

**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 **WELCOME:** Rev. Vonshelle Beneby, Moderator
 Call to order
 Robert's Rules and Parliamentary
 Approve Agenda

9:10 am **OPENING CENTERING WORSHIP** First Congregational UCC Tampa

INTRODUCTIONS AND STATE OF THE CONFERENCE

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 State of the Conference Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Transitional Conference
Minister

9:50 am Spiritual Sharing Moment: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-18
 Bianca Montenegro & Rev. LaTrell Harrison,
 Associate Conference Minister for Search & Call and Congregational Care

9:55 am Video: In Remembrance

10:00 am Stretch Break

BUSINESS SESSIONS FOR ACTION

10:05 am **Budget & Finance** Rev. Lisa LeSueur

10:45 am Spiritual Sharing Moment: 2 Timothy 1: 6-7
 Rev. Jacques Mervil & Rev. Michelle Taylor,
 Associate Conference Minister for Committee on Ministry and Clergy Care

10:50 am Video: New Calls and Clergy Anniversaries

10:55 am Stretch Break

11:00 am **Bylaws Amendments** 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