# 2021 Great Lakes Conference Annual Celebration Brochure

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING 9A-12P

AWARD CEREMONY 6:30-7P

> VIRTUAL LOBBY 7-7:15P



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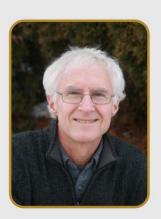
WORSHIP SERVICE 7:15-8:45P

SATURDAY,
APRIL 24

CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING 8:30A-12P

Please share this brochure with your staff and lay leaders!

## INVITATION FROM SUPERINTENDENT GARTH MCGRATH



GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE It is my privilege to invite the 77 churches of the Great Lakes Conference to send pastors and delegates to our virtual 2021 Conference Annual Celebration. We will celebrate the work God did in and through our churches in 2020 and look forward to how God will be working in and through our churches in 2021. This year's theme is: Hope Again.

The Annual Celebration, this year as a virtual event, will bring together pastors and lay leaders from all of our churches to worship God together, to be equipped for ministry, to hear about progress being made in church planting, church revitalization, leadership development and outreach. As well as to give thanks for the lives that are being touched and transformed by the power of the gospel in and through the ministry of Great Lakes Conference churches.

In the midst of our celebration, we will consider a budget that will fund our mission priorities. We will elect wise, skilled, gifted and spiritually mature women and men to serve on our Conference Board. And we will connect with other lay leaders and pastors in our sister churches --- to encourage them and to be encouraged by them. I look forward to greeting your delegates virtually to celebrate our partnership in God's mission field known as the Great Lakes Conference.

### **REGISTRATION LINK:**

PLEASE VISIT WWW.GREATLAKES.CC TO REGISTER!

## Helpful Registration Instructions

Here are some instructions and useful information to ease the registration process for the 2021 GLC Annual Celebration.

#### First, some definitions:

A GLC Delegate is a person chosen by their church to attend the events of the GLC Annual Celebration and to be an official voting representative at the 2021 GLC Annual Meeting on April 24, 2021.

Advisors and Guests are non-delegates who may attend the events of the GLC Annual Celebration, but they will not receive the delegate information for the 2021 GLC Annual Meeting, nor may they vote.

#### Who may send delegates to the 2021 GLC Annual Meeting on April 24, 2021?

- Member congregations of the GLC shall be entitled to representation as follows: congregations up to 100
  members, two delegates; congregations with 101 to 200 members, three delegates; congregations with 201
  to 300 members, four delegates; congregations with 301 or more members, five delegates.
- Each association recognized by the GLC (named in the GLC Constitution and Bylaws) shall be entitled to one delegate.
- Each affiliated corporation and institution (named in the GLC Constitution and Bylaws) shall be entitled to one delegate.
- Each delegate to an Annual Meeting shall be a member of an ECC congregation. Delegates representing local congregations shall be members of the congregation they represent. No delegate may represent more than one entity, except a member in good standing of the Ministerial Association serving two or more congregations may represent those churches being served, yet with only one vote. A member in good standing of the Ministerial Association who is serving as an interim pastor in a member congregation may serve as a delegate from that congregation without being a member of that congregation.
- A church plant within the GLC that is not yet a member congregation may send two advisors (not delegates) to the Annual Meeting.

#### How do I register for the 2021 Annual Celebration?

You may register one of two ways:

- Visit our website at <u>www.greatlakes.cc</u> and click on the Registration Link.
- Or, copy and paste the following Registration Link into your browser:

#### https://greatlakesconf.wufoo.com/forms/q1951cpc0lydfa3/

To complete the registration form, you will need to know whether you are 1. a delegate, 2. a minister wishing to attend the Ministerial Association Meeting, 3. both a delegate and a minister wishing to attend the Ministerial Association Meeting, or 4. an advisor or guest.

#### What happens next?

- If you sign up to attend the Ministerial Association Meeting, you will be sent an email with a link to go to the GLC Ministerial Association Meeting webinar page. Please click that link. Once on the webinar page, please enter your name and email address before submitting. Once submitted, you will then be sent a second email which contains a unique webinar link for you to join the April 23 GLC Ministerial Association Meeting webinar. Please be sure to acquire your link in advance of the event.
- If you sign up for the April 23 Award Ceremony, Virtual Lobby and/or Worship Service, you will receive an email containing the link for the event(s) as a link for a Zoom meeting.
- If you sign up as a delegate for the GLC Annual Meeting, you will be sent an email with a link to go to the GLC Annual Meeting webinar page. Please click that link. Once on the webinar page, please enter your name and email address before submitting. Once submitted, you will then be sent a second email which contains a unique webinar link for you to join the April 24 GLC Annual Meeting webinar. Please be sure to acquire your link in advance of the event.
- Please note, each delegate will register on their own to receive their unique webinar link. This is very important, as there can be only one vote per unique link. Therefore, please DO NOT share your unique webinar link with another delegate. Delegates will also receive documents for the Annual Meeting, as well as a signature form to sign and return. Instructions will be included as to how to return the form.