

VI. Daily Proceedings

**Kentucky Annual Conference
2013 Session, June 10-12
Northern Kentucky Convention Center-Covington, KY
Bishop Lindsey Davis, Presiding**

**Monday, June 10, 2013
MORNING SESSIONS**

(All motions in the document were seconded unless otherwise noted.)

CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Executive Session of the 2013 Kentucky Annual Conference began with the singing of “And Are We Yet Alive.”

Bishop Davis greeted the clergy with opening comments and an opening prayer.

Kevin Burney moved to admit the provisional members, associate members, full-time local pastors, part-time local pastors and student local pastors, diaconal ministers, those members of the Good News TV media team needed to operate the various media equipment used in the session, the musicians and those persons coming to receive their license to preach. These persons would not have voice or vote. This was approved.

Kevin Burney moved that Wade Arp be elected to serve as secretary of the 2013 Executive Session. The motion carried.

Kevin Burney moved that the tellers for the Executive Session be elected from those clergy persons who will be nominated by the Conference Secretary as tellers for the 2013 session of the Annual Conference. This was approved.

Gary Gibson, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry gave a reflection on the Christian Character and Covenant of the clergy within the conference and the United Methodist Church. This included a synopsis of the Quadrennial Goals for the Board: all clergy of the conference be persons of character, commitment and competence in covenant community; create a culture of learning, be committed to lifelong learning; strengthen District Committees on Ministry and candidacy process; recruit and nurture young clergy; develop a clear understanding of new Board of Ordained Ministry “fruitfulness of ministry” language.

The *Business of the Annual Conference* (BAC) was presented (the complete BAC is found in chapter VIII of the Journal).

The following questions were reviewed, approved and/or information was given (unless otherwise noted):

Question 17, Question 18a & b, Question 19, Question 20, Question 21

John Hatton presented the names of those who completed License for Ministry School. They were invited

forward and greeted by the clergy.

Question 22, Question 232, Question 25, Question 26

Question 28. Persons elected to provisional membership were introduced and greeted by the clergy.

Question 32a. The deacon candidate was presented.

Bishop Davis asked the historical questions for deacons.

The candidate was approved and welcomed by the clergy

Question 32. Elder candidates were presented.

Bishop Davis asked the historical questions for elders.

The candidates were approved and welcomed by the clergy.

Question 38, Question 41, Question 42, Question 44, Question 48, Question 49, Question 50, Question 52.

Persons retiring (Questions 53 & 72) were invited forward and greeted by the clergy.

Question 73, Question 79

Bishop Davis recognized Bruce Lee who asked the question “are there any plans to help us better understand/define clergy covenant?” Gary Gibson responded that this discussion was contained within the priorities of the Board of Ordained Ministry which were shared earlier in session.

Bishop Davis shared words of encouragement and appreciation.

The clergy sang together “Be Thou My Vision”.

Bishop Davis pronounced the benediction and the session was closed.

LAITY SESSION: Lewis D. Nicholls, the Conference Lay Leader, led the Laity Session. The other session leaders and participants included: Linda Sparks, Brenda Glover, and Clyde Tharp. The highlights of the session included: the vision of the Board of Laity, an overview of the Leadership Academy for Church Excellence (LACE), demographics of the Kentucky United Methodist Churches, and how to attract new members especially among the Millennials.

Monday, June 10, 2013 AFTERNOON SESSION

OPENING WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: Following the call to worship, the opening hymn was, “Come Thou Almighty King.” Worship leadership participants included: Bishop Davis, Esther Jadhav, Iosmar Alvarez, Irene Kabete, Lew Nicholls, Kevin Burney, and Alison Feese (Conference Youth President). Bishop Al Gwinn preached a sermon titled, “And Are We Yet Alive?, on 2 Corinthians 4:1-18.

Seventeen clergy members and seventeen clergy spouses were memorialized. Each of those remembered received a medallion and a pastoral visit from the conference representatives prior to Annual Conference.

Clergy

Blanchard E. Amstutz
Kenneth Allen Brown
Gary Lionel Case, Sr.
Harold W. Dorsey
Finis (Beryl) Fentress, Jr.
Suzy Yen Ham-Son
Alvin Edward Herron
Sam C. Knox
Thomas Kenerly Macdonnell, III
Delores Rae "Dee" Murphy
Welby Otis Patten
Paul Carter Pepoon
George Lemore Russell
John D. Spaulding
Joni K. Watkins
Walter Kenneth Williams

Spouses

Adee Conklin Butler, Jr.
Luvenial Caister
Edna Clem
Edna Grottenhtaler Crenshaw
Jo Ann Vanda Collins
Olene T. Gaddis
Betty Frances Halbrook
Louise Turner Hill
Clara Hulse
Helen Carnes Humble
Anne Kelley Kunnecke
Pearl Caddy Nicholas
Sylvia O'Neal
Gladys Osborne
Nancy Ruth Krahwinkel Rogers
Helen Davis Seamands
Dorothy Randolph Thomas
Audrey K. Durr Mason-Williams

The service concluded with the celebration of Holy Communion.

