

## Moving Forward in God's Mission: Virginia Annual Conference 2019 5K Walk, Run, Bike & Yoga

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- Moving in God's Mission outside Participate in fitness and fellowship while walking, running or biking 5 kilometers (3.12 miles) along a part of the Roanoke City Greenway. A prayer labyrinth during the 5K will be available for your use. Children (accompanied at all times by an adult) are welcome to participate. Pets (except service animals) are discouraged. This is not intended as a race and will not be officially timed.
- 2. Moving in God's Mission inside Chair Yoga, a modified form of yoga, focusing on its meditative/spiritual core and utilizing the mind/body connection, is perfect for all levels of abilities but is especially good for those with stability issues and looking to start slowly and confidently. To be held at the Blue Ridge Hotel.

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