VI. Daily Proceedings

Kentucky Annual Conference
2019 Session, June 10-12
Northern Kentucky Convention Center
Covington, Kentucky
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019
MORNING SESSIONS

CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Executive Session of the 2019 Kentucky Annual Conference began with the singing of “And Are We Yet Alive.”

Bishop Fairley greeteded the clergy with opening comments and an opening prayer.

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

Kevin Burney moved that Matt Kimmons be elected as secretary of the 2019 Executive Sessions. The motion carried.

Kevin Burney moved that tellers for the Executive Session be elected from those clergy persons who will be nominated by the conference secretary as tellers for 2019 session of the Annual Conference. This was approved.

Those persons who completed licensing school were presented to the clergy session and welcomed.

The candidates for commissioning were presented, approved, and welcomed. The candidates for ordination were presented: Bishop Fairley asked the historical questions, the candidates were approved and welcomed.

Those clergy who are retiring at this Annual Conference were presented to the session and celebrated.

The Business of the Annual Conference (BAC) was presented and approved (the complete BAC is found in chapter 8).

LAITY SESSION: Jordan Knipp, member of the Board of Laity, opened the session. Participants included Linda Gayhart, Colleen Davis, Lew Nicholls, Lonnie Watts, John Denham, & Gina Lyons.
OPENING WORSHIP

OPENING WORSHIP: Following the call to worship, the opening hymn was performed by String Quartet/Guitar. The sermon, “The Mark of Holiness,” was preached by Bishop Leonard Fairley. Other participants included John Denham, Rev. Susan Jinnett-Sack, John David Hurley, Rev. Mark Gibbons, Gina Lyon, Rev. Dr. Nancy Preston, and the Extended Cabinet and District Lay Leaders.

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

PLENARY CALL TO ORDER: The Bishop called the Annual Conference session to order.

MISSION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The Bishop led the conference in reciting the mission: “Discover, develop, and send passionate spiritual leaders and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

STAGE RECOGNITIONS: Bishop Fairley recognized the following: Bishop Al Gwinn (retired Episcopal leader & former Bishop of North Carolina), Julie Hager Love (Director of Connectional Ministries & Conference Secretary), Tami Coleman (Associate Director of Connectional Ministries), John Denham (Conference Lay Leader), Courtney Preston Kellner (Conference Chancellor), Kevin Burney (Assistant to the Bishop & Director of Ministerial Services), Bishop Lindsey Davis (Former Bishop of Kentucky Annual Conference), and Bishop Paul L. Leeland (Resident Bishop of Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, September 1, 2016).

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE: Bishop Fairley 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 pages 14-15, with the understanding that alterations in the agenda will be announced, as they were deemed necessary. The motion carried.

MOTION: Love moved that the voting bar of the conference be all the front sections of the room from the stage to the aisle that is parallel to the stage, the stage and those helping in the Spanish interpretation area. The motion carried.

MOTION: Love moved to elect William Herndon to serve as the assistant secretary for voting and the head teller, Tukea Talbert, assistant secretary for daily proceedings, and Jessica Wells as the assistant secretary for motions. The motion carried.

MOTION: Love moved for the election of the following individuals to serve as tellers: Deborah Kelley, Kyle Long, Joshua Keith Dunaway, Victoria Rose Moulder, Beverly Hollingsworth, Craig Taylor, Mike Maynard, Tyler Brunfield, Lynn Beach, Stephen Wells, Elizabeth Smith, Sam McConkey, Charles Morgan, Ken Berggren, Steve Flener, Oma Flener, Marie Hicks, David Combs, Wayne Sayre, Phyllis Groves, Todd Mansfield, Gene Sparks, Laura Headrick, Michael Romans, Scott Milby, Richard Dailey, and Gary Clark. The motion carried.

MOTION: Love moved that the registration process serve as the roll of attendees. 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 requests as he deems appropriate.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS: Bishop Fairley recognized Susan Jinnett-Sack, the host District Superintendent, who welcomed the bishop and members of the Kentucky Annual Conference (KAC). Jinnett-Sack recognized and thanked volunteers and discussed the importance of generously tipping all of the service providers. Jinnett-Sack recognized the Bishop’s wife, Dawn Sparks Fairley, and presented her with a gift.

