



Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously

ALASKA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Alaska Conference Fall Learning Event

Loving Boldly

November 5–7, 2026 | Dimond Center, Anchorage

Draft agenda

Thursday, November 5

Loving Boldly Begins with Caring for Ourselves

4:00 p.m. — Opening Devotion & Compassion Bodily Prayer

4:30 p.m. — Conference Covenant

- Continue our work on the covenant developed through last year's Fall Learning Event and Spring Learning Event
- How will we relate to one another in our shared work?

6:00 p.m. — Dinner

Wellness Opportunities Throughout the Day

- Costco hearing tests for those who opt in
- DexaFit scans for the Annual Conference cohort
- Additional wellness and wholeness opportunities

Friday, November 6

Loving Boldly Through Connection & Communication

8:30 a.m. — Devotion

9:00 a.m. — Communications

Led by Kristen Caldwell

- Media presence and storytelling

- Crisis communication
- Sharing the stories of our local churches and ministries
- Online Workshops Planned through the year - Technology, stewardship, & financial workshops.

10:30 a.m. — Break

10:45 a.m. — Communications: Practical Work / Next Steps

12:15 p.m. — Lunch

1:15 p.m. — Alaska Conference Basecamp

Led by Laura Jaquith Bartlett

- Introduction and walk-through
- How we will use Basecamp as a shared communication and collaboration tool
- Note – there is prework for this!

3:00 p.m. — Shared Work / Team Planning

4:30 p.m. — Sacrament & Compassion Exercise

5:30 p.m. — Dinner

Saturday, November 7

Loving Boldly Through Ministry & Collaboration

8:30 a.m. — Devotion

9:00 a.m. — Ministry Priority Collaboration

Participants will work in two groups:

Housing & Hunger

- Ministry priorities and partnerships
- Feeding ministry funding awards
- Planning for Annual Conference Gathering

Young People's Ministry

- Ministry with children, youth, and young adults
- Intergenerational connection and leadership

- Planning for Annual Conference Gathering

11:00 a.m. — Groups Report Back & Connect the Work

11:45 a.m. — Closing Prayer & Sending

12:00 p.m. — Lunch & Conclusion

Participants may remain at the hotel until departure for flights. The Dimond Center Hotel provides a shuttle to the airport.