

**Investing in Each Other to Preserve Our Legacy
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The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) is responsible for preparing a World Service Conference (WSC) agenda that facilitates the active voice and effective group conscience of our fellowship.

To accomplish this responsibility, the CLT initiated the planning process for the 2026 WSC shortly after returning home from the 2025 WSC in Connecticut. The CLT members have reviewed the 2025 WSC evaluations that were submitted. We appreciate each member's comments, feedback, and suggestions. All of your input is valuable as we prepare for the next World Service Conference.

The CLT reviewed the theme phrases and words suggested by Conference Members for the 2026 WSC theme. The CLT considers the ideas, often combining many suggestions, in a spiritual process that leads to an idea. The CLT forwarded their resulting recommendation to the Board of Trustees (Board) for approval at its July meeting. Since the Conference theme applies from January to December, the approved theme will be announced closer to the end of 2025 to align with its introduction in January 2026. We look forward to the ongoing evolving preparations for the 2026 WSC.

Having heard the Conference members' voices, the World Service Conference will return to a five-day week held on weekdays next year. The 2026 World Service Conference will be held Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24, 2026, at the Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, Virginia.

The CLT discussed the WSC Agenda Collaboration Work Group (WG) charge. This WG would typically begin its work in March–May and continue through mid-December, when the preliminary agenda recommendation is finalized for approval by the Board in January. Given that the decision to proceed with the WG occurred at the 2025 WSC, the timeframe for the WG had to be adjusted for the first year, with the WG starting in June/July. In addition, CLT spent considerable time and consideration to evolve the selection process and invitation. After surveying Delegates for those interested in serving on the WG, the CLT selected two Delegates from Panel 63 and one Delegate from Panel 64.

The CLT engaged in thoughtful discussion about whether to hold the WSC Affirmation Process virtually again in 2026. This discussion resulted in a decision to poll all WSC members for their perspective. Depending on the WSC members' group conscience, the Affirmation will be held virtually or added as part of the 2026 WSC agenda.

The six-member Conference Leadership Team includes:

- Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of Conference
- Associate Director—World Service Events & History
- Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
- Executive Director
- Director of Programs