



PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING
on Saturday, October 17, 2026
 Salem United Church of Christ
 1117 W. North Street, Alhambra, IL 62001

8:30 am	DOORS OPEN AND CHECK IN BEGINS
9:00 - 9:15 am	GATHERING IN THE SANCTUARY FOR OPENING SESSION Welcome & Opening Prayer Introductions Opening Business (Quorum Report and Items for adoption by unanimous consent including: 2026 Standing Rules, 2026 Agenda, 2025 Annual Meeting minutes, Voice without Vote, and A Covenant Agreement for the day)
9:15 - 9:30 am	BREAK AND TIME TO VISIT THE COVENANTAL COMMONS
9:30 - 10:30 am	OPENING WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY Worship will include the Remembrance of Saints, Holy Communion, and a special offering Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)
10:30 - 10:45 am	STATE OF THE CONFERENCE ADDRESS Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister
10:45 - 11:00 am	INTRODUCTION TO OUR COVENANTAL CONVERSATIONS
11:00 - 11:15 am	BREAK AND TIME TO VISIT THE COVENANTAL COMMONS
11:15 - 11:45 am	COVENANTAL CONVERSATIONS (Part 1) Small group facilitated sessions in assigned rooms
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	LUNCH with special presentation celebrating our churches and pastors <i>(Note to group facilitators: we will meet in the sanctuary at 12:15 pm to prepare for reporting out after lunch.)</i>
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	GATHERING BACK IN THE SANCTUARY Feedback from the first covenantal conversations
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm	DUBOIS CENTER REPORT Jason and Leah Petry, Co-Executive Directors
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	FINANCIAL PRESENTATION Finance Ministry Team
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	BREAK AND TIME TO VISIT THE COVENANTAL COMMONS
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	COVENANTAL CONVERSATIONS (Part 2) Small group facilitated sessions in assigned rooms
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	GATHERING BACK IN THE SANCTUARY Feedback from the second covenantal conversations
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	BUSINESS SESSION Presentation from the Nominating Committee Voting on the 2027 Proposed Slate of Nominees Voting of the 2027 Proposed Budget
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	BREAK AND TIME TO VISIT THE COVENANTAL COMMONS
4:15 pm	CLOSING BLESSING AND COMMISSION