

IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

A. 2006 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

“Follow Jesus – Make Disciples – Transform the World”

**The 50th Anniversary of Full Clergy Rights for Women
in the Methodist Tradition**

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

- 10:00 A.M. “A Spiritual Day Apart,” Central Church, Clyde, led by Dr. Steven W. Manskar, Director of Accountable Discipleship, General Board of Discipleship, Nashville, Tennessee (conclusion by 3:00 P.M.)
- 6:45 P.M. Service of Evening Prayer, Stuart Auditorium
[All persons who are present at Lake Junaluska at this hour are invited to participate in this service.]
- 8:00 P.M. Executive Session of Clergy Members, Stuart Auditorium
[Only clergy members of the conference and the lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry are expected and permitted to attend this session.]

Thursday, June 8, 2006

- 9:30 A.M. Orientation Session for Laity, Stuart Auditorium
[All lay members of the conference are invited to this session.]
- 10:30 A.M. Opening Worship Celebration and Holy Communion
Sermon: Reverend Angela A. Pleasants, Pastor, Wingate Church, Wingate
- 1:45 P.M. Opening Plenary Session for Organization and Business
Necessary Elections
Report of Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting
Action on Amendments to Plan of Organization and Rules
Report of Committee on Nominations
Referral of Proposals to Forum Groups
Cabinet Motions: Patricia A. Lewis, Cabinet Secretary
- 2:15 P.M. Composite Report of the Cabinet and the State of the Church: Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey
Reception of Special Study Reports:
Stewardship of Giving, Sam H. Smith, Jr., Chairperson
Stewardship of Managing, M. Lynne Gilbert, Chairperson
- 3:45 P.M. Meetings of Forum Groups
- 7:30 P.M. Plenary Session
Welcome to Lake Junaluska Assembly and Report of Southeastern Jurisdictional Connectional Table, Jimmy L. Carr, Executive Director
Annual Statistical Report, Charles D. White, Jr., Statistician
Report of Council on Congregational Development, Michael G. Carle, Chairperson
Report of Council on Laity, Betty Jo C. Hardy, Conference Lay Leader
Confirmation of District Lay Leaders and Associates
Report of President, Council on Youth Ministries, John F. Howard, Jr.
Report of President, United Methodist Men, Ray G. Boger
Report of President, United Methodist Women, Amy L. Johnson
Laity Address: Patricia Merricks, Salem Church, Reidsville
- 9:00 P.M. Recess
- 9:15 P.M. Continuation of Forum Group Meetings (if necessary)

Friday, June 9, 2006

- 7:30 A.M. A Service of Holy Communion in the Taizé Tradition, Memorial Chapel
- 8:30 A.M. Morning Bible Study, led by Reverend Kimberly T. Ingram, Minister of Discipleship and Outreach, Highlands Church, Highlands
- 9:15 A.M. Plenary Business Session
Report of Conference Ministries Advisory Council, Robert E. Shepherd, Chairperson
Report of Council on Higher Education Ministries, James C. Howell, Chairperson

- 9:45 A.M. Report of Board of Ordained Ministry, J. Thomas Stinson-Wesley, President
Recognition of Clergy Women on the 50th Anniversary of Full Clergy Rights for Women in the Methodist Tradition
Recognition of Licensing School Graduates
Recognition of Graduates of the Course of Study
Reception of Probationary, Associate, and Full-Connection Classes
Recognition of Clergy Transfers and Other First-Time Appointees
- 11:05 A.M. Recess and Transition for Worship
- 11:15 A.M. Service for the Commissioning of Probationary Members
- 12:00 P.M. Recess
- 2:00 P.M. Plenary Business Session
Report of Board of Pension and Health Benefits, Mark B. Edwards, President
Report of Council on Finance and Administration, James C. Windham, Jr., President
Action on Reports of Stewardship Task Forces
Annual Financial Report, William C. Wyman, Jr., Treasurer
Annual Meeting of the Membership of The United Methodist Foundation, Sam H. Smith, Jr., Chairperson; David A. Snipes, President
Report of the Duke Endowment, Robb Webb, Assistant Director, Rural Church Division
Reports of Forum Groups
Adoption of Consent Calendar
- 5:00 P.M. Recess
- 7:30 P.M. Evening Celebration of Church-Related Colleges and Universities in the Conference (Bennett College for Women, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, Pfeiffer University)

Saturday, June 10, 2006

- 7:30 A.M. A Service of Holy Communion, Memorial Chapel
- 8:30 A.M. Morning Bible Study, led by Reverend Sally O. Langford, Superintendent, Salisbury District
- 9:15 A.M. Plenary Business Session
Report of Committee on Episcopacy, Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., Chairperson
Celebration of Golden Cross on its 75th Anniversary, A. Gayle Ford, Conference Director
Report of Conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood, Rex L. Gibbs, President
- 9:45 A.M. Ceremony of Recognition of Retiring Clergy, sponsored by Board of Pension and Health Benefits and Board of Ordained Ministry
Statement on Behalf of Retirees: Frank A. Stith III
- 10:15 A.M. Plenary Business Session
Report of Conference Board of Trustees, Joseph P. McGuire, President
Cabinet Resolutions, Patricia A. Lewis, Cabinet Secretary
Report of The United Methodist Publishing House
Report of Commission on Archives and History, James L. Pyatt, Chairperson
- 10:50 A.M. Presentation of Bishop's Awards of Excellence in Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting
- 11:05 A.M. Recess and Transition for Worship
- 11:15 A.M. Celebration of Life Service
Sermon: Reverend Ashley Crowder Stanley, Pastor, Biltmore Church, Asheville
- 12:30 P.M. Recess
- 7:30 P.M. Service of Ordination of Deacons and Elders
Sermon: Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey

Sunday, June 11, 2006

- 8:45 A.M. Sunday School for All Ages
Children (kindergarten through fifth grade): Room 316, Terrace, led by Jenny S. Reilly, Director of Christian Education, Salem Church, Denver
Youth (sixth through twelfth grades): Amphitheater at the Cross (in the event of rain, in the International Room, Lambuth Inn), led by Elizabeth Greeson, Oakdale Church, Jamestown, and Sandy Simpson, St. Timothy's Church, Greensboro
Adults: Memorial Chapel, led by Robert V. Dodd, Matthews
- 10:30 A.M. Conference Sunday Service of Worship
Sermon: Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey
Fixing of Appointments, Sending Forth, and Adjournment *sine die*

B. CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS**Tuesday, June 6, 2006**

- 12:00 P.M. Beginning Pastors' Seminar, "The Art of the Start," Sections A-B, Harrell Center Auditorium
 2:00 P.M. 13th Annual Children's Home Benefit Golf Tournament, Lake Junaluska Golf Course
 5:45 P.M. Dinner, Conference Secretarial Staff

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

- 11:45 A.M. Luncheon and Annual Meeting, Clergy Appointed to Extension Ministries and Beyond the Local Church, Lambuth Inn
 2:00 P.M. Meeting, Bishop and Cabinet, Room 316, Terrace
 3:30 P.M. Annual Meeting, Conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood, Room 211, Terrace
 4:00 P.M. Meeting, Board of Ordained Ministry, Room 213, Terrace
 5:00 P.M. Barbecue Picnic, Duke Divinity School Alumni/ae and Friends, Nanci Weldon Gym
 5:00 P.M. Banquet, United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Long's Chapel Church, with Professor Edward A. Trimmer, of Pfeiffer University, as speaker
 5:30 P.M. Cookout and Training Session, Conference Ushers, Faith Church, Waynesville
 6:00 P.M. Dinner, Bishop and Cabinet, Terrace Auditorium
 7:00 P.M. Kern Youth Center open and supervised for youth (to 10:00 P.M.)
 9:30 P.M. After-Hours Entertainment, Ed Kilbourne, Sunset Café, Harrell Center

Thursday, June 8, 2006

- 8:15 A.M. Breakfast, Women in Ministry, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Full Clergy Rights for Women in the Methodist Tradition, sponsored by Council on Laity, Dining Room, Lambuth
 [Note: Persons staying at Lambuth Inn and not involved in this event are advised that they are to have breakfast in the International Room.]
 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Tents beside Stuart Auditorium (through Saturday)
 12:15 P.M. Training and Lunch for Youth Members of Conference, Kern Youth Center
 12:15 P.M. Luncheon, Drew University Alumni/ae and Friends, Saville Room, Lambuth
 12:15 P.M. Luncheon, Erskine Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Students, Room 319, Terrace
 12:15 P.M. Luncheon, Conference Board of Trustees, Room 316, Terrace
 12:15 P.M. Luncheon, Greensboro College Alumni/ae and Friends, Terrace Auditorium
 12:15 P.M. Luncheon, Methodists Federated for Social Action, Susan Todd Lounge, Harrell Center
 2:00 P.M. Kern Youth Center open and supervised for youth (to 5:00 P.M.)
 5:00 P.M. Spiritual Formation Interest Meeting, Shackford Hall Auditorium
 5:30 P.M. Banquet, Board of Ordained Ministry, Cabinet, and Persons Being Ordained and Com-missioned, First Church, Waynesville
 5:30 P.M. Banquet, Pfeiffer University Alumni/ae and Friends, Sunset Café
 5:30 P.M. Reception, Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Room 316, Terrace
 6:00 P.M. Banquet, Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Terrace Auditorium
 7:00 P.M. Kern Youth Center open and supervised for youth (to 10:00 P.M.)
 9:30 P.M. After-Hours Entertainment, Ed Kilbourne, Sunset Café, Harrell Center

