

**CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR 6/10/2026
7:00 PM**

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 5. BILLS AND INVOICES**
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS – Illinois Heartland Library System**
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Village Board Meeting**
 - B. Library Update**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. LIBRARY REPORT – Tia Varns**
- 9. MISCELLANEOUS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**
 - A. Next Tentative Meeting Date Aug 12, 2026**

CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

1/14/2026

1. Welcome

2. ROLL CALL:

Board Members: Sara Faulkner, Brenda Jensen, Carol LeClaire, Vicky Shell, Liz Wauthier were present at the 1/14/2026 Clifton Public Library Board meeting. Called to order at 7:02 pm. Tia Varnes, Head Library Clerk was also present.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Meeting minutes from 11/25/2025 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Brenda, seconded by Sara. Minutes were approved.

4. CPL STAFF EVALUATIONS

Evaluations were completed and reviewed for 2025. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Liz to approve the staff evaluations and authorize the raises for 2025.

5. TREASURERS REPORT:

	<u>11/30/2025</u>	<u>12/31/2025</u>
Checking	\$7,823.99	\$3,531.32
Savings	\$57,181.17	\$73,731.97
CD	\$15,560.45	\$15,684.98
Cash Drawer	\$50.00	\$50.00

Received Iroquois County tax disbursements of \$16,499.96 on 12/19/2025 and \$50.30 on 12/16/2025.

Carol made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Brenda. All approved.

6. BILLS AND INVOICES:

Income \$10.00 for lost book

Expense: \$5.00 for lost book, \$422.00 for Workers Compensation, \$750.00 for Liability Insurance, \$2,214.77 for Phone & Internet, and \$8.00 for Barcode fee
\$3,399.77 Total expenses

A motion was made to approve the Bills and Invoices by Liz and seconded by Carol. Bills and invoices were approved.

7. LIBRARY UPDATE:

Library Board met with the owner of the old Mirror Images to see if the building could work as a library.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Illinois Heartland Library System newsletter sent out via email prior to meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Village Board Meeting – Members of CPL Board will meet with some members of the Village Board to discuss the unpleasant odor in the library on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 9:00am in the library. Brenda moved and Sara approved and motion was carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Library Report – Tia Varnes

Tia reported that Brenda and Carol need to complete FOIA training.

Tia said she completed sorting the record disposal files and 14 boxes were shredded.

Fun/Fossils in November program cancelled; program Dino Dimensions event on November 24, 2025, at 5:00 pm – 17 adults/20 kids attended.

On December 13, 2025, Carol presented Christmas Crafts. 4 Adults and 7 kids attended.

Mario video game night was held on December 19, 2025, with 1 Adult, 3 kids and 1 teen attending.

January will have a Bluey theme night and February will be a Valentine's Day box decorating night.

Motion to approve the Library Report by Brenda, seconded by Liz, all approved.

11. UPDATE ACCOUNTS AT FIRST TRUST:

Tia and Vicky will go to First Trust and update the checking, savings, and CD to make Tia primary contact. Will also renew and update the credit card to Tia.

12. MISCELLANEOUS:

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm, move to adjourn by Carol, seconded by Brenda. Approved. The next meeting is February 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vicky Shell, President



