



I eagerly anticipate our gathering at this year's National Conference to share what God has been doing among us and to set the direction for this dynamic movement we call the Evangelical Congregational Church. I look forward to worshipping together, spending time in God's Word and having opportunities to forge new relationships and deepen existing ones.

Like you, I am praying that God's Holy Spirit overflows our entire experience with refreshing and renewal.

Randy



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2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MAY 20-21, 2026
MESSIAH UNIVERSITY
MECHANICSBURG, PA

Rich Stevenson

Rich is the Executive Pastor at Wesley Church, the Co-Director of The Malachi Network and, in the summer, he leads Avalon Beach Church. Prior to his present ministry, Rich pastored and planted churches in NJ and KY and served as an adjunct professor at both Asbury University and Bethany College of Missions.

Rich is the author of five books: **Secrets of the Spiritual Life - 10 Lessons from the One Thing Passages**, **A Voice from Home - The Words You Long to Hear from Your Father**, **Let's Dance - A New Way of Relating to Jesus**, **40 Days of Easter - Walking with Jesus from the Resurrection to the Ascension** and **Scattered Sheep - For Those Prone to Wander**.

He graduated from Asbury University in 1984 with a BA degree in Philosophy of Religion and from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1987 with a Master of Divinity degree. In 2010, Rich received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Union Biblical Seminary in Yangon, Myanmar.

Rich has been married to Tania since 1982, and they have been blessed by four amazing children and seven grandchildren.



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General Agenda (subject to change)

TUESDAY, MAY 19

7:00 – 9:00 PM Early Registration (for those staying on campus Tuesday evening)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Registration

10:30 AM Lay Delegate Orientation Sollenberger 165

12:00 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Worship & Holy Communion Service
Hostetter Chapel

3:00 PM Afternoon Business Session including the
Episcopal Election and Episcopal Address

5:00 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Worship and Speaker: Rich Stevenson

7:45 PM Adjourn and Ice Cream Fellowship

THURSDAY, MAY 21

7:00 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Worship and Speaker: Rich Stevenson

9:30 AM Morning Business Session

10:30 AM Elections and Community Updates
Lightning Round Interview

12:00 PM Lunch (GMC Luncheon Presentation)

1:30 PM Afternoon Business Session including
Twin Pines and Statistician's Reports

2:30 PM Worship and Speaker: Rich Stevenson

4:00 PM Honoring of Retirees and Andrew Fund
Offering

5:00 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Evening Session including Credentialing
Report

7:45 PM Announcements and Adjourn

*All sessions are in Brubaker Auditorium in the
Eisenhower Campus Center, unless otherwise noted,
and all meals are in Lottie Nelson Dining Hall.*



Registration

- Registration will be at the Eisenhower Campus Center on Tuesday, May 19, from 7 - 9 PM (for those staying on campus Tuesday night); Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 9 AM; and Thursday, May 21, at 8 AM.
- Conference sessions officially begin on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 PM with Worship and Holy Communion in Hostetter Chapel.
- All pastors serving a church will pay the per person Registration Fee.
- Superannuated and/or retired pastoral classifications not serving a church as of May 1, 2026, will receive a code to use at registration to waive the registration fee.



Campus Info

- Dress policy is "business casual." A sweater or light jacket is suggested to assure comfort in varying temperatures in the auditorium, buildings and rooms.
- Messiah University's campus is a "walking campus." Be prepared to walk to other buildings on the campus.



Housing

- Three on-campus housing options are available: Single Dorm (\$62); Dorm with a roommate (\$47); and Apartment with roommate(s) (\$58). All prices are per person per night. You must provide your own pillow, bed sheets, blankets and towels.
- Blocks of rooms have been reserved at two local hotels. Please contact EC Church Center for more information about this option.



Meals

- Meals will only be offered on a per meal basis this year. There will not be any meal plans. For registration, the prices per meal are as follows:
 - Breakfast: \$8.00
 - Lunch: \$14.50
 - Dinner: \$16.00
- If you do not purchase meals when registering and instead opt to purchase them at conference, price for lunch and dinner will be \$16.00 and \$17.50, respectively.

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