REINFORCEMENT OF STANDING RULE 8: The Bishop reinforced standing rule 8 to prepare members for the rules of 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) or the number of speeches set in (b).

d) The limitations in (a) and (b) do not apply to questions of order and appeal.

CONSENT CALENDAR: The Bishop directed members to page 22 of the Preconference Report Book (PRB), which discusses the consent calendar, a process the conference has used the last several years. The cabinet worked with the conference secretary to determine the reports listed on the consent calendar (PRB, pp, 22-24). The Bishop noted that while some reports may be on the consent calendar, the ministry might still have time on the floor later to share. An example included the Children’s Home on the consent calendar, but plans are in motion to hear about that ministry at a later plenary session as time allows. Bishop Fairley stated that the Nominations, Petitions, and Resolutions, the Constitutional Amendment, and the budget are not on the consent calendar. The time that reports could be removed from the consent calendar was during the organizational session. The removal of a report would mean that the item would be considered during one of the plenary sessions. The process to remove a report was a motion by one member, supported by a second from two additional members.

MOTION: Rick Nollmann made the following motion: “I move that the report of the Commission on Equitable Compensation be removed from the consent calendar.” The motion carried.

The consent calendar was accepted by an affirmative vote with only one item lifted from the calendar as indicated by the Nollmann motion.

GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATE: The Bishop discussed the realities of the General Conference and its impact on the Kentucky Annual Conference. The Bishop acknowledged the hurt inflicted through conversation and differences in opinion. Bishop Fairley talked about the prayer team providing intercessory prayers on the church’s behalf. Bishop directed conference members to the prayer box on the altar table for prayer requests, laments, and thanksgivings.

DISAFFILIATION PROCESS: The Bishop recognized Tom Coe, the chair of the Board of Trustees to explain the process. Coe shared the following:

- The process of Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Denomination for a local church is in The Book of Discipline, paragraph 2553
• Local church must pass disaffiliation resolution by a 2/3 vote of church conference
• Written Disaffiliation agreement between the Annual Conference and the disaffiliating church is to be negotiated according to the terms and conditions determined by the Board of Trustees, with the advice of the advisory committee
• The Annual Conference must ratify the disaffiliation agreement by majority vote
• The decision to disaffiliate for “reasons of conscience” must be made in sufficient time to be concluded by December 31, 2023

Who is responsible for implementing the process?

Confession Board of Trustees—Role
• “The terms and conditions for the disaffiliation shall be established by the Board of Trustees of the applicable annual conference…”
• Negotiate and draft a final disaffiliation agreement; submit to AC for ratification
• Effectively weigh fiscal responsibility with Disciplinary constraints, GCFA guidelines, and desire for a grace-filled exit process

Advisory Board Members
• The Cabinet, Director of Connectional Ministries, Annual Conference Chancellor, Annual Conference Treasurer, Annual Conference Benefits Office

Annual Conference Role
• At Annual Conference, vote by simple majority to ratify the negotiated disaffiliation contracts over the past year

Final Steps
• Consultation between the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board to develop the Kentucky Annual Conference Disaffiliation Agreement
• Review any requests for disaffiliation based on the provisions of section 2553 of the Discipline
• Negotiate as necessary to develop the appropriate disaffiliation agreement with each requesting congregation that meets the requirements of Section 2553
• As appropriate, present the disaffiliation agreement(s) for ratification at Annual Conference 2020
• Local church’s point of contact is the District Superintendent for their respective districts, who will initiate the appropriate contacts with the Board of Trustees

PRAYER: Esther Jadhav ended the General Conference discussion and Disaffiliation Process discussion with prayer after all conference members were invited to place their prayer requests at the altar.

STANDING RULE 21(C) CHANGE: The Bishop directed the conference members to page 137 of the Preconference Report Book and recognized Phil Hill, chair of Standing Rules Committee to explain the change. Hill explained that the net proceeds will no longer go solely to the district when a property is sold. The net proceeds defined as the amount remaining from the sale of real or personal property after closing costs, mortgage holder, and lienholder costs have been satisfied. The remaining net proceeds, if any, shall be allocated as follows:

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<td>Proceeds share to KAC Connectional Ministries/Ministerial Services</td>
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The change to Standing Rule 21c and the Standing Rules were approved.
**FIRST READING OF BUDGET:** Pam Moran, Chair of CFA and David Garvin, Conference Director of Administrative Services shared the budget highlights.

