Handbook, talked through the logistics of General Conference, and finalizing legislative committee assignments.

There was also considerable discussion about how best to communicate with churches across the conference regarding the issues that will come before the General Conference. It was decided that the delegation will host regional gatherings throughout the conference in the Spring to provide both information and an opportunity for those in attendance to provide feedback.

Given the changes brought about by disaffiliation and the financial realities that have followed, the delegation learned that there is a distinct possibility that the Southeastern Jurisdiction will not elect new bishops at its conference in July of 2024. There are also discussions being held about the possibility of “shared episcopal leadership” between conferences. There will be more on both issues as things develop.

The Kentucky Annual Conference Delegation plans to meet next on November 14, 2023, and then again on January 25 and March 19, 2024.