Clifton Public Library <cliftonpubliclibil@gmail.com>

IHLS Member Connection – May 6, 2026

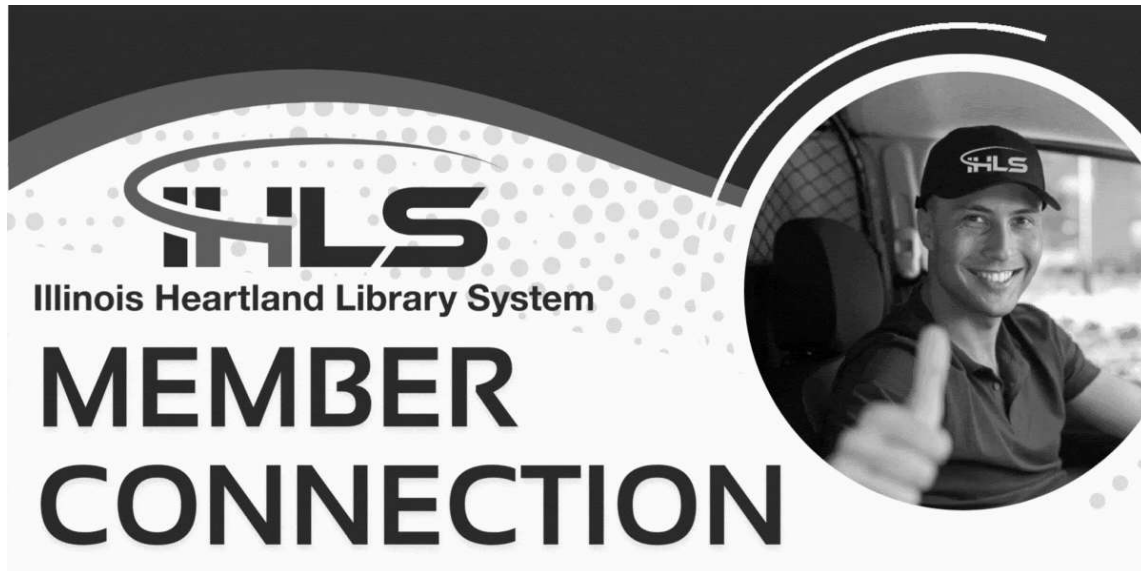
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Illinois Heartland Library System <ihls@illinoisheartland.org>
Reply-To: us4-2e6bc373ac-d8b41e0e96@inbound.mailchimpapp.net
To: Tia Varns <cliftonpubliclibil@gmail.com>

Wed, May 6, 2026 at 9:04 AM

IHLS e-newsletter

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Don't Miss our Next IHLS Board Meet & Greet

ILA Legislative Priorities Q&A

Via Zoom on May 12, 5 p.m.

NEW!

Join the IHLS Board and member library staff for a discussion with [ILA](#) Executive Director Cyndi Robinson and [Public Policy Committee \(PPC\)](#) member Laura Barnes about ILA's legislative

Let's Connect!

Check out our [new social media accounts!](#)



Instagram TikTok

Recurring Events

priorities and advocacy efforts, followed by a Q&A session.

Don't Forget About the Illinois Public Library e-Content Survey

Your Answers Support Advocacy for Wider e-Book Access

Deadline: May 15, 2026

NEW!

On May 1, RAILS reached out to all directors of public libraries in Illinois to complete a survey regarding e-content spending. The survey results will aid ILA's advocacy efforts for HB5236.

Please contact [Cassandra Thompson](#) with questions or if you haven't received the survey yet.

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Education Grant

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Lois Lensky

Covey

Foundation –

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Apply online for up to \$500 in support of professional development or classroom

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Directors University Now Accepting Applications

Deadline: May 8

Directors University (DU) is a seminar for first-time directors and directors new to Illinois from public libraries of all shapes and sizes. The tenth annual DU Core institute will be held **Aug. 10-13**, at the Hilton DoubleTree in **Bloomington**, with **five robust virtual sessions in June and July**.

[Learn More About DU Core](#)



materials.

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Community Champions
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Discounts

NEW & RENEWED

VENDOR DISCOUNTS

LibraryIQ

Group Purchase

NEW!

[LibraryIQ](#) integrates with Polaris to analyze and report on circulation and collection data. LibraryIQ helps with board and state reporting, enhancing patron engagement, selection, weeding, and more!

SHAREables

Book Leasing*

Group Purchase

Applications Open: FY2027 HR Source Membership Grant

Deadline: May 15, 2026

Are you struggling with the intricacies of employment law or overwhelmed by the challenges of recruiting and retaining staff? Consider applying for our fourth **HR Source Membership Grant**.

[Learn More & Apply for the Grant](#)



Leading with Purpose: The Coaching Approach

A Library HR Webinar

Monday, May 18, 10 a.m.

Register by May 14, 5 p.m.

NEW!

This interactive session explores how a coaching mindset can **transform leader-team engagement**. We'll discuss strategies to shift from a directive style to a **questioning approach**, empowering individuals to take ownership and thrive.

Deadline: May 29, 2026

NEW!

Try **SHAREables Book**

Leasing for easy

collection development!

Enjoy a steady supply of shelf-ready bestsellers each month, reducing patron holds and saving staff time.

Formerly McNaughton Book Leasing for SHARE. This group purchase is **only for SHARE members.*

Free to IHLS & RAILS Members. Contact ***Kate Kite*** with any questions. **Space is limited to 30 seats for IHLS members.** Organized by IHLS & RAILS and led by the experts at HR Source.