Friday, June 9, 2006

- 7:15 A.M. Charles L. Hite Memorial Breakfast for WNC Conference Retired Clergy and Spouses and Surviving Spouses, sponsored by the Eugene M. Cole Foundation, International Room, Lambuth
 7:30 A.M. Health/Wellness Fair, tent on lawn between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center (until 2:00)
 7:52 A.M. Dutch-Treat Breakfast, North Wilkesboro District, Terrace Auditorium
 10:00 A.M. Coffee, Honoring Spouses of Retiring Clergy, Susan Todd Lounge, Harrell Center
 12:30 P.M. Annual Missions Luncheon, First Church, Waynesville
 12:30 P.M. Luncheon, Asbury Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends, Room 319, Terrace
 12:30 P.M. Luncheon, Chaplains' Fellowship, Room 316, Terrace
 12:30 P.M. Luncheon, Gammon Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends, Front Dining Room, Jones Cafeteria
 12:30 P.M. Luncheon, High Point University Alumni/ae and Friends, Terrace Auditorium
 12:30 P.M. Luncheon, Pastors of New-Church Starts, Saville Room, Lambuth
 1:30 P.M. Watermelon Cutting, sponsored by Pfeiffer University, tent between Harrell Center and Stuart Auditorium
 2:00 P.M. Kern Youth Center open and supervised for youth (to 5:00 P.M.)
 2:30 P.M. Meeting, Prayer and Praise Fellowship for Clergy Spouses, Memorial Chapel

- 4:30 P.M. Reception, Recipients of Church of Excellence Award, Room 319, Terrace
 5:30 P.M. Dinner, Christian Educators Fellowship and the Order of Deacons, Piney Grove Church,
 10 Piney Grove Dr., Waynesville
 5:30 P.M. Dinner, Clergy Couples of the Conference, hosted by High Point District Clergy Couples,
 Central Church, Canton
 5:30 P.M. Banquet, Wesley Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends, Room 316, Terrace
 5:30 P.M. Dinner, Youth Members of Conference and Members of Council on Youth Ministries,
 Kern Youth Center
 5:30 P.M. Banquet, Emory University Alumni/ae and Friends, Long's Chapel Church
 7:00 P.M. Kern Youth Center open and supervised for youth (to 10:00 P.M.)
 9:15 P.M. Ice Cream Social, Lawn between Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center, sponsored by
 Greensboro College
 9:30 P.M. After-Hours Entertainment, Ed Kilbourne, Sunset Café, Harrell Center

Saturday, June 10, 2006

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast, Educational Opportunities, International Room, Lambuth
 7:30 A.M. Breakfast, Committee on Native American Ministries, Saville Room, Lambuth
 8:00 A.M. Hospitality Time for Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Harrell Center Auditorium
 10:30 A.M. Reception Honoring Retiring Clergy and Spouses, Harrell Center Auditorium
 12:00 P.M. Luncheon, Scouting Awards Participants, Terrace Auditorium
 12:30 P.M. Annual Luncheon, Clergy Partners Fellowship, First Church, Waynesville
 12:30 P.M. Cookout, Hood Theological Seminary Students, Alumni/ae, and Friends, Nanci Weldon
 Gym
 2:00 P.M. Kern Youth Center open and supervised for youth (to 5:00 P.M.)
 7:00 P.M. Methodist MotorSports Evangelism Youth Rally, Kern Youth Center
 7:00 P.M. Kern Youth Center open and supervised for youth (to 10:00 P.M.)

C. DAILY MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF CLERGY MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 7, 2006 – 8:00 P.M.

CLERGY SESSION CONVENES: In compliance with ¶ 605.6 of *The Book of Discipline* (2004), Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey convened an executive session of the clergy members of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, in George R. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Hymn 98 (*UMH*), "To God Be the Glory," was sung, and Bishop McCleskey offered prayer.

BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD: Robert W. Combs, executive director, spoke concerning the mission of the Brotherhood/Sisterhood and announced that the membership requirements had been amended to open membership to all clergy members of the conference without cash payments of back assessments. He further noted that the death benefit had been raised to \$9,000. (See report in Sec. VIII.EE.)

ORDER OF ELDERS: Susan Pendleton Jones, chairperson, announced the annual elders' retreat to be held November 13-15, 2006, and encouraged members of the order to participate.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE: In compliance with ¶ 635 of the *Discipline*, M. Kenneth Lyon, chairperson, reported that the Administrative Review Committee had examined any and all actions of the Board of Ordained Ministry regarding fair process and found those actions to be in compliance with the *Discipline*. On behalf of the committee, he commended the board for its careful and thorough work.

RECOGNITION OF WOMEN CLERGY: Bishop McCleskey invited all clergy women present to stand for recognition on the 50th anniversary of the granting of full clergy rights to women in the Methodist tradition.

BUSINESS QUESTIONS: Board of Ordained Ministry president J. Thomas Stinson-Wesley, board secretary Jeffrey S. Patterson, and board registrar Charles D. White, Jr., as appropriate, supplied the proposed responses to Business Questions 17-62, 83, and 88c. In each instance, the affirmative vote of the clergy session was by more than the required majorities, and the listings for those questions in Section V, The Business of the Annual Conference, accurately reflect the actions of the clergy session.

PASTORAL STATEMENT: Bishop McCleskey offered pastoral reflections on four areas of concern needing careful attention by the clergy: (1) The covenant of the members of the church family. (2) Itineracy. (3) Pastoral responsibility for evangelism. (4) Pastoral responsibility for apportionments.

ADJOURNMENT: Following prayer by the bishop, hymn 688 (*UMH*), "God that Madest Earth and Heaven," was sung. The bishop pronounced the benediction, and the executive session of the clergy was adjourned at 9:35 P.M. (See Sec. V, The Business of the Annual Conference.)

FIRST DAY — THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2006**THURSDAY MORNING SESSION – 9:30 A.M.**

LAITY ORIENTATION SESSION: Under the leadership of Betty Jo C. Hardy, conference lay leader and president of the Council on Laity, an orientation session for the lay members of the conference was conducted at 9:30 A.M., Thursday, June 8, 2006, in George R. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska.

OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND HOLY COMMUNION: The conference celebration of Holy Communion began at 10:30 A.M. in Stuart Auditorium. Under the direction of Ed Kilbourne, conference song leader, the congregation sang three hymns: "Common Bread," "Friend of Mine," and "Breathe." Adam Micah Ward, conference director of music, and Jay L. Oden, associate conference director of music, played the opening organ and piano voluntary, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Susan A. Heafner-Heun, liturgist, led the call to worship from Psalm 118, and the congregation sang processional hymn 139 (*UMH*), "Praise to the Lord the Almighty." Nancy M. Campbell, liturgist, led the unison collect, "An Invitation to the Holy Spirit" (*UMH* 335).

Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey introduced the preacher for the morning, Angela A. Pleasants, pastor of Wingate Church, Wingate. Sonia N. Baca-Zuniga, lector, led the unison prayer for illumination and read the scriptures from Matthew 16:24-26. Following the singing of hymn 393 (*UMH*), "Spirit of the Living God," Rev. Pleasants delivered the sermon, "Can One Be a Christian and Not a Disciple?"

In response to the proclamation of the Word, Rev. Campbell led the Nicene Creed, and Rev. Heafner-Heun offered concerns and prayers. Bishop McCleskey gave the invitation to the Lord's Table and led the act of confession and pardon. Following the exchange of signs of peace, the offering for Africa University was received while the offertory, hymn 620 (*UMH*) "One Bread, One Body," was sung by Mr. Kilbourne. The congregation then sang the doxology, hymn 94 (*UMH*).

Bishop McCleskey led in the prayer of great thanksgiving, with sung responses, and the Lord's Prayer. The elements of communion were distributed by members of the cabinet and those to be ordained as elders and deacons at the 2006 session. Various hymns were sung as the elements were received.

Bishop McCleskey led the unison prayer after communion, and hymn 664 (*UMH*), "Sent Forth by God's Blessing," was sung. Bishop McCleskey offered the dismissal with blessing; the organist played the closing voluntary, "Thou Art the Rock," by Mulet; and the service concluded at 11:50 A.M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION – 1:45 P.M.