PLENARY CALL TO ORDER: The Bishop called the annual conference session to order.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: Bishop Davis recognized the following: Bishop Paul Leeland (Alabama-West Florida Conference), Bishop Al Gwinn (retired), Lew Nicholls (Conference Lay Leader), Julie Hager Love (Director of Connectional Ministries-DCM & Conference Secretary), Jody Curry (Conference Chancellor who was not present), Becki Curry (Assistant to the Bishop & Louisville DS), Kevin Burney (Director of Ministerial Services), and Susan Jinnett-Sack (Associate Conference Secretary).

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE: Bishop Davis recognized Julie Hager Love, the conference secretary, who discussed organizational matters.

MOTION: Love moved for the adoption of the agenda as in the Preconference Report Book (PRB) on page 13 with the understanding that alterations in the agenda will be announced, as they are deemed necessary.

The motion carried.

MOTION: Love moved that the voting bar of the conference include all front sections of the room between the stage and the aisle near the back of the room that is parallel to the stage. On Wednesday afternoon clergy and laity will sit according to the districts where their churches are located.

The motion carried.

MOTION: Love moved to elect Wayne Garvey to serve as the Assistant Secretary for voting and Tukea Talbert as the Assistant Secretary for Daily Proceedings.

The motion carried.

MOTION: Love moved for the election of the following individuals to serve as tellers: Lynda Adkins, Gary Baker, Todd Benner, C.G. Collins, Glen Cox, Connie Craig, Johnny Craig, Bertha Daniels, Alene Dicken, Jim Doughton, J. Henry Duncan, Tony Franklin, Jerry Jones, Arba Kenner, Jack Larwa, Anita Martin, Michael McAlister, Scott Milby, Randy Myrick, Beverly Newell, Betty Rush, Mark Shepherd, Wayne Watts, Stephen Wells, and Wayne Garvey, the head teller.

The motion carried.

MOTION: Love moved that the registration process serve as the roll of attendance.

The motion carried.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Love reported that the District Superintendents have forwarded requests for excused absences for clergy. This was not voted on but provided for information since the Bishop will be granting these.

CLARIFICATION: The Bishop noted that Elvyn Hamilton will continue to serve in the Kentucky Annual Conference (KAC) although Hamilton & his wife (Bessie) will be appointed as church planters in Montgomery, AL.

WELCOME AND GREETING: Bishop Davis introduced Owen Dolin, the Covington District

Superintendent who welcomed the Bishop and members of the KAC. Dolin recognized the volunteers and thanked them for their commitment and service, as well as the extensive work of the Northern KY hospitality industry. Dolin reminded members of the conference to show their gratitude by generously tipping for services. Dolin introduced Jennifer Davis, the wife of the Bishop Davis, and presented her with roses. Davis gave a brief overview of the Honduras Mission Trip that resulted in the building of a kindergarten classroom. Jennifer Davis thanked the KAC for the \$14,000.00 from the 2012 Annual Conference. She also acknowledged David Sparks for his role recruiting youth and young adults for June 2013 return trip to Honduras.

The Bishop recognized the wives of Bishops Gwinn and Leeland. Dolin presented Joyce Gwinn and Janet Leeland with roses.

REINFORCEMENT OF STANDING RULE 8: The Bishop recognized Julie Hager Love who stated rule 8 to prepare members for the rules regarding floor debate:

- a) No member may speak longer than three minutes on any debatable question relating to a main motion or its subsidiary motions. Debate will not exceed three speeches for and three speeches against each question relating to a main motion or its subsidiary motions.
- b) No member may speak more than twice on any debatable question relating to a main motion or its subsidiary motions.
- c) The maker of an original main motion or incidental main motion may make a closing speech before the vote is taken on the maker's motion. But the maker may not exceed the time limits set in (a) above or the number of speeches set in (b) above.
- d) The limitations in (a) and (b) above do not apply to questions of order and appeal.

CONSENT CALENDAR: The Bishop directed members to page 18 of the Preconference Report Book that discusses the consent calendar, which is a process that we began using two years ago. The Primary Task Executive Team worked with the conference secretary to determine the reports listed on the consent calendar (PRB, pp. 19-21). Also included on the consent calendar was the report from Wesley House. Petitions, resolutions, and nominations were not on the consent calendar and were presented in a later plenary. The time that reports could be removed from the consent calendar was during the organizational session. Removal of a report meant that we would consider the report during one of the later plenary sessions. The process to remove a report is a motion by one member, supported by a second from two additional members.

No items were lifted from the consent calendar. The consent calendar was accepted (affirmative vote to accept the consent calendar).

VIDEO: "Meeting Needs" by Bishop Michael Coyner. Bishop Coyner thanked the KAC for their generosity in meeting its financial commitment to the General Church.

FIRST READING OF THE BUDGET: Presented by George Strunk, the President of the Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A). Strunk acknowledged Michael Watts for his ten years of faithful service as the conference treasurer, which was followed by a standing ovation from members of the conference. Strunk also introduced other members of CF&A: Lesley Gookin, assistant controller, Heather Duvall, controller and Rich Royster, who was thanked for serving as the interim treasurer during the transition of Michael Watts.

Strunk introduced Joni Way as the candidate for Director of Administrative Services, Treasurer and Statistician, who greeted and thanked the conference.

The vote passed to elect Way.

