

Central Bay District

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Saginaw, MI 48603

November 11, 2020

Dear Prospective Lay Equalization Member:

In the way of introductions, I am Denny Wissinger, the Lay Leader of the Central Bay District. In this position, it is my responsibility to “recruit” District Lay Equalization Members to the 2021 Michigan Annual Conference. The Conference will be held in two parts, the first fully online during the period June 3-6, 2021, and the second in October during dates yet to be determined. Because of the uncertainty of the spread of the Covid-19 virus, it is unclear if part two will be held online, in-person, or a hybrid of both. It is likely to be held over a weekend. Equally uncertain is the timeline for making this decision.

As you may or may not be aware, the purpose of having equalization members is to match the number of lay members with the number of clergy who will be attending the Annual Conference. Clergy not only include those in local churches, but also include ones who hold other positions throughout the District, along with those who are retired.

Accordingly, I invite you to apply to serve as a Lay Equalization Member to represent our District. If you are interested in serving as an Equalization Member, you may complete and submit an attached application. It is very important that you explain on the application why you would like to serve as an Equalization Member and what you believe you could contribute to the Annual Conference. You may wish to include what you consider to be your qualifications, and past experience as a lay member, whether for your local church or our District.

Please be aware that there may costs associated with serving as an equalization member, and that by submitting an application does not mean that you will automatically be selected. Determining factors would include the number of applications, number applying from your church, and your rationale for wanting to serve.

Please feel to contact me by phone or email if you have any questions, and thank you in advance for your interest.

Yours, in Christ,
Denny Wissinger
Central Bay District
Lay Leader
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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT – MICHIGAN CONFERENCE
2021 District Lay Equalization Member Application

If you interested in attending the Michigan Annual Conference tentatively scheduled in two parts, with part one during June 3-6, 2021, and part two in October, as a District Lay Equalization Member, please fill out the requested information below, and mail or email the completed application by January 4, 2021 to:

Denny Wissinger
2431 Kapplinger Drive
Farwell, MI 48622

Email: dowraw@charter.net
Phone: 989-386-8900 (Home)
989-429-4772 (Cell)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address _____

Local Church: _____ Pastor: _____

Years a member of the United Methodist Church: ____ <10 ____ Between 10 & 20 ____ >20

Did you attend the 2020 Virtual Michigan Annual Conference? ____ Yes ____ No

Age Group: ____ 12 – 17 ____ 18 – 35 ____ 36 – 65 ____ >65

Name of church's Lay Member to the 2021 Annual Conference: _____

Applicant's Signature

Pastor's Signature

Brief summary of what you could contribute to the 2021 Michigan Annual Conference (three or four sentences):