CONFERENCE CONVENES: With J. Lawrence McCleskey, resident bishop of the Charlotte Area, presiding, the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church convened in George R. Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, on June 8, 2006.

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop McCleskey called the 39th annual session of the conference to order at 1:45 P.M. with the congregational singing of hymn 553 (*UMH*), "And Are We Yet Alive."

ROLL CALL OF THE DECEASED: The members of the conference stood in moments of tribute as the secretary called the names of the clergy members of the conference who had died since the adjournment of the 2005 session: Daniel Edwin Bailey; Robert Calvin Bogan, Sr.; Max Wade Dulin; Gary Leroy Ferrell; Luther Collins Harris; William Tupper Haselden; John William Hoyle III; Roy Dean Kelly; William Ralph Kimball, Jr.; Larry Lynn Lambeth; Robert Alan Mick; Ralph Herman Nicholson; Thomas Foy Prichard; McMurry Smith Richey; Donald Edward Rollins; and Jesse James Rushing. J. Clay Madison offered the prayer of grateful remembrance.

PRESENTATION OF BISHOP'S SPOUSE: Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., chairperson of the Committee on Episcopacy, escorted Mrs. Margaret Fowler McCleskey, spouse of the bishop, to the platform and presented her to the conference. Mrs. McCleskey offered remarks concerning recent experiences in the ministry in which she and the bishop are engaged.

OFFICIAL ROLL: The secretary noted that, under conference rules, the signed registration cards constitute the official roll call and stand as evidence of attendance at the sessions of the conference (Plan of Organization, Part I.B.8).

QUORUM: The secretary stated that one third of the total number of voting members registered at the time of the organizational session constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business throughout the conference sessions (Plan of Organization, Part I.B.9), and Bishop McCleskey ruled that a quorum was present.

VOTING BAR: Upon motion by the secretary, the voting bar (legal limits) of the conference was set to include all of Stuart Auditorium, with the provision that those voting must be seated within the bar unless other instructions were given in case of a full house.

AGENDA: The secretary moved that the conference program as printed, subject to necessary daily adjustments, constitute the official agenda of the 2006 conference session, and it was so ordered. Bishop McCleskey then spoke briefly about the program for Friday evening on the ministry of the universities and colleges related to the conference, and a brief video introduction to that program was shown.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND AGENCIES: The secretary moved that the reports of conference boards and agencies as printed in the *Program and Reports* booklet and the supplement be ordered to record insofar as they did not require conference action and provided that conference agencies be permitted to file late reports and/or editorial corrections and adjustments by June 14, 2006, and it was done.

FORUM GROUPS: The secretary moved that seven forum groups, their chairpersons, and their memberships be approved, with a change in the leadership of Forum Group 2 as reflected in the report of the

Committee on Nominations, and with other necessary adjustments and with provisions for voting membership of conference members not listed, and it was done.

CONFERENCE CHANCELLOR: Bishop McCleskey nominated Susan Keahey Irvin, of Davidson Church, Davidson, as conference chancellor for 2006-2007, and she was elected.

COORDINATOR OF CALENDAR: Bishop McCleskey, chairperson of the Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting, on behalf of the committee nominated Ashley Crowder Stanley as coordinator of calendar for the 2006 session, and she was elected.

SECRETARIAL STAFF: The secretary nominated the following persons as members of the conference secretarial staff for the 2006 session, and they were elected: Louis H. Woodard, associate secretary; Sandra S. Hargett, Dee Bee M. Martin, Stephen M. Martin, A. Owen Peeler, Angela A. Pleasants, Shannon A. Redden, Susan L. Yarski, and Debra S. Younts, assistant secretaries; and W. T. Medlin, Jr., secretary *emeritus*.

STATISTICAL STAFF: The statistician nominated Sandra S. Hargett as associate statistician and Lawrence E. Barden as statistician *emeritus* for the coming year, and they were elected.

MOMENT OF RECOGNITION: Bishop McCleskey and the secretary-statistician introduced and presented certificates of appreciation to four members of the secretarial staff who would be leaving that role at the end of the 2006, having served during the number of annual sessions indicated: Angela A. Pleasants, six sessions; Shannon A. Redden, 10 sessions; Dee Bee M. Martin, 26 sessions; and Louis H. Woodard, 30 sessions. The members of the conference responded with gratitude for the service of these persons.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING: Bishop McCleskey, chairperson of the committee, made the annual report of the committee (see Sec. VIII.M), expressing gratitude to those involved in the planning of the 2006 session. He then recognized C. M. Worthy, Jr., host district superintendent; Adam Micah Ward, conference director of music; Jay L. Oden, associate conference director of music; and Pam Corn, Tzena Keyes, and Connie King, signers for the deaf.

RULES AMENDMENTS: The secretary presented the various amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and Procedure as proposed by the Committee on the Annual Conference Meeting and/or other agencies. With respect to item "f." below, he moved that the rule requiring the referral of proposed rules amendments to the Committee on the Annual Conference meeting be suspended, and it was done. The conference then approved the amendments, as follows:

- a. Amend Part I.B.1 to conform to the recently amended constitution of the church as follows:
 - Add a new item .l to read, "The conference director of lay speaking ministries."
 - Add a new item .m to read, "The conference secretary of global ministries (if lay)."
 - Re-letter the remaining two items as .n and .o, respectively.
- b. Amend Part I.D.7.b by adding the following to the end of the first sentence: "and two youth selected by the conference Council on Youth Ministries."
- c. Amend Part I.D.7.e so as to read, "This committee shall be composed of up to twenty members, including two youth selected by the conference Council on Youth Ministries. A majority of the members shall be African Americans."
- d. Amend Part I.D.7.g so as to read, "This committee shall be composed of up to twenty members, including two youth selected by the conference Council on Youth Ministries. A majority of the members shall be Native Americans."
- e. Amend Part I.D.7.h so as to read, "This committee shall be composed of up to twenty members, including two youth selected by the conference Council on Youth Ministries. A majority of the members shall be Hispanic Americans."
- f. Amend Part I.D.9.c to that the second sentence will read, "The conference director of confessional ministries and the assistant to the bishop shall be ex-officio members without vote."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: Charles D. White, Jr., committee secretary, presented the report as contained in the supplement distributed at registration, and it was approved (see Sec. VIII.U).

REFERRAL OF PETITIONS TO FORUM GROUPS: The secretary presented his report concerning the referral of petitions to the forum groups as printed in *Program and Reports* and in the supplement distributed at the time of registration. Bishop McCleskey then ruled four of the petitions out of order because their intended actions were in conflict with the *Discipline*. The referral report was then approved (see Sec. VIII.Y), with the deletion of the following petitions just ruled out of order:

Petition 26. Requirements for Clergy Candidates.

Petition 27. Amicable Separation of Churches.

Petition 28. Amicable Separation of Clergy.

Petition 39. Withhold Funding from World Council of Churches.

GREETINGS: Patricia A. Lewis, secretary of the Cabinet, moved that information from conference members and the Cabinet concerning conference members unable to attend be given directly to the conference secretary, and that the secretary write these absent members expressing the greetings and prayerful concern of the conference, and it was so ordered.

MOVING DAY: The secretary of the Cabinet moved that moving day be set for Tuesday, June 27, 2006, and it was done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The secretary of the Cabinet moved that the bishop and the Cabinet be empowered to care for any unfinished business of the annual conference that does not contravene *The Book of Discipline*, and it was so ordered.

COMPOSITE REPORT OF THE CABINET AND THE STATE OF THE CHURCH: Bishop McCleskey, with the consent and at the request of the Cabinet, presented the annual report of the Cabinet. Speaking from his perspective as a bishop of church, responsible for spiritual and temporal oversight; as part of the Cabinet, which shares in that oversight; as a former clergy member of the Western North Carolina Annual

Conference; and as a friend of the conference, the bishop reviewed the degree to which the conference, the clergy, and the congregations had been faithful in fulfilling the quadrennial conference vision and its seven emphases. In particular, notice was taken of a decrease in membership in 2005, the first such decrease in 15 years; a loss in average attendance at weekly worship; and a serious shortfall in payment of apportionments and askings by the local churches in 2005. The members of the conference expressed their appreciation for the depth and scope of the report.

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING TASK FORCE: Sam H. Smith, Jr., chairperson, assisted by James M. Armstrong, Jr., Patricia W. Wiseman, and David A. Snipes, presented the report of the Stewardship of Giving Task Force, which was approved by the conference, with gratitude for the work of the task force (see Sec. VIII.W).

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP OF MANAGING TASK FORCE: M. Lynne Gilbert, chairperson, presented the report of the Stewardship of Managing Task Force, and it was approved by the conference with appreciation for the work of the members of the task force (see Sec. VIII.X).

RECESS: The conference stood in recess at 3:45 P.M.