Strunk shared the following proposed budget highlights:

- CF&A is recommending a \$9,134,067 budget for 2014, which is a \$134,067 (1.5%) increase from 2013
- 2% increase in salaries for District Superintendents & Conference Directors and a 3% increase in salaries for remaining staff
- 4% increase for healthcare costs (25% of amount billed is for retiree healthcare costs)
- 0.6% increase in General Church & SEJ apportionments
- Budget reflects Louisville DS serving as Assistant to the Bishop, Elizabethtown DS serving as New Church Development Director, and Corbin DS serving as Superintendent for the Red Bird Missionary Conference
- \$117,162 increase in expenses for personnel costs associated with Treasurer’s Office related to the hiring of a controller and an added staff person
- The \$134,067 will be funded through conference reserves and other sources of income outside of our Mission Covenant
- 2013-2014 Changes in Budget

Item	Budget Change
Ministries	\$32,182
Personnel Costs	\$150,000
Operational Expenses	\$-49,095
Total Change in Budget=\$134,067	

NOMINATIONS REPORT: Julie Hager Love instructed members to refer to the blue stapled pages in their registration packets. Love noted that last year we had two readings of the nominations, which allowed members to vote during the second reading. This year since only changes were presented, members were informed that this was their only time to consider the document. Love explained that our changes were from the Quadrennial Elections that we had last year, and unless otherwise noted this slate of officers will serve until Annual Conference (AC) 2016. The full teams for each group will be published in the Conference Journal later this year.

Love instructed members to write out any corrections or editorial changes and bring them to the secretary’s table or Ballroom E, where they could also retrieve forms for these changes. Love highlighted a few of the changes on the screen:

- Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center
 - Add: Karen Mitchell, Ron Aten, Lenny Marr, Bill Edwards
 - Remove: Lindsay Million
- Prestonsburg District on page 11 District Committee on Ministry
 - Add: Brad Smart, Ken Spurrier, John Hatton, Rob Hoffman (these were presented in the remove section of the report)
- Arba Kenner, Frankfort First, stated that Kelly Frank be added to KY Wesleyan instead of deleted

The vote to accept the report passed.

COURTESIES: Presented by Becki Curry. Curry shared that Dr. Rhoda Peters and Ms. Jan Brown-Thompson would serve as chairs of the Committee on Courtesies. She also described the procedure for requesting recognitions, greetings, points of personal privilege or prayer requests through the Committee on Courtesies.

ISAIAH PROJECT: Kevin Burney & Mark Dickinson from the Board of Ordained Ministry discussed the Isaiah Project. The Isaiah Projects provides summer ministry internships for young adults exploring a call to ministry. Dickinson noted that 66 participants have gone through the program. Dickinson introduced the 2013 participants who were recognized on the stage:

Jacob Booher (Petrie Memorial UMC), Jacob Bryant (Elizabethtown Memorial UMC), Breanna

Copenhaver (Epiphany UMC), Sheryl Farfain-Tello (St. Matthews UMC), Cy Hudson (Bethany UMC), Lake Salisbury (Hope Springs UMC), Chay Smithson (First UMC of Munfordville), Sarah Sweeney (Redbird Mission), Holly Tumblin (Loucon Training & Retreat Center), Caleb Wheat (Elizabethtown Memorial UMC)

Also, two Duke Divinity School students are serving in the KAC for the summer: Josiah Brock (St. Paul UMC) and Rachel Peters (Middletown UMC).

The presentation ended with a prayer from Bishop Davis for the interns.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE: Mark Shepherd and Deb Massengale, members of the Children's Team, shared information about the Change for Change project and how the money is used for church grants to fund new children's ministries in the KAC. Massengale shared the response of the Prestonsburg District churches to this initiative as evidenced by an 88% church participation in raising funds for Change for Change. During Massengale's presentation, representatives from the district brought their contributions forward.

THRIVING FAITH COMMUNITY VIDEO #1 Impact Shelby County.

GREETINGS: Mary Lou Greenwood Boice, Associate Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid, at Candler School of Theology (one of 13 United Methodist seminaries) in Atlanta greeted the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY:

Mark Girard, Vice-Chair of the Higher Education Team, speaking on behalf of Cheryl King, Chair introduced the United Methodist Church College Presidents: Dr. Bill Luckey, President of Lindsey Wilson College, who greeted the conference on behalf of the UMC Colleges and updated the conference on recent developments at Lindsey Wilson College; Dr. Craig Turner (not present), President of KY Wesleyan College; & Dr. Marsha Hawkins, newly selected President of Union College. Girard also introduced leaders of the college campus ministries:

Ken Southgate (Eastern KY University Wesley Foundation), Bryan Langlands (Georgetown College), Tina Patterson (KY State University Wesley Foundation), Kent Lewis (KY Wesleyan College), Troy Elmore (Lindsey Wilson College), Drew McNeil (Morehead State University Wesley Foundation), Ryan Boatwright (Murray State University Wesley Foundation), David Johnston (Northern KY University Wesley Foundation), David Miller (Union College), Bill Hughes (University of KY Wesley Foundation), Marco Ballesteros (University of Louisville Wesley Foundation), and Shea James (Western KY University Wesley Foundation).

The presentation ended with a prayer from the Bishop for the presidents and campus ministers.

ADVOCACY TEAM: Jan Brown-Thompson, chair of the Advocacy Team introduced Marian McClure Taylor, the Director of the KY Council of Churches, who greeted the conference. Brown-Thompson presented the Bishop's Award for Ecumenism to Michael Coppersmith.

