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Rev. Brian Gilbert, District Superintendent

## **NIC Committee Volunteers Needed**

The NIC Nominations Committee is seeking individuals interested in serving in all ministry areas of the conference. The Nominations Committee will be presenting the slate of those offering themselves in service at the Annual Conference session on Oct. 2.

There are several administrative and program committees that need you! If you would like to volunteer your gifts and talents to a NIC Committee, please sign up using [this form](#).

For more information and committee descriptions, go to [umcnic.org/nominations](http://umcnic.org/nominations). Submissions are due by **August 15**.

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## **Oregon UMC Youth Group Travels to Tennessee**

After missing the opportunity in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a youth group from a small northern Illinois town traveled in July to Coalmont, Tennessee for its mission trip at [Mountain T.O.P.](#), a rural outreach project. The group consisted of 22 youth and seven adults from two small congregations, Oregon United Methodist Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oregon, Illinois. Until last year, the two churches had shared a mission trip every year since 2011. [Read more.](#) (Photo Credit: Rev. Thomas Kim, UM News



## August Reporter Available Online

Check out the August Reporter now available online. Read [Bishop Hopkins' column](#) with question #4 about the future of the United Methodist Church, a [wrap-up](#) of Annual Conference, [a story of a local triathlete](#) who made Olympic history, and more about the [making of a faith-based movie](#) at an Elgin church.

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**Jesus makes a way**  
2021 Northern Illinois Virtual Annual Conference

**2021 Annual Conference makes a way through virtual experience**  
By Anne Marie Gerhardt, Dir. of Communications

From the comfort of home, coffee shops, office, or church, many of the more than 600 participants of the 182nd session of the Northern Illinois Conference, with the theme "Jesus Makes a Way," made their way onto Zoom to take part in two days of business, vision reports, Bible study and and productive, and we continue to have a devotion to missions (the Northern Illinois Conference gave \$418,199 and supported 18 missionaries through the Advance in 2020). Bishop Hopkins addressed the reality of a continual decline in appointment numbers, concern about territoriality

Annual Conference beginning in 2022. We lifted the following eight church closings in prayer: Beach Park, York House, Northbrook, Glenbrook Korean, Ringwood, Wood Dale Community, Chicago, Ferwood, Lake Faith, Allouey, Bethel, and Elkhorst (note: these closings are not all from one year as the

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