

Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update

July 2026

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The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has the responsibility to prepare 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 2027 WSC shortly after returning home from the 2026 WSC in Newport News. The CLT members have reviewed the 2026 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. We look forward to the ongoing evolving preparations for the 2027 WSC.

The CLT reviewed the theme phrases and words suggested by Conference members for the 2027 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 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 2026 to align with its introduction in January 2027.

The 2027 World Service Conference will be held Tuesday, April 13 through Saturday, April 17, 2027, at the Newport News Marriott at City Center Hotel, Newport News, Virginia.

The CLT engaged in thoughtful discussion about the pros and cons of holding the WSC Affirmation Process virtually again in 2027. Last year, the CLT invited Conference members to take the poll, "2026 Affirmation Process—Virtual or In Person?" The poll included five options: four virtual dates or in person. Conference members chose one of the virtual options. The CLT will continue the discussion at an upcoming meeting.

The six member Conference Leadership Team includes:

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