BLACK COLLEGE FUND: Lewis Keys greeted the conference with both a song and a brief speech of thanks to the conference for its support of the Black College Fund. Keys is a graduate of Wiley College in Marshall, Texas and currently a student at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. Keys brought greetings from Dr. Cynthia-Bond Hopson, Assistant General Secretary of the Black College Fund and Dr. Haywood L. Strickland, the 16th president of Wiley College.

RESOLUTIONS & PETITIONS: Bruce Nettleton, Chair of Committee on Resolutions & Petitions presented the resolution, “A Call Back to Holiness of Heart” to conference members. Nettleton requested approval to waive the verbatim reading of the resolution.

Approved waiving of reading resolution.

Nettleton offered two amendments to the resolution: 1) change “State” to “Commonwealth” in the second to last paragraph, last sentence and, 2) add, “and the world” in the second to last paragraph at the end of the sentence. Nettleton recommended concurrence with the resolution.

Resolution was accepted.

THRIVING FAITH COMMUNITY VIDEO #2: Hands to Serve, Hearts to Care Backpack Ministry at Pleasureville UMC.

BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS: Aaron Ames from Cokesbury and Michael Watts, who serves as a member of the United Methodist Board of Publications, shared information about resources and how to access publications. Ames highlighted discounts ranging from 35-40% on certain publications including those on the Bishop’s Recommended Reading list. Ames introduced Randy Hartman as the new local resource for Cokesbury, and he encouraged members to meet local authors during book signings.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Bishop recognized Stephanie Oaks as a Gold Medal Winner at the Special Olympics. Oaks was recognized on stage.

VIDEO: Farley Stuart presented a video on the Red Bird Missionary Conference (RBMC) and provided background on the conference encouraging our churches to partner with RBMC churches as ‘local missionaries.’

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Julie Hager Love gave the following announcements:

- Reported that Gary Graves stated that there are no changes to the Standing Rules for this year
- Special meal information located on screens and easels
- Red Bird Crafts Sale begins on Tuesday, 6/11/2013
- Reminded members to visit the display area and prayer room (room #1)
- Ordination & Commissioning scheduled for evening at 7:30pm
- Morning worship will start at 8:15am followed by devotion at 8:30am
- Afternoon of Service on Tuesday, 6/11/2013
- Highlighted Change for Change

CLOSING PRAYER: Fred Wiles delivered the closing prayer.

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SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING & ORDINATION: Worship leadership participants included: Bishop Davis, Bishop Paul L. Leeland, Mrs. Kay Burney, Rev. Dr. David Grout, Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel and other members of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Bishop Leeland preached a sermon titled, “Finding Jesus in Unexpected Places.”

Commissioned as provisional members: Brent Arn, Marco E. Ballesteros, Shannon Blosser, John Heinz, David Johnston, Jeremy Ruegg and Melvin Wallace Votaw

Deacon in Full Connection: Christine Grandin Ross

Elders in Full Connection: David Garvin, Jeanette Cooper Hicks, Keith Katterheinrich, Jonathan Raymond Mann, Jim Nichols, Dan Paddock, Derek Robinette, Sean Paul Shroll and Adam Wade Sparks

Tuesday, June 11, 2013
MORNING SESSION

MORNING DEVOTION: Lew Nicholls, Conference Lay Leader, led the morning devotion. His message was titled, “Encounters with God,” and based on Psalm 34:11-14.

PLENARY CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Davis called the meeting to order.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE: David Garvin, Chair of the Journal Committee, made the following motion: “The Conference Journal Committee moves for the adoption of the minutes from June 10, 2013 as they were reviewed by the committee and are in order.” **The motion carried.**

COURTESIES: Jan Brown-Thomson reported the following prayer requests:

- Les Woodson following open heart surgery at Jewish Hospital
- Family of Mazel Synder Stoneking who died Friday, June 7th
- Mike Morrissey’s mother who recently died
- Rev. Robert Stout who is recovering from heart surgery
- Nelson Mandela (seriously ill in S. Africa) who is a world leaders and faithful witness and advocate for peace and unity

Mark Gibbons prayed for those individuals named in the Courtesy Report.

MONITORING REPORT PROCESS: Julie Hager Love read the following statement from the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR):

“As you may know, the 2012 General Conference proved to be a watershed moment in the life of the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR) and the Church. One significant item was the passage of new language relating to the work of Annual Conference Commissions on Religion and Race (CORR). This language can be found in Paragraph ¶643.3a of the 2012 Book of Discipline. This new language is significant in that it charges CORRs to work in partnership with conference leaders and other conference groups to ensure that your efforts on the conference level are relevant to and impact ministry “on the ground” in local churches.

We have found that the historical method of monitoring has not produced the transformation needed for the Church to grow and thrive at all levels in an increasingly diverse world. Focusing on the representational aspects of diversity is insufficient to challenging and supporting the church to implement equitable systems and policies, to value the rich diversity in our communities and to raise up lay and clergy leaders equipped to lead in a multicultural context.

