



**Minnesota**  
**Annual Conference**  
of the United Methodist Church

## The Minnesota Annual Conference: Who We Are

### Our Mission

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### Our Vision

For every congregation to become a vital expression of the scriptural imperatives to:

#### Grow in Love of God and Neighbor

*The Great Commandment  
(Matthew 22:37-40, NIV)*

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

#### Reach New People

*The Great Commission  
(Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)*

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

#### Heal a Broken World

*The Great Proclamation  
(Luke 4:16-21, NIV)*

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

### Our Values *(Moving Forward—A Vision, Item 100, as approved by the 2019 Minnesota Annual Conference Session)*

#### Rooted In Jesus

Jesus is our foundation, the One who teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to love our enemies and welcome the stranger. Christ is the very embodiment of Love, Emmanuel—“God with us.”

#### Grounded in Wesleyan Theology

Grace pervades our understanding of Christian faith and life. While the grace of God is undivided, it precedes salvation as “prevenient grace,” continues in “justifying grace,” and is brought to fruition in “sanctifying grace.”

#### Inclusive of All Persons

We are committed to inclusiveness in all aspects of the life of the Church, by embracing the richness of diversity found in sexual orientation, race, physical or mental ability, national origin, marital status, gender identity, ethnicity, economic status, and age.

#### Engaged in the Work of Justice and Reconciliation

We are a Church created to participate in God’s redemptive work in this world. We hold an unwavering commitment to the hard work of advocacy, justice, reconciliation and liberation.