**Past and Present Aims:**
- Stewardship of resources
- Fiscal responsibility
- Policies, procedures, and administration

**Emerging Aims:**
- Sustainability
- Local church engagement
- Local church and conference ministries relationships

**Celebrations-(2018)**
- Number of churches paid apportionments is 357 of 773
- Zero conference debt
- 90% churches participating in apportionment payments (our mission covenant-OMC)
- 84% of churches participating in KAC special offerings

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**2019 Revised Budget: GCFA, Ministry Areas, Salaries & Benefits**

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<td>2,729,812</td>
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**2020 Budget: GCFA, Ministry Areas, Salaries & Benefits**

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2020 Budget Focus Areas

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THAILAND METHODIST MISSION: Shelby Gillespie, who serves as a missionary in Thailand, delivered a brief update on the Thailand Mission and brought greetings from the Morrissey’s. Gillespie presented Thai stoles to Bishop Fairley and Julie Hager Love.

BOARD OF PENSIONS: Tom Grieb, President of BOP, shared the following information:

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Pre-82 Pension Rate

- Recommendation by Conference BOP to increase by 2%
- Beginning January 1, 2020, the Pre-82 rate shall be $778 per service year
- Surviving spouses will receive 75% of the participant rate ($584 per service year)
- Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) Defined Benefit changing from 10% to 11% due to past under-billing
- CRSP Defined Contribution will remain at 3% (no changes)
- Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) Holiday ends on 12/31/2019

The Board of Pensions Report was approved in its entirety.
ISAIAH PROJECT: Scott Woodburn, Chair of the Ministry Exploration Team of the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) introduced the students and where they served:

- Maggie Hoffman, Madisonville First
- Hannah Covington, Frankfort First

The Bishop prayed for the interns and their ministries.

CAMP AND RETREAT MINISTRIES: Dave Cohn, Director of Aldersgate Camp, provided an update and introduced a video on camp and retreat ministries. Cohn highlighted fund raiser events that included the Christmas Giving Catalog, 2019.

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATION: Dan Krause, General Secretary of United Methodist Communication, presented the Excellence in Christian Communications Award, the EPI Award, to Cathy Bruce.

PETITIONS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Kelly McClendon, Chair of Petitions and Resolutions Committee, led the conference review of the following:

1. Petition for Expansion of Clergy Delegate Qualifications-Committee recommended non-concurrence

   This petition did not pass/failed.

2. Resolution to be a Church of Open Minds, Open Hearts and Open Doors-Committee made no recommendations on this resolution.

   MOTION: Gary Gibson made the following motion: “I move that the vote for the Petition to Remove Incompatible Language from the Social Principles and the Resolution to be a Church of Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Doors be taken by written ballot.”

   The motion carried.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS: Julie Hager Love gave extensive direction on the voting process that included bar of the conference, how to secure electronic voting devices, invalid ballots, and the location of the profiles on candidates (clergy and laity) interested in representing KAC at General Conference.

COURTESIES: Kevin Burney, Director of Ministerial Services/Assistant to Bishop, described the courtesy process along with the primary points of contact to share courtesies, which are Dale Carden and Jan Brown-Thompson. Burney instructed members to the information desk in the lobby, Ballroom E, or to the primary contacts for courtesy forms.

COKESBURY: Michael Watts, member of the Publishing House Board, shared information on the Cokesbury ministry. Watts focused on Amplify, which are resources with a Wesley perspective.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Julie Hager Love shared the following:

- Service of Ordination and Commissioning will be at 7:00PM in Hall (1) and members will need to secure belongings and trash
- Tomorrow members were invited to wear “Church Beyond” t-shirts for Day of Service
- Bible Study with Tod Bolsinger at 8:00AM
- The floor of the conference will be divided during the plenary session for voting process
• Change for Change
• Connectional Conversations are happening during the breaks. Members invited to stop and have conversations with some of the vital ministries over the next couple of days. Members received handout about Connectional Conversations in packets.