In order to further racial equity and have deeper impact, we are asking you to refrain from monitoring your upcoming annual conference using the monitoring forms traditionally provided by GCORR, which are based on representation rather than equity and impact. Instead, we are asking you to listen for the ways in which your conference is working to more effectively engage in ministry with the diverse and growing demographic groups present in your annual conference area. From there, you can begin healthy

and reflective conversations with other conference leaders about initiating, improving and strengthening the conference's ability to reach more people, younger people and more diverse people. This new, expansive way of monitoring provides opportunity for engaging in transformative conversations with your annual conference."

CHANGE FOR CHANGE: Julie Hager Love gave an update on the amount of money raised. The Prestonsburg District is leading with \$5,400 while Columbia is second with \$371. The current grand total is \$7,345. The Lexington and Corbin Districts have less than \$20 dollars thus far.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE: Bishop Davis spoke about the work of the cabinet with Spiritual Leadership, Inc. – a consultant group – to improve the leadership of the Annual Conference. The Bishop identified the Annual Conference's primary task as one of developing leadership among clergy and lay. The Bishop discussed other leadership initiatives related to the focus of the local church, which is to make disciples for Jesus Christ. The Bishop stated that several projects are being piloted and he recognized Becki Curry to give specific examples. Curry gave several examples of initiatives throughout the conference that include: Cluster organizations for charge conference in Elizabethtown, the new model for Leadership Academy for Church Excellence (LACE) in Frankfort, Lay Church Planting Network, and increased meetings of small groups ('cluster groups') of pastors, lay and the cabinet focusing on prayer, accountability, spiritual discernment and risk taking.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT: Paul Brunstetter, Director for New Church Development (NCD) and Aaron Mansfield, Chair of NCD, shared strategies for church growth. Brunstetter stated that the NCD goal for this quadrennial is to have a total of 40 new church plants, with an ultimate goal of 16 new church plants per year. For 2013, there will be a total of 13 new church plants. Brunstetter noted that the KAC is one of two growing United Methodist conferences in the United States, but there is still work to be done.

VIDEO: CHURCH PLANTS

All of the church planters were invited to the stage during the video on Church Plants. At the conclusion of the video, the Bishop prayed for the church planters.

CHURCH HEALTH TEAM REPORT: Rick Bard spoke with the conference about initiatives to improve the health of existing congregations. Through a Conference Church Health Team facilitated by Spiritual Leadership, Inc., the team is exploring church health as it relates to vitality of existing congregations. Bard highlighted three key principles for healthy churches:

- First step is to strive for greater impact in their communities
- Goal is to assist local churches with the journey towards revitalization
- Health & the Holy Spirit--Dream a new Dream!

At the conclusion of his report, Bard recognized the Conference Church Health Team members and invited any interested clergy or laity to come alongside the Church Health Team in its work.

EVANGELISM TEAM: Eric Bryant, Chair of the Evangelism Team announced the winners of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award recipients for 2013:

- Clergy Award Winner: Rev. Dr. Iosmar Alvarez (Fuente de Avivamiento (Spring of Revival) Church)
- Lay Award Winner: Mark Ray (Christ Church, Louisville)
- Youth Award Winner: Chloe Mitchell (Wesley, Covington District)
- Rev. Dr. Iosmar Alvarez also was received an award for the 'Most Professions of Faith' at Fuente de Avivamiento (Spring of Revival) Church with 103 professions of faith. Bishop Davis pointed out that Alvarez's church is the fastest growing Spanish-speaking United Methodist Church in the United States with 400 members and 60 home church groups in Lexington and five other cities in Kentucky.

IMPACT KENTUCKY 2013: Tami Coleman, Associate Director of Connectional Ministries introduced Jennifer Rodia from United Methodist Communications. Rodia spoke on Rethink Church and its related community events. She introduced the new campaign theme “That’s Church” followed by a brief video. She encouraged conference members to participate in Impact 100Kentucky that will occur on August 24, 2013 in the western part of the state. Western Kentucky was selected as the focus this year due to its population size of 1 million people in the four UMC districts (Elizabethtown, Bowling Green, Madisonville and Owensboro).

MISSION UPDATE: Reid Buchanan presented the Bishop with an official bug swatter. He also shared statistics on the number of deaths associated with malaria (one death every 60 seconds). Buchanan and Laura McFarland, members of the Mission Team shared emotional stories that reflected personal experiences in Ghana West Africa and Uganda that involved Buchanan’s wife giving blood to save an infant’s life with malaria and McFarland consoling a family who lost a week old infant. McFarland concluded the presentation by telling the United Methodist Church’s goal of raising \$75 million for the Imagine No Malaria Campaign. The UMC has currently raised \$40 million for the Imagine No Malaria Campaign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Bishop reminded members that Jamie and Lisa Williams, who will serve as missionaries in Belize, would be commissioned through the General Board of Global Missions during the evening’s Mission Night worship service.

AFTERNOON OF SERVICE: The Bishop recognized Val Holland for her tireless efforts to coordinate the afternoon of service. Holland provided directions to members for the various service opportunities. She reported the following:

- 900 volunteers total with 700 from the KAC and 200 from the Covington community
- Total of 44 projects in 27 locations

ORDER OF THE DAY: RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Bishop Al Gwinn preached a sermon titled, “Installed for Eternity” on 2 Corinthians 3:1-18. Bishop Davis and Robert Moorlach presented each retiree with a certificate and pin as they were introduced. The following were honored: Mike Albertson, J. Earl “Judge” Coker, Charlie Douglas, David Gross, Stephen McVay, Roy Nance, John Oswalt and William (Bill) Vanderford.