Register for Leading with Purpose

Promote Your Job Openings with Us! For Libraries in & Near Illinois

Our Job Board is the perfect place to post your library job openings. With over 500 IHLS libraries and affiliates of other library organizations statewide, you can attract top talent to your library team.

[Post to the IHLS Library Job Board](#)

Cataloging Maintenance Center

Cataloging Maintenance Center Announces 2026 Webinars

Learn the nuances of cataloging and collection discoverability in 20 minutes when you attend the Cataloging Maintenance Center's *Online with the CMC*. These brief webinars cover a different cataloging special topic each month. A 40-minute Q&A session follows each presentation.

**Illinoise and some St. Louis Blues: Music,
Musicians, and Miscellanea from Illinois and
Neighboring Missouri**

May 14, 2026

Explore Upcoming Webinars

FY2026 Asynchronous Cataloging Courses

For seasoned librarians interested in exploring new avenues in metadata, and those looking to learn the fundamentals of cataloging, the Cataloging Maintenance Center provides more in-depth cataloging training for library workers across the state of Illinois. **Courses are asynchronous and free to all Illinois library workers!**

Focus on Cataloging Realia NEW!

May 18 – 31, 2026

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Delivery & AMHS Updates

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Don't Forget: ILDS Change

Last month, [CARLI](#), IHLS, and [RAILS](#) announced a change to the RAILS and IHLS delivery vans' regular meetup time for the [Illinois Library Delivery Service \(ILDS\)](#), transfer of materials. Learn more on [our website](#).

Delivery Reminder: Outside Barcodes & Transit Slips

We've recently received a few questions about whether items need a transit slip if the barcode is not on the outside of the item. Items do not need a transit slip if the barcode is not on the outside. Learn more on [our website](#).

Partner News



Collaborate with Illinois Extension for Pollinator Week

NEW!

June 22 – 28, 2026

The Illinois Extension wants to help you build a **National Pollinator Week book display!** Check out their [horticulturist-approved list](#) of relevant books. Also, if you plan to participate, [sign up to be featured](#) on their website's list of participating locations!

The Soon-to-Be Famous Authors Contest Is Underway! Tell Your Local Authors to Submit Their Books!

NEW!

The Soon-to-Be-Famous contest allows libraries to celebrate digital and indie publishing trends while helping local authors grow their readership and

form partnerships within the community. Learn more on [the contest website](#).

Ready, Set, Advocate: HB5236 Moves to the Senate

ILA Noon Network

May 6, 2026—TODAY!

NEW!

The Digital Library Protection Act, HB5236, has reached the Illinois Senate! Join us for the ILA Noon Network webinar, "[Ready, Set, Advocate: HB5236 Moves to the Senate](#)," today to learn what happens next.



Can't Shelve This Podcast

A podcast that aims to create a space for **school library workers** to feel seen, entertained, and informed. The series is co-hosted by RAILS Data Analyst Janette Derucki and IHLS Membership & Outreach Director Leah Gregory.

Latest Episodes

- [Ep. 2.9: Get Your Head in the Game](#)
- [Ep. 2.8: Not Lost in Translation](#)
- [Ep. 2.7: If We Build It, They Will Read](#)
- [Ep. 2.6: Sitting Down with That Librarian](#)

***Can't Shelve This** is a production of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) in collaboration with Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS).*

Learn More & Listen to the Podcast



Telling Libraries' Stories of Impact on Communities

Latest additions to the *My Library Is...* blog:

- [RAILS Cataloging Membership Grant Completes the Funding Puzzle for North Pike District Library.](#)
- [Library Logo Breakdown: Orland Park Public Library.](#)
- [Welcoming Construction Workers at the Vernon Area Public Library.](#)
- [Library Logo Breakdown: Naperville Public Library.](#)

Think you have an idea for a topic or know a writer for the [My Library Is... blog?](#) [Contact Us.](#)

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Conferences

[Reaching Forward North 2026](#)

May 22, 2026, Rosemont, Ill.

[2026 ALA Annual Conference](#)

June 25 – 29, 2026, Chicago, Ill.

[2026 ILA Annual Conference](#)

Oct. 6 – 8, 2026, Peoria, Ill.

Library Marketing and Communications

Conference 2026

Nov. 10 – 11, 2026, St. Louis, Mo.

AISLE Annual Conference 2026

Nov. 12 – 14, 2026, Lombard, Ill.

Have News to Share?

Share your organization's news with IHLS and you may see it in a future newsletter!