CLOSING PRAYER: Todd Love performed the closing prayer.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019
EVENING SESSION

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION: Worship leadership participants included: Bishop Fairley, Rev. George Burke, Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel, Rev. Darren Brandon, Rev. Nancy Tinnell, Rev. Tyler Brumfield, and Bishop Paul Leeland. Pointe of Joy, liturgical dancers from Prestonsburg KY performed during the prelude. Bishop Paul Leeland delivered the sermon entitled, “What Are We to Do?”

Ordained Elder:
Michael Romans

Commissioned to Perform the Duties of the Deacon Track
Eric Richard William Hughes
Anna Rene’ Merlo

Commissioned to Perform the Duties of the Elder Track
Dennis Eugene Cotton
Sarah-Kate Cox
Zachary Lee Davis
Daniel Lee Henson
Christopher Duane Lewis
Elizabeth Louise Smith
Chay Thomas Smithson

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019
MORNING SESSION

BIBLE STUDY: Following the gathering music, Dr. Tod Bolsinger, Vice-President and Chief of Leadership Formation, and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary led Bible study.
PLENARY CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Fairley called the Annual Conference session to order.
JOURNAL COMMITTEE: Rev. Chuck Shroll made the following motion: “The Conference Journal Committee moves for the adoption of the minutes from June 10, 2019, as they were reviewed by the committee are in order.” The motion carried.
COURTESIES: Jan Brown-Thompson had no courtesies to report.
NOMINATIONS REPORT: Julie Hager Love directed members to the lavender handout located in the registration packets. Love listed the following changes to the report:
Conference Board of Trustees: (1) Class of 2020, remove Sue Wells, and add, Gretchen Mahaffey; (2) Class of 2023, add Gary Gibson and John Kalz,
Wesley Manor: Add Kim Dodson
The body voted to accept the report.
MISSION STATEMENT REINFORCEMENT: Bishop Fairley re-read the KAC mission prior to the upcoming votes for delegates to attend the General Conference. “To discover, develop, and send passionate spiritual leaders and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”
VOTING INSTRUCTIONS: Julie Hager Love reinforced voting instructions by sharing extensive directions that included valid ballots, seating within the bar of the conference, voting eligibility, and information about the delegate profiles. Love introduced the voting device representative who explained how to use the electronic voting device.
PROCEDURAL MOTIONS: Julie Hager Love made the following three motions prior to the initiation of the voting process.
MOTION (1): “I move that the first two lay and first two clergy elected to the Jurisdictional Conference delegation become our alternate members to the General Conference delegation, with the Annual Conference covering their expenses on the same basis as the principal delegates.” The motion carried.
MOTION (2): “I move that we elect an additional 3 lay and 3 clergy persons to serve as alternate members of the Jurisdictional Conference with the Annual Conference covering their expenses on the same basis as the principal delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.” The motion carried.
MOTION (3): “I move that the names of persons receiving 15 or more votes on each ballot be read aloud when the ballot is reported. All votes will be shown on the screen. The exception is when write-in persons who do not have a number assigned receive 15 or more votes, then they will be assigned a number prior to the next ballot and their names will be shared verbally. The motion carried.
PRAYER: Alvin Seals delivered prayer prior to laity ballot #1.
LAITY BALLOT #1
Votes cast=398
Valid votes=396
Required for election=200
No election

PRAYER: Karen Stigall delivered prayer prior to clergy ballot #1.
CLERGY BALLOT #1
Votes cast=335
Valid votes=332
Required for election=168
Elected: Bill Arnold (177 votes)

HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRY: Dr. Bill Lucky, President of Lindsey Wilson College, shared some of the following achievements for Lindsey Wilson: greater than 2600 students, 1103 residents, students from 31 different countries, 645 graduates with first graduates from their PhD program.