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CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND MINISTRIES: Missions night consisted of a video entitled, “Imagine No Malaria” and sermon by Bishop Leeland. Both Bishops Davis and Leeland partnered to perform the commissioning of Jamie and Lisa Williams for their missionary work in Belize.

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

MORNING SESSION

MORNING DEVOTION: Courtney Preston Kellner led the morning devotion. Her message concerned the women at the well in John 4:6-12.

PLENARY CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Davis called the meeting to order.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE: David Garvin, Chair of the Journal Committee, made the following motion: “The Conference Journal Committee moves for the adoption of the minutes from Tuesday, June 11,

2013 as they were reviewed by the committee and are in order. I request that the KY Annual Conference approve the continued review of today's proceedings." **The motion passed.**

COURTESIES: Rhoda Peters reported the following courtesies and prayer requests:

- The daughter of a family who is a patient at Cincinnati's Children Hospital with a blocked trachea
- Louise Short due to the loss of her son, Herman who passed on 5/24/2013
- Stanley Shaw whose 75th birthday is 6/12/2013 and his ministry of 49 years
- Retired Rev. Paul E. Sayre, Jr.
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CHANGE FOR CHANGE: Julie Hager Love gave an update on the donations. Prestonsburg District is first with Elizabethtown in second (\$455.25) and Columbia close behind (\$438.57) for a grand total of \$8,135.00.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Bishop recognized Jamie and Lisa Williams and they shared information with the conference about their mission work in Belize. Jamie Williams recognized Julie Hager Love for her persistence to facilitate their introduction to mission assignment.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES: Tami Coleman discussed The Connectional Café, which is a new ministry to resource local churches. The tool is accessible through the website www.connectionalcafe.com. Coleman encouraged members to access the site, which has over 75 different workshops and 40 individuals to assist with identified needs. The local church only pays for the travel expense of the workshop presenter.

THRIVING FAITH COMMUNITY VIDEO: International Students, Columbia UMC

KENTUCKY UNITED METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH: Randy Coy, President and CEO of KY United Methodist Home for Children and Youth (KYUMHCY) introduced Tim and Terry Williams and their three children Rylee, Aiden and Sydnee. The Williams addressed the conference and told their story of how they built their family through adoption.

Coy discussed the strategic plan for the KYUMHCY. He highlighted the guiding principles of: future viability & sustainability, good stewardship of resources, and impact on the greatest number of people for the greatest amount of time. Coy also highlighted upcoming objectives for KYUMHCY that include: identification of a new location for the home, raising \$6 million dollars by the end of 2013, pursuing a proposal to sell current property to use funds for new facility, and ensuring that all children (especially vulnerable populations) have equal access to resources. Coy also mentioned that the future focus of the Home will be on early intervention with family units as opposed to just children and youth.

The report was approved.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The Bishop recognized Coy for his service as the interim District Superintendent of Lexington while carrying out his other responsibilities.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Sandi and George Harryman presented a quilt to the Conference that they donated to be displayed at the KY Conference Center. Sandi Harryman explained that the quilt was created by Faith Community UMC and purchased at a KYUMHCY silent auction as a fundraiser for the home.

MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: Allison Feese addressed conference and shared her experience in Honduras with Jennifer Davis. Feese thanked the conference for the opportunities afforded to her

and other youth. She was joined by Kevin Burney to present the Bishop with Bishop & Jennifer Davis bobblehead figurines that were auctioned to conference members. The auction raised \$4,362.00.

MISSION OFFERING UPDATE: Joni Way shared the total offering received from Tuesday's Mission Night worship service was \$108,000.

AFTERNOON OF SERVICE: Owen Dolin reported the following:

- Total of 900 volunteers, 44 projects in 37 different locations
- 12,100 health kits made
- More than 50 units of blood collected
- Three construction projects
- Six prayer walks
- 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes bagged and sent to 10 different food pantries
- Convention Center & Bureau Staff closed office to participate with afternoon of service
- Youth from Thousandsticks UMC in the Red Bird Missionary Conference participated

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT: Stephen Schnacke, chair of Board of Trustees (BOT) outlined the action items that required a vote from conference. Schnacke stated that the action items relate to the distribution of earnings from the Eastern KY Health, Education and Welfare Fund, which is \$198,000. Action items: 1) distribute \$58,000 to the conference Board of Pensions for the conference healthcare plan; 2) distribute \$50,000 to the conference Board of Ordained Ministries for ministerial education in Eastern KY (includes support for Appalachian Local Pastors School); and 3) distribute \$90,000 for ministries in Eastern KY as outlined in item #3 on page 37 of the Preconference Report Book.

The items were approved.

Schnacke also outlined action item #4 (page 37 of the Preconference Report Book). Consistent with the directives of the 2012 Book of Discipline ¶2517, the KAC designates the Board of Trustees as the responsible body for coordinating and assuring compliance with the requirements of the paragraph that states: "...The Annual Conference (AC) to 'designate a body that shall be responsible for the establishing and maintaining the annual conference's statements with health related and welfare organizations. If the AC does not designate a body for this purpose, the responsibility shall rest with the AC board of trustees.'" The recommendation by Schnacke and conference BOT is to proactively have the trustees designated to complete the reports. **The item was approved.**

CAMP AND RETREAT MINISTRY: Chris Howlett addressed the conference and introduced the new camp director for Aldersgate Camp, Dave Cohn. Cohn also addressed the conference. Warren Hopper, Director of Loucon Training and Retreat Center and Don Craig, Director Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center also addressed the conference. Cohn led the conference in a stretch break.

