



West Ohio Annual Conference Report

More than 1,000 members gathered for the West Ohio Annual Conference, May 27-30 under the theme “Celebrating Abundant Grace,” with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung presiding. The guiding scripture for the conference was Matthew 14:13-21, in which Jesus fed 5,000 with five loaves and two fish.

In his State of the Conference address, Bishop Jung called the conference to unity, discipleship, and service, saying Ohio Methodism is diverse but united in mission.

He outlined Five Strategic Pillars to guide the church: building relationships, shared mission, deepening discipleship, multiplying faith communities, and developing emerging leaders.

Celebrating the Ministry of Clergy and Laity

- Ordination of four elders and three deacons
- Recognition of orders for four clergy
- Commissioning of seven provisional elders
- Recognition of thirty-two retiring clergy and seventeen local pastors
- Acknowledgment of ten Certified Lay Ministers

Celebrating the Ohio-Korea Ministry Partnership

West Ohio and the Korean Methodist Church formalized a ministry partnership during the conference, where Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and Bishop Seong-Bok Kim signed the Ohio-Korea Covenant of Ministry Partnership.

Other Conference Business: Legislation

Attendees read, discussed, amended and passed 6 recommendations.

For a full summary of the conference, photos, & videos you can go to

https://www.westohioumc.org/search?search_terms=Celebrate+video+from+2026+Annual+Conference.