The General Conference and Jurisdictional delegates held their first meeting at Grace UMC in Kokomo, Indiana on July 27, 2019. Following a worship service led by Rev. Ronnie Bell, the group got to know one another and discussed aspects of the conference delegate participation by hearing wisdom from past delegates. The group reviewed and accepted the Christian Conferencing Guidelines as a covenant between delegates.

General Conference 2020 is May 5th-15th in Minneapolis, MN. September 18 was noted as the deadline to submit petitions for consideration to the conference. Jurisdictional Conference is July 15th-18th in Fort Wayne, IN. There is a Jurisdictional Gathering scheduled for November 8th-9th in Barrington (near Chicago). The group decided to participate in this meeting and to hold the delegation meeting for November at that location. The following Legislative assignments for General Conference were made:

- John Lomperis: Church & Society #1
- Leah Padgett: Church & Society #2
- Duane Carlisle: Church & Society #3
- Russ Abel: Conferences #4
- Amy Land: Conferences #4
- Jill Howard: Discipleship #5
- Lisa Schubert Nowling: Faith & Order #6
- Ian Hall: Finance Admin #7
- Larry Whitehead: Finance Admin #7
- Rob Fuquay: General Admin #8
- Ronnie Bell: Global Mission #9
- Aleze Fulbright: Higher Ed/Superintendency #10
- Shannon Priddy: Independent Commissions #11
- Mike Womack: Judicial Admin #12
- Shirley Dominick: Local Church #13
- Chris Hancock: Ordained Ministry #14.

The following Teams and Chairs within the delegation were made:

- Delegation Chair – Russ Abel
- Delegation Vice-chair – Chris Hancock
- Secretary – Jill Howard (elected); Marcus Jennings (associate if Jill absent)
- Treasurer - Ian Hall (affirmed)
Communication (social media, sharing info)—John Shive (affirmed)  
Chaplain – Derek Weber & Chris Tiedeman (affirmed)  
Legislation “tracker” -- Adrianne Curtis (lead, affirmed); Meg Lassiat (consultant), RC Muhlbaier (member), John Lomperis (member), Nathan Lundy (member)  
Strategy -- Aleze Fulbright (lead), Meg Lassiat (member), Mike Womack (member), Alberto Hidalgo,  
Episcopal Process/Strategy – develop and present at our September meeting: Brett Lloyd, Chris Nunley, Lisa Schubert Nowling, Ronnie Bell  
Hospitality: Marti Lundy.

It was noted that per the discipline, these delegation meetings are open and not confidential. Anyone in the IN Conference may attend. Meeting dates and locations will be communicated as finalized. The intent is to meet throughout the conference districts for travel conveniences and to visible in several districts. The delegation is working to determine how to invite congregations to share information with them following our regular meeting agenda.

The group decided to use What’s App for team communication. Also, an email will be created to allow for people to contact all delegates using one email address.

Discussed three items for the agenda for the next meeting: Communication, Episcopal Process/Strategy, and Budget. The next meeting will be held on September 7th.