

## Lay Leader to the Annual Conference

### Report to the 2020 church conference at Friendship UMC

At this time, as Lay Leader to the Annual Conference, I normally report of my experiences at the June meeting of the Conference, however, this year it will be held virtually in November because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, I have continued my work at Friendship United Methodist Church as a member of the church council, staff parish relations committee, and finance. I have also attended some of the virtual Aurora District lay leader monthly meetings with DS Jeffery Bross. I was able to attend the virtual Church of the Resurrection Leadership Institute on September 24 and 25.

In preparation for the November 14 Annual Conference, I have promoted the 2020 Bishop's Appeal for the Global Secondary School in Tanzania and collected needed supplies for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

Also, I was able to work with a group of hard-working members to help Friendship Church become a Reconciling Congregation. We are awaiting a decision about same-gender marriage and ordination of LGBTQ members from next year's General Conference.

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