

History of Annual Conference Sessions

This is the 57th Annual Conference since the creation of The United Methodist Church, the 85th session since the unification of The Methodist Church, and the 171st session of the Annual Conference representing the Pacific Conference, the oldest of the merging and separating conferences.

This is the Thirty-Seventh Session of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church since the formation of the Conference by action of the 1984 Western Jurisdictional Conference meeting in Boise, Idaho. The boundaries of the Desert Southwest Conference shall include the State of Arizona, also including that portion of Nevada consisting of Lincoln, Clark, Esmeralda and Nye Counties, and those California cities bordering the Colorado River, namely: Needles and Fort Yuma.

Session	Date	Place	Presiding Bishop <i>Secretary</i>	FE/PE Members	Church Members	Pastoral Charges	Local Churches	
Special	1985 Jan 18-19	Phoenix	Elias G. Galvan <i>Bert N. Lewis</i>					
1 (135)	1985 June 14-16	Flagstaff	Elias G. Galvan <i>Bert N. Lewis</i>	177	18	48,478	107	112
2 (136)	1986 May 23-26	Flagstaff	Elias G. Galvan <i>Bert N. Lewis</i>	176	14	49,303	109	113
3 (137)	1987 May 22-25	Flagstaff	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	176	18	49,963	111	117
4 (138)	1988 June 16-19	Flagstaff	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	194	19	50,818	117	122
5 (139)	1989 June 15-18	Flagstaff	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	197	18	50,946	121	128
6 (140)	1990 June 14-17	Las Vegas	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	201	20	51,260	125	128
7 (141)	1991 June 13-16	Las Vegas	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	202	26	51,486	126	130
8 (142)	1992 June 11-14	Yuma	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	206	20	51,493	128	130
9 (143)	1993 June 10-13	Mesa	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	216	17	51,165	132	131
10 (144)	1994 June 9-12	Mesa	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	215	17	50,624	127	133
11 (145)	1995 June 8-11	Mesa	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	219	20	50,673	127	133
12 (146)	1996 June 6-9	Mesa	Elias G. Galvan <i>Stewart L. Elson</i>	214	27	50,718	127	133
13 (147)	1997 June 4-8	Mesa	William W. Dew <i>Richard E. Lyddon</i>	219	32	50,193	126	129
Special	1998 Jan 31	Phoenix	William W. Dew <i>Richard E. Lyddon</i>					
14 (148)	1998 June 10-14	Mesa	William W. Dew <i>Richard E. Lyddon</i>	222	33	49,318	125	134

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15 (149)	1999 June 9-13	Mesa	William W. Dew <i>Richard E. Lyddon</i>	231 33	48,225	125	130
16 (150)	2000 June 7-11	Mesa	William W. Dew <i>Richard E. Lyddon</i>	237 29	46,751	125	130
17 (151)	2001 June 6-10	Mesa	William W. Dew <i>Richard E. Lyddon</i>	234 26	46,076	125	129
18 (152)	2002 June 5-9	Mesa	William W. Dew <i>Richard E. Lyddon</i>	255 31	44,985	125	129
19 (153)	2003 June 5-8	Mesa	William W. Dew <i>Richard E. Lyddon</i>	253 33	45,104	126	130
20 (154)	2004 June 9-13	Scottsdale	William W. Dew <i>Richard E. Lyddon</i>	253 33	44,793	126	128
21 (155)	2005 June 9-12	Scottsdale	Minerva G. Carcaño <i>Rebecca Oakes Long</i>	253 31	43,979	130	129
22 (156)	2006 June 8-11	Scottsdale	Minerva G. Carcaño <i>Rebecca Oakes Long</i>	258 25	43,003	127	130
23 (157)	2007 June 7-10	Scottsdale	Minerva G. Carcaño <i>S. Lewis Lyon</i>	270 19	42,448	125	128
24 (158)	2008 June 12-15	Scottsdale	Minerva G. Carcaño <i>S. Lewis Lyon</i>	262 18	41,414	123	127
25 (159)	2009 June 25-28	Glendale	Minerva G. Carcaño <i>S. Lewis Lyon</i>	264 11	39,167	122	126
26 (160)	2010 June 23-27	Glendale	Minerva G. Carcaño <i>S. Lewis Lyon</i>	236 13	38,961	133	145
27 (161)	2011 June 23-26	Glendale	Minerva G. Carcaño <i>S. Lewis Lyon</i>	275 6	37,951	133	126
28 (162)	2012 June 21-24	Glendale	Minerva G. Carcaño <i>S. Lewis Lyon</i>	275 8	36,408	128	140
29 (163)	2013 June 27-30	Glendale	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>S. Lewis Lyon</i>	282 11	35,249	132	140
30 (164)	2014 June 17-20	Glendale	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>Nancy Cushman</i>	248 8	34,851	132	140
31 (165)	2015 June 18-21	Glendale	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>Nancy Cushman</i>	262 8	33,629	132	140
32 (166)	2016 June 16-19	Glendale	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>Nancy Cushman</i>	268 6	32,129	128	134
33 (167)	2017 June 15-18	Glendale	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>Nancy Cushman</i>	268 6	30,948	125	131
34 (168)	2018 June 14-17	Glendale	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>Nancy Cushman</i>	230 6	29,255	127	131

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35 (169)	2019 June 13-16	Mesa	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>Jennifer Lambert</i>	247	8	27,972	122	131
Special	2019 Sept 14	Gold Canyon	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>Jennifer Lambert</i>					
36 (170)	2020 June 12-13	Virtual Online	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>Jennifer Lambert</i>	248	7	25,990	122	129
37 (171)	2021 June 11-13	Virtual Online	Robert T. Hoshibata <i>Jennifer Lambert</i>	243	8	24519	122	126