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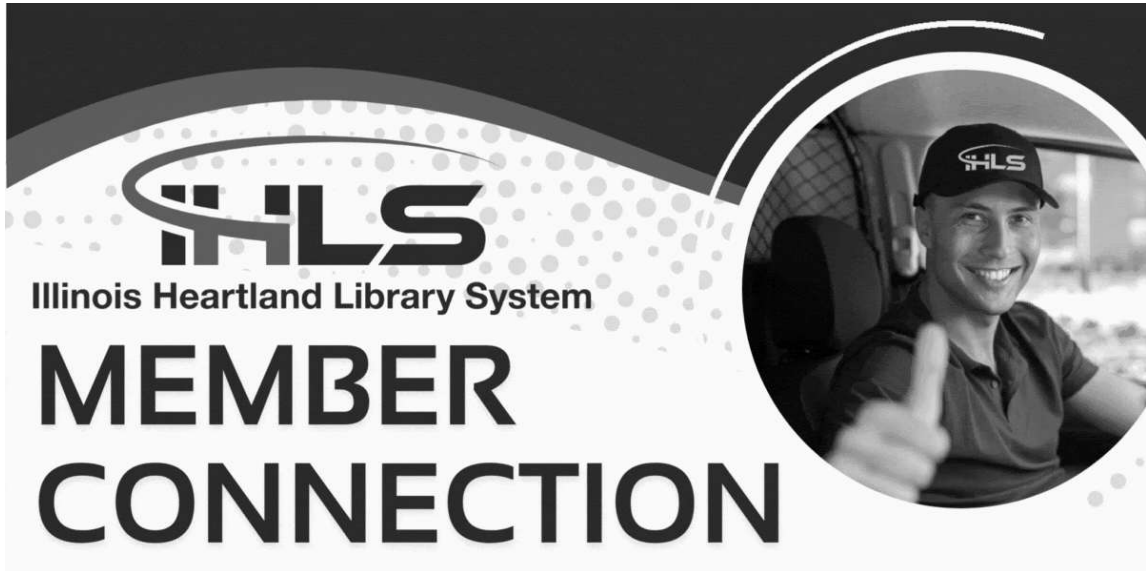
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Illinois Heartland Library System <ihls@illinoisheartland.org>
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To: Tia Varns <cliftonpubliclibil@gmail.com>

Wed, May 20, 2026 at 8:31 AM

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May 20, 2026



Public Library Directors!

Remember to Report Your Non-Resident Fee Rates

Deadline: June 30, 2026

NEW!

Please be aware that now is the time to update your library’s participation information regarding services to non-residents. This is an annual requirement and action item for all library boards. You can find background information and instructions on [our website](#).

See Our Non-Resident Fee Update Instructions

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IHLS Holiday Closure May 25
Delivery Resumes Tuesday, May. 26

NEW!

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iLEAD Drop-In Help Desk
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5 – 7 p.m.

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the following new library directors:

Ashley Mueth

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Congratulations to Travis J. Givens

2026 Mover & Shaker

Recognized by *Library Journal*

NEW!

Join us in congratulating **Travis J. Givens**, IHLS Board Member and Director of Tolono Public Library District and Willow Branch Township Library, named a **"Change Agent"** as a *Library Journal* 2026 Mover & Shaker.

[Read More About Travis](#)

IHLS Board Meet & Greet: Everyday Advocacy for Libraries

July 28, 2026, 3:30 p.m. In Carbondale

NEW!

Join us for a meet-&-greet with the IHLS Board of Directors. Ashley Stewart, Campaign Strategist and Consultant for EveryLibrary, will share advocacy strategies for libraries and explain how EveryLibrary supports libraries facing challenges. Followed by a Q&A session.

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Director, Coulterville
District Library

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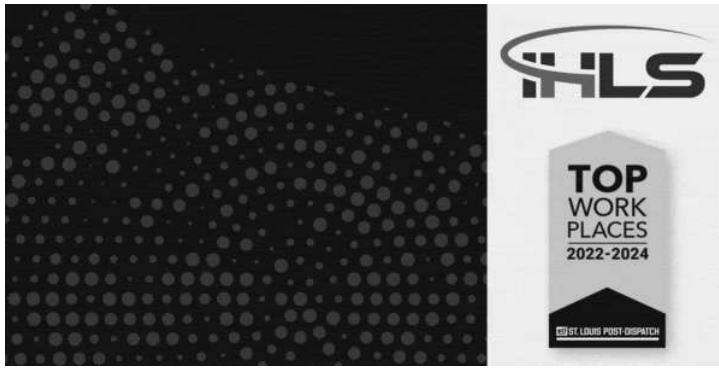


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These grants are designed to provide support to a variety of local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America.