VIDEO: LAKE JUNALUSKA

Don Rankin addressed Conference and brought greetings from Lake Junaluska. He noted that Lake Junaluska is celebrating its centennial year of existence. Rankin presented the Bishop with two books on the history of Lake Junaluska.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Bishop recognized Jamie Brunk, the pastor of West Liberty to discuss their recovery and ministry following the severe weather that destroyed their church building over a year ago. Bishop also thanked Brunk and his wife, Sue, for their faithfulness and leadership at a devastating time for the church and community following the storms. Brunk discussed the rebuilding process of the church and the community that included the selling of cookbooks that has raised \$30,000 dollars thus far.

The cookbooks are available during conference for purchase. Brunk thanked the Bishop and the KAC for the support and prayers. He presented the Bishop with a cookbook.

THRIVING FAITH COMMUNITY VIDEO: Isaiah 58:10 Sunday Supper, Coke Memorial UMC

GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE: Bill Arnold and Carole Ackley, head delegates to the general and jurisdictional conferences, led the discussion on the four constitutional amendments that required a vote from the conference. The Bishop explained the voting process to members of the conference prior to the explanations for each amendment provided by Arnold and Ackley.

The voting results on the 4 constitutional amendments were:

- 1.) Prayer in Ecumenical Relationships (page 157 of Preconference Report Book): **Passed** with 554 yes votes and 3 no votes.
- 2.) Timing of General Conference (pages 157 & 158 of Preconference Report Book): **Passed** with 547 yes votes and 9 no votes.
- 3.) Lay Speaking Name Change (pages 158 & 159 of Preconference Report Book): **Passed** with 546 yes votes and 10 no votes.
- 4.) Episcopal Area Boundaries (pages 158 & 159 of Preconference Report Book): **Passed** with 541 yes votes and 15 no votes.

GENERAL & JURISDICTIONAL DELEGATE ELECTIONS: Arnold and Ackley explained the recommended selection process for delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences outlined on page 156 of the Preconference Journal. The recommendation is that the KAC elect delegates to the 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences at the regularly scheduled session in June, 2015. The rationale for this decision is that the US Annual Conferences do not have the same needs as members in the Central Conference who have to accommodate international delegates that require visas and logistical arrangements for translation of petitions and other documents from English.

This was approved.

PENSIONS REPORT: Randy Coy, President and Joni Way presented the action items for the report. Coy opened the report by recognizing honorees for their years of service.

SERVICE AWARDS: Coy recognized both Silver (25 years of service) and Gold (50 years of service) recipients:

Silver

David Lynn Alexander
Randall Allen Coy
Mark Anthony Benton
James Richard Kingry
Eric Lincoln Patterson
Thomas Wayne Smith

Gold

Graham Lee Abbott
Charles Wesley Bertrand
Lee Wallace Hubbard
Davis Elwood Norton
David A. Westerfield

Pension Plan Highlights & Action Items:

- Pre-82 pension benefit of \$690 per service year, beginning January 1, 2014 that represents a 2% increase
- Conference funding for the health savings account (HAS) in the amount of \$750 for single participant coverage and \$1,500 for participant plus one or participant plus family
- 2014 plan year, monthly premium rate increase of no more than 4% above the 2013 rate; final rate to be published by November 1, 2013

Additional Pension Plan Highlights:

- The Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) provides clergy with a pension for their years of ministry with The United Methodist Church from 1982 through 2006. Effective January 1, 2014 (for those retiring after 12/31/2013) exactly 65% of the account balance must be annuitized. The remainder may be rolled over to UMPIP, another qualified plan or IRA, or paid in a lump sum.
- Annual Pre-82 benefits are calculated by multiplying a participant's years of eligible Pre-82 service by the past service rate (PSR) set by the annual conference annually. The rule that no PSR may be decreased remains, the change eliminates the requirement that the annual conference set the PSR to at least 0.8% of the Conference Average Compensation (CAC)
- Effective January 1, 2014, if a clergyperson enrolled in the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP), makes an annual contribution to their UMPIP account of at least 1% of the plan compensation, the annual conference will contribute 3% to the individual's CRSP defined contribution account
- CRSP defined benefit contributions made by the local church will be 10% of the plan compensation up to the denominational average compensation (DAC)

The entire report was approved.

MISSION REPORT/THAILAND: LeeAnn Johnson has worked with Mike and Sherri Morrisey and reported on their behalf. Johnson highlighted the following:

- 1.) Two mission trips being planned for 2014
- 2.) Goal is to coordinate trips with United Methodist Women (UMW)
- 3.) The Blessing Home is serving 62 children; and currently conducting a risk factor assessment to facilitate targeting services

THRIVING FAITH COMMUNITY VIDEO: Oil Change Ministry, Centenary UMC, Danville

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS VOTING RESULTS: (See General & Jurisdictional Conferences report on previous page)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Owen Dolin recognized and thanked local committee leaders for their contributions to KAC and they included: Carole Delong, Val Holland, and April Garner.

