

## **Mayflower Church UCC Annual Meeting Delegate Position Description 2023**

Mayflower elects six delegates, including at least one youth/young adult delegate, to attend the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference, held this June 9-10, 2023. The Annual Meeting is rich with vital worship experiences, dynamic speakers, and chances to share your passion for social justice. Delegates participate in workshops on a variety of topics and vote on Conference business. Delegates are encouraged to resource and learn from other churches that are innovative and share our passion for justice. We are looking for delegates that will best represent us on a state level. To learn more visit: [The 2023 Annual Meeting is June 9-10 – United Church of Christ Minnesota Conference \(uccmn.org\)](https://uccmn.org)

Throughout the year delegates are asked to attend ordinations and ecclesiastical events around the conference as they are able. Delegates also vote at Special Meetings of the Conference when these are called. They are asked to give a report to Mayflower Church of Annual Meeting topics, votes, and issues that have been raised. Each delegate must be a member in good standing of the local church they represent.

**Practical considerations:** In 2023, the dates are June 9-10 at College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. The conference will have a hybrid option with virtual workshops and all plenaries and worship streamed on Zoom for delegates to participate from home. The theme is *“Protecting God’s Gift of Creation”* and the keynote speaker is Rev. Michael Malcom, ordained in the United Church of Christ and founder and executive director of the People’s Justice Council in Birmingham, Alabama. He will share how he created an unparalleled opportunity for faith communities throughout Alabama to unite and raise their voice against environmental racism, economic oppression, environmental injustice, and climate change.

Delegates arrive Friday morning and leave after worship on Saturday late afternoon, stay overnight in dorm rooms, and join everyone for meals in the college cafeteria. The registration fee, which covers materials, housing and meals, is subsidized by Mayflower for its delegates. Mayflower delegates usually carpool to and from the meeting.

Youth/Young Adult delegate ages are 13-29.

If you’d like to be a delegate, contact any current Nominating Committee member: Connie Ford (Chair) ([connieford651@gmail.com](mailto:connieford651@gmail.com)), Diann Anders, Ellen Baker, Steve Rawlins, or Karen Smith Sellers.

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