LAITY BALLOT #2
Votes cast=398
Valid votes=380
Required for election=191
Elected: Alan Beuscher (191)
CLERGY BALLOT #2
Votes cast=337
Valid votes=337
Required for election=169
Elected=Tami Coleman (205) & Iosmar Alvarez (188)

LAITY BALLOT #3
Votes cast=398
Valid votes=396
Required for election=199
No election

CLERGY BALLOT #3
Votes cast=335
Valid votes=329
Required for election=165
Elected=David Grout (174)

CHURCH BEYOND: Val Holland, a staff member at Florence UMC and coordinator of Church Beyond, gave instructions to members regarding meeting locations and how to participate in the many different projects for the Afternoon of Service.

Bishop Fairley prayed for a successful Afternoon of Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Julie Hager Love gave the following announcements:
• The Retirement Celebration will be immediately following adjournment once staging was completed.
• Service of Mission and Ministry tonight at 7PM. Members reminded to bring their checks for mission offering.
• Members reminded about Connectional Conversations.
• Change for Change fundraiser underway with East KY District leading the way for donations at $279.23 and Heartland District with under $1.00 and the grand total $599.51.

ORDER OF THE DAY: RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
Worship participants included Bishop Fairley, Jeff Calhoun, Linda Underwood King, Rev. Caleb and Gwendolyn Wheat, Rev. Tom Grieb, Rev. Pat Hoeksema, Rev. Michael Romans, Rev. Deb Massengale, and Rev. Eric Hughes. Bishop Fairley presented each retiree with a certificate and pin as they were introduced. The following were honored:

Donna Aros
Dawn Beamish
Jerald Beck
Randy Coy
Kenneth Cummings
Dale Curry
Stephen Ray Flener
Darren Gillespie
Mark Girard
David Alton Green
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
EVENING SESSION

CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND MINISTRY: Participants in the service included Bishop Fairley, Swahili Choir from Buechel, Encounter Missions, and Grace Kids.

Wednesday, June 12, 2019
MORNING SESSION

PLENARY CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Fairley called the Annual Conference session to order

VIDEO PRESENTATION: Two different videos were shown honoring the ministries of Julie Hager Love and Tami Coleman respectively.

VOTING PROCESS: The Bishop acknowledged conference attendees for their performance with the electronic voting process. He shared that the voting team steered through reflection, adjustment, and doing (RAD) that the number of ballots done in succession would be adjusted throughout the day. The Bishop informed members that a majority vote is required to elect alternates to the jurisdictional conference. Voting would be integrated in with presentations and reports until all delegates are elected.

LAITY BALLOT #4
Votes cast=331
Valid votes=322
Required for election=162
3 Elections: Sandra Gray (189), Mark Stallons (177), Michael Watts (172)

PRAYER: Johnna Carter delivered prayer for ballot #5.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS: Kelly McClendon, chair of Petitions & Resolution Committee led the review and discussion of petitions and resolutions.

1) Petition to Remove Incompatible Language from the Social Principles
**Motion:** Lisa May made the following motion, “I move that the word ‘heterosexual’ be removed from the petition to Remove Incompatible Language from the Social Principles regarding human sexuality. New reading, ‘Although all persons are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous marriage.”

George Strunk, author of petition, accepted the motion as a friendly amendment to the petition.

**PRAYER:** The Bishop prayed over the results and the upcoming discussions.

**Action:** Written vote was not in favor of this petition as amended (458 against/283 for).

*(Denoted later in the plenary)*

**PRAYER:** Mark Gibbons prayed prior to casting ballot # 4 & 5.

**CLERGY BALLOT #4**
Votes cast=303
Valid votes=303
Required for election=152
Elected: James Williams (159)

**BLACK COLLEGE FUND REPORT:** Viafaith McCullough, Lina McCord Black College intern, reported the positive impact of United Methodist donations to the fund and the growing number of students and colleges affected.

**LAITY BALLOT #5**
Votes cast=354
Valid votes=354
Required for election=178
No election

**LAITY BALLOT #6**
Votes Cast=368
Valid votes=368
Required for election=185
No election

**PETITION VOTE RESULTS:** Petition to Remove Incompatible Language from the Social Principles.
Vote cast=741 with 283 against and 458 against.
The petition failed.

**PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED):** Kelly McClendon, chair of Petitions & Resolution Committee, lead the review and discussion of petitions and resolutions.

