

Alabama-West Florida 2024 Delegation Covenant

We, the elected delegates from the Alabama-West Florida Conference to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church in 2024, do hereby covenant together:

- We will pray for one another, for our local churches, our Annual Conference, for the General Conference, and for the United Methodist Church, its mission, its members, and its leaders.
- We will make our best effort to attend every meeting or retreat of the delegation and to be fully present when in attendance.
- We will listen deeply to the Holy Spirit, to one another, and to the laity and clergy of our Annual Conference.
- We will keep informed of all legislation, Judicial Council rulings, and other developments as we prepare for General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 2024.
- As we dare to dream, we will openly discuss among ourselves with compassion, curiosity, and transparency the joys and challenges of our work together.
- We will work collaboratively first and foremost with one another, with others from our conference, and with delegates from across the connection.
- We will seek to reflect in our individual lives and in our common work what we most appreciate about our Annual Conference.
- We celebrate our diversity and will make space for all voices of those who seek God's best for the Alabama-West Florida Conference and the United Methodist Church.
- We will take very seriously the responsibility delegated to us by the Annual Conference as a matter of sacred trust.
- When we speak about our work, in informal conversations or in official settings, we will communicate clearly that we speak for ourselves unless we have agreed as a team that we are of one mind on a particular topic.
- We will keep confidence with one another the content of our meetings and individual conversations except when there is information that we have agreed to share outside the team.
- We will "make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3), for the glory of God.