

Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update

July 2024

Jayne C., Chairperson

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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 2025 WSC shortly after returning home from the 2024 WSC in Virginia Beach. The CLT members have reviewed the 2024 WSC evaluations that were submitted. We appreciate each member's comments, feedback, and suggestions. All your input is valuable as we prepare for the next WSC.

The 2025 WSC will be held Thursday, April 24 through Sunday, April 27, 2025, at the Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport Hotel, 28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT, 06095. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, April 23. The Stepping Stones visit will occur Monday, April 28, and rooms will be available for those Conference members who cannot fly out until Tuesday.

The 2025 WSC will be the third year of the four-day Conference week three-year trial. To create more space on the 2025 WSC agenda, the CLT agreed to recommend to the Board of Trustees (BOT) that the Trustee affirmations process occur in a virtual meeting scheduled by the second week of January and held no more than two weeks prior to the WSC to protect confidentiality.

After thoughtful conversation based on the 2024 Conference discussion and evaluations, CLT made two recommendations to the BOT for the July meeting: a recommendation to return to holding a five-day World Service Conference starting in 2026 and one to return to holding the Conference during the week, with the flexibility to shift onto one weekend day if necessary to accommodate holidays while ensuring the Conference occurs in April.

Acting upon the BOT's delegation of the charge related to the WSC Motion Eight (Delegate Participation on CLT for Agenda Development), the CLT created the charge, invited Delegates to participate, and selected one Delegate from each panel to serve on the Task Force. The charge reinforced the confidential nature of this and all task force work.

The CLT reviewed theme phrases and words suggested for the 2025 WSC theme. The CLT forwarded their suggestion to the BOT for approval at the July meeting. The approved theme will be announced closer to the end of 2024 to align with its introduction in January 2025. We look forward to the ongoing evolving preparations for the 2025 WSC.

The six-member Conference Leadership Team includes:

- Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of Conference (both Trustees)

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