2) **Resolution to be a Church of Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Doors**

**MOTION:** Todd Love made the following motion, “I move to amend the resolution to the following: 1) Strike language in paragraph two, sentence one, “affirms the full participation” and add, “loves and reaches out to persons”; 2) Add to paragraph 4 after 2nd sentence, “We will seek intentional ways to welcome and include LGBTQ persons into the life of our churches.” 3) Strike the following language
from paragraph 5, sentence one, the word, “while” and sentences 2 & 3, removing the following,
“We reject the Traditional Plan approved at General Conference 2019 as incompatible with Christian
teaching. We will seek creative ways to include and welcome LGBTQ persons into the life and lead-
ership of our churches.
The motion carried. (Denoted later in plenary 409 of 694 voted in favor of motion for resolution
language)

MOTION: Kelly McClendon made the following motion (friendly amendment to Love’s motion), “I
move to have the second paragraph of the resolution read, “And, whereas in our baptismal covenants
we committed to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in all forms and toward all people and to build a
church which ‘affirms the participation’ of all ages, nations, races, classes, cultures, gender identities,
sexual orientations, and abilities.

Accepted as a friendly amendment by Todd Love.

MOTION: Josiah Brock made the following motion, “I move to vote on the Love Motion by paper
ballot.” The motion failed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Bishop and others recognized Julie Hager Love for her faith-
ful years of service as the Director of Connectional Ministries since 2004 and Conference Secretary
since 2007. Carla Quercioli with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce presented Love with
trophy of recognition and the Bishop presented Julie with a quilt from the Children’s Home. The rec-
ognition ended with a video of Rhoda Peters who talked about Love’s ministry and faithful service.
Love will transition to a new role as President of the Children’s Home.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Bishop recognized Tami Coleman for her seven years of faithful
service as the Associate Director of Connectional Ministries. Recognition included a video featuring
Matt Seel who recognized the ministry of Coleman. The Bishop presented Coleman with a mobile
communion kit as she transitions to her new role in a local church ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Julie Hager Love gave the following announcements:
• The Memorial Service would occur as soon as the staging was completed. Individuals seated
  in the two center sections were asked to clear rows 1-5 for honorees.
• Reminded attendees about Change for Change
• Clergy relocating with children were encouraged to pick up care packages prepared by
  Jordan Knipp.
• A meeting will be held for those who were elected as a General and Jurisdictional
  Conference delegates immediately following adjournment from the Sending Forth Service
  in Ballroom D.
• Voting members were reminded to return their electronic voting devices
• Plenary session will reconvene at 1:30

PRAYER: D. Merricks delivered prayer for the Memorial Service and our lunch meal.

ORDER OF THE DAY- SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: Eleven clergy and fourteen spouses
were memorialized. Each of those remembered received a medallion and a pastoral visit from the
conference representative prior to Annual Conference. Rev. Tami Coleman delivered the sermon entitled,
“Wrenching.”

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CLERGY
Samuel Ray Clark
Howard Coop
Billy Joe Cox
Harold Edward Henson
David Herndon
Walter Burchett McGee
Joan T. Stephenson
Robert Gregory Tate
William Ralph Vanderford, Jr.
Joseph Frank Wallace
Wallace Alfred Williams

SPOUSES
Fay E. Babb
Virginia K. Chamberlin
Margaret Louise Edwards
Elsie Fish
Thelma H. Hart
Stella C. Held
Phyllis G. Lovell
Bettye Schroerlucke
Jack J. Scott
Mayron C. Sharber
Betty Lou Simpson
Frances Ann Wise Stratton
Betty Jo Franklin Tipton
Maxine Wells

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019
AFTERNOON SESSION

PLENARY CALL TO ORDER: Bishop Fairley called the session to order.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE: Chuck Shroll made the following motion, “The Conference Journal Committee moves for the adoption of the minutes from June 11, 2019, as they were reviewed and are in order. I request that the KAC approve the continued review of today’s proceedings by the Journal Committee.” The motion carried.