Julie Hager Love recognized conference staff for their contributions, which included: Cathy Bruce, Tami Coleman, Sue Deibel, Rebecca Curry, Celeste Doll, Heather DuVall, Lesley Gookin, Connie Offutt, Dawn Sparks, Shelley Nelson, Sherri Switzer, Lin Thomas, Kathy Williams, and Gary & Jennifer Graves.

Bishop recognized Julie Hager Love for her work as the Conference Secretary.

VIDEO: Have a Heart for Seniors (featured Wesley Manor Retirement Home Ministry)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Julie Hager Love gave the following announcements:

- Clergy reminded to get photographs made for LifeTouch before 1:00p
- Conference reminded of seating by districts for afternoon plenary session at 2:00p
- Link will be sent to members to allow for conference evaluation over the next few weeks
- Cokesbury purchases need to be made before afternoon plenary session
- Reminded members of the availability of Good News order forms in registration packets

Wednesday, June 12, 2013
AFTERNOON SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Davis called the meeting to order.

COURTESIES: Rhoda Peters reported the following courtesies and prayer requests:

- Prayer for Mary Jo Willoughby, KAC delegate whose brother (David Stamper) suffered a heart attack
- Prayer for Karen, restaurant server with terminal cancer
- Prayer for individuals in storm stricken areas of Franklin, Adairville and Scottsville in the Bowling Green District
- Prayers for individuals in El Reno and Moore, Oklahoma hit by tornados

Weyman Maguire delivered a prayer for those on the courtesy list.

INCLUSIVENESS REPORT: Alvin Goodwin, chair of the Commission on Religion & Race shared examples of inclusiveness during the KAC. He highlighted the following: worship encompassing our international membership, Denham Award Winner (Hispanic Leader making a huge impact on Hispanic membership to UMC), and the Thriving Faith Communities and their diversity illustrated with the videos shown throughout KAC.

CHURCH CLOSURES & MERGERS: Becki Curry presented the church closures, mergers, charge line changes and transfers.

The following churches were closed by vote of the conference.

- Cecelia UMC
- Gallup UMC
- Kedron UMC
- Mattie's Chapel UMC

Charge Line Changes:

- 1.) Remove Siloam from Oakland/Siloam charge creating the Siloam charge and the Oakland Charge.
- 2.) Remove Uniontown from the Uniontown/Grove Center Charge and place it with Belleview, resulting in the Grove Center Charge and the Belleview/Uniontown Charge.
- 3.) Remove Gallup from the Louisa First/Gallup Charge; add Fallsburg Savage Memorial to Louisa First forming Louisa First/Fallsburg Charge. Gallup will close.
- 4.) Morning View UMC and Staffordsburg UMC will become the Morning View/Staffordsburg Charge.
- 5.) Dissolve the Alpha, Longview, Muldraugh charge. All become station churches.
- 6.) Remove Christie's Chapel from Jones Chapel/Christie's Charge and place it with Barnett's Creek forming Barnett's Creek/Christies Chapel Charge. Jones Chapel becomes a station church.
- 7.) Place Morris Chapel with Pleasant Ridge to form the Pleasant Ridge/Morris Chapel Charge.
- 8.) Remove Salvisa from the Salvisa/Joseph Chapel Charge to form the Salvisa Charge and Joseph Chapel Charge.

The following mergers were presented: Haven's Chapel merged with Maysville Scott with Scott being the successor; Ebenezer (Louisville District) merged with Buechel with Buechel being the successor; and Eminence (Frankfort District) merged with New Castle with New Castle being the successor.

The following transfer was presented and approved: Lothair will transfer from the Red Bird Missionary Conference to the Kentucky Annual Conference.

The following name change was presented: Lexington UMC Serving All Nations have officially changed their name to All Nations UMC.

THRIVING FAITH COMMUNITY VIDEO: Soap Box Derby Ministry, First UMC, Hopkinsville

BUDGET & CFA REPORT: George Strunk and Joni Way presented the following (pp. 43-56 of Preconference Report Book):

- 1.) The financial policies have been reviewed and there were no substantial changes made.
- 2.) The 2014 Budget of \$9.134 million budget is a 1.5% increase from 2013. The increase in the budget will be funded through conference reserves (since we have not received \$9 million dollars since 2008).
- 3.) The plan for next fiscal year is to present a 'reset' budget, which will address our financial needs in light of our expected revenues for the future.

The budget and the CF&A report were approved.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014: The Bishop set the dates for the KAC for 2014: June 9-11 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in the Covington District.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The Bishop recognized and thanked the visiting Bishops Al Gwinn and Paul Leeland, worship and devotional leaders, musicians, planners, Good News Television, assistant secretaries and other platform participants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Julie Hager Love read the following announcements:

- On-line evaluation of the conference will be sent within 1-2 weeks following conference; members will also be able to access on-line evaluation on KAC website
- On July 8th 2013, members will have the opportunity to reserve hotel rooms through the Convention Visitor's Bureau (the number will be on the website)

READING OF APPOINTMENTS: The Kentucky Annual Conference concluded with the setting of the appointments, the reading of new appointments, and sending forth by the bishop.



2013 Impact Kentucky volunteers in Hopkinsville