



ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Better Together

Together We Make A Difference Through Ministry Shares

Because you were faithful in your ministry giving ... clergy and laity from each of our 850+ churches gather to conduct the business and share in the communal activities of the Harrisburg Episcopal area during the annual conference session held each year at Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Our Annual Conference session looks to the future
with the quadrennial theme ...

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This phrase reflects what a connectional church such as ours is all about. It affirms and celebrates the stronger and bigger mission and ministry we can accomplish as a connectional church. It also points to the mandate of unity for Christian witness as it sums up the spirit and the focus of Jesus' prayer for the oneness of his disciples. In the Gospel of John chapter 17, Jesus repeats these words of prayer: *"They may be one as we are one."*

Prayer connects the people of faith to God's way and God's future. A way forward in unity that our church is looking for starts with Jesus' prayer for the oneness of his followers and our prayers to be an answer to his prayer. In sync with the ardent prayer of Jesus for oneness, each year we will lift up a prayer that we offer at the Lord's Table as a theme:

- 2017 – "Better Together: Make Us One"
- 2018 – "Better Together: One with Christ"
- 2019 – "Better Together: One with Each Other"
- 2020 – "Better Together: One in Ministry to All the World"

Thanks to your support, our annual sessions will allow us to be Better Together, providing lasting connections in ministry well beyond our local congregations.

The 2017 annual conference session will be **May 4 - 6**.