POINT OF SPECIAL PRIVILEDGE: Jean Hawxhurst requested that the author’s names be removed from the Resolution to be a Church of Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Doors as the Love Motion had altered its meaning.

CLERGY BALLOT #5
Votes Cast=303
Valid Votes= 303
Required for election=152
Elected: Tom Grieb (171)

PRAYER: Susan Jinnett-Sack delivered a prayer prior to casting ballot #6.

CLERGY BALLOT #6
Votes Cast =271
Valid Votes=270
Required for election=136
Elected: Andrew Singh (150)

CLERGY BALLOT #7
Votes Cast=273
Valid Votes=273
Required for election=137
Elected: William Moore (152); Kelly McClendon (144)

SECOND READING OF BUDGET: David Garvin, Director of Administrative Services, directed members to the white pages in the registration packets. Garvin acknowledged the work of the finance team and answered questions submitted by KAC attendees. Specific line items addressed included:

- Line 15 (New Church Development), which does not include new construction
- Line 27 (Communications), which includes software and operating expenses for communications
- Line 31 (Ministry with Young People) which includes an amount in alignment with historical budget between 10-15K; and the amount in 2018 was to cover a costs associated with Winter Blitz; this is not the only line item used to invest in young people
- Line 70 (Coaching Core Training) supports COSROW and Strengthening Black Churches in the 21st Century-SBC21
- Lines 79, 83, & 93 (Computer Support Services, Telephone & Internet, Financial Software) all costs associated with overhead for Board of Pensions and campus ministries
- Line 126 (Camp Reimbursement from fees) includes 3 individual’s salaries from Kavanagh and Loucon
- Line 179 (Support from Board of Pensions & Foundations)-this represents monies allocated to various districts for support services & districts have been asked to increase contributions to assist with expenses


The budget was approved.

Garvin directed members to page 45 of the Pre-Conference Report Book for the Council on Finance and Administration (CFA).

The CFA report was approved.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Eric Hughes, clergy at Southern Hills, noted that 10% of churches paid zero dollars in apportionments.

RESOLUTION VOTE: Resolution to be a Church of Open Minds, Open Hearts and Open Doors
(amended language from Love motion): Vote cast=694 with 409 for and 285 against.
Resolution passed.

LAITY BALLOT #7
Votes cast=369  
Valid votes=369  
Required for election=185  
Elected: Bethany Harting (235)

LAITY BALLOT #8
Votes cast=340  
Valid votes=335  
Required for election=168  
No election

PRAYER: Lew Nicholls prayed for laity ballot nine.

LAITY BALLOT #9
Votes cast=340  
Valid votes=338  
Required for election=170  
Elected: Maggie Mae Hoffman (223), Delace Canada (207), Elaine Daugherty (201) and John Denham (194)

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS REPORT (CONTINUED): Kelly McClendon led the review and discussion of the following petitions:

1) Petition for Definition of Part-Time Local Pastor-The committee recommended non-concurrence. **Petition not supported.**
2) Petition for Council of Bishops Annual Vote of Confidence-The committee recommended non-concurrence. **Petition not supported.**
3) Petition for General Conference [to] Adopt Administrative Power- The committee recommended non-concurrence. **Petition not supported.**
4) Petition for Jurisdiction to Central Conference Partnerships-The committee recommended non-concurrence. **Petition was not supported.**
5) Petitions concern adding the Nicene Creed to our Doctrinal Standards (petitions 6-8 combined for review. The committee recommended concurrence. **Petitions supported.**

CLERGY BALLOT #8
Votes cast=273  
Valid votes=273  
Required for election=137  
Elected-Rebecca Heid (141)

CLERGY BALLOT #9
Votes cast=264  
Valid Votes=263  
Required for election=132
No election

CLERGY BALLOT #10
Votes cast=267
Valid votes=260
Required for election=131
Elected: Matt Seel (150)

POINT OF PRIVILEGE: Ann Bock, lay person, withdrew her name as a delegate to General and Jurisdiction conferences.

