

June 19, 2019
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Phoenix, Arizona, 85014

Dear Friends,

On Thursday, June 13th the 35th session of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference opened in Mesa, Arizona. Find a summary of all that took place at Annual Conference here: <https://dscumc.org/2019/06/2019-desert-southwest-annual-conference/>

We need your Feedback: Fill out a survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6PVBNDJ>

Your generosity transformed lives! Annual Conference raised over \$16,000 for the giving projects of Annual Conference. Those dollars will impact thousands of people across the United States. We raised \$4,423.25 for homeless youth and young adults, Disaster Response raised \$3,589.57 to resource our ERT responders and UMCOR volunteers, \$3,551.75 for Huachuca UMC, and \$5,264.75 for the Asylum efforts occurring in Yuma, Tucson, and the greater Phoenix area. Thank you! If you would like to contribute, you can continue to give at <https://dscumc.org/annual-conference/2019-mission-projects/>

Voting updates: Saturday afternoon there was a vote on the resolution, “Source of Complaints.” The vote on this was: 324 agreed, 28 disagreed, 4 abstained. The resolution was approved.

The work continues! The DSC Way Forward has launched a series of 10 working teams to help us as a conference move into the future of our work together. We will be launching a DSC Way Forward webpage at the end of this week to communicate about this effort and coordinate that work – stay tuned for that link and:

- Sign up to join one of these teams at https://dscumc.org/dsc-way-forward-interest-form/?et_fb=1&PageSpeed=off
- Submit an idea or question at <https://dscumc.org/dsc-way-forward-share-2/>

The Special Session of Annual Conference will be held on Saturday, September 14th, 2019 at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church from 9:00am-5:00pm. Every effort has been made to explore if this meeting can be held electronically. However, given the importance of voting, and the fact that there is no way to verify or ensure the accuracy of voting not done in person, this meeting will be held in person. Registration will open on August 1st at <https://dscumc.org/annual-conference/> The cost will be \$20. Keep checking the Annual Conference webpage for the most up to date information about the special session of Annual Conference.

Legislation for the Special Session of Annual Conference: The deadline to submit legislation for the special session of annual conference will be August 1st. Email legislation or send questions to jlambert@dscumc.org. The Connectional Ministries office will be holding 2 legislative writing seminars – one by zoom, one in person – in July. To indicate an interest in attending, please sign up here: <https://dscumc.org/dsc-legislative-seminar/> You will receive a message about the dates at the end of this week.

We look forward to our ongoing ministry together “called anew to follow!”.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jen Lambert – Secretary of the Annual Conference
Rev. Beth Rambikur – Director of Connectional Ministry