

**FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
ANNUAL GATHERING 2026**  
**Saturday, February 7 | 9 am – 1 pm | Zoom**

**CONNECT-EMPOWER-ENGAGE: TOGETHER FOR OUR TOMORROW**  
*Philippians 3: 13-14 (NRSV updated)*

9:00 am	<b>WELCOME:</b> Call to order Robert's Rules and Parliamentarian Approve Agenda	Rev. Vonshelle Beneby, Moderator
9:10 am	<b>OPENING CENTERING WORSHIP</b>	First Congregational UCC Tampa
<b>INTRODUCTIONS AND STATE OF THE CONFERENCE</b>		
9:20 am	Introductions: Board Of Directors and Staff Announce quorum Approve Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting Introduction of Guests	
9:30 am	Message from Moderator and Vice Moderator	Rev. Vonshelle Beneby and Rev. John Barnette
9:40 am Minister	State of the Conference	Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Transitional Conference
9:50 am	Spiritual Sharing Moment: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-18 <i>Bianca Montenegro &amp; Rev. LaTrell Harrison, Associate Conference Minister for Search &amp; Call and Congregational Care</i>	
9:55 am	Video: In Remembrance	
10:00 am	Stretch Break	
<b>BUSINESS SESSIONS FOR ACTION</b>		
10:05 am	<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>	Rev. Lisa LeSueur
10:45 am	Spiritual Sharing Moment: 2 Timothy 1: 6-7 Rev. Jacques Mervil & Rev. Michelle Taylor, <i>Associate Conference Minister for Committee on Ministry and Clergy Care</i>	
10:50 am	Video: New Calls and Clergy Anniversaries	
10:55 am	Stretch Break	
11:00 am	<b>Bylaws Amendments</b>	Rev. Nayiri Karjian, TCM

11:40 am Spiritual Sharing Moment: Colossians 3: 12-14  
Ngan Ling Lung  
Neal Watkins, Minister of Vision and Vitality

11:45 am Video: Church Anniversaries

11:50 am Stretch Break

11:55 am **Nominating Report** Rev. Geoff Gross

12:15 pm Video: Members In Discernment (MIDs)

### **CLOSING WORSHIP**

12:20 pm Installations of Florida Conference Minister Search Committee & Leadership  
Rev. Nayiri Karjian & Rev. Vonshelle Beneby

Spiritual Sharing Moment & Wrap Up: Isaiah 45:2-3 Rev. Nayiri Karjian

12:45 pm Adjourned