LAITY BALLOT #10
Votes cast=334
Valid votes=334
Required for election=168
No election

LAITY BALLOT #11
Votes cast=321
Valid votes=321
Required for election=161
Elected: Larry Wells (199)

LAITY BALLOT #12
Votes cast=326
Valid votes=315
Required for election=158
Elected: Linda Underwood King (169)

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION REPORT: Willard Knipp, chair of the team, directed members to page 121 of the Preconference Report Book to view the report. This item was lifted from the consent calendar due to some questions related to part time local pastors. These questions do not pertain to equitable compensation. The report was approved.

CHURCH CLOSINGS & MERGERS: Mark Gibbons, Dean of the Cabinet, shared the following information:
Church Closings
St. Luke-Heartland District
Stone-Kentucky East District
Savage Memorial-Kentucky East District
Mt. Pleasant-Northern Kentucky District
Dundee-Owensboro District
Trinity Princeton-Pennyrile District
Vaughns Grove-Pennyrile District
Centerpost-South East Kentucky District

Prayer was delivered prior to the vote to approve closings.
The closures were approved.

Merger:
Middletown and Resurrection-Heartland District
The merger was approved.

CLERGY BALLOT #11
Votes cast=266
Valid votes =263
Required for election=133
Elected: Michael Sweeney (134)

CLERGY BALLOT #12
Votes cast=231
Valid votes= 231
Required for election=116
No election

CLERGY BALLOT #13
Votes cast=243
Valid votes=243
Required for election =122
Elected: Esther Jadhav (147)

COURTESIES: Dale Carden and Jan Brown-Thompson delivered the following:
- Prayer for a 2-year-old with an immune deficiency and in need of a Bone Marrow Transplant
- Prayer request for Rev. Donna Aros for healing
- Send greetings & welcome to Dr. Fred Allen, guest at the ELCC Luncheon & Director of Strengthening Black Churches for the 21st Century in Nashville, TN
- Send greetings to Rev. Gale Wetzel and Nancy Wetzel–send words of encouragement
- Send greetings to Brother Wayne & Melinda Hunter as Wayne is battling cancer
- Courtesy announcement wishing a Happy 14th Anniversary to Rev. Cameron & Hannah Rash (6/11/2019)
- Send greetings to Rev. Alan Basinger who is recovering from extensive surgery

PRAYER: Dale Carden prayed for all of those individuals on the courtesy list.

LAITY BALLOT #13
Votes cast=324
Valid votes=323
Required for election=162
Elected: Jan Brown-Thompson (167)

LAITY BALLOT #14
Votes cast=304
Valid votes=304
Required for election=153
No election
LAITY BALLOT #15
Votes cast=305
Valid votes=
Required for election=153
Elected: Adam McCormick (197)

The Bishop recognized all of the tellers, lay, clergy, and technical team for the outstanding work with the electronic voting process.

MISSION OFFERING/ISAIAH PROJECT: The following amounts were raised: Mission Night-$73,649.41 and Isaiah Project raised $2,742.17.

AFTERNOON OF SERVICE/CHURCH BEYOND: Tami Coleman shared the many successes of the afternoon of service that included over 668 volunteers at 21 locations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tami Coleman gave the following announcements:
- KAC members reminded to complete annual conference surveys
- Members need to return the electronic voting devices
- Sending Forth Service will immediately follow plenary session after staging is completed
- Pastors relocating who have children were encouraged to pick up care packages for their children
- Reports that were not read during KAC will be shared through Net News/Net Connect

RECOGNITION: Bishop Fairley recognized and thanked the following individuals/teams for their great work and making the KAC a success: (all individuals asked to stand in front of stage)
- Conference office staff
- Volunteers
- GNTV
- Worship & Design Team
- DS Susan Jinnett-Sack
- Bishop Al Gwinn
- Secretarial team
- Tellers/Teller lead
- Communications
- Gary and Jennifer Graves
- Church Beyond -Val Holland
- Local Committee arrangements - April Garner, Carole Delong
- Kelly and Piper McDonald
- Dawn Sparks Fairley, his wife

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020: The Bishop announced the dates of 2020 KAC, which will be June 8th-10th in Northern KY.

READING OF APPOINTMENTS AND SENDING FORTH

ADJOURNMENT
Afternoon of Service, Prayer Walk, June 11, 2019

Afternoon of Service, Ida Spence, June 11, 2019