EXCUSED (entire conference): Julian M. Aldridge, Jr., W. Mark Andrews, Jill L. Auman, Timothy L. Auman, L. William Baird, Jr., Thomas M. Beall, Jr., Roy E. Bell, Mary E. Bethea, Erma M. Bond, James E. Bowen, J. E. (Rhett) Brown, James D. (Jason) Byassee, Jaylynn W. Byassee, Roy T. Byers, Augusto L. Caldera, M. Susan Carmichael, James H. Charlesworth, Janice F. Combs, Cathy A. Cook, Jack H. Cooke, Arnold D. Corriher, Mark E. Curtis, Minnie D. Davis, John H. Deyton, Sara C. Elliott, James R. Faggart, Nancy A. Ferree-Clark, Virginia L. Forbes, Debra L. Gaddy, J. Daniel Hester, Betsy M. Herron, James E. Hull, Ralph E. (Jack) Kayler, Marjorie W. Kiess, Karen C. Kurtz, Michael D. Kurtz, J. Bary Lemons, Stephen M. Martin, Jacob C. Martinson, Jr., Mark D. Mashburn, Terry L. Matthews, Lowell C. McNaney, Bobby R. Miller, Anne C. Musselman, C. Jay Pendleton, Mary Lynne Peterson, Robert C. Peurifoy, Edwin L. Plowman, Phillip T. Poole, Jack B. Porter, Barry L. Queen, George I. Ragsdale, Edna R. Riggs, B. Maurice Ritchie, David M. Rorie, Arval L. Rushing, Kent L. Shrader, Deborah K. Sluder, Harold N. Smisor, Leonard E. Stadler, Jr., H. Michael Stanton-Rich, Todd A. Spencer, Carole Bailey Stoneking, T. Kevin Taylor, Milford V. Thumm, Tamara D. Wensil, Timothy L. Whittington, Marilyn B. Wooten, Furman A. Wright, Charles S. (Sandy) Young III.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION – 7:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to recess, the conference reconvened at 7:30 P.M.

WELCOME TO LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY/SEJCT REPORT: Jimmy L. Carr, executive director, welcomed the conference to the Lake Junaluska Assembly and reported on renovations to the Terrace Hotel. He also spoke about the groundbreaking service for the new Bishop Joseph and Shirley Bethea Welcome Center and recognized those who had contributed to that project. Rev. Carr then recognized Carl L. Arrington, a member of the conference newly appointed as director of African American ministry of the jurisdiction, and Dr. Arrington offered brief remarks.

CONFERENCE CHANCELLOR: Bishop McCleskey recognized the chancellor of the conference, Susan Keahey Irvin, of Davidson Church, Davidson.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT: Charles D. White, Jr., conference statistician, presented his annual summary report (see Sec. XIII and Sec. VIII.KK.), which was received by the conference with appreciation.

REPORT OF COUNCIL ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Michael G. Carle, chairperson, introduced the annual report of the council with the showing of a video concerning new church starts: Charlotte: New Room, Crossroads satellite (Salisbury District), Charlotte: Plaza satellite, and Greensboro: Immanuel (Hispanic). In addition to these four new starts, the council is initiating a fifth, Misenheimer: The Village Church, on the campus of Pfeiffer University, integrating campus ministry with ministry to and with people of the surrounding community.

Mr. Carle recognized those churches being awarded "Church of Excellence" awards by asking persons from those churches to stand. Robert L. Kerr, vice-chairperson of the Commission on Witness Ministries, called upon Bishop Richard C. Looney, executive director of the Foundation for Evangelism, to present the 2006 Denman Evangelism Awards. Bishop Looney presented the laity award to Jimmy Williams, of Sunrise Church, Lewisville; the group award to the conference's Disaster Response Center and its volunteers; and the clergy award to Stephen D. James, of Charlotte: Myers Park.

Nancy Burgin Rankin, conference director of congregational development, recognized the members of the council and the pastors of the new congregations. She then introduced David E. Smith, Jr., chairperson of the "CONRAD" committee, to present the new strategic plan of congregational development, called "20:20." The report of the council concluded with the singing of hymn 514 (*UMH*), "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." (See report in Sec. VIII.C.)

REPORT OF COUNCIL ON LAITY: Betty Jo C. Hardy, conference lay leader and president of the Council on Laity, presented the report of the council (see Sec. VIII.F). She highlighted the Gathering of the Laity, the sponsorship of a breakfast honoring clergy women during annual conference, and the planned Covenant Discipleship Workshops.

REPORT OF YOUTH COUNCIL: John F. Howard, Jr., chairperson of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, presented the annual report of the council, which was received by the conference with appreciation (see Sec. VIII.I).

REPORT OF UNITED METHODIST MEN: Ray G. Boger, conference president of United Methodist Men, offered the annual report (see Sec. VIII.G). He then presented the G. Ross Freeman Leadership Award to H. Donnell FitzJefferies, pastor of St. Mark's Church, Charlotte. Mr. Boger encouraged conference members to participate in the Gathering of the Laity, August 18-20, 2006, at Lake Junaluska. Richard

Strachan was then introduced as the newly elected conference president of United Methodist Men, and he presented a plaque to Mr. Boger as a symbol of the gratitude of the conference for his time of service.

REPORT OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Amy L. Johnson, conference president of United Methodist Women, presented her annual report (see Sec. VIII.H). She then presented Mark L. Barden, of the conference program staff, a special mission recognition pin to honor him for his work with United Methodist Women.

LAITY ADDRESS: Mitchell Matthews, conference director of lay speaking, introduced Patricia Merricks, a member of Salem Church, Reidsville, who delivered the annual laity address on the theme, "Disciples Making Disciples," and the members of the conference responded with appreciation.

DISTRICT LAY LEADERS: The conference lay leader introduced the 14 persons chosen by the districts as district lay leaders for 2006-2007, and they were welcomed by the conference.

RECESS: Following the singing of "Christ Beside Me" and a word of blessing from Bishop McCleskey, the conference stood in recess at 9:40 p.m.

SECOND DAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2006

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION – 8:30 A.M.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The conference gathered in Stuart Auditorium for a period of Bible study at 8:30 A.M. Ed Kilbourne, conference song leader, led the congregation in singing hymn 378 (*UMH*), "Amazing Grace." Bishop McCleskey led in prayer and introduced Kimberly T. Ingram, minister of discipleship and outreach at Highlands Church, Highlands, who offered prayer and presented the morning Bible study, based on Mark 16: 1-8. Mr. Kilbourne led the congregation in singing "Blowin' in the Wind."

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to recess, the conference reconvened at 9:15 A.M.

PERSONAL CONCERN: Bishop McCleskey announced the death of Helen Davis Beall, spouse of Reverend Thomas M. Beall, Jr., and led the conference in a moment of silence and prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bishop McCleskey made necessary announcements.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE MINISTRIES ADVISORY COUNCIL: Robert E. Shepherd, council chairperson, presented the report of the council (see Sec. VIII.B). He asked members of the council and of agencies related to the council to stand and be recognized and, in particular, thanked James T. Trollinger, conference director of connexional ministries, for his leadership. Mr. Shepherd then enumerated various areas of special concern for the council during the past year: Mission and ministry for the conference and local congregations, responsible stewardship of resources, more effective use and deployment of conference program staff, adherence to the conference vision and seven priorities, facing the reality of reduced financial support in the 2007 budget, and strengthening the local church for mission and ministry and thereby strengthening the connection.

REPORT OF COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRIES: James C. Howell, chairperson, presented the report (see Sec. VIII.D), with a focus on the importance of campus ministry at public colleges and universities. He then introduced his daughter Sarah, who spoke about the importance of the Wesley Foundation at Duke University in keeping her grounded in faith, worship, social action, and responsible moral behavior.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION: Dr. Howell then moved that the rules be suspended to permit immediate consideration of a petition slated to appear on the consent calendar, **Petition 45** (Dissolution of State Commission on Campus Ministry), which Forum Group 7 (Discipleship and Leadership) had voted to refer to the Council on Finance and Administration, the Council on Higher Education Ministries, and the task force of the State Commission on Campus Ministry which had produced the resolution. The rules were suspended, and Dr. Howell moved that the conference approve the resolution and spoke in favor of that action. During debate, Daniel P. Stiles, James T. Trollinger, Daniel J. Lyons, and Stephen R. Cheyney (speaking for himself and for a group of campus ministers of the conference) spoke in favor, and A. J. Moore, William B. Randolph, and Bill Hunter spoke against. The previous question having been ordered upon motion from the floor, Dr. Howell made a final statement, and the conference approved the petition as submitted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY: J. Thomas Stinson-Wesley, president, presented highlights of the annual report of the Board of Ordained Ministry (see Sec. VIII.J).

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FULL CLERGY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN: At the invitation of the president of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Mary John Dye offered remarks concerning the General Conference of 1956, at which Methodism first granted full clergy rights to women. Included in her presentation was the showing of a video featuring the reflections of the late Bishop Edward L. Tullis, who had been a delegate to the 1956 General Conference.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Upon the request of Bishop McCleskey, the secretary escorted Mrs. Edward L. Tullis to the platform, and the conference welcomed her warmly.