Laura Bush 21st Century

Librarian Grants

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**VENDOR
DISCOUNTS**

Talpa Search

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NEW!

journey right away!

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For Libraries in & Near Illinois

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Delivery & AMHS Updates

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School Delivery Pausing for Summer Break

NEW!

With schools on summer break for different lengths of time, we are pausing delivery service to schools from May 25 to Aug. 14. Learn more on [our website](#).

ILDS Change Starting Soon

[Talpa Search](#) offers a novel way to find books and media by integrating advanced technology with data from libraries, publishers, and readers for more effective searching.

LibraryIQ

Group Purchase

[LibraryIQ](#) integrates with Polaris to analyze and report on circulation and collection data. LibraryIQ helps with board and state reporting, enhancing patron engagement, selection, weeding, and more!

SHAREables

Book Leasing*

Group Purchase

Deadline: May 29,
2026

Try [SHAREables Book Leasing](#) for easy collection development! Enjoy a steady supply of shelf-ready bestsellers each month, reducing patron holds and saving staff time.

Formerly McNaughton Book Leasing for SHARE. This group purchase is **only for SHARE members.*

NEW!

In March, **CARLI**, IHLS, and **RAILS** announced a change to the RAILS and IHLS delivery vans' regular meetup time for the **Illinois Library Delivery Service (ILDS)** transfer of materials. Learn more on [our website](#).

Partner News

Serve on the Directors University Committee! **Be a Mentor in the Public Library Community**

Application Due: June 12, 2026

NEW!

The statewide Directors University (DU) committee is taking applications for committee members. Learn more and submit an application on [the ILA website](#).

PDA Webinars

Hosted by CARLI

NEW!

The **Professional Development Alliance (PDA)** is a collaborative group of library consortia dedicated to offering **free online professional development opportunities** for library professionals.

- [Emotional Labor in the Archives](#)

June 9, 1 p.m.

Also check out CARLI's [Digital Possibilities Webinar Series](#) with events throughout June and July. Upcoming webinars include:

- [Tending the Community](#)
June 3, 11 a.m.
- [Strategies for the Digitization of Municipal Archives](#)
June 10, 1 p.m.
- [Digitization in a Box](#)
June 23, 1 p.m.



Collaborate with Illinois Extension for Pollinator Week

June 22 – 28, 2026

The Illinois Extension wants to help you build a **National Pollinator Week book display!** Check out their [horticulturist-approved list](#) of relevant books. Also, if you plan to participate, [sign up to be featured](#) on their website's list of participating locations!

The Soon-to-Be Famous Authors Contest Is Underway! Tell Your Local Authors to Submit Their Books!

The Soon-to-Be-Famous contest allows libraries to celebrate digital and indie publishing trends while helping local authors grow their readership and

form partnerships within the community. Learn more on [the contest website](#).



***Can't Shelve This* Podcast**

A podcast that aims to create a space for **school library workers** to feel seen, entertained, and informed. The series is co-hosted by RAILS Data Analyst Janette Derucki and IHLS Membership & Outreach Director Leah Gregory.

Latest Episodes

- [Ep. 2.10: The Secret Lives of Library Parapro](#) NEW!
- [Ep. 2.9: Get Your Head in the Game](#)
- [Ep. 2.8: Not Lost in Translation](#)
- [Ep. 2.7: If We Build It, They Will Read](#)

[Can't Shelve This](#) is a production of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) in collaboration with Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS).

[Learn More & Listen to the Podcast](#)

Conferences

[Reaching Forward North 2026](#)

May 22, 2026, Rosemont, Ill.

[2026 ALA Annual Conference](#)

June 25 – 29, 2026, Chicago, Ill.

[ARSL Conference 2026 Conference](#)

Sept. 16 –19, 2026, Montgomery, Ala.

2026 ILA Annual Conference

Oct. 6 – 8, 2026, Peoria, Ill.

**Library Marketing and Communications
Conference 2026**

Nov. 10 – 11, 2026, St. Louis, Mo.

AISLE Annual Conference 2026

Nov. 12 – 14, 2026, Lombard, Ill.

Have News to Share?

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