



National Association of Annual Conference Treasurers

September 23-26, 2025
Hilton Columbus Downtown
Columbus, OH

Tuesday, September 23

4:30p – 6:00p	Registration		Atrium B
4:30p – 6:00p	Welcome Reception	Hosted by GCFA	Atrium B

Wednesday, September 24

7:00a – 8:30a	Breakfast		Robert King
7:30a – 8:30a	New Attendee Breakfast	Hosted by the NAACT Executive Committee	Edward Parker Hayden
8:30a – 9:15a	Welcome, Introductions, and Check-in	Lonnie Chafin, NAACT President Bill Brownson, Local Host	Elijah Pierce AB
9:15a – 9:45a	Opening Devotion	Rev. Linda Middelberg, West Ohio Assistant to the Bishop	Elijah Pierce AB
9:45a – 10:45a	GCFA Finance & Data Services • Current financial state of the church • Base rate change anticipation & process • Episcopal Fund status discussion • Data developments	Moses Kumar, Rick King, Sharon Asmus	Elijah Pierce AB
10:45a – 11:00a	Break		Edna Boies Hopkins
11:00a – Noon	Wespath • Institutional fund options • Understanding de-levered position of DB accounts • Rules on disaffiliation funds and on benefit tagged funds in conferences • Compass IT processes • Health Insurance Trends	Tony Prestipino, Eileen Kane, Johara Farhadieh	Elijah Pierce AB
Noon – 1:00p	Lunch		Robert King
1:00p – 1:30p	Retiree Recognition: Mark King, Kendall Waller, Eileen Kane, Moses Kumar	Lonnie Chafin, NAACT President	Elijah Pierce AB
1:30p – 3:00p	UMC Data and Trends	Tony Prestipino, Bryan Mjaanes	Elijah Pierce AB

3:00p – 3:15p	Break		Edna Boies Hopkins
3:15p – 4:45p	Roundtable Discussion: Standardization and Sharing to Increase Collaboration - What works/What doesn't - Staffing structures comparison - What does sharing administrative services look like? What about outsourcing? - What do you use? - What are two or three things we might attempt to standardize across conferences? - Database experiences	Christy Bogner, Sarah Sneider, Michele Giarrusso, Ron Carlson	Elijah Pierce AB
	Free Evening & Social Dinner Groups		

Thursday, September 25

7:00a – 8:00a	Breakfast		Robert King
8:30a – 8:45a	Opening Comments, Devotion	Lonnie Chafin, NAACT President Rev. Karen Cook, West Ohio Director of Connectional Ministries	Elijah Pierce AB
8:45a – 10:00a	United Voices, Shared Vision: The Power of Communication and Collaboration - Strategic alignment and effective organizational communication - Proactive communication, trust-building, and strategic integration - Employee engagement tools to foster trust and transparency	Caitlin Congdon	Elijah Pierce AB
10:00a – 10:15a	Break		Edna Boies Hopkins
10:15a – 11:45a	Closed Church Best Practices/Standardization - DS Communication - Checklists - Use of proceeds - Legal matters - Holding before sale/making decisions on use - Associated groups to hold properties for development	Ron Carlson, Allison Berg	Elijah Pierce AB
11:45a – 1:00p	Lunch & Jurisdictional Meetings	Lonnie Chafin, NAACT President	Robert King

1:00p – 2:00p	GCFA Legal - Relevant legal updates, including impacts of current legislation and any relevant case updates - Copyright discussion	Leticia Mayberry Wright	Elijah Pierce AB
2:00p – 2:15p	Insurance Market Update	Jeff Koch, UMIP	Elijah Pierce AB
2:15p – 2:30p	Break		Edna Boies Hopkins
2:30p – 3:30p	Annual Conference Structure Workshop Discussion of a process we can initiate to build flexibility for Conference structuring <i>(with a focus on administrative and financial bodies)</i>	Lonnie Chafin	Elijah Pierce AB
3:30p – 4:00p	Forward in Hope - Name our hopes for the church - How does the conference incubate now? - Grants and other abilities to accomplish dreams	Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner, GBGM	Elijah Pierce AB
4:15p – 8:00p	4:15p – 4:30p Depart and walk through North Market Downtown (~2 blocks) 4:30p – 4:45p Walk to Lower.Com field (~10 blocks) 5:00p – 7:00p Tours of Lower.Com field (small groups) & Private Dinner Reception 6:30p – 7:00p Walk to Parks Edge Condominiums (~5 blocks) 6:45p – 8:00p Dessert reception in Parks Edge Condominiums hosted by Bill Brownson		

Friday, September 26

7:00a – 8:00a	Breakfast		Robert King
7:00a – 8:00a	NAACT Executive Committee Breakfast	Includes newly elected Jurisdictional Representatives and Alternates	Edward Parker Hayden
8:15a – 8:30a	Opening Comments	Lonnie Chafin, NAACT President Bill Brownson, Local Host	Elijah Pierce AB
8:30a – 9:45a	NAACT Business Meeting Event Evaluation	Lonnie Chafin, NAACT President	Elijah Pierce AB
9:45a – 10:15a	Break & Check-out		Edna Boies Hopkins
10:15a – 11:15a	Open Discussion: Mapping the Future	Sara Goetze, Lonnie Chafin	Elijah Pierce AB
11:15a – 11:45a	Worship with Communion & Sending Forth	Rev. Mike Potts	Elijah Pierce AB