CERTIFICATION: Ellen Sapp Johnson and Kathleen H. Kilbourne, associate Board of Ordained Ministry registrars for certification, and Bishop McCleskey presented certificates to Dana A. Hanlon, of Oak Ridge Church, Oak Ridge, in recognition of her certification in Christian education and youth ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Rev. Kilbourne announced the establishment of the Center for Deacon Education, located on the campus of Pfeiffer University in Charlotte, a joint effort of Pfeiffer and Wesley Theological Seminary.

DIACONAL MINISTRY: Bishop McCleskey asked Business Questions 71-82; Charles D. White, Jr., conference secretary and registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry, provided the proposed responses; and each response was approved as required.

RECOGNITION OF LICENSING SCHOOL GRADUATES: James R. Reeves, director of the School for the Licensing of Local Pastors, presented certificates to the persons who had completed the requirements for the license for pastoral ministry at the May 2006 licensing school. These persons were greeted on the platform by Bishop McCleskey, Rev. Stinson-Wesley, and Dr. White.

RECOGNITION OF COURSE OF STUDY GRADUATES: In response to the calling of their names by Sylvia D. Wilhelm, associate registrar for local pastors, the local pastors of the conference who had completed the five-year Course of Study during the previous conference year came to the platform and were greeted by Bishop McCleskey and Rev. Stinson-Wesley.

RECOGNITION OF OTHER FIRST-TIME APPOINTEES: As the board registrar called their names, other persons being appointed for the first time as local pastors or as non-transferred clergy from other conferences and denominations were invited to the platform and greeted by Bishop McCleskey and the board president.

RECOGNITION OF CLERGY TRANSFERS: As the conference secretary called their names, the clergy transferring into the conference were invited to the platform, where they were greeted by Bishop McCleskey and Rev. Stinson-Wesley.

RECEPTION OF CLASS INTO PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP: The 32 persons newly elected to probationary clergy membership in the conference were called individually to the platform and formally presented to the conference. Bishop McCleskey spoke words of welcome and admonition.

RECEPTION OF CLASSES INTO FULL CONNECTION AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: The one clergy person newly elected to associate membership under the 2004 *Discipline*, (see Sec. V, Question 27b), the five newly elected to full connection as deacons (see Sec. V, Question 33a), and the 24 newly elected to full connection as elders (see Sec. V, Question 33b) were introduced to the conference by the board registrar. Bishop McCleskey spoke words of admonition and encouragement and asked the traditional questions from the *Discipline*, to which each candidate gave the expected responses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The secretary made necessary announcements.

RECESS: The conference stood in recess at 11:00 A.M. in preparation for the service to follow.

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING OF PROBATIONARY MEMBERS: The annual service for the commissioning of probationary members began at 11:20 A.M. with the singing of processional hymn 280 (*UMH*), "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." Bishop McCleskey spoke the words of introduction and Charles D. White, Jr., presented the candidates for commissioning. Bishop McCleskey led the opening statement to the congregation, conducted the examination of the candidates, and offered prayer. The bishop then welcomed to associate membership the one person who had been elected thereto. He then commissioned to ministry the new probationary members of the Western North Carolina Conference. Jeffrey S. Patterson, secretary of the Board of Ordained Ministry, presented a *Book of Worship*, and the conference secretary gave appropriate certificates of membership and licensing to each new probationary and associate member. The bishop led in a closing prayer, and recessional hymn 584 (*UMH*), "Lord, You Give the Great Commission," was sung. Following the benediction by the bishop, the service of commissioning concluded at 12:00 P.M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION – 2:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to recess, the conference reconvened at 2:00 P.M. with the singing of hymn 156 (*UMH*) "I Love to the Story," and prayer by Bishop McCleskey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The secretary made necessary announcements.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS: Mark B. Edwards, president, presented the annual report of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the conference, and the report was received with appreciation (see Sec. VIII.K).

REPORT OF COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: James C. Windham, Jr., president, introduced the annual report of the Council on Finance and Administration (see Sec. VIII.A) by commending the work of the Stewardship of Managing and Stewardship of Giving task forces and acknowledging the reality that the conference cannot spend more than it receives. Inasmuch as the proposals in the printed report of the council had been considered by Forum Group 5, the attention of the conference then turned to the report of that group.

REPORT OF FORUM GROUP 5, SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS OF STEWARDSHIP: Frank A. Stith III, chairperson, presented the following report:

Petition 1 (2007 Conference Funds and Financial Policies). The forum group voted agreement. Donald W. Haynes spoke in disagreement with certain aspects of item 10, after which the conference sustained the action of the forum group.

TREASURER'S REPORT: William C. Wyman, Jr., conference treasurer-director of administrative services, gave his annual report, which was received with appreciation (see Sec. XII and Sec. VIII.JJ).

REPORT AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION: The conference stood in recess in order that the annual meeting of the membership of the United Methodist Foundation might be held. Sam H. Smith, Jr., chairperson of the board of directors, called the meeting to order. In his opening remarks, he referred to the new Royce and Jane Reynolds Leadership Academy on Evangelism and Discipleship, a two-year academy to train clergy persons to be effective leaders in the area of evangelism. Mr. Smith then presented the names of the following persons for election to the board of directors, and they were elected as members of the Class of 2009: Lacy G. Baynes, Johnnie H. Jones, Royce O. Reynolds, Doris P. Loomis, and Sam H. Smith, Jr. Mr. Smith announced that Theodore B. Sumner, Jr., who had served as first chairperson of the foundation and continues to serve on its investment committee, had been elected as an honorary member of the board of directors. David A. Snipes, president of the foundation, presented his annual report, with special focus on what it means for the members of the Western North Carolina Conference to be in ministry with the foundation and the foundation to be in

ministry with the conference. P. Glenn Kinken III, senior vice-president for planned giving and communication, announced the formation of the United Methodist Foundation Development Fund and Loan Program. The necessary business of the annual meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned, and the conference reconvened. (See report in Sec. VIII.DD.)

REPORT OF DUKE ENDOWMENT: Robb Webb, assistant director of the Rural Church Division, presented the annual report of the division, which was received with appreciation by the conference (see Sec. VIII.FF). In particular, he noted that six Duke Divinity School ministry fellowships in rural ministry were to be awarded for the first time in the fall of 2006, with the understanding that the recipients will serve in rural communities following graduation. Bishop McCleskey also noted that the cabinets of the Western North Carolina and North Carolina conferences had met at Duke Divinity School with representatives of the divinity school and The Duke Endowment for the purpose of strengthening ministry in rural areas.

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT OF CHILDREN'S HOME: Bishop McCleskey introduced George M. Bryant, Jr., newly installed president/chief administrative officer of The Children's Home, Inc., and Mr. Bryan spoke briefly concerning the ministry of that institution.

GREETINGS: Bishop McCleskey reported that Mrs. Mary Ann Hunt, surviving spouse of the late Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., had sent to the conference a message of greeting and prayerful best wishes.

RECESS: The conference stood in recess at 3:27 P.M.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Conference reconvened 3:38 P.M.

REPORT OF FORUM GROUP 1, RELATING THE UNCHURCHED TO CHRIST: Karen F. Miller, chairperson, presented the following report:

Petition 34 (Strengthening Ineffective Churches). The forum group voted agreement, and the conference sustained that action.

REPORT OF FORUM GROUP 3, MINISTRIES WITH THE POOR AND SUFFERING: Ronald A. (Alan) Rice, Jr., presented the following reports:

Petition 25 (Retain Language Concerning Homosexuality). The forum group voted agreement. Michael A. Macdonald spoke against agreement. Ronald D. Doub moved that the text of **Petition 30** (Petition to General Conference: Retain Language on Homosexuality) be substituted for the entire text of Petition 25 and spoke in favor of substitution. Ivan H. M. Peden spoke against substitution, and the motion to substitute did not prevail.

Jim C. Gilland moved that the last four words of the petition, "once and for all," be deleted. Kathey Lee spoke against the amendment. James W. Ferree moved that the amendment be amended to provide for the deletion of, "and end debate, discussion, and/or dialogue upon this matter once and for all," and spoke in favor of this amendment. The amendment prevailed, and the Gilland amendment as thus amended prevailed.

Holly C. Adams spoke against agreement with the petition as amended, and Howard McCorkle spoke in favor. N. Fred Jordan, Jr., moved that the words, "first and before all other measures," be deleted from the final paragraph, and the amendment prevailed.

Joshua M. Noblitt spoke against agreement. Kathy FitzJefferies moved that the petition be amended by the deletion of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th paragraphs beginning with "Whereas," and spoke in favor of the deletion. Charles W. Eurey, Ronald D. Doub, and Michael H. Evans spoke against the amendment. The question having been called upon motion from the floor, the amendment prevailed.

Michael Houser spoke against agreement with the petition as amended, after which the conference voted not to agree with the petition as amended. Charles W. Eurey requested a standing count vote, and the call for the count vote was not sustained.

Petition 30 (Retain Language on Homosexuality). The forum group voted agreement, and the conference sustained that action.

Petition 31 (Reaffirm Opposition to Capital Punishment). The forum group voted agreement. During debate, Stan Moore and Karen Ring spoke against agreement, and Joshua M. Noblitt, Vance W. Lowe, and Debra L. Short spoke in favor. Patience M. Brumley moved that the petition be amended by the deletion of item 2, which read, "Setting aside a Sunday in the coming year to be designated 'Anti-Death-Penalty Sunday' and encouraging all pastors of the conference to preach on the subject," and the amendment prevailed. The previous question having been called upon motion from the floor, the conference sustained the action of the forum group as amended by the Brumley amendment.

Petition 37 (Divestiture of Funds). The forum group voted agreement. During debate, David M. Hamlyn and Bart W. Milleson spoke in favor of agreement, and Stan Moore and James C. Windham, Jr., spoke against. The conference did not support the action of the forum group and voted to disagree with the petition.

Petition 38 (Legal Marriages). The forum group voted disagreement, and the conference sustained that action.

Petition 40 (North Carolina Lottery). The forum group voted agreement. Kathy FitzJefferies spoke in favor of agreement, and Stan Moore spoke against. Ricky C. Johnson moved that the petition be amended by the deletion of item 8 and spoke in favor of deletion. Kathey Lee also spoke in favor, and Stephen F. Lee and Steve Carroll spoke against. The amendment did not prevail. Mark R. Sills spoke in favor of agreement with the petition, and Shirley Stegall spoke against. The conference then sustained the action of the forum group.

Petition 42 (Support for Immigration Resolutions of General Conference). The forum group voted agreement. Stan Moore moved that the petition be amended by the deletion of item 2 near the end and spoke in favor of deletion. Sadye Joyner Milton and Marilyn K. Weiler spoke against deletion, and Ricky C. Johnson spoke in favor. The amendment did not prevail. Vance W. Lowe spoke in favor of agreement with the petition, and the conference sustained the action of the forum group.

Petition 44 (Drivers' Licenses for Immigrants). The forum group voted agreement. Stan Moore, Ricky C. Johnson, and Earl A. Cook spoke against agreement, and Cornelius F. Brantley, Jr., Donald W. Routh, and

Diana Wingeier-Rayo spoke in favor. The previous question having been ordered upon motion from the floor, the conference sustained the action of the forum group.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Ashley Crowder Stanley, coordinator of calendar, presented the consent calendar for 2006, a listing of all petitions acted upon in the forum groups with no more than 10% of the members present and voting in opposition to the report of the forum group. Opportunity was then given for members to move that petitions be lifted from the consent calendar, and no member made such a request.

REPORT OF FORUM GROUP 4, SHEPHERDING THE SHEPHERDS: Sanford L. (Sandy) Giles, Jr., chairperson, presented the following reports:

Petition 35 (Formula for Increases in Pastoral Compensation). The forum group voted disagreement. Claudia G. Harrelson moved as a substitute that the petition be referred to the task force outlined in item 4.C of **Petition 18** (Equitable Compensation Policies and Guidelines). The substitute prevailed, and the action of the forum group was sustained as thus substituted for.

Petition 47 (Parsonage Furniture). The forum group voted that the petition be referred back (recommended) to the cabinet for further work. Frank H. (Duke) Ison and W. Kirk Tutterow spoke against referral, and Katherine P. (Taffy) Jordan and Debra L. Short spoke in favor. The previous question was ordered upon motion from the floor, and the conference sustained the action of the forum group.

CALL FOR THE ORDER OF THE DAY: Randy L. Sherrill called for the order of the day (recess), and the call was not sustained.

REPORT OF FORUM GROUP 7, DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP: Sally O. Langford, chairperson, presented the following reports:

Petition 14 (Election of Lay Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences). The forum group voted agreement as amended. Jack Young moved that the petition be amended by the deletion of the following words from item 4 of the "Goals" section and spoke in favor of deletion:

Each lay member of the conference may have the opportunity to attend a forum on Wednesday afternoon/evening, or Thursday morning, before annual conference, at which time lay members of the conference may meet and question the candidates for General and Jurisdictional conferences. This meeting would allow time for the candidates to present a two- or three-minute (maximum) speech regarding their positions and qualifications. A pre-conference forum two weeks prior to annual conference might also be scheduled. Candidates may purchase a list and/or labels from the annual conference to use in mailing data to the lay members of the conference to present their views and solicit the votes of the lay members.

Les O. Fowler and Charles W. Eurey spoke against the amendment, Courtney L. Russ spoke in favor, and the amendment prevailed. Daniel P. Stiles spoke against agreement with the petition as thus amended. The conference then sustained the action of the forum group as amended by the Young amendment.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Ashley Crowder Stanley, coordinator of calendar, moved that the conference sustain the action of the forum groups on all petitions appearing on the consent calendar, except for **Petition 45**, with which the conference had dealt on Friday morning. The motion prevailed, and the conference sustained the action of the forum groups on the following petitions:

Petition 2 (Advance Specials for 2006-2007). Agreement as amended.

Petition 3 (Golden Cross). Agreement.

Petition 4 (Directors of Wesley Community Development Corporation). Agreement.

Petition 5 (Policy on Racial Harassment). Agreement as amended.

Petition 6 (Brevard College Trustees). Agreement.

Petition 7 (Duke University Trustee). Agreement.

Petition 8 (Campus Ministry Boards). Agreement.

Petition 9 (Aldersgate Boards). Agreement.

Petition 10 (Arbor Acres Board of Directors). Agreement.

Petition 11 (Children's Home Trustees). Agreement.

Petition 12 (Givens Estates Directors). Agreement.

Petition 13 (UMAR Trustees). Agreement.

Petition 15 (Pension Programs and Policies). Agreement.

Petition 16 (Conference Insurance Program). Agreement.

Petition 17 (The Annual Conference Meeting). Agreement as amended.

Petition 18 (Equitable Compensation Policies and Guidelines). Agreement.

Petition 19 (Dates of Annual Conference). Agreement.

Petition 20 (Rural Life Sunday). Agreement.

Petition 21 (Petition to General Conference: Episcopal Assignment Process). Disagreement.

Petition 22 (Petition to General Conference: Episcopal Funding). Disagreement.

Petition 23 (Petition to General Conference: Accountability of Council of Bishops). Disagreement.

Petition 24 (Petition to General Conference: Study of Judicial Proceedings). Disagreement.

Petition 29 (Petition to General Conference: Elimination of "Open Heart, Open Minds, Open Doors").

Disagreement.

Petition 32 (Pre-election Process for Lay Delegates). Disagreement.

Petition 33 (Increase Accessibility for Annual Conference). Agreement.

Petition 36 (Support for Constitutional Amendment on Marriage). Withdrawn by petitioner.

Petition 41 (General Board of Church and Society Trust Fund). Refer to Committee on Church and Society.

Petition 43 (Camp Tekoa Trustees). Agreement.

Petition 46 (Cole Foundation Trustee). Agreement.

RECESS: Bishop McCleskey spoke words of dismissal, and the conference stood in recess at 6:00 P.M.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION – 7:30 P.M.

EVENING CELEBRATION – FOCUS ON CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES: The evening celebration opened at 7:30 P.M. with a video highlighting the five colleges and universities related to the annual conference (Bennett College for Women, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, and Pfeiffer University), showing their campuses, students, and marketing slogans. The worship service, on the theme, “Higher Education 301: Transforming the World,” used the college experience from orientation to graduation to share—through song, testimony, dance, and drama—the impact these five schools have made on individual students, their families, the church, communities, and the world.

The chaplains or campus ministers of the five schools—Christopher B. Hughes (Pfeiffer), Madeline McClain (Bennett), Robert Brewer (Greensboro), Shelly F. Webb (Brevard), and Harold C. (Hal) Warlick, Jr. (High Point)—shared specific ways that members of the conference and local congregations could support the five schools through prayer, personal involvement, financial contributions, and communication. As the conference sang “I Will Follow Jesus,” members came forward and offered their personal commitment cards.

Bishop McCleskey introduced the five presidents: Nido R. Qubein (High Point), Craven E. Williams (Greensboro), Drew L. Van Horn (Brevard), Johnetta B. Cole (Bennett College for Women), and Charles M. Ambrose (Pfeiffer). Following a closing prayer by the bishop, the celebration concluded at 9:00 P.M.

THIRD DAY – SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006**SATURDAY MORNING SESSION – 8:30 A.M.**

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The conference gathered in Stuart Auditorium for a period of Bible study at 8:30 A.M. Ed Kilbourne, conference song leader, led the congregation in the singing of two songs: “Friend of Mine” and “Love Will Guide Us.” Bishop McCleskey led in prayer and introduced Sally O. Langford, superintendent of the Salisbury District, who presented the morning Bible study. This presentation was based on the Gospel of Mark, with a special focus on Mary Magdalene, and carried the theme, “Fear and Trust.” The Bible study was concluded with Ed Kilbourne’s singing, “Love Will Guide Us.”

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: The conference reconvened at 9:20 A.M.

GREETINGS: Bishop McCleskey presented Bishop L. Bevel Jones III, resident bishop of the Charlotte Area from 1984 to 1996, to the conference, and Bishop Jones responded with warm words of greeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY: Kenneth L. Carter, Jr., chairperson, invited the members of the Committee on Episcopacy to the platform and articulated the purpose of the committee as outlined in the *Discipline*. He spoke warm words of appreciation for the work and vision of Bishop McCleskey and challenged the conference to give the bishop encouragement to focus on the vision, “Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World.” Bishop McCleskey responded with words of appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Charlotte Area for the 2004-08 quadrennium. The report of the committee was concluded with prayer by Dr. Carter. (See report in Sec. VIII.R.)

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF GOLDEN CROSS: A. Gayle Ford, conference director, spoke concerning the ministry and work of Golden Cross as that program celebrated its 75th anniversary year. (See report in Sec. VIII.B.2.b.)

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD: Rex L. Gibbs, president, offered the annual report of the conference Brotherhood/Sisterhood, encouraging lay persons in particular to become supporting members. (See report in Sec. VIII.EE.)

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CLERGY AND SPOUSES: Following the singing of hymn 540 (*UMH*), “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord,” Mark B. Edwards, president of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits, presented the 2006 class of retirees. William C. Wyman, Jr., conference treasurer-director of administrative services, presented each retiree with a retirement pin, and the conference secretary presented to each a certificate of appreciation upon retirement. Bishop McCleskey greeted each clergy person and his or her spouse, and Dale C. Bryant, senior benefits administrator, presented to them tokens of appreciation. Crystal McPhail Alexander and Lillie Madison Jones, members of the 2006 class in full connection, led the litany of appreciation. Frank A. Stith III spoke on behalf of the retiring clergy, and Bishop McCleskey offered the response for the conference and delivered the closing prayer. The period of recognition concluded with the singing of hymn 664 (*UMH*), “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing.”

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: Joseph P. McGuire, president, offered the annual report of the conference trustees, noting areas of special concern, and the report was received with appreciation (see Sec. VIII.L.)

CABINET RESOLUTIONS: Patricia A. Lewis, secretary of the Cabinet, proposed the adoption of the following three resolutions, and each was adopted:

Grace Church, Asheboro, Randolph County, High Point District

Whereas, Grace United Methodist Church, Grace-New Union Charge, Asheboro, Randolph County, High Point District, has diminished to 14 active members; and

Whereas, The members are struggling to meet local expenses, pastoral compensation, and district and conference apportionments; and

Whereas, The congregation is no longer able to fulfill its purpose and mission as required by ¶ 2548.2 of *The Book of Discipline*; and

Whereas, A called local church conference was held March 2, 2006, to discuss discontinuance, and

Whereas, The district superintendent, the presiding bishop, and a majority of the Cabinet, meeting in session March 27-31, 2006, agreed to the discontinuance of the church, and the High Point District Board of Church Location and Building consented at its meeting on May 3, 2006, to granting discontinuance and seeing that all disciplinary requirements are met; and

Whereas, The remaining members wish to attend several different United Methodist churches; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Grace United Methodist Church, Grace-New Union Charge, Asheboro, Randolph County, High Point District, be discontinued, effective June 25, 2006, immediately following a worship service celebrating the 50 years of life and ministry of this congregation, and that the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., be instructed to handle all property matters in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline* and to determine opportunities available for mission and community service related to the disposition of the property.

East LaPorte Church, Jackson County, Waynesville District

Whereas, East LaPorte United Methodist Church, Jackson County, Waynesville District, had declined to fewer than six active members; and

Whereas, East LaPorte United Methodist Church was financially unable to continue its ministry; and

Whereas, East LaPorte United Methodist Church was no longer able to fulfill its mission and purpose as required by *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas, The church conference of East LaPorte United Methodist Church voted on September 14, 2005, to stop holding services, effective January 1, 2006; and

Whereas, East LaPorte United Methodist Church is no longer holding worship services; and

Whereas, The presiding bishop, a majority of the Cabinet of the Western North Carolina Conference, the Waynesville district superintendent, and the Waynesville District Board of Church Location and Building have given their consent to considering East LaPorte United Methodist Church abandoned; therefore, be it

Resolved, That East LaPorte United Methodist Church, Jackson County, Waynesville District, be considered abandoned, effective January 1, 2006, and that the property be transferred to the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., which is hereby instructed to sell the property in accordance with ¶ 2548 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* and to distribute the proceeds in accordance with the policy of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Hollis Church, Rutherford County, Marion District

Whereas, Hollis United Methodist Church, Rutherford County, Marion District, is no longer used, kept, or maintained by its membership as a place of regular divine worship; and

Whereas, Hollis United Methodist Church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized, as that purpose is stated in ¶¶ 201-204 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (2004); and

Whereas, Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey, the presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference; a majority of the district superintendents of said annual conference; and the Board of Church Location and Building of the Marion District have consented to the assumption of control of said property by the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Hollis United Methodist Church, Rutherford County, Marion District, be declared abandoned and control of the same be vested in the Board of Trustees, Western North Carolina Conference, The United Methodist Church, Inc., pursuant to ¶ 2548.2 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (2004).

Rev. Lewis then moved that the rules be suspended to permit consideration of a resolution not printed or distributed previously, and the rules were suspended. She then moved approval of the action described in the following resolution, and it was done:

East Asheville United Methodist Church

The merger of Azalea and Oteen United Methodist churches on January 1, 2006 made possible the birth of a new church, East Asheville United Methodist. The new church is selling the Azalea property and meeting in the former Oteen facility.

The Book of Discipline (2004) says that money from the sale of a church building cannot be used for the expenses of a local church, with one exception, which is to submit a clear and detailed three- to five-year redevelopment plan that projects a self-supporting ministry. The exception may be granted by the annual conference, the bishop, and the cabinet upon request of the local church.

The bishop and cabinet have received and approved their plan. We submit to the annual conference their request to use \$175,000 from the sale of the Azalea property for congregational redevelopment.

REPORT OF UNITED METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE: Donna Strickland Smith, a member of the governing board of The United Methodist Publishing House, presented the report, with special focus on several new resources. She then presented copies of the resources and a check to Bishop McCleskey, representing the conference's share in the proceeds of the publishing house for the preceding year.

Donald W. Routh moved that the amount of the check be contributed to the global pension fund of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits for the support of clergy pensions in the central conferences, and the motion was approved.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY: James L. Pyatt, chairperson, presented the report of the commission, which included recognition of persons representing the churches in the conference celebrating significant anniversaries: Bicentennial – Center, Troy; Ebenezer, Randleman; and Rehobeth, Greensboro. Sesquicentennial – Alexander Chapel, Asheville; First, Elkin; Fletcher, Fletcher; Friendship, Brown Summit; Shiloh, Lexington; Stokesburg, Walnut Cove; and Wesley Memorial, High Point. Centennial – Davidson, Davidson; Faith, Tobaccoville; First, Canton; Galilee, Kings Mountain; Gilkey, Rutherfordton; Harmony, Concord; Richfield, Richfield; and Roberta, Concord. Rev. Pyatt also called attention to the distribution of a booklet containing admission and ordination information and service records of the clergywomen of the conference on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of full clergy rights for women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The secretary made necessary announcements.

SCOUTING AWARDS: Phillip E. Williams, conference coordinator of scouting, presented a report of scouting in the conference and led in moments of recognition as Bishop McCleskey presented the 2006 Bishop's Award of Excellence in Boy and Girl Scouting to 10 scouting units from churches throughout the conference and Torch Awards to Dennis E. Boyce and Rick Moninghoff.

DISTRICT OFFICERS: The secretary moved the election, confirmation, or approval, as *The Book of Discipline* or the rules of the conference may require, of the district lay leaders, the associate district lay leaders, the district statisticians, the members of the district boards of church location and building, the members of the district committee on ordained ministry, and the members of the district boards of trustees as these had been listed by the district superintendents and filed with the conference secretary, and it was done.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: The secretary announced that all necessary business of the conference had been completed except for the service of ordination and the fixing of the appointments. He then moved that, following the fixing of the appointments and the benediction on Sunday, June 11, 2006, the Western North Carolina Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church be adjourned *sine die*, and the motion to adjourn prevailed.

RECESS: In anticipation of the service to follow, the conference stood in recess at 11:30 A.M.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: The annual memorial celebration of life service began at 11:45 A.M. with the prelude of pipes, "Highland Cathedral," played by pipers Kathi Graham and Leisa Stamey. Lillie M. Jones, liturgist, read the greeting, and hymn 711 (*UMH*), "For All the Saints," was sung. Dr. Jones led the prayer for the saints and faithful departed, and Mary D. Williams offered the solo, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Following the reading of the Gospel lesson, John 6:35-40, by Jessie C. Keaton, lector, Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey introduced the preacher. After reading the lesson from the Old Testament, Isaiah 25:6-9, Ashley Crowder Stanley, pastor of Biltmore Church, Asheville, delivered the sermon, "Future Street." Bishop McCleskey led in the pastoral prayer, and the congregation prayed the Lord's Prayer. Ms. Williams sang the solo, "How Great Thou Art."

Accompanied by the tolling of a bell and the lighting of candles, Bishop McCleskey read the names of those whose memory was being honored, and their pictures were displayed. With Mary Williams as soloist, the congregation sang the response, hymn 706 (*UMH*), "Soon and Very Soon." Dr. Jones offered the prayer of thanksgiving, and Bishop McCleskey led in the responsive dismissal with blessing. The congregation sang hymn 707 (*UMH*), "Hymn of Promise." The pipers played the recessional, "Amazing Grace," and the service concluded at 12:45 P.M.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION – 7:30 P.M.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION: The conference service of ordination of deacons and elders began at 7:30 P.M. in Stuart Auditorium with the organ voluntary, "Heraldings," by Hebble, played by the conference director of music, and processional hymn 57 (*UMH*), "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Bishop McCleskey led the responsive greeting and prayer, the recognition of common ministry, and the responsive reaffirmation of baptism. Dennis G. Carroll, a lay member of the Board of Ordained Ministry; J. Thomas Stinson-Wesley, president of the board; Patience S. Brumley, a member of the board, representing the Order of Deacons; and Susan Pendleton Jones, chairperson of the Order of Elders, presented the candidates for ordination. Bishop McCleskey led in the responsive affirmation of the candidates. After he had read the scriptures from I Corinthians 4:1-13, the bishop delivered the ordination sermon, "Stewards of the Mysteries." Rev. Stinson-Wesley led the congregation in reciting the Apostles' Creed and in singing the *Gloria*.

Bishop McCleskey led the general examination of the candidates, and the ordination hymn, "O Holy Spirit, by Whose Breath," was sung.

As Dr. Carroll lifted signs of the ministry of an elder, Bishop McCleskey conducted the responsive examination of the candidates for ordination as elders. The bishop then offered prayer for those to be ordained and, assisted by other elders of the church, ordained to the office of elder those who had been elected thereto. Rev. Jones placed stoles on the ordinands, and certificates of ordination and membership were presented by the conference secretary.

As Dr. Carroll lifted signs of the ministry of a deacon, Bishop McCleskey conducted the responsive examination of the candidates for ordination as deacons in full connection. The bishop then led in prayer for the ordinands and, assisted by other deacons and elders of the church, ordained to the office of deacon in full connection the candidates who had been elected thereto. Rev. Brumley presented stoles to the ordinands, and certificates of ordination and membership were presented by the conference secretary.

Bishop McCleskey led the closing prayer, and hymn 648 (*UMH*), "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian,"

was sung. The bishop led the responsive dismissal with blessing; the director of music played the voluntary, "Finale Jubilante," by Willan; and the service of ordination concluded at 9:00 P.M.

FOURTH DAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2006

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION – 8:45 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The conference Sunday School hour was conducted at 8:45 A.M. in three locations: for children, by Jenny S. Reilly, of Salem Church, Denver, in Meeting Room 316 of the Terrace Hotel; for youth, by Elizabeth Greeson, of Oakdale Church, Jamestown, and Sandy Simpson, of St. Timothy's Church, Greensboro, at the Junaluska cross; and for adults, by Robert V. Dodd, of Matthews, in the Memorial Chapel.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP: The conference Sunday service of worship began at 10:30 A.M. in Stuart Auditorium with a time of gathering in song. The choir of Addie's Chapel Church, Marion, sang the call to worship. Sadye Joyner Milton, liturgist, led the responsive greeting, after which hymn 37 (*UMH*), "O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing," was sung. The Cantic of the Holy Spirit (*UMH* 80) was read responsively, with sung responses, and the choir sang two anthems, "Because of Who You Are," and, "God Is." Bishop McCleskey led the unison prayer for illumination, and the congregation sang hymn 332 (*UMH*), "Spirit of Faith, Come Down." The bishop read the scriptures from Psalm 46, Luke 2:10, and 24:36-38a and delivered the Conference Sunday sermon, "Therefore, We Will Not Fear."

Dianne W. Marsden led in the recitation of the United Methodist Social Affirmation (*UMH* 886), and Susan Anne Bennett offered the pastoral prayer. Rev. Marsden then led the responsive prayer of confession and pardon (*UMH* 893), after which persons in the congregation exchanged signs of reconciliation and love.

During the receiving of the offering for the post-Katrina relief and rebuilding effort of the Council of Bishops, the choir sang the offertory, "Blessed Jesus, Hold My Hand." The congregation sang the Doxology, Bishop McCleskey led in the prayer of thanksgiving, and the people spoke the Lord's Prayer. Hymn 64 (*UMH*), "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty," was sung.

CONFERENCE RECONVENES: Pursuant to recess, the conference reconvened at 11:55 A.M.

RECOGNITION OF SUPERINTENDENTS: Bishop McCleskey led in moments of recognition for Frank A. Stith III and his spouse, Mary Elizabeth, upon his retirement from the superintendency, and the members of the conference expressed their gratitude. The bishop then presented Frank H. (Duke) Ison, and his spouse, Vickie, upon the beginning of his new appointment as a superintendent, and the conference greeted them warmly.

FIXING OF APPOINTMENTS: Printed copies of the 2006-07 appointments were distributed to the members of the conference; Patricia A. Lewis, Cabinet secretary, noted two necessary corrections; and Bishop McCleskey declared the appointments "fixed." The bishop then charged all clergy being appointed to serve Christ in their appointed places, and all lay members to receive and support those appointed. The clergy and the laity responded appropriately, and the bishop led in the traditional words of John Wesley's covenant prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Hymn 89 (*UMH*), "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," was sung; Bishop McCleskey offered the dismissal with blessing; the choir sang the choral response, "Total Praise"; the conference director and associate director of music played the closing voluntary; and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church adjourned *sine die* at 12:15 P.M.

President

Secretary

D. CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION

This is to certify that at a service of commissioning held on Friday morning, June 9, 2006, in George R. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, I, James Lawrence McCleskey, a bishop in The United Methodist Church,

Did COMMISSION for ministry in The United Methodist Church under the 2004 Book of Discipline as probationary members of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference: April Bumgarner Abernethy, Holly Cobb Adams, Lucille Kauffman Blizzard, Lori Anne Bowen, Cornelius Francis Brantley, Jr., Beverly Tracy Carroll, Jimmy Randall Chrisawn, Brian Eugene Combs, Nicole Scherle Conard, Catherine Newberry Davis, Judy Hilton Eurey, Michael Ellis Flack, Dawn Maria Hand, Ann Louise Hoyt, Karen Richards Hudson, Ricky Clay Johnson, Mark Eugene Jordan, Viyeon Kim, Abigail Willisford Kocher, William Leon Morrow, Joshua Morgan Noblitt, Friday Mba Okocha, Mandy Neill Parker, David Edmundson Peeler, Timothy Allen Reimer, Karen Honeycutt Roberts, Ronald Dean Setzer, Robert Christian Silber, Jason Eugene Vickers, Douglas Lee Watts, Julie Rebecca Wilburn Peeler, and Robey Alan Wilson.

This is further to certify that at a service of ordination held on Saturday evening, June 10, 2006, in George R. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, I

Did ORDAIN to the Order of ELDER in The United Methodist Church: Crystal McPhail Alexander, Darren William Alexander, Pamela Elane Blackstock, Christopher Mark Clontz, Mark David Conforti, Amber Shea Cranford, Judith Bors Davis, Billy Neil Ervin, Alfonza Everett, Christopher Allen Franks, Lisa Hartzog Hannah, Christopher David Henson, Charles Howard Ireson, Lillie Madison Jones, Nathan Elliott Kirkpatrick, Kathryn Andrews McElveen, James Carl Parsons, Sally Wooten Queen, Charles Ronald Riley, Charlie Dexter Rovens, Andrew Allan Southern, Kent Duane Tilley, Yvonne Lucille Vredenburg, and Myra Jean Ward.

Did ORDAIN to the Order of DEACON in The United Methodist Church under the 2004 Book of Discipline: Amy Wyn Burton, Monica Lane Humpal, Sherry Ward Jackson, Cynthia Weber Sloan, and Carrie